

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Zechariah

Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.” Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

MEET YOUR CLERGY

Rev. Tony Saab
Pastor
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Farid Zaarour
Deacon

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am
Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Gratitude from Mother of Life Center

We are prayerfully thankful for the vital participation of Saint George Maronite Catholic Church, led by its Holy Rosary Sodality, in our Autumn Rose Sale. Your very generous combined donations of nearly $800 are treasured evidence of your loving enthusiasm for our pro-life ministry. With your participation we sold more than 5,800 roses throughout the diocese during the month of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and Respect for Life. We are touched and honored by your support. May God bless you!

Our Church Needs More Than our Presence on Sunday!

St. George is more than a place where we attend Divine Liturgy. It is our spiritual home, a community that grows stronger when each of us takes an active part in its life.

Whether through volunteering, joining a parish organization, helping with activities, or simply welcoming someone new, there is a place for everyone. You don't need a special talent or a lot of free time. Just a willing heart!

A strong parish is built by people who care enough to get involved.

Weekly collections

Saturday 4:00 pm: $563.00
Sunday 8:30 am: $375.00
Sunday 10:30 am: $811.00
Total weekend collections: $1,749.00

SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

Baptism and Confirmation: Contact the pastor at least one month in advance.

Marriage: Contact the pastor at least six months prior to the Wedding.

Confession: One hour before liturgies or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Church Office.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Vatican has its own astronomical observatory, and Catholic priests have helped discover asteroids!



The Vatican Observatory is one of the oldest astronomical research institutions in the world. Its modern observatory was established in 1891, and Vatican astronomers continue scientific research today, including work using a telescope in Arizona.

The Church's involvement in astronomy reminds us that faith and science need not be enemies. Studying the universe can deepen our appreciation for the extraordinary beauty of God's creation.

LITURGICAL INTENTIONS

11/14 4:00 pm	**Nadia Atallah Roukouz**, who passed away in Lebanon, by her loving family.
11/15 8:30 am 10:30 am	Birthday remembrance for **Patricia Bingham**, requested by her loving family. Memorial liturgy for **the deceased members of the Eid family**, requested by Nohra and Johnny Eid.
11/21 4:00 pm	**Remember me in your Kingdom** special intentions
11/22 8:30 am 10:30 am	Liturgy Intention Available Memorial liturgy for **the deceased members of the Atallah family**, requested by Maria Atallah and her living family.

Pastor's Corner: *Making Room For One More*

As Thanksgiving approaches, many of us look forward to gathering around the table with family and friends. Yet not everyone has that blessing. Some will spend the holiday alone, while others may struggle to put a meal on the table.

Christian charity invites us to look beyond our own families and remember those who may feel lonely, forgotten, or in need.

Jesus reminds us, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35).

Perhaps this Thanksgiving we can make room for one more person at our table, share a meal with a struggling family, reach out to someone who has no one to celebrate with, or make a donation to an organization that helps those in need.

After all, the true spirit of Thanksgiving is not simply being grateful for what we have, but allowing our blessings to become blessings for others.

A generous heart always finds room for one more.

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)











It is wonderful to see our young people taking an active part in the life of St. George! Our Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) welcomes teenagers ages 13–17 to come together, build lasting friendships, grow in their faith, and enjoy being part of our parish family.

We warmly encourage parents to get their teenagers involved. The MYO is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to discover that the Church is not only a place to worship, but also a place where they belong, are valued, and can make a difference.

Come join us! Your friends are waiting, and there's always room for more!

For more information, please contact the Church Office

SODALITY
Christmas Party

DECEMBER 10th @ 6:30pm

Atwood Bar & Grill

Johnston

Members & Guests
$40.00

Dinner Choice:

Chicken Francaise OR Baked Scrod

Served with family style salad, pasta, potato & veggie, coffee & dessert

Mail your payments to the Church Office or Give to a Sodality Officer

Checks payable to St. George Church
Memo: Sodality Dinner

For more info contact:

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In lieu of gift exchange, we accept donations by cash or check payable to:

"ST. VINCENT dePAUL"

ST. GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1493 Cranston Street
Cranston, RI 02920

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Saint Joseph
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SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027

Rhodes on the Pawtuxet
60 Rhodes Place • Cranston, RI

Live Entertainment by

GEORGE MAALOUF

Grand Raffle • Cash Bar

More details to follow

Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

With gratitude to God for His abundant blessings,
Mother Marla Marie & the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light
cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the

Perpetual Profession of Vows of

Sister Emily Mary Lattouf

The Profession will take place within the
Divine Liturgy Celebrated by

His Excellency, Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron

Monday, December 7, 2026
the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM
Our Lady of Purgatory Church
4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA

Reception will follow in the Hall

Please keep Sister Emily Mary in your prayers as she prepares for this commitment.

RSVP by November 27th
to Mother Marla Marie via email or telephone
Email: sister@maroniteservant.org -or- Telephone: 508-996-1753

To make a gift in honor of Sr. Emily Mary, go to maroniteservants.org or mail to:
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