# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church رعية مار جرجس المارونية

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#### **Office Hours**

Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm

## **Liturgical Schedule**

Wednesday 7:00pm, Thursday and Friday 10:00am, Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:30 am (Latin rite) and 10:30 am

**Exposition of the Holy Eucharist** on Thursday 6:00pm

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism & Confirmation:** One month in advance with the Pastor.

Suggested Donation: Church: \$200 Priest: Free Will

#### **Matrimony:**

Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date.

Suggested Donation: Church \$500. Priest: Free Will

#### (Hall rental is available)

#### **Reconciliation:**

One hour before liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.



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#### **Ephesians 2:11-22 One in Christ**

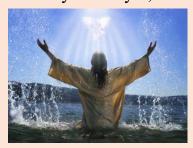
Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

#### **Luke 2:21-24 Circumcision / Presentation**

The Evangelist said: After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

# Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Saturday January 6, 2024



Divine liturgy on Friday January 5 at 7:00pm

# **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Many of our parishioners are still not registered with us. Please take a moment and register. Help us to better communicate with you, by filling out the form in the back of the church and returning it to us at your earliest convenience.

كتار من اسماء و عناوين عائلات رعيتنا غير موجودون في سجلات الكنيسة. نحن بحاجة لتعاونكم من خلال تسجيل الاسم، العنوان، رقم الهاتف، و العنوان البريدي من خلال تعبئة الطلبات الموجودة على باب الكنيسة و تسليمها لنا بعد البريدي من خلال العبئة الطلبات الموجودة على باب الكنيسة و تسليمها لنا بعد

# **Weekly collections**

Making a generous donation from the hard work of your hands is your opportunity to participate in God's work and support the ministry of

His Church.

Weekend Collection \$1,096.00 Christmas collections \$1,904.00 THANK YOU!



Membership renewals are underway for the Parish family's **200 Club** for year 2024!

We have several numbers available. Become a member and have a chance to win \$1000 during our monthly drawing. The club generates an income of \$12,000 a year to support the church's operating expenses, and gives back members another \$12,000 a year.

Please contact Tina Saker for more information. (esaker5128@cox.net)

# **Liturgical Intentions**

12/30	Twenty year Anniversary for Elias Saab and the deceased members of the Saab and
4:00pm	Atallah families, requested by their loving families.
12/31	
8:30am	Memorial liturgy for Ernest Mari JR., requested by Patricia and Gino Rebussini.
10:30am	Memorial liturgy In Honor of <b>our Lady of Guadalupe</b> , requested the Chancy family.
	Marie Nasr Bou-Abboud who passed away in Lebanon, requested by her loving family.
1/1/2024	New Year! World Peace Day/ Circumcision of the Lord
10:30am	·
1/5/24	EVENING OF THE FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY
7:00PM	
1//6/24	FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY
4:00pm	One Year anniversary for <b>Michael J Michael</b> , Jr. requested by his loving family.
1/7/24	
8:30am	Birthday remembrance for <b>David Bingham and Michael Bingham</b> , requested by their loving families.
10:30am	One year anniversary for <b>Adel Shalhoub</b> , requested by his son Tony and Joelle, followed by a mercy meal in the Church hall.
1/13/24	Memorial liturgy for <b>Donald and MaryAnn Solomon</b> , requested by RoseAnn
4:00pm	Constantine.
1/14/24	
8:30am	
10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Toufic Ayoub</b> , requested by his son Elias and his wife Jihane and their loving family.
1/20	
4:00pm	
1/21	
8:30am	
10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>George and Mireille Abounajem</b> , requested by their loving family
	ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

#### Ten New Year resolutions inspired by our Catholic values:

- 1. **Daily Prayer and Reflection:** Commit to spending dedicated time each day in prayer and reflection, deepening your relationship with God and seeking His guidance.
- 2. **Regular Mass Attendance:** Attend Mass regularly, not just on Sundays but also on weekdays when possible, to receive the Eucharist and nourish your spiritual life.
- 3. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Make a regular habit of going to Confession to seek forgiveness, healing, and spiritual renewal.
- 4. **Bible Reading:** Set a goal to read the Bible regularly, whether it's a specific book, a daily devotion, or a Bible-in-a-year plan to deepen your understanding of Scripture.
- 5. **Acts of Charity:** Engage in acts of charity and kindness, following the example of Christ, by helping those in need and spreading God's love through your actions.
- 6. **Fasting and Abstinence:** Embrace the disciplines of fasting and abstinence as a way of self-denial and spiritual discipline, particularly during Lent and other designated times in the liturgical calendar.
- 7. **Family Prayer Time:** Establish or strengthen a routine of prayer within your family, creating a sacred space for shared prayer, scripture reading, and discussion of faith matters.
- 8. **Spiritual Reading:** Choose a few spiritual books to read throughout the year, exploring the teachings of saints, spiritual classics, or contemporary works that deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith.
- 9. **Virtue Cultivation:** Identify a virtue you would like to cultivate (e.g., patience, humility, kindness) and actively work on developing that virtue throughout the year.

