



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.” **Isaiah 53:7-9**

### Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab

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### Office Hours

Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm.

### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday through Friday 09:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am (*Roman rite*)  
10:30 am

### **Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**

Every Thursday 7:00pm

### Weekly collections

Saturday 4:00pm

\$1370.00

Sunday 8:30am

\$655.00

Sunday 10:30am

\$707.00

Your donation to your church is an opportunity for you to contribute from the work of your hands to the ministry of Christ and His gospel. Please Scan this QR with your phone and make a one-time or recurrent online donation to support our parish ministry. Thank you!



MYO and Knights of Mary will be sponsoring a Bake Sale for the poor and struggling families in Lebanon on the weekend of **January 29** after all liturgies . Thank you for supporting their work!

The Church Hall is available for rent for all types of events. Donations are \$300 for parishioners, \$500 for non-parishioners.

### **SACRAMENTS**

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

Donations: Church: \$200 - Priest: Free Will

**Matrimony:** Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date Donations:

Church \$500—Priest: Free Will

**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 unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home

**Numbers 21: 4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by way of the Red Sea, to bypass the land of Edom, but the people's patience was worn out by the journey; so the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!" So the LORD sent among the people seraph\* serpents, which bite the people so that many of the Israelites died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray to the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses: Make a seraph and mount it on a pole, and everyone who has been bitten will look at it and recover. Accordingly Moses made a bronze serpent\* and mounted it on a pole, and whenever the serpent bit someone, the person looked at the bronze serpent and recovered.

**Galatians 3:23-29** What Faith has Brought Us

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. Praise be to God always!

**John 3:1-16 Nicodemus**

The Apostle said: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

**Sunday 10:30am liturgy Lectors:**

Would you like to read the Epistles in English or Arabic? Fill out the sign-up sheet located at the church entrance or speak with your pastor to sign up!

**Lectors schedule for the 10:30 Liturgy**

Arabic: John Estephan

English: Rony Mourad

Thank you!

## ***Liturgical Intentions***

1/21 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Raymond and Therese Zaki Yazbek</b> , by George and Lydia Yazbek.
1/22 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Fr. Paul Mouawad</b> who passed away in Lebanon, by the Parish community of Saint George and by his relatives and family, followed by a mercy meal in the Church Hall.  Memorial liturgy for <b>Hoda Keirouz</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
1/28 4:00pm	Third anniversary liturgy for <b>Alexandria M. Saker</b> , requested by her loving family.
1/29 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary liturgy for <b>Joseph Zgheib</b> , requested by his daughters Elia and Rita.
2/4 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for <b>Anthony (Kozhaya) Budway</b> , requested by his wife Maureen and her loving family.
2/5 8:30am 10:30am	Fifth Anniversary Liturgy for <b>Martha R. George</b> , requested by her husband Anthony and his loving family.
2/6 Private Liturgy	Birthday memorial liturgy for <b>Malcom Badway</b> , requested by his loving family
2/11 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy <b>Gloria Harrison Borek</b> , requested by her loving family.
2/12 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for <b>Owen Bingham</b> , requested by his loving family.  Forty day liturgy for <b>Simah Boukarim</b> , requested by her loving family

**40 Day Liturgies** are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Liturgies are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary, and more. Liturgy stipend or offering given, signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist. If you would like to have a Liturgy said for someone, please call or email the Parish Office for help with available dates and times.

Join  
**BISHOP GREGORY J. MANSOUR**  
**FR. VINCENT FARHAT**  
 &  
**OUR LADY OF PURGATORY PARISH**  
*to pray the Rosary*  
*for our faithful departed*  
**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**5:00PM - VIA ZOOM**

*May the souls of the  
 faithful departed  
 rest in peace*



Scan the QR code  
 to join the meeting

Meeting ID:  
**890 3889 9691**



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church in Cranston RI  
 invites you to a complimentary

## Sunday Breakfast

All donations will be used to help Struggling families in  
 Lebanon



**Sunday January 29, 2023**

**11:30am to 1:00pm**

At the Church hall

All your donations will support  
 The less fortunate in Lebanon.

Saint George Parish Teams invite you to join our

## Pre-Lent Parish Dinner



**Saturday 2/18/2023**

Homemade Lebanese Food served at 7:30pm

Live music, Cash bar, Raffle, and lots more!

Admission tickets \$50 adults

\$20 children

St George Church Hall

1493 Cranston St Cranston RI 02920

Special performance by our Dabkeh group

**Tickets:** Elias Ayoub 401-714-6100 Chris Thomas 401-339-9943

## Our Lady of Purgatory Church Saint Maron's Feast Day Hafli

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

at

**Our Future Home**

(Formerly Our Lady of Fatima Church)

4256 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA. 02745

**Cash Bar & Mezza**

**@ 7:30 PM**

**Dinner Served**

**@ 8:30 PM**

**Live Entertainment by**  
**Ayad Atallah**  
**&**  
**Bachir Khoury Band**

Dance Floor Seating: \$85.00

General Seating: \$75.00

Children (12 -17): \$40.00

Children (under 12yrs.): No Charge

**For Ticket Sales Contact:**

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