



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## 1st Sunday after the Glorious Epiphany

01/09/2022

### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab**

Pastor

**Farid Zaarour**

Deacon

### Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

**9:00am-3:00pm**

Please call or stop by during office hours or by appointment only

### Weekly Collection

New Year's Eve **4:00pm** \$.00

New Year's Day **10:30am** \$.00

Sunday after New Year's

**8:30am** \$510.00

**10:30am** \$912.00

**THANK YOU!**

### Sacraments

#### Baptism and Confirmation:

Please contact the Priest for an appointment.

#### Reconciliation:

Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

#### Marriage:

Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.



**SAVE the DATE** **73rd**  
*Annual*  
**St. Joseph Haftli**

Sponsored by:  
St. George Maronite  
Catholic Church

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**  
**White's of Westport, MA**

*Mezza, Dinner, Dancing, Live Entertainment, Grand Raffle*  
Hotel rooms available within walking distance

### Liturgical Schedule

Daily Liturgy

**Weds, Thursday, Friday 9:00am**

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

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

**Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**

**Saturday 2:00pm-4:00pm (Chapel)**

### Weekly Announcements

# WEARING A MASK INSIDE THE CHURCH IS REQUIRED

Whether Vaccinated or not.  
Your safety and well-being is our priority!

Please Stay home if you feel sick.  
Please use Social physical distancing.

## *Liturgical Intentions*

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD**, and Let your perpetual Light shine upon them.

	<b>Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</b>
1/5 7:00pm	
1/8 4:00	Memorial mass for <b>Georgia Autiello</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality. Memorial mass for <b>Georges Thomas JR</b> , requested by his wife Valerie and his loving family.
1/9 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial mass for <b>David and Michael Bingham</b> requested by their loving family 20 year Memorial Liturgy for <b>Toufic Ayoub</b> , requested by Elias and Jihane Ayoub and their loving family.
1/15 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Nancy Thomas</b> , requested by Anthony and Helen Budway. Memorial Liturgy for <b>Anthony and Nancy Thomas</b> , requested by their loving family.
1/16 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Paul and Lola Keywan</b> , requested by their loving daughter Adla Keywan.
1/22 4:00pm	Second anniversary liturgy for <b>Alexandria Saker</b> , requested by her loving family and brothers.
1/23 8:30am 10:30am	Birthday remembrance for <b>George Baaklini</b> , requested by his wife Lili and daughter Nathalie.
1/29 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Mariam Akoury</b> , requested by Anthony and Helen Budway.
1/30 8:30am 10:30am	40 Day Liturgy for <b>Jack Darakji</b> , requested by his brother Tony and his loving family.

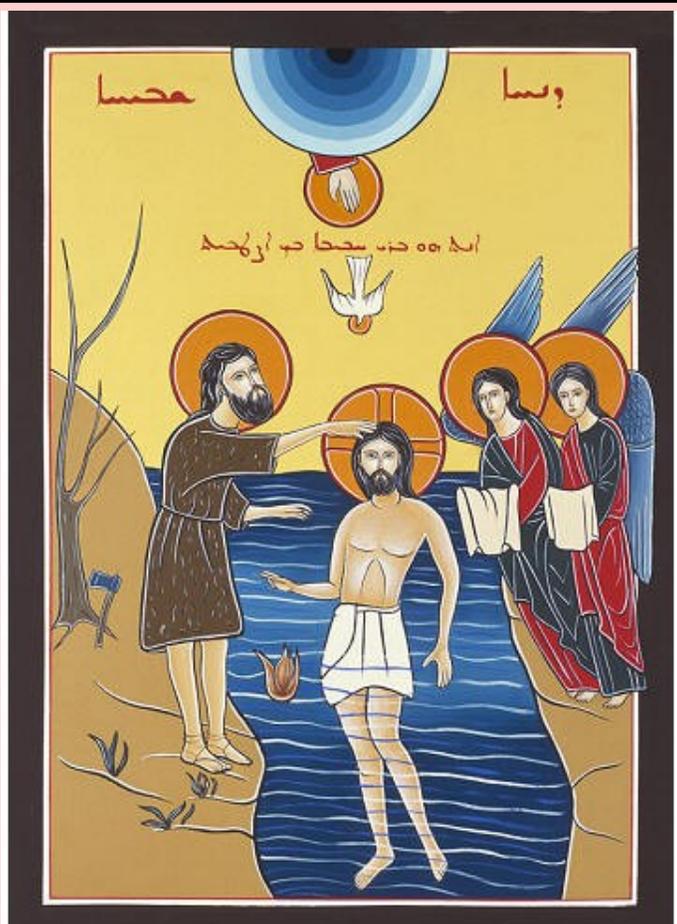
**Because of the surge of Covid cases, the Holy Rosary Sodality is canceling the POT LUCK SUPPER scheduled for TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th.**

The Holy Rosary Sodality is updating their membership for 2022. All female Parishioners over the age of 18 are invited to join this organization devoted to the spiritual and social activities of the Church. Membership dues \$10.00 per year. For Honorary Members over 65, dues may be waived. For more info: email Donna Treglia at [holyrosarysodality@hotmail.com](mailto:holyrosarysodality@hotmail.com).

## 2 Corinthians 10:1-11 Accusation of Weakness

Brothers and Sisters:

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ — I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away! — I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.” Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.



## John 1:29-34 John's Testimony to Jesus

The Apostles said: The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday February 9: **Feast of St Maron**

Sunday February 27: **Entrance into Lent**

Monday February 28: **Ash Monday**

Sunday April 10: **Hosanna (Palm) Sunday** followed  
by **HOLY WEEK**

Sunday April 17: **The Feast of the Glorious  
Resurrection (Easter)**

Saturday April 23: **Feast of our Patron Saint  
George (Celebration of our Annual St Joseph  
Hafli)**

Sunday May 1: Celebration of the  
**FIRST COMMUNION**

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test ...  
... and asked his father as to when they could discuss his  
use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring  
your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a  
little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car"  
The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd  
settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought  
your grades up and I've observed that you have been  
studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had  
your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about  
that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson  
had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had  
long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had  
long hair."

The father responded, "Did you also notice that they all  
walked everywhere they went?"

**The baptism of Jesus** is recorded in the Gospel Bible books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In this story, we see that Jesus approaches John and asks to be baptized. John has been proclaiming the Gospel and baptizing those who repent of their sin, want to make right their relationship with God, and await the coming Messiah. John is astonished that Jesus, the sinless Son of God, is asking to be baptized and John feels like he should be the one asking Jesus to baptize him!

In all three accounts, the baptism was a crucial first step Jesus took as he began his ministry, an approximately three-year journey that would eventually lead him to the cross. According to Luke's Gospel, Jesus was 30 years old when he was baptized.

Jesus tells John that His baptism is "fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness". Jesus is baptized as a symbol of giving His will up to His Father and the beginning of His earthly ministry. God affirmed Jesus' baptism in a powerful way as recorded in Matthew's Gospel. As soon as Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water, the heavens opened.

John sees the Spirit of God descending like a dove upon Jesus and they hear God's voice from heaven say "This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved." The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus following his baptism. This was a sign that Jesus' ministry was empowered by the Spirit and would usher in peace between humankind and God. As Jesus rose from the water, God the Father spoke monumental words about who Jesus was, which left no question that Jesus was indeed the anticipated Messiah and beloved Son of God.

Jesus didn't need to repent or turn from sin, rather, his baptism served as a sign to John, and future generations of believers, that he was the Messiah. With this confirmation in place, John's mission to prepare the way for the Messiah was complete.

Jesus' baptism account is a beautiful portrayal of the loving union of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Spirit. This moment in his life marked the beginning of his ministry in which he was partaking in the human experience fully as the spotless lamb of God sent to save the world.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to  
Elie and Cristel Haikal for the  
Christening of their son, **Aidan**  
on Monday January 3, 2022! Alf Mabrouk!