



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Office Hours

Monday: Office is Closed

Tuesday through Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

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

## Liturgical Schedule

Daily Liturgy

Weds, Thursday, Friday 9:00am (Chapel)

Saturday 4:00 pm (*Maronite rite*)

Sunday 8:30 am (*Roman rite*)

10:30 am (*Maronite rite*)

**Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**

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

## Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab**

Pastor

**Farid Zaarour**

Deacon

## 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.

## 3rd Sunday after the Glorious Epiphany

01/23/2022

## Weekly Collection



Saturday 4:30 pm \$730.00

Sunday 8:30am \$380.00

10:30am \$573.00

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## Second Collections

Jan 23: Bishop's Worldwide Charities

Feb 6: Fuel Offering

Feb 13: Utility Fund

Feb 20, 27 : Eparchial Charities

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## WEARING A MASK INSIDE THE CHURCH IS REQUIRED

Whether Vaccinated or not.

## SAVE THE DATES

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

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**

## Liturgical Intentions

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 Farah 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.
2/5 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph and Naza Solomon</b> , their daughter <b>Jeanne (Solomon) Azar</b> , her husband <b>Tony Azar</b> , their sons, <b>Samuel</b> and <b>John Solomon</b> , <b>Sarah Solomon</b> and <b>Andy Harrison</b> , <b>Joseph Solomon, SR</b> , <b>Mary Ann Solomon</b> , and <b>Rose Solomon</b> , requested by the Solomon and Azar families.
2/6 8:30am 10:30am	40.Day Liturgy for <b>Marie Obeid</b> , requested by her daughter Amal Tannous and Loving Family
2/12 4:00pm	Tenth Anniversary memorial liturgy for <b>Josephine Saad</b> , requested by Anthony and Helen Budway
2/13 8:30am 10:30am	Two years Memorial Mass for <b>Edward Donovan</b> , requested by his loving family.
2/19 4:00pm	Memorial Mass for <b>Ray Gemma</b> , requested by Betty Tranguese.
2/20 8:30am 10:30am	
2/26 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Gloria Harrison Borek</b> , requested by John Deluca and family.
2/27 8:30am 10:30am	

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

Brothers and Sisters:

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.

# SAVE the DATE

# 73rd

*Annual*

# St. Joseph Hafla

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The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

OUR LADY OF PURGATORY CHURCH

SAINT MARON

FEAST DAY HAFLI

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

CANADIAN SINGER

*Chadi Naddaf*

and

Bashir El Khoury Ensemble



Tickets

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300 North Eastern Highway  
Fall River, MA 02723

For Reservations:

Church Office: 508-996-8934 or Sousou Maalouf: 508-916-1523

## Reflection corner

Nicodemus appears only in the Gospel of St. John. At the end of the Gospel, he helps prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The passage we have today is from the middle of the third Chapter of John. At the beginning of the chapter Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. He was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. According to one scholar, Nicodemus probably was impressed by the miracles of Jesus but was not fully convinced that he was the Messiah. So, in coming to Jesus at night might have been a way for him to take the next step in believing Jesus was the Messiah.

Jesus and Nicodemus have a dialogue right before today's gospel passage about being born again from above: "Unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God." And the beginning sentence of the Gospel about the Son of man being lifted up "so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" is the preparation for the most quoted phrase in John's Gospel (3.16) "God so loved the world that he gave his only son that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

## Questions for reflection:

1. Am I grateful for the gift of faith? Am I grateful for those who have nourished my faith: my parents, my spouse, friends and the Church community?
2. Do I live in such a way as to give witness that "Christ is the Light of the World"? How am I light for others?
3. God promises eternal life to those who believe in Jesus. What do I hope for in eternal life?  
God sent his son so that the world might be saved. How have I noticed God's salvation operative in me and in the world?