

# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

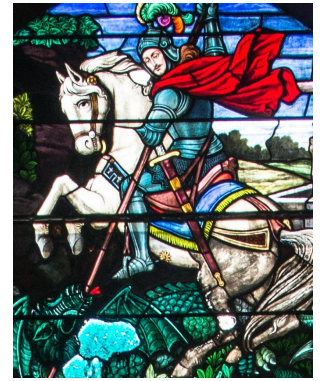
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**October 01, 2023**

**Third Sunday after Holy Cross**

**Sunday of the Holy Rosary**

## **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

## **Matthew 24:23-31**

If anyone says to you then, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. False messiahs and false prophets will arise, and they will perform signs and wonders so great as to deceive, if that were possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told it to you beforehand. So if they say to you, 'He is in the desert,' do not go out there; if they say, 'He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For just as lightning comes from the east and is seen as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

## **Meet Your Clergy**

Rev. Tony Saab, Pastor

[frtonysaab@gmail.com](mailto:frtonysaab@gmail.com)

Farid Zaarour, Deacon

## **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*)  
10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy  
Eucharist  
on Thursday 6:00pm

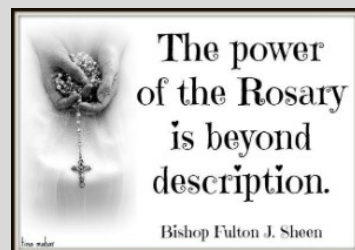
## **Weekly collections**

Saturday 04:00pm  
\$262.00  
Sunday  
08:30am  
\$230.00  
10.30am  
\$478.00

**The Sunday of the Holy Rosary**, also known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, is a significant celebration within the Catholic Church. It commemorates the victory of the Christian fleet in the Battle of Lepanto in 1571.

**Devotion to Mary:** The Sunday of the Holy Rosary emphasizes devotion to the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Rosary is a form of prayer that involves meditating on the significant events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. We believe that Mary intercedes for us and helps bring our prayers to her son, Jesus Christ.

**Battle of Lepanto:** The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was established to honor the intercession of the Virgin Mary in the Battle of Lepanto, a crucial naval battle. Christians, invoking the power of the Rosary, defeated the Ottoman Turks. This victory was attributed to the prayers of the faithful and the Rosary, reinforcing its importance as a powerful tool of prayer.



**Prayer for Peace and Protection:** The Rosary is considered a powerful prayer for peace, protection, and spiritual strength. On the Sunday of the Holy Rosary, we are encouraged to pray the Rosary collectively, seeking the intercession of Mary for peace in the world, especially during challenging times.

**Meditation on the Life of Christ:** The Rosary is a way to meditate on key events in the life of Jesus, known as the Mysteries of the Rosary. These Mysteries include joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Praying the Rosary encourages us to reflect deeply on these events and their significance in our Christian faith.

**Spiritual Growth and Connection:** Observing the Sunday of the Holy Rosary allows us to strengthen our relationship with Mary and, through her, with Jesus. The meditative nature of the Rosary fosters a deeper spiritual connection and helps individuals grow in faith, love, and understanding of the Christian message.

**Community and Unity:** The collective recitation of the Rosary fosters a sense of unity and community among Catholics Christians. Praying together reinforces the belief in the power of communal prayer and the importance of Mary's intercession for the Church and the world.

### 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

**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 communion at home.

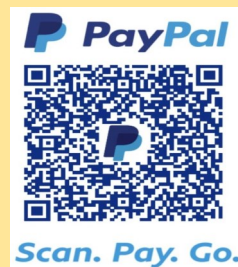
### **The Church Hall**

is available for **rent** for all types of events.

Rental donations are \$300 for registered parishioners, \$500 for non-registered parishioners.

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**Faith and Commitment to Support** the gospel of Christ and the ministry of His Church. It is an opportunity for you to contribute from the work of your hands back to God, the source of all blessings. Do not hesitate to be Generous Giver of what God has blessed you



## ***Liturgical Intentions***

9/30 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Josephine Harwood and Frank Viti</b> , requested by their loving family.
10/1 10:30am	Third anniversary liturgy for <b>Georges Youssef Baaklini</b> , requested by his loving family.
10/7 4:00pm	
10/8 10:30am	Forty Day Liturgy for <b>Joseph Abou Khalil</b> , requested by his son Wissam and his son Joey.
10/14 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Solomon A. Solomon and Lillian Solomon</b> , requested by their loving family.
10/15 10:30am	Forty Day liturgy for <b>May Akl Hoyek</b> , requested by her son Gaby Hoyek, followed by a mercy meal.
10/21 4:00pm	40 Day liturgy for <b>Gail Khoury</b> , requested by her daughter Melissa and her loving family.
10/22 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Vasilios Giovanis Sr.</b> , requested by his loving family.
10/28 4:00pm	
10/29 8:30am 10:30am	Three year memorial mass for <b>Jean Caouette</b> , requested by his wife Carolyn and her children.

### **Attention all Parents!**

Your children are bombarded with unethical, unchristian, and misleading teachings and values everyday in schools and in activities. You owe them the opportunity to learn the truth that your parents passed on to you. You owe them the opportunity to learn the word of God. Please register your children in **Sunday school, grades 1-7**.

Classes are on Sundays from 9.:15am to 10:15am followed by the 10:30am liturgy.

**First communion** classes will begin this Sunday October 1st at 9:15am.

The **knights of Mary** (Firsan el Adra) are also accepting registration. Ages are from 5 to 12.

Please fill out registration form after liturgies or contact the church office.

**“Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't, you are helping them destroy themselves.” (Proverbs 19:18)**

## Reflection on this week's Gospel

Matthew 24:23-31, Jesus speaks to His disciples about the signs that will herald His second coming. He warns them of false messiahs and false prophets who will deceive many. In a world full of distractions and false teachings, Jesus encourages us to stand firm in our faith, anchored in His truth.

Amidst the chaos and uncertainties of the end times, Jesus assures us of His return. He uses the analogy of lightning flashing across the sky—when it happens, everyone sees it. Similarly, His return will be visible and undeniable, bringing hope and redemption to those who believe.

As believers, we are called to be vigilant and faithful, not swayed by false claims or worldly enticements. Our hope lies in the certainty of Christ's return and the promise of eternal life with Him. In times of trials, let us remain steadfast in prayer and fellowship, seeking comfort in His word and the assurance of His presence.

Jesus reminds us of the grandeur and power of His return, accompanied by the gathering of His chosen ones from all corners of the earth. It's a moment of great triumph and victory, where His angels will be sent to gather His people, and the faithful will be united with Him forever.

Let us, therefore, live our lives in readiness and anticipation, imitating the parable of the fig tree that Jesus shared. Just as the fig tree's budding leaves signal the approach of summer, the signs of the end times signal Christ's imminent return. May we interpret these signs wisely and be prepared, knowing that our redemption draws near.

### THE HOLY ROSARY



#### The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation of the Lord to Mary.
2. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.
3. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The Presentation of our Lord.
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple at age 12.

#### The Glorious Mysteries (Wednesday and Sunday)

1. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven.
3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost.
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven.
5. Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

#### The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar.
3. Jesus is Crowned with Thorns.
4. Jesus Carried the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion of our Lord.

#### The Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

1. The Baptism in the Jordan.
2. The Wedding at Cana.
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom.
4. The Transfiguration.
5. The Institution of the Eucharist.



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The Sodality would like to meet in the church hall on Saturday, October 7 at 2:30 PM for a monthly meeting.

Also, the Sodality will pray the rosary together on Saturday, October 7 at 3:30 PM.



Each October, the Eparchy has a Benefit Dinner to raise funds for educating seminarians, expanding ministries, and supporting parishes and missions in need in the Eparchy. This year we will honor three special individuals: Marian Sahadi Ciaccia, Edward Shiner and Charbel Tagher. The **Annual Benefit Dinner** will take place on **Thursday, October 5**, at The Union League Club. Please visit [www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit](http://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit) to register or make a donation. Please support this important event – the Church needs your support this year more than ever. For more information, please email [saintmaron@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com) or call 718-237-9913. Thank you.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Fourteenth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron will take place in person on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at The Union League Club in Manhattan.

Each year, this annual fall event provides important financial support to educate seminarians, help small parishes and missions, assist retired priests, and foster a variety of ministries of the Eparchy. Also, each year, a portion of the event's proceeds have been dedicated to help the Church in Lebanon and the Middle East.

This year we will honor three very special individuals: Marian Sahadi Ciaccia, Edward Shiner, and Charbel Tagher. We especially honor them for their service to our communities here and abroad.

Your participation in this year's Benefit will help strengthen our Eparchy in her service to our faithful here, and for the vulnerable in Lebanon. I hope you will consider supporting the Eparchy by attending this gathering, bidding on an item in our silent auction, placing an ad in our program booklet, and/or making a donation in any amount.

Please visit [www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit](http://www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit) to make a gift and/or register for this important Benefit, or return the enclosed reply card in the envelope provided.

If you are not already a member, you might also consider joining the Order of Saint Sharbel, which is dedicated to supporting seminarians.

Thank you for helping to build and strengthen our Maronite Church both at home and abroad. I encourage your support of this fundraiser, and I hope to see you on October 5.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron



*Bishop Gregory John Mansour  
and the  
Eparchy of Saint Maron  
Cordially invite you to*

***The Fourteenth Annual Benefit  
Dinner Celebrating  
The Eparchy's Service to Our Communities  
Here and in the Middle East***

*Thursday, October 5, 2023  
The Union League  
38 East 37th St. (at Park Ave), New York City*

*Cocktail Reception 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:30*

*Silent Auction throughout the evening  
Business Attire*

*Please RSVP with the enclosed reply card  
or online at [www.stmaron.org](http://www.stmaron.org) at New York Benefit Dinner  
NO LATER than October 2, 2023*

*We look forward to your attendance!*



**SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES  
HERE AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST**



**Eparchy of Saint Maron  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner  
October 5, 2023  
The Union League Club,  
New York City**





May God bless all your hard work and sacrifices!

## A heartfelt **THANK YOU**

to our 2023 Annual Festival Coordinator Team:

Chris Thomas

Tony Simon

Saba Khoury

Elias Ayoub

Joseph Checrallah, Jr.

They, along with their Teams and Volunteers have done a splendid job preparing and coordinating a great successful event, generating over \$70, 000, the highest festival revenue to date!! May our parish continue to grow and flourish in faith, fellowship, and love!

**THANK YOU ALL!**



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FR. CLAUDE FRANKLIN

NOV. 2: MARRIAGE &  
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MICHAEL THOMAS



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**Total to date: \$46,500**

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