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October 19, 2025

Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross

Sunday Gospel Reading

Song of Songs 5: 2-8

I was sleeping, but my heart was awake. The sound of my lover knocking! "Open to me, my sister, my friend, my dove, my perfect one! For my head is wet with dew, my hair, with the moisture of the night." I have taken off my robe, am I then to put it on? I have bathed my feet, am I then to soil them? My lover put his hand in through the opening: my innermost being trembled because of him. I rose to open for my lover, my hands dripping myrrh: My fingers, flowing myrrh upon the handles of the lock. I opened for my lover—but my lover had turned and gone! At his leaving, my soul sank. I sought him, but I did not find him; I called out after him, but he did not answer me. The watchmen found me, as they made their rounds in the city; They beat me, they wounded me, they tore off my mantle, the watchmen of the walls. I adjure you, Daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my lover What shall you tell him? that I am sick with love.

Philippians 2:12-18

So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But, even if I am poured out as a libation upon the sacrificial service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with all of you. In the same way you also should rejoice and share your joy with me.

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Liturgical Intentions

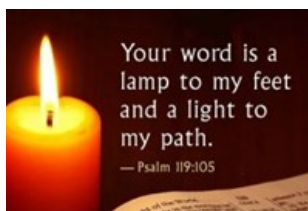
10/18 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Solomon and Lillian Solomon , requested by their loving family.
10/19 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for Aife Hachem , requested by her loving family.
10/25 4:00pm	Two-year anniversary for Donald J. Solomon , requested by his children Donald JR. and Cheryl.
10/26 8:30am 10:30am	First year anniversary for Barbara White , requested by her loving family.
11/1 4:00pm	
11/2 8:30am 10:30am	Five-year anniversary for Jean Caouette , requested by his wife Carolyn Caouette.
11/8 4:00pm	Forty-day liturgy for Adele Jabour , requested by her loving family.
11/9 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Judge Frank Caprio , requested by Michael, Kristin, and Michael Solomon, Jr. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!



St. George Parish Family joyfully welcomes
His Excellency, **Bishop Gregory Mansour**
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn
to celebrate the Divine Liturgy
on Saturday,
November 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
"Come in peace, O Shepherd"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

- **To reserve a liturgy intention**, please call or email the church office.
- **Forty-day liturgies** are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intention.

Meet Your Clergy



Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor
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frtonysaab@gmail.com

Deacon Farid Zaarour
fzaarour@yahoo.com

Liturgical Schedule

Thursday and Friday

10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am (Latin rite)

10:30 am

**Exposition of the
Holy Eucharist**

Thursday 6:00pm– 8:00pm

Sacraments

Baptism & Confirmation

One month in advance with the
Pastor.

Matrimony:

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

Reconciliation:

One hour before liturgies, or by
appointment.

Please call the office or email
frtonysaab@gmail.com

Anointing of the Sick:

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

Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday
by appointment.

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Office assistant administrator



Weekly Collections

\$2,664.00

Thank you for your love and support to
your parish family!



Young Adults Bible Study

Join us every other Thursday for a Bible
Study evening. Guests who are not young
adults are also welcome! Next meeting is
on **Thursday October 23 at 7:30pm.**

All are Welcome.

Would you like to receive the weekly **bulletin** by **Email** in color?

Please email the office at

stgeorgeri1@gmail.com



Keep Your Lamp Burning

In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus reminds us that life is not about waiting for the perfect moment, but about being ready in every moment. The wise virgins kept their lamps filled with oil, they stayed faithful even when the night was long. In our daily lives, that means staying connected to God through small, steady acts of prayer, kindness, and forgiveness. No one else can live our faith for us; it's our personal walk with Christ that keeps our light burning. Every sunrise is an invitation to fill our lamps again—with patience, compassion, and hope, so that when the Lord comes, whether in the quiet of our hearts or at the end of our days, He finds us awake, faithful, and shining brightly in love.



The Ten Virgins
Matthew 25:1-13

1. Stay Spiritually Prepared Every Day

The wise virgins were ready because they kept their lamps filled with oil. In daily life, that means keeping your heart filled with prayer, kindness, and awareness of God.

2. Take Responsibility for Your Own Faith

When the foolish virgins ran out of oil, they tried to borrow from others—but spiritual readiness can't be shared. You can be inspired by others, but no one can believe, pray, or repent for you.

3. Live Each Day as a Gift and a Chance to Do Good

The bridegroom's delay reminds us that we don't know the day or the hour. Rather than fearing that, we can use every day as an opportunity to love better, forgive more, and live with purpose.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 25 | 7:30 PM - LATE!

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ST. GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

1493 CRANSTON ST, CRANSTON, RI 02920

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His Excellency,
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Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



to celebrate the Divine Liturgy
on **Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

"Come in peace, O Shepherd"

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn cordially invites you to the

Ordination to the Order of Deacons

of

Subdeacon Jakob Wyder

and the

Ordination to the Minor Order of Subdeacons

of

Mark Farah



through the imposition of hands by
His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour



Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Church

300 North Eastern Avenue

Fall River, Massachusetts

10:00 AM Sunday, November 16th

Please **RSVP** to office@saotd-fr.org by November 9th

WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

(JN 1:38)

THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

A Weekend Of Discernment

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL
IN YOUR LIFE**

WONDERING IF THE LORD IS CALLING YOU
TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN
THE MARONITE CHURCH?

MEN AGED 18-40
ARE INVITED FOR A WEEKEND
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2025**



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Executive Board Member of the
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THE FAMILY AND SANCTITY OF LIFE OFFICE PRESENTS

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

GUEST SPEAKER



DAN HARMS

Dan is a Catholic speaker and musician based in Richmond, Virginia, where he serves as the Associate Director of Marriage, Family & Pro-Life Ministries for the Richmond Diocese. Dan regularly appears at conferences, retreats and parish missions.

TUESDAY

28

7:30 PM

October

Join us on Zoom for this inspiring talk about the Current and Future Landscape of the Pro-life Movement! Opening and Closing prayers led by Bishop Gregory Mansour!

Meeting ID: 822 1907 8348

Passcode: 823561

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Christmas Bazaar 2025

SAINT RAYMOND'S CHURCH — 1240 North Main Street, Providence, RI

Saturday, **November 8** from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, **November 9** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(In the church hall)

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Drawings for the Cash Raffle and the Baskets featured on Facebook will be livestreamed on the parish Facebook page beginning approximately 1:15 p.m. on Sunday.

A list of all prize-winners will be posted on the parish website and the Facebook page, and all will be notified by phone on Wednesday, Nov. 12th.

Christmas Treasures Sale

Saturday, **November 22** from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, **November 23** from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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For more information, please call the parish office, **351-4224**