

# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

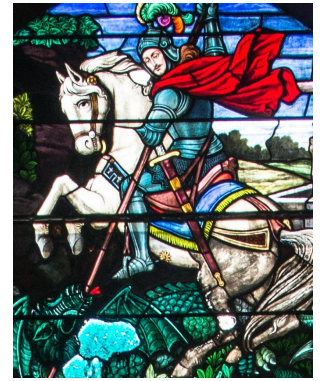
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## November 5, 2023 Consecration of the Church

### Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab, Pastor

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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  
\$680.00

Sunday  
08:30am  
\$681.00  
10.30am  
\$781.00



### Hebrews 9:1-12

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. Praise be to God always!

### Matthew 16:13-20

The Apostle said: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## Parish Committees and organizations

### **Finance Committee:**

Bernie DiLullo, Chris Thomas, Saba Khoury,  
Elias Ayoub, Joan Badway,  
Nancy Pasquariello, Anthony Rebello

**Building /Grounds:** Semer Youssif,  
Charbel Kosseifi

**Pastoral Committee:** Suzanne Cannon, Joseph  
Checrallah JR., Derek Iacobucci,  
Debra Thomas, Michael Saker, representative  
members from the Sodality, MYO, Choir, and  
Knights of Mary

**Holy Rosary Sodality president:** Patty Viti

**MYO advisor:** Jihane Ayoub

**Knights of Mary advisor:** Joelle Chalhoub

**Religious Education:** Geraldine Fiyod  
**200 Club, Choirs.**

## 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.

Subscribe to our Parish **You Tube** Channel

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streams](https://www.youtube.com/@saintgeorge7066/streams)

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A Benefit for  
**CARITAS LEBANON**  
\*hosted by Holy Rosary Sodality

**Paint & Wine Night** Join the fun!

Holiday Board \$35  
option#1 H & ME  
option#2. H & ME  
\*Free Refreshments served  
\*Deadline: November 10th 2023


Friday Nov. 17th 7-9 pm  
St. George Church Hall  
doors open at 6:30

Member \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Option(s) #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Checks payable to  
Holy Rosary Sodality




**This Thanksgiving  
Let's Show Our Support  
For our Brothers and Sisters  
In Need**

**The Holy Rosary Sodality  
of St. George's Church  
Will be collecting donations  
For**



Cash or Check



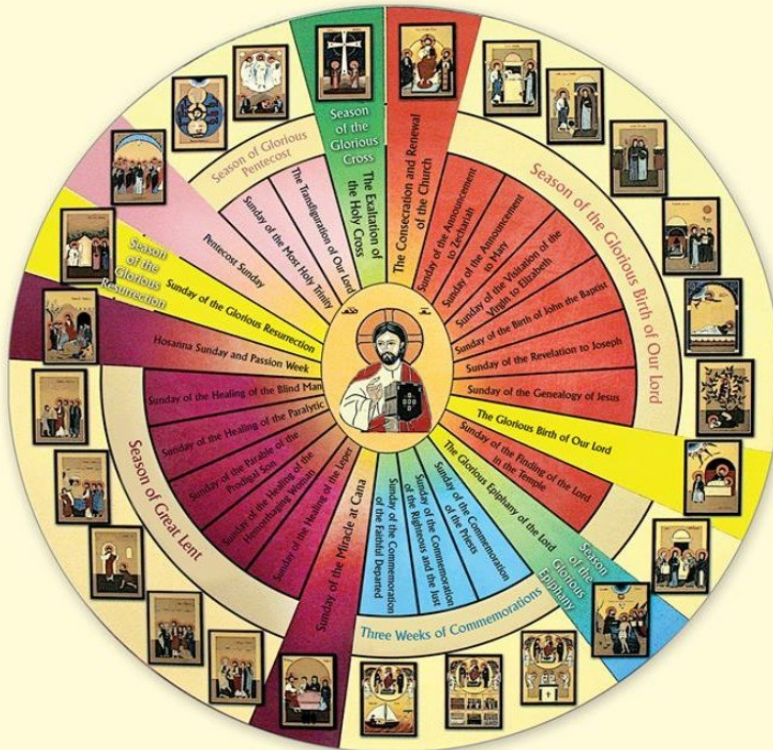
**Thank you for your generosity and love to the less  
fortunate in Lebanon.**

## *Liturgical Intentions*

11/4 4:00pm	Liturgy for our Parish Youth Groups, ( <b>MYO and Knights of Mary</b> ) and their advisors.
11/5 8:30am 10:30am	<p>Birthday remembrance for <b>Robin Bingham</b>, requested by Robert Bingham.</p> <p>Forty day liturgy for <b>Mona Akkaoui</b>, requested by her sons Richard and Romeo Akkaoui and their loving family, followed by a mercy meal.</p>
11/11 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for <b>Vladimir Loskoutov</b> , requested by his wife Monica and her loving family.
11/12 8:30am 10:30am	<p>One year anniversary for <b>Raymond Patrick Montaquila</b>, requested by his loving family</p> <p>Four year anniversary for <b>George Harb</b>, requested by his loving wife Najla and her loving family.</p>
11/18 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for <b>Mary Michael</b> , requested by her son Richard and her daughter Kim.
11/19 8:30am 10:30am	<p>Birthday remembrance for <b>Patricia Bingham and Dorothy Mollica</b>, requested by their loving families.</p> <p>Memorial liturgy for <b>Rose Assaf</b>, requested by her granddaughter Tracey and her husband Anthony Rouhana, followed by a by a brunch in her memory in the Church hall.</p>
11/25 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Gail Khoury</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
11/26 8:30am 10:30am	<p>Forty day liturgy for <b>Ernest Mari</b>, requested by his wife Louise and her loving family.</p> <p>Three year anniversary for <b>Therese Mouwad Estephane</b>, requested by her loving family</p>
12/2 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for <b>Donald Solomon, Sr.</b> , requested by his children Donald and Cheryl, and their loving family.
12/3 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial anniversary liturgy for <b>Owen Bingham</b> , requested by his loving family.
12/9 4:00pm	One year anniversary for <b>Anthony Budway</b> , requested by his wife Maureen, his children, his grandchildren, and his Great grandchildren.
12/10 8:30am 10:30am	<p>Remembrance liturgy for <b>Ernest Mari</b>, requested by Maria and Jim Penta</p> <p>Forty Day liturgy for <b>John Dougherty</b>, requested by his loving family.</p>



## Liturgical Calendar Cycle



### Feasts of the Maronite Saints :

Feast of Saint Maron - February 9  
 Feast of Saint John Maron - March 2  
 Feast of Saint Rafka - March 23  
 Feast of the Massabki Martyrs - July 10

Feast of Saint Sharbel - July 23  
 Feast of the 350 Maronite Martyrs - July 31  
 Feast of Saint Nemtallah - December 14

## Announcement Corner

- 1- For your safety and as we are now in the Cold and Flu season, we invite you to carefully refrain from hugs and kisses and exercise good hygiene habits to avoid passing on any viruses.
- 2- SAVE THE DATE for Saint Joseph Annual Hafli: March 19, 2024. More details to come.
- 3- Registration is open for all our youth for the MYO. Please call the church office.

**The Liturgical year calls all the faithful to recall and celebrate various events in the life of Christ.**



**THEOLOGY ON TAP** APPETIZERS PROVIDED!

**7PM**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30**  
**BARRETT'S ALEHOUSE**  
 4171 N MAIN ST, FALL RIVER, MA

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
**SCOTTIE'S PUB**  
 202 PLEASANT ST, FALL RIVER, MA

SATURDAY-DECEMBER-10  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
**110 GRILL - LOUNGE**  
 560 WILLIAM S. CANNING BOULEVARD, FALL RIVER, MA

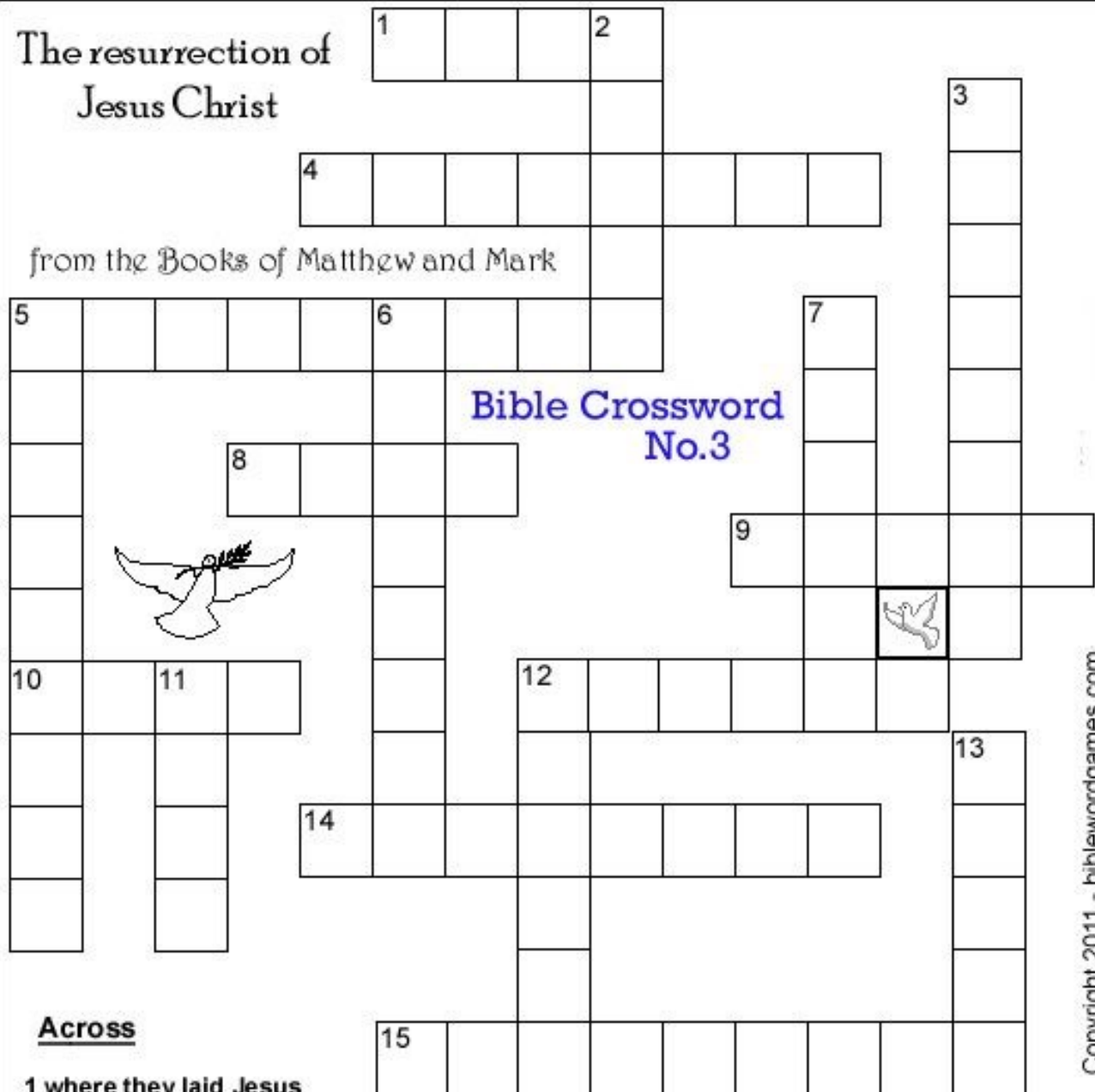
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**Cute religious story** There is a fable about the Angel Gabriel who has just come from surveying the earth and its inhabitants when he reports to God. "Lord, it's my duty to inform you that you're the possessor of a choice piece of real estate known as planet earth. But the tenants you've leased it out to are destroying it. In another few years, it won't be fit to live in. They have polluted your rivers. The air is fouled with the stench of their over-consumerism. They frequently kill one another, and all the prophets you've sent to them calling for an accounting have met with violence. By any rule of sound management, Lord, you've got but one option." Then raising his trumpet to his lips, Gabriel asked, "Shall I sound the eviction notice now, sir?" And God said, "No, Gabriel! No, not just yet. I know you are right, but I keep thinking if I just give them a little more time, they'll quit acting like they own the place!"

# The resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the Books of Matthew and Mark

## Bible Crossword No.3



### Across

- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)
- 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
- 5 Jesus and two thieves were \_\_\_\_\_ together (Matt.27:38)
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 The angel said "He is \_\_\_\_\_ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
- 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt.27:28)
- 12 Jesus was betrayed for \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
- 14 Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ of any crime (Matt.27:4)
- 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

### DOWN

- 2 Jesus shed His \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins
- 3 Judas Iscariot \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (Matt.27:4)
- 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
- 6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou \_\_\_\_\_ me" (Matt.27:46)
- 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
- 11 They laid the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
- 12 Jesus wore a "crown of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 13 our Lord and Saviour

Reflection on Matthew 16:13-20. We reflect on the moment when Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and Jesus responds by bestowing upon him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. This passage is not just a historical event but a profound revelation of faith, authority, and the foundation of the Church. Let us delve deeper into this narrative to draw essential lessons for our own faith journey.

## **I. The Confession of Faith (Matthew 16:13-16)**

The passage begins with Jesus and His disciples in the region of Caesarea Philippi. Here, Jesus poses a critical question to His disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" This question prompts the disciples to share the various opinions circulating among the people. However, Jesus doesn't stop there; He goes on to ask the most crucial question of all: "But who do you say that I am?" This question is not just about their knowledge; it's about their personal faith and relationship with Jesus.

Peter, impulsive but sincere, steps forward and declares, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In this moment, Peter acknowledges the divinity of Jesus, recognizing Him as the long-awaited Messiah, the anointed one of God. This confession is the rock upon which the Church is built—faith in Jesus as the Son of God.

## **II. The Revelation of Divine Authority (Matthew 16:17-19)**

Jesus' response to Peter's confession is significant. He blesses Peter, affirming that this revelation did not come from human understanding but from God the Father. Jesus goes on to give Peter a new name, "Rock" (Cephas or Peter), indicating his role as a foundational figure for the Church.

Furthermore, Jesus entrusts Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven, symbolizing authority. Whatever Peter binds or looses on earth will have a corresponding effect in heaven. This authority is not exclusive to Peter alone but is passed down through apostolic succession, granting the Church the ability to guide and govern with divine authority.

## **III. The Promised Church (Matthew 16:18)**

In verse 18, Jesus declares, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Here, Jesus introduces the concept of the Church, emphasizing that it is His creation and His responsibility. The Church, founded on the confession of faith in Christ as the Son of God, is a powerful and enduring entity, impervious to the forces of evil.

The metaphor of the "gates of hell" implies that not even the strongest opposition, darkness, or evil forces can overcome the Church. The Church is a beacon of light in a world often shrouded in darkness, a source of hope, and a refuge for those seeking salvation.

## **IV. The Role of the Church and Apostolic Succession (Matthew 16:19)**

As we consider the authority given to Peter and passed down through apostolic succession, it is essential to understand the Church's role in our lives. The Church is not merely an institution but a spiritual guide and support. It provides us with the sacraments, teaches the faith, and offers a community of believers to journey alongside.

Apostolic succession ensures the continuity of this authority, connecting us to the faith of the apostles. Through the Church, we receive the grace of God, which empowers us to live as authentic disciples and share the message of Christ with the world.



ST. THERESA CHURCH PRESENTS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH , 2023



# PIERRE CHAMMASSIAN

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MASSIH

INCLUDING

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SHOW STARTS AT 9 PM



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THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

# A WEEKEND OF DISCERNMENT

ADULT MEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO  
ATTEND TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL  
TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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