

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

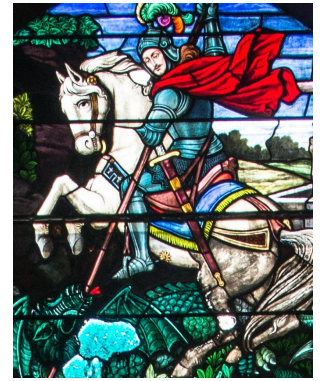
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November 12, 2023 Renewal of the Church

Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab, Pastor

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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
\$409.00

Sunday
08:30am
\$410.00

10.30am
\$989.00

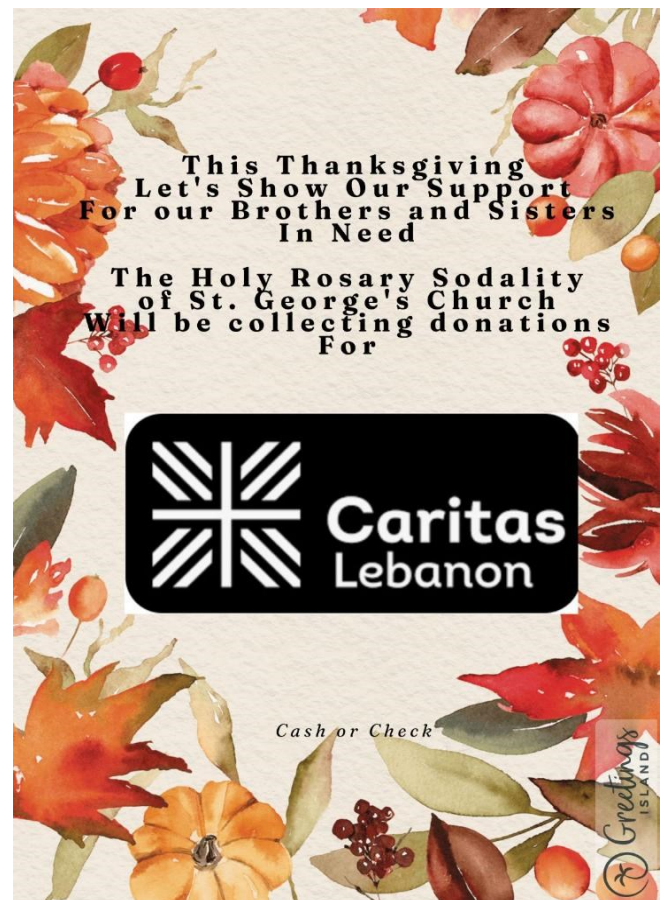


Hebrews 9:11-15

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

John 10:22-42

The feast of the Dedication was then taking place in Jerusalem. It was winter. And Jesus walked about in the temple area on the Portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you and you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify to me. But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." The Jews again picked up rocks to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"?' If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize (and understand) that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." (Then) they tried again to arrest him; but he escaped from their power. He went back across the Jordan to the place where John first baptized, and there he remained. Many came to him and said, "John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man was true." And many there began to believe in him.



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.

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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.

Liturgical Intentions

11/11 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for Vladimir Loskoutov , requested by his wife Monica and her loving family.
11/12 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for Raymond Patrick Montaquila , requested by his loving family Four year anniversary for George Harb , requested by his loving wife Najla and her loving family.
11/18 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for Mary Michael , requested by her son Richard and her daughter Kim.
11/19 8:30am 10:30am	Birthday remembrance for Patricia Bingham and Dorothy Mollica , requested by their loving families. Memorial liturgy for Rose Assaf , requested by her granddaughter Tracey and her husband Anthony Rouhana, followed by a by a brunch in her memory in the Church hall. Five year anniversary for Tanios Youssef Rouhana , requested by his loving family
11/25 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Gail Khoury and Mona Akkaoui , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
11/26 8:30am 10:30am	Forty day liturgy for Ernest Mari , requested by his wife Louise and her loving family. Three year anniversary for Therese Mouwad Estephane , requested by her loving family
12/2 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for Donald Solomon, Sr. , requested by his children Donald and Cheryl, and their loving family.
12/3 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial anniversary liturgy for Owen Bingham , requested by his loving family. Forty Day liturgy for John Dougherty , requested by his loving family.
12/9 4:00pm	One year anniversary for Anthony Budway , requested by his wife Maureen, his children, his grandchildren, and his Great grandchildren.
12/10 8:30am 10:30am	Remembrance liturgy for Ernest Mari , requested by Maria and Jim Penta Twenty year anniversary for Elias Saab and the deceased members of the Saabs and Atallah families, requested by his loving family.
	ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, and let perpetual light shine upon them! الراحة الدائمة اعطهم يا رب!

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- There will be a second collection this weekend for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities.
- 3- **SAVE THE DATE** for Saint Joseph Annual Hafli: **March 16, 2024**. More details to come.
- 3- Registration is open for all our youth for the Knights of Mary ((7-13) and MYO (ages 13-17). Please call the church office for more information..



OPEN TO ALL YOUNG ADULTS 18-35!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

7PM **APPETIZERS PROVIDED!**

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 16
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
110 GRILL - LOUNGE
560 WILLIAM S. CANNINO BOULEVARD, FALL RIVER, MA

PLEASE RSVP TO OFFICE (508) 672-7653 / SAOTD@VERIZON.NET
OR TXT FR. CHRISTIAN @ (978) 857-4815



THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

A WEEKEND OF DISCERNMENT

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

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2023

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE SEMINARY
7164 ALASKA AVENUE NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20012

FREE TO ATTEND

TO RSVP, CONTACT THE MARONITE SEMINARY:
202-723-8831 / MARONITSEMINARY@COMCAST.NET

ST. THERESA CHURCH PRESENTS
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH, 2023



PIERRE CHAMMASSIAN

SPECIAL GUEST



DJ GABRIEL MASSIH

INCLUDING

MEZZE & CASH BAR

DOORS OPEN AT 8 PM
SHOW STARTS AT 9 PM

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT
MIRNA ISSA 508-725-4786
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343 North Main Street Brockton, MA
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Cute Jokes corner

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied,

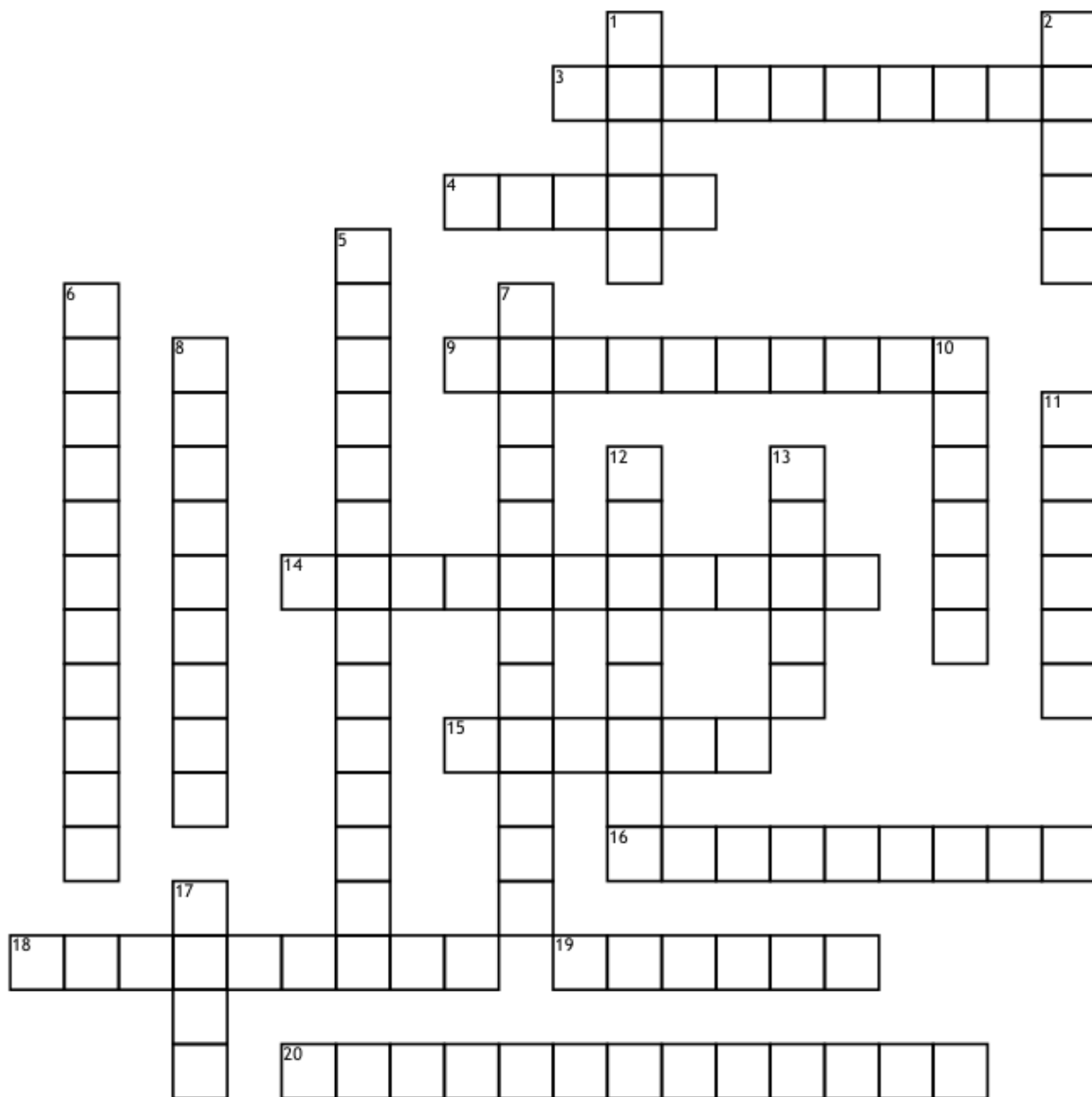
"Because people are sleeping"



Freedom through Forgiveness

Name: _____

Bible Crossword



Across

3. The bible was written through the inspiration of the _____.

4. The bible was written from about 900 B.C. to _____.

9. What is the name of the first five books in the bible called?

14. The New Testament has _____ books.

15. God gave Sacred Scripture to the whole _____.

16. After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to the _____.

18. The Old Testament has _____ books.

19. The purpose of reading the bible is to discover what God _____.

20. What is the third spiritual sense in the scriptures?

Down

1. What is the second spiritual sense in the scriptures?

2. A parable is a _____.

5. Scripture means _____.

6. What is the first spiritual sense in the scriptures?

7. There are a total of _____ books in the canon.

8. The word "Testament" means _____.

10. What language did Jesus speak?

11. The Greek word for bible is _____.

12. The Bible is the _____ word of God.

13. The bible was written in Hebrew and _____.

17. Jesus taught his disciples through _____ teaching.

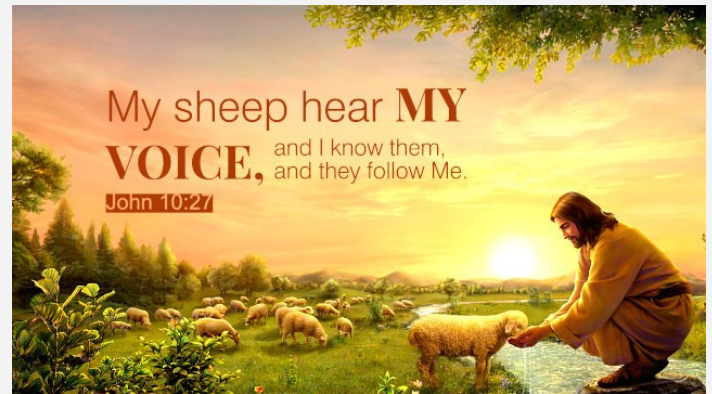
Reflection on John 10:22-42. Here are some key points and reflections on this passage.

1. **Context:** The passage takes place in the winter during the Festival of Dedication (Hanukkah), which was a Jewish holiday celebrating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus was in the temple area, and the religious leaders approached him with questions.
2. **Clarifying His Identity:** In this passage, the religious leaders ask Jesus to plainly state whether he is the Messiah, the Christ. They were looking for a clear answer to this question.
3. **Jesus' Response:** Jesus doesn't give a direct "yes" or "no" answer but instead points to his works and teachings as evidence of his identity. He emphasizes the unity between himself and the Father, claiming that he and the Father are one.
4. **Misunderstanding and Opposition:** The religious leaders, not understanding or accepting Jesus' claims, take up stones to stone him, accusing him of blasphemy for equating himself with God. They viewed his statements as heretical and offensive.
5. **Jesus' Defense:** Jesus responds by citing a scripture from the Psalms to defend his claims, reminding them that in the Scriptures, human judges were called "gods" (Elohim), and he, who was consecrated and sent by the Father, could certainly use the term "Son of God."

Departing from Their Midst: Jesus leaves the situation and avoids further confrontation, demonstrating that his time had not yet come for the ultimate revelation of his identity and mission.

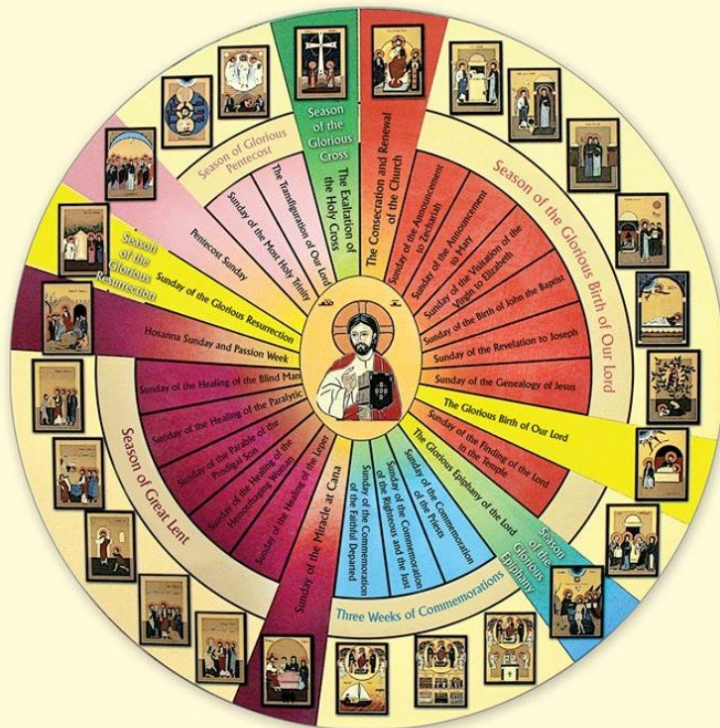
Reflections:

1. **The Divinity of Jesus:** This passage is significant in highlighting Jesus' divine claims. He is asserting his unity with God the Father, which is a central element of the Christian understanding of Jesus as the Son of God.
2. **Misunderstanding and Opposition:** The passage illustrates the resistance and hostility Jesus often faced from religious leaders and authorities. It serves as a reminder that not everyone was willing to accept his claims, and his teachings challenged the religious status quo of the time.
3. **Timing and Mission:** Jesus' decision to withdraw from the situation reveals his awareness of the divine timing of his mission. He did not allow himself to be stoned at that moment, indicating that his ultimate purpose was to fulfill God's plan on his own terms and timeline.
4. **Use of Scripture:** Jesus frequently used scripture to support his claims and teachings. This highlights the importance of knowing and understanding scripture in the Christian faith and how it can be used to explain and defend one's beliefs.



Season of Hope

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

We have begun a new Liturgical Season: The season of the Birth of our Lord. Preparing for Christmas involves both spiritual and traditional aspects. Here are some steps to help you prepare for Christmas as a Catholic:

- **Attend weekly Liturgy/Mass:**

Attending Mass during Advent is an essential part of your preparation.

- **Daily Prayer:**

Incorporate daily prayer and reflection into your day. Reas passages from Scripture.

- **Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation):**

It's a common tradition to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) during Advent to spiritually prepare and purify your heart for the celebration of Christ's birth.

- **Acts of Charity:**

Engage in acts of charity and kindness, such as helping the less fortunate, participating in a

food drive, or visiting the sick and lonely. The Catholic Church encourages practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

- **Nativity Scene (Crèche):**

Set up a Nativity scene in your home. Place the figurines of Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, and other characters in the nativity story. Add the Christ child on Christmas Eve to symbolize His birth.

- **Fasting and Abstinence:**

Fasting or abstinence from certain foods or practices is always a good idea.