

# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

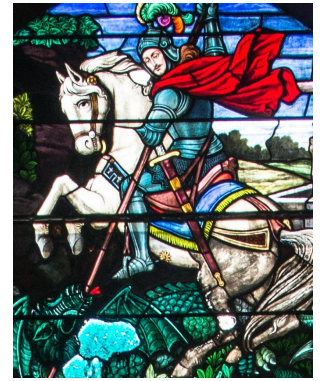
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## November 19, 2023 Announcement to Zechariah

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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  
\$588.00  
Sunday  
08:30am \$321.00  
10.30am \$550.00  
Second Collection: \$242.00

We begin this  
week with the  
Announcement to  
Zechariah. Then  
the count down to  
Christmas



begins! *Let's make our preparation for Christmas more meaningful this year.* Let us choose two people to forgive; Two other people in need to give whatever we may afford to them. Finally, let us pick two people too bring the child of the manger into their lives. ***Forgiveness, generous giving, and evangelizing are the three marks of every Christian.*** Let us renew our identity as followers of Christ and renew our commitments to Christ and His Church. May God bless the Faith Community of Saint George and help it continue to grow in love, forgiveness and Joy.

## 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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### **Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Praise be to God always!

### **Luke 1:1-25**

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

### **Announcement Corner**

#### **1- *SAVE THE DATE* :**

Children Christmas Party: **Sunday December 17** after 10:30am liturgy.

Saint Joseph Annual Hafli: **March 16, 2024.**

#### **2- Registration is open for all our youth for the Kinghts of Mary ((7-12) and MYO (ages 13-17).**

Please call the church office for more information..

## *Liturgical Intentions*

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| 11/18<br>4:00pm            | Forty day liturgy for <b>Mary Michael</b> , requested by her son Richard and her daughter Kim.  |
| 11/19<br>8:30am<br>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> <p>Five year anniversary for <b>Tanios Youssef Rouhana</b>, requested by his loving family</p> |
| 11/25<br>4:00pm            | Memorial liturgy for <b>Gail Khoury and Mona Akkaoui</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.   |
| 11/26<br>8:30am<br>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<br>4:00pm             | Forty day liturgy for <b>Donald Solomon, Sr.</b> , requested by his children Donald and Cheryl, and their loving family.  |
| 12/3<br>8:30am<br>10:30am  | <p>Memorial anniversary liturgy for <b>Owen Bingham</b>, requested by his loving family.</p> <p>Forty Day liturgy for <b>John Dougherty</b>, requested by his loving family.</p>  |
| 12/9<br>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<br>8:30am<br>10:30am | <p>Remembrance liturgy <b>for Ernest Mari</b>, requested by Maria and Jim Penta</p> <p>Twenty year anniversary for <b>Elias Saab</b> and the deceased members of the Saabs and Atallah families, requested by his loving family.</p>  |
| 12/16<br>4:00pm            | <p>Memorial liturgy for <b>Peter and Mary Michael, and Richard Solomon</b>, requested by their loving family.</p> <p>In honor of the Immaculate Conception and <b>for the deceased members</b> of the Holy Rosary Sodality.</p>   |
| 12/17<br>8:30am<br>10:30am | <p>Memorial liturgy for <b>Mildred Rocchio</b>, requested by her loving family.</p> <p>In memory of our mother and grandmother <b>Melda (Milada) Roukos DiLullo</b>, and our grandson and nephew <b>Joseph Barish</b>, requested by their loving family.</p>  |
|                            | <p><b>ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD,</b></p> <p><b>and let perpetual light shine upon them!</b></p> <p>الراحة الدائمة اعطهم يا رب!</p>   |



Please join us celebrating Christmas at  
our

## PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

\$50 a person



Saturday December 9

Cocktail hour 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Church hall

Homemade Lebanese and American Food

Music, Cash bar, and raffle

50% of the proceeds will go to help our needy families in Lebanon.

The rest will support our parish operational expenses.

**PARISH REGISTRATION** - Many of our parishioners are still not registered with us. Please take a moment and register. Help us to better communicate with you, by filling out the form in the back of the church and returning it to us at your earliest convenience.

كتار من اسماء و عناوين  
عائلات رعيتنا غير موجودون  
في سجلات الكنيسة. نحن  
بحاجة لتعاونكم من خلال  
تسجيل الاسم، العنوان،



رقم الهاتف، و العنوان البريدي من خلال تعبئة الطلبات  
الموجودة على باب الكنيسة و تسليمها لنا بعد القداس او  
ارسالها في البريد.

***"Gathered in the one spirit, breathing as though with two lungs – of the East and of the West – and burning with the love of Christ in one heart – having two ventricles."***

***(Sacri Canones; Pope John Paul II)***

**DID YOU KNOW** that for Catholics united with the Pope in Rome, there is an amazing unity even within the reality of cultural diversity? The **Catholic Church**, comprised of **21 Eastern Churches and 1 Western Church** (Latin Rite Roman Catholic), is a communion of Churches, with the Pope as the visible head. One of the Eastern Catholic Churches is the Maronite Church. She has Her own hierarchy composed of a Patriarch, who is Her father and head, and over forty Bishops who shepherd the many Eparchies (Dioceses) in Lebanon, the Middle East, and throughout the world. The Patriarch governs the Church in a synodal manner with his body of bishops as is customary in the Eastern Churches. Each Catholic Church practices a common faith according to one of the six major traditions.

The Maronite Church follows the Antiochene Tradition. All Churches within the communion of Catholic Churches share the same:

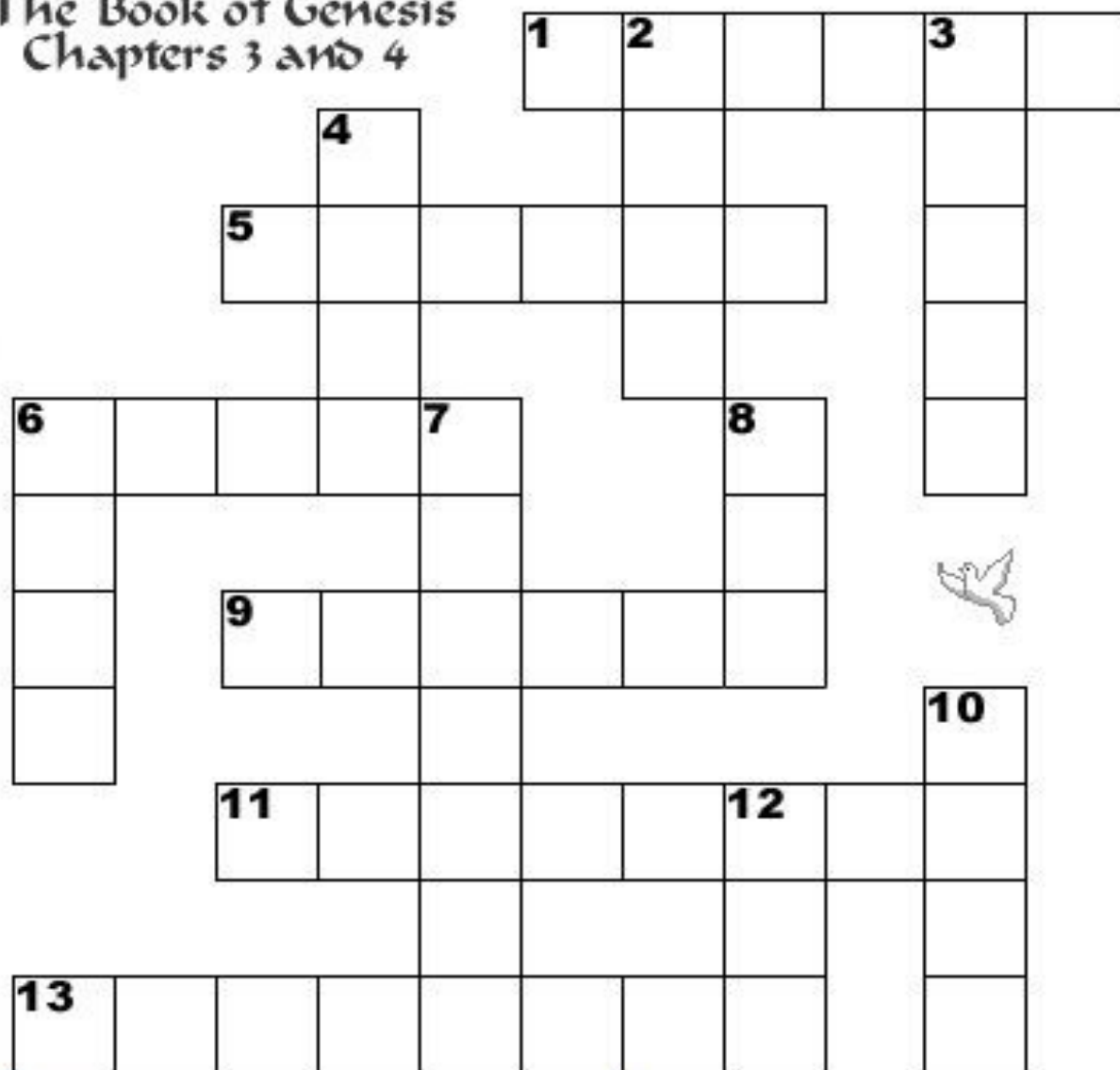
**Dogmatic Faith. Seven Mysteries (Sacraments). Moral Teachings. Unity with the Pope of Rome.**

All Catholics believe the same truths of the faith, yet worship differently. One could say they share the same essence of faith, but have a different expression of that faith. Each Church embraces its own culture and tradition to express Her faith in Jesus the Risen Lord. Each of the Catholic Churches: Encompasses a unique liturgy, theology, spirituality and discipline; Is characterized by Her own cultural and linguistic tradition; Is guided by a Patriarch, Major Archbishop, Metropolitan or other hierarchy, who along with their Synod of Bishops are in full communion with the Pope, the Successor of Saint Peter in Rome.



# Crossword No.2

The Book of Genesis  
Chapters 3 and 4



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## Down

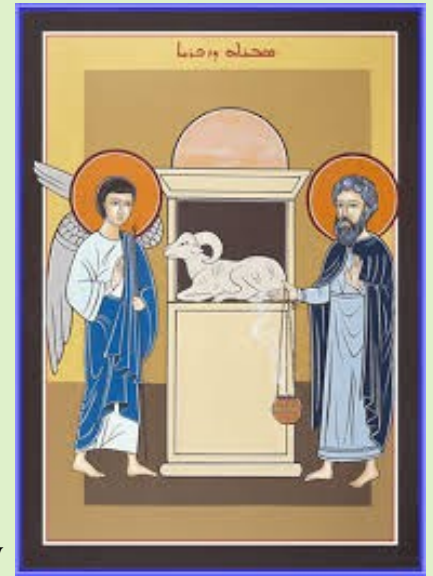
- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

## Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The \_\_\_\_ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was \_\_\_\_ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a \_\_\_\_ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

## Ten lessons from this week's Gospel reading (Lk. 1:1-25)

1. **Historical Accuracy:** The opening verses emphasize the author's commitment to accuracy and careful investigation. This teaches us the importance of seeking truth and accuracy in our own lives.
2. **Eyewitness Accounts:** Luke notes that the events he recorded were handed down by those who were eyewitnesses. This highlights the value of personal testimony and the impact of sharing our experiences with others.
3. **Divine Intervention:** The announcement of John the Baptist's birth is marked by divine intervention, highlighting the role of God in human affairs. This teaches us about the importance of recognizing and trusting in God's plan for our lives.
4. **Prayer and Fasting:** In verse 13, it's mentioned that Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous and walked blamelessly, indicating a life of devotion and prayer. This serves as a reminder of the power of prayer and the importance of maintaining a close relationship with God.
5. **God's Timing:** Zechariah and Elizabeth were advanced in years and childless, but God's plan unfolded at the right time. This teaches us to trust in God's timing even when circumstances seem challenging or delayed.
6. **Doubt and Faith:** Zechariah doubted the angel's message and was temporarily struck mute. This highlights the consequences of doubt but also the potential for renewed faith. It encourages us to trust in God's promises even when they seem unlikely.
7. **God's Promises Fulfilled:** The birth of John the Baptist fulfills Old Testament prophecies. This reinforces the idea that God is faithful to His promises and that we can rely on the fulfillment of His Word.
8. **Joy in God's Blessings:** The announcement of John's birth brought great joy to Zechariah and Elizabeth. This teaches us to find joy in the blessings that come from God and to celebrate His goodness.
9. **Preparation for God's Work:** John the Baptist's life was marked by a special calling and purpose. This teaches us to be open to God's leading and to prepare ourselves for the unique work He has for each of us.
10. **Humility:** Zechariah's initial doubt and subsequent humility when naming his son according to the angel's instruction serve as a lesson in humility. This reminds us of the importance of submitting to God's will with humility and obedience.



This Thanksgiving  
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For our Brothers and Sisters  
In Need

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of St. George's Church  
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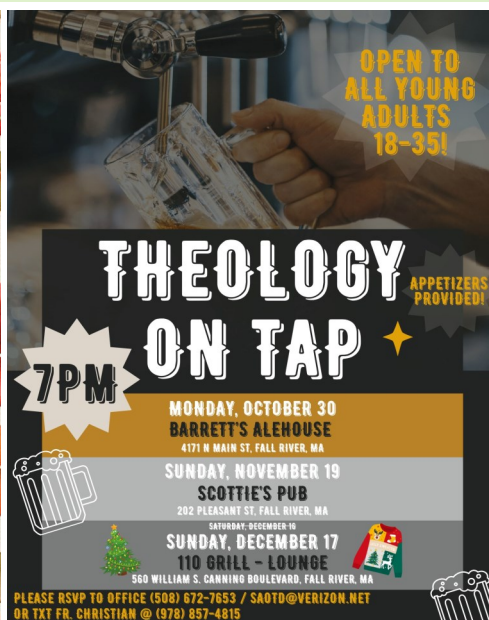
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