

# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

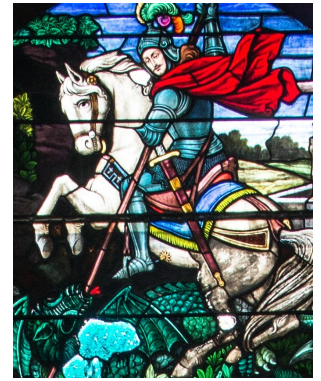
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**November 26, 2023**

## Announcement to the Virgin Mary

### Meet Your Clergy

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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  
\$781.00

Sunday  
08:30am \$635.00  
10.30am \$853.00  
Candles: \$69.00

***"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them" (Ephesians 4:29)***



## 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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### **Galatians 3:15-22**

The Promise to Abraham

Brothers and Sisters:

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, "And to offsprings," as of many; but it says, "And to your offspring," that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Praise be to God always!

### **Luke 1:26-38**

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

The Evangelist said:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

### **Announcement Corner**

1– Friday December 8 is the **Feast of the Immaculate conception**, a holy day of obligation.  
Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday **12/7 at 7:00pm** in the Church.

2– **Christmas Parish dinner**: Saturday December 9.

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

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

4– **Christmas weekend schedule**

Saturday 12/23 Genealogy of Jesus 4:00pm

Sunday 12/24 Genealogy of Jesus 8:30 and 10:30am

**Christmas Eve** 4:00pm

Monday 12/25 **Christmas Day** 8:30am and 10:30am

Members of the Holy  
Rosary Sodality will pray the  
Holy Rosary at the church at  
3:30pm.

11/25 4:00pm	<b><i>Liturgical Intentions</i></b> Memorial liturgy for <b>Gail Khoury and Mona Akkaoui</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
11/26 8:30am 10:30am	Forty day liturgy for <b>Ernest Mari</b> , requested by his wife Louise and her loving family. Three year anniversary for <b>Therese Mouawad Estephane</b> , requested by her loving family.
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. Forty Day liturgy for <b>John Dougherty</b> , requested by his loving family.
12/7 7:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Maria Verdugo and Francisco Covarrubias</b> , requested by their daughter Monica Loskoutov.
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	Remembrance liturgy <b>for Ernest Mari</b> , requested by Maria and Jim Penta. Twenty year anniversary for <b>Elias Saab</b> and the deceased members of the Saabs and Atallah families, requested by his loving family. Memorial liturgy for <b>Father Jean Ledu and Lucienne Moraille</b> , and <b>all deceased members of the Chancy family</b> , requested by Marie Chancy.
12/16 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Peter and Mary Michael, and Richard Solomon</b> , requested by their loving family. In honor of the Immaculate Conception and <b>for the deceased members</b> of the Holy Rosary Sodality.
12/17 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Mildred Rocchio</b> , requested by her loving family. 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.
12/23 4:00pm	Eleventh anniversary liturgy for <b>Samira Thomas</b> , requested by her loving family.
12/24 8:30am 10:30am 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Donald Solomon</b> , requested by James and Joan Salem. <b>Christmas Eve</b>
12/25 8:30am 10:30am	<b>Christmas Day</b>

Please join Saint George Maronite Church to celebrate a full of fun

## ***CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY***

1493 Cranston Street, Cranston RI 02920

**Saturday December 9, 2023**

**Live Entertainment by**

**Nadim Bourjeili**

Cocktail hour

Lebanese Mezza

at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Homemade Lebanese and

American food

Cash bar, raffle

Church Hall



Tickets:

\$50 person

\$75 VIP

For reservation please

Elias Ayoub 401-714-6100

Chris Thomas 401-339-9943

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.

كتر من اسماء و عناوين عائلات رعيننا 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.



### **Gratitude from Mother of Life Pregnancy Center**

Celebrating Thanksgiving calls to mind the kind people whose generosity has infused our year with vital sustenance, affirmation and encouragement. We are deeply and prayerfully thankful for the participation of St. George Maronite Catholic Church parishioners, particularly its Holy Rosary Sodality, in our recent Autumn Rose Sale. Your compassionate generosity enabled us to attain blessed success in the distribution and sale of more than 5,800 roses throughout the diocese and beyond. Your combined donations of \$600 are treasured evidence of your wholehearted enthusiasm for our pro-life ministry. We are touched and honored by your support. May God bless you!

**Cute story corner** There is a little story that comes from a book called the Star Fisher. Picture if you will an early morning along a California beach. An elderly man is walking along the edge of the water and stops occasionally, picks up something, and then tosses it into the ocean. He then walks a few steps more, picks up something, and tosses it into the ocean. A young jogger is running along and has been watching the man. Finally his curiosity gets the best of him and he stops and goes over to the old gentleman and asks: "Excuse me, what are you doing?" The man answered: Well, I am saving the life of these star fish. The storm washed them ashore last night, the sun will be up in thirty minutes, and then they will all die. I am throwing them back into the water to save their lives. The jogger was a bit astounded. Old man, he said, don't you know that you have thirty miles of beach ahead of you and that millions of those star fish were washed ashore last night. What possible difference do you think that you are going to make. The old man took another step picked up a star fish, and with all his might hurled it into the ocean, then turned to the jogger and said: "Well, son, I guess I made a difference in that one's life."

**"The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit."**  
(Proverbs 16:23-24)

### **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 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

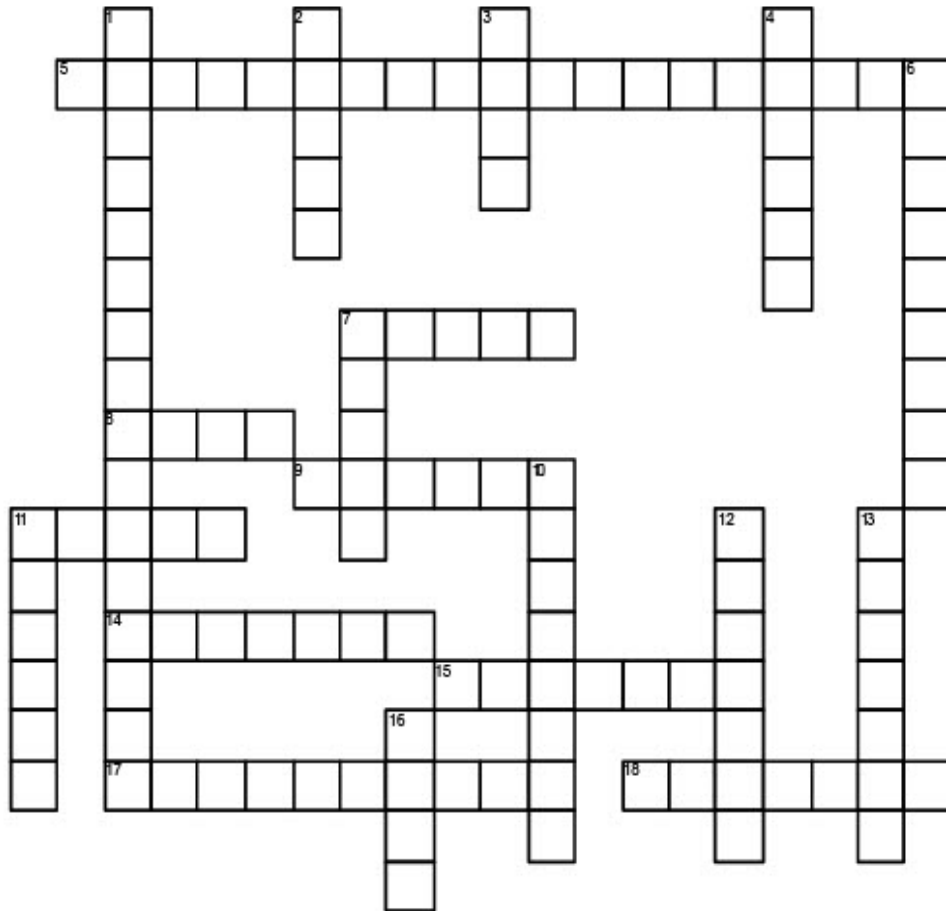
**Religious Education:** Geraldine Fiyod

**First Communion Coordinator:** Nada Harb

**200 Club, Choirs.**

# THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38



## ACROSS

- 5 In what words did the angel say that God can do everything? (Lk. 1:37) three words
- 7 Of what lineage was Joseph a member of? (Lk. 1:27)
- 8 Who was the mother of Jesus? (Mt. 1:18)
- 9 Mary told the angel Gabriel that she could not understand all this because she was still a \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 1:34)
- 11 The angel told Joseph in a dream that the child born to Mary and Joseph is to be called \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 1:21)
- 14 What words tell us that Jesus never sinned? (Lk. 1:35) two words
- 15 How long did the angel Gabriel say the kingdom of God will last? (Lk. 1:33)
- 17 Mary, the mother of Jesus, was conceived by the power of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 1:20) two words
- 18 Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, the carpenter. (Mt. 1:18)

## DOWN

- 1 What name did the angel Gabriel say Jesus would be called? (Lk. 1:32) five words
- 2 When Mary became pregnant, who told Joseph in a dream to take Mary home as his wife?
- 3 Matthew tells us the angel told Joseph in a dream that Jesus will save His people from their \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 1:21)
- 4 A woman who has not had sexual intercourse
- 6 Who does Luke state was going to have a child in her old age? (Lk. 1:36)
- 7 The gospel writer Luke tells us that the Lord God will give Mary's son the throne of His father \_\_\_\_\_. (Lk. 1:32)
- 10 In what town was the angel Gabriel sent to announce the good news to Mary? (Lk. 1:26)
- 11 Who, in a dream, was told to take Mary home as his wife? (Mt. 1:20)
- 12 Who was the angel sent to Mary to announce that she would give birth to the Savior of the world? (Lk. 1:26)
- 13 The words Gabriel addressed Mary was "Greetings, you who is highly \_\_\_\_\_. (Lk. 1:28)
- 16 When Joseph woke up from his dream, he did as the angel commanded and took Mary home to be his \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 1:24)