



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Zechariah

11/14/2021

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

Please call or stop by during office hours or by appointment only

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am (Roman rite)

10:30 am (Maronite rite)

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Saturday 01:00pm-4:00pm

Weekly Collection

Sat 4:00pm \$479.00

Sun 8:30am \$674.00

Sun 10:30am \$1121.00

Fuel: \$110.00

Thank You!

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab

Pastor

Farid Zaarour

Deacon

Luke 1:1-25

Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

The Evangelist said:

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."



Liturgical Intentions

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD, and Let your perpetual Light shine upon them.

11/13 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for Rose Solomon , her son Joseph , and Mary Ann Solomon, requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
11/14 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for Patricia Bingham , requested by her family. One year anniversary for Peggy Gergora , and a memorial Liturgy for Nathan and Phillis Gergora , requested by Naydin Gergora.
11/20 4:00pm	
11/21 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for Clarisse and Fritz Chancy , requested by their daughter Marie Chancy. 40 Day Liturgy for Jamileh Tayar Ayoub , requested by Elias Ayoub and his family One Year anniversary for John Smith , requested by his wife and son. Memorial Liturgy for Vincenzo “Vinnie” Ferroce , requested by Catherine Gergora.
11/27 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for Sarah Solomon , requested by her beloved husband Anthony and the loving family .
11/28 8:30am 10:30 am	40 Day Liturgy for Georgia Autiello , requested by her loving family
12/04 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for James Moran requested by HRS, and in Honor of the Immaculate Conception
12/05 8:30am 10:30am	
12/7 7:00pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Memorial Liturgy for Maria Verdugo, and Francisco Couarrubias , requested by their loving family.
12/11 4:00PM	
12/12 8:30am 10:30am	40 Day Liturgy for Kozhaya Geryes Nohra and Memorial Liturgy for his wife Hilda Ibrahim and his daughter Hoda Kozhaya Nohra , requested by his sister Saada Nohra
12/18 4:00pm	9 year Memorial Liturgy for Samira Thomas by her loving family.
12/19 8:30am	

Lk 1:1-25 **Announcement to Zechariah**

Today begins the first Season of the Liturgical Year, known as The Season of the Glorious Birth. This Season begins with the Announcement to Zechariah, followed by the Announcement to Mary, Birth of John the Baptist, Revelation to Joseph, Genealogy of Jesus, Birth of the Lord and concludes with Finding of Jesus in the Temple. Today's Gospel reflects how we can sometimes struggle to have faith in God and what he has willed for us.

In the Maronite Catholic Season leading up to Christmas, we **prepare ourselves** for the Birth of our Lord. The Maronite Catholic Church begins preparing for the birth of our Lord today and the season is seven weeks long.

Each gospel moves us through events which occurred leading up to Jesus' birth. The Maronite Catholic Liturgy is rich in the different prayers and hymn every Sunday. Simply, by listening and participating in the Liturgy, we are studying the Bible. The Gospel, the Epistle readings, and the hymns that we chant, are all great tools to grow in our preparation for the birth of the Lord.



The Liturgy often gives us a lesson on typology (the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament). Here we learn how the events we know very well in the New Testament were prophesied in the Old Testament.

Today's Hymn titled 'That Most Awesome Mystery' depicts this.

*Hear Isaiah's prophecy:
John, the herald of the truth,*

The prophecy of Isaiah is as follows,

A voice cries out:

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:3)*

Isaiah has prophesied that someone will come before Christ to 'prepare the way of the Lord'. Today, through the announcement to Zachariah it is revealed that the prophecy will be fulfilled.

I encourage you to listen carefully to the words of the different hymns throughout this season and any other seasons. There is a lot to learn from the Maronite mass and we should be grateful for our unique tradition

Blessed season of the Glorious Birth

Weekly Announcements

- 1- **WEARING A MASK INSIDE CHURCH IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**, Whether Vaccinated or not It is Flu and Cold Season!!!! Please Stay home if you feel sick. Please stay well and healthy
- 2- – We are in the process of forming the new “Fersan el Adra”, **knights of Mary**, فرسان العذراء for children ages 6 to 14. We encourage you to register your children as soon as you can by either calling or emailing the church office.
- 3- Registration for the 2022 Lebanese Elections will take place from October 1, 2021 to November 20, 2021. One is eligible to register as a non-resident voter if one holds the Lebanese citizenship and was born before March 30, 2001. Eligible voters will be able to register online at <https://diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb/> Voters may also register in person at the Lebanese Embassy or at the New York Consulate General.
For more information visit: <http://www.lebanonembassyus.org/2021/09/28/registration-for-the-2022-elections/>

Our Collection Appeal 2021, a fundraiser that aims at compensating for the financial fall back, caused by the ongoing pandemic, has made an income for our parish operating account of **\$26,375** to date.



Fr. Saab and the Finance committee thank your inspiring generosity and love.

We have extended the appeal for another thirty days, *to provide the opportunity for the families who have not had the chance to participate to do so.* The amount of participating families so far is **Ninety one**. We have more than **Four Hundred registered families**. We invite each and every family belonging to the Parish to be part of the Pastoral and Financial life of St George’s Parish. The Church is your home and place of worship and spiritual growth. **Thank You!**

Sacraments

Baptism and Confirmation: Please contact the Priest for an appointment.

Reconciliation: Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

Marriage: Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

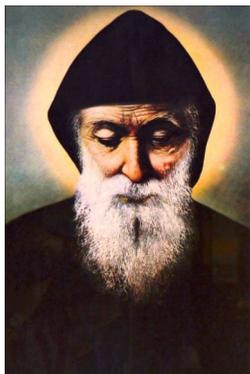
Second Collections

Nov. 21

Utility Fund

Thank you!

Please Join us every 22nd of the month for the



Liturgy for St. Charbel

Monday November 28, 2021

At 7:00pm

Anointing with the oil of the sick at the end of liturgy for the healing of the body and the soul.

Little Sisters of the Poor



Annual Turkey Drop

November 14-20
10:00am - 4:00pm

The Little Sisters of the Poor would be grateful for your donation of a Frozen Turkey to serve for Thanksgiving Dinner and for meals for our residents throughout the year.

Thank you for your support of our mission and for helping us care for our elderly family!



For more information or to make special arrangements please call 401-723-4314.

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Lebanese basic words corner:

Hello: **MARHABA**

How are you? **KEEFIK** (Feminine)

KEEFAK (Masculine)

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit:

BISMI EL ABB, WAL IBN, WAL ROUH AL KOUDOS

Good morning: **SABAH EL KHEIR**

Good evening: **MASA EL KHEIR**

God be with you: **ALLAH MAAK**