



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Liturgical Schedule

Thursday and Friday

10:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am (Latin rite)

10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6:00 pm– 8:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptism & Confirmation

One month in advance with the Pastor.

Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date.

Reconciliation:

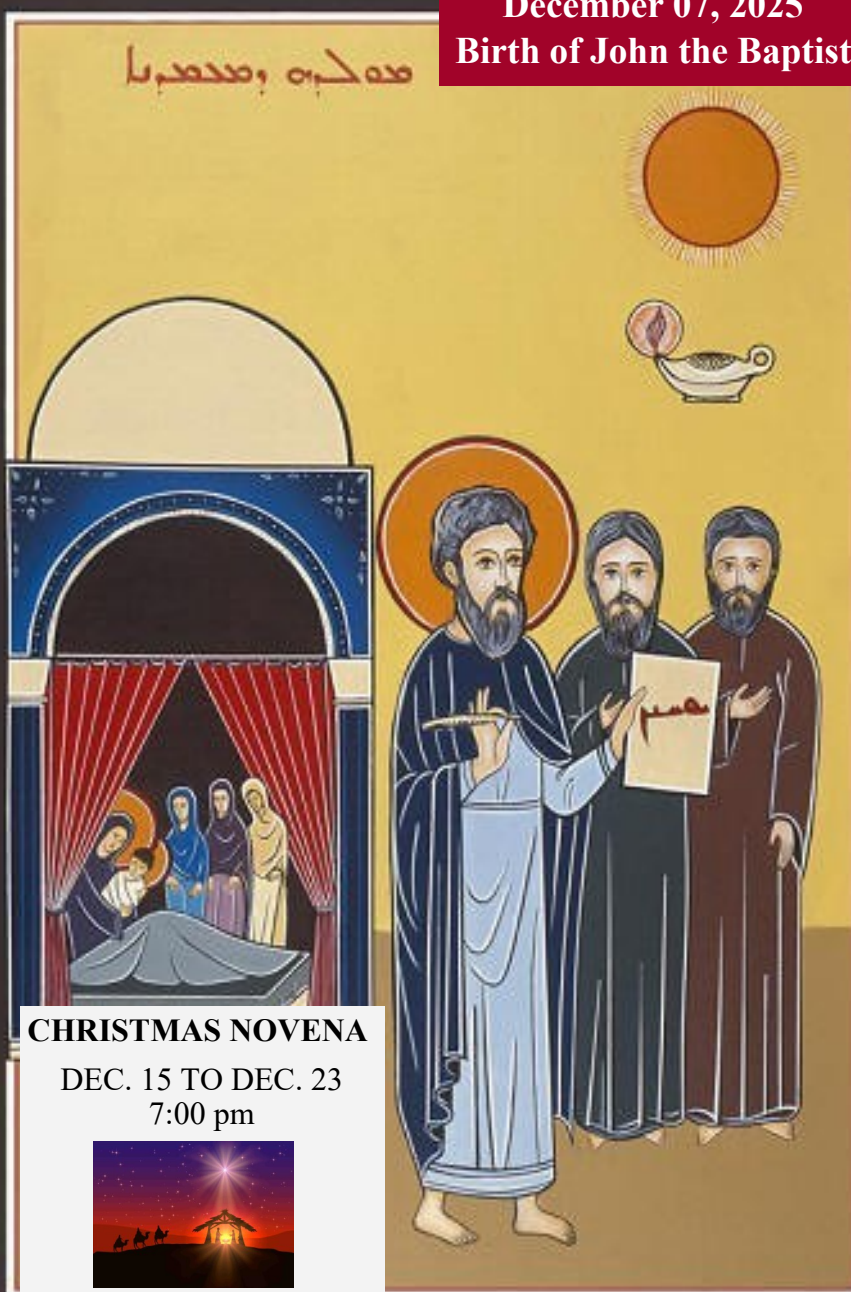
One hour before liturgies, or by appointment.

Please call the office or email frtonysaab@gmail.com

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

**December 07, 2025
Birth of John the Baptist**



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

DEC. 15 TO DEC. 23
7:00 pm



Liturgical Intentions

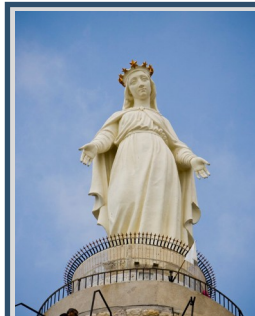
12/6 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for Maria Verdugo and Francisco Covarrubias , requested by their loving daughter Monica.
12/7 8:30 am 10:30 am	Two-year anniversary for Diane G. Willborn , requested by her loving husband and family. Forty-day liturgy for Gaby Boukarim , requested by his loving family.
12/8 10:30 am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mary Malkoun who passed away in Lebanon, requested by her brother Aoutel Malkoun.
12/13 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for Peter Michael , Mary Michael , and Richard Solomon , requested by their loving family.
12/14 8:30 am 10:30 am	Two-year anniversary for Angela Spirito , requested by her daughter Angela. Forty-day liturgy for Jennie A DiLullo , requested by her loving family .
12/20 4.00 pm	Memorial liturgy for Samira Thomas , requested by her loving family.
12/21 8.30 am 10.30 am	Twenty-year anniversary for Marie Iacobucci , requested by her loving family. Memorial liturgy for Jamil , Dgranohi and Janet Yousif , requested by their loving family.
12/24 4:00 pm	Glorious Birth of the Lord
12/25 8:30 am 10:30 am	Glorious Birth of the Lord

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The Feast of the Immaculate Conception (12/8) reminds us that God's grace works in our lives long before we even recognize it. From the first moment of her existence, Mary was preserved from sin, not because she earned it, but because God had a mission for her. He prepared her heart to be a pure dwelling place for His Son.

Mary's Immaculate Conception shows that God desires for us a life touched by grace, free from whatever weighs us down, and open to His presence. In Mary, we see the beauty of a soul completely surrendered to God's love.

Mary walks with us as a mother who understands our struggles and leads us closer to Jesus. Her "yes" teaches us how to say yes in our own daily decisions, yes to forgiveness, yes to trust, yes to God's plan even when we don't see the full path ahead. As we honor the Immaculate Conception, we ask Mary to help us make room for Christ in our hearts, just as she did.



Join us
celebrate the
**feast of
the
Immaculate
conception**

Monday

December 8 at 10:30 am

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor

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Weekly Collections

\$1,691.00

Thank you for your love and
support to your parish family!



Young Adults Bible Study



Join us every
other Thursday for a Bible
Study evening. All adults are
welcome! Next meeting is on

**Thursday December 04
at 7:30 pm.**

Readings for the Birth of John the Baptist

1 Samuel 1:9-11 + 19b-22

Hannah rose after one such meal at Shiloh, and presented herself before the LORD; at the time Eli the priest was sitting on a chair near the doorpost of the LORD's temple. In her bitterness she prayed to the LORD, weeping freely, and made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if you look with pity on the hardship of your servant, if you remember me and do not forget me, if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life. No razor shall ever touch his head."

Elkanah had intercourse with his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. She conceived and, at the end of her pregnancy, bore a son whom she named Samuel. "Because I asked the LORD for him." The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and leave him there forever."

Galatians 4:21-5:1

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married." Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman." So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery

Luke 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Do you know what the

FIRST SEVEN ECUMENICAL COUNCILS of the Church were?

Ecumenical councils are gatherings of the bishops of the universal (Catholic) Church, called to resolve major questions of faith, doctrine, and unity. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, these councils safeguard the truth of the Gospel and clarify the Church's teachings when confusion arises. The first seven ecumenical councils (4th–8th centuries) established the foundations of Christian belief on the Trinity, the nature of Christ, and proper worship.

1. Council of Nicaea I (325 AD)

Teaching: Christ is fully divine, "of the same substance" as the Father.

Result: Creation of the Nicene Creed; condemnation of Arianism.

2. Council of Constantinople I (381 AD)

Teaching: Full divinity of the Holy Spirit; completion of Trinitarian doctrine.

Result: Expansion of the Creed into the version used today.

3. Council of Ephesus (431 AD)

Teaching: Mary is Theotokos — "Mother of God."

Result: Condemnation of Nestorianism; affirmation of Christ's unity.

4. Council of Chalcedon (451 AD)

Teaching: Christ has two natures — divine and human — united in one Person.

Result: The Chalcedonian Definition, central to Christology.

5. Council of Constantinople II (553 AD)

Teaching: Reaffirmed Nicaea, Ephesus, and Chalcedon; clarified misunderstandings.

Result: Condemnation of writings incompatible with orthodox teaching.

6. Council of Constantinople III (680–681 AD)

Teaching: Christ has two wills, divine and human, working together.

Result: Rejection of Monothelism; defense of Christ's full humanity.

7. Council of Nicaea II (787 AD)

Teaching: Legitimate veneration of icons.

Result: Restoration of icons after the iconoclast controversy.



Why are these Councils so important?

These seven councils form the bedrock of Christian doctrine. They define who Jesus is, how God is revealed as Trinity, and how the Church worships in truth. Their teachings continue to shape our faith, liturgy, and spiritual life today.



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Jubilee Indulgence
at
The National Shrine of The
Divine Mercy



DECEMBER 13TH 2025

TRANSPORTATION

Meet-up at St. George parking lot at 5:00 AM

Carpooling or **van rental** based on group size



A special day filled with reflection, prayer
& spiritual renewal

All are welcome to join us on this beautiful pilgrimage!

RSVP BY DEC. 5TH

Text or Call
401-678-0210



St. George Maronite Catholic Church

Men's Game Dinner

Sunday, January 18, 2026

12:00pm – 4:00pm

(First course served promptly at 12:30pm)

Santa Maria Di Prata Hall

29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI

Raffles ~ Cash Bar

Tickets: \$60 per person

All tickets **MUST** be reserved in advance.

There will be **NO** new tickets sold at the door.

Menu:

1st Course: Venison Chili

2nd Course: Antipasto served with game calzones

3rd Course: Venison meatballs and sausage, Pasta, Wild Boar and Peas

4th Course: Game Hen Ala Mama, Venison Marsala

For tickets or to become a table captain, please contact:

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