



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Revelation to Joseph

12/12/2021

### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab**

Pastor



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Deacon

### Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday-Friday

**9:00am-2:00pm**

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

### Liturgical Schedule

Daily Liturgy

**Weds, Thursday, Friday 9:00am**

**Saturday**

4:00 pm

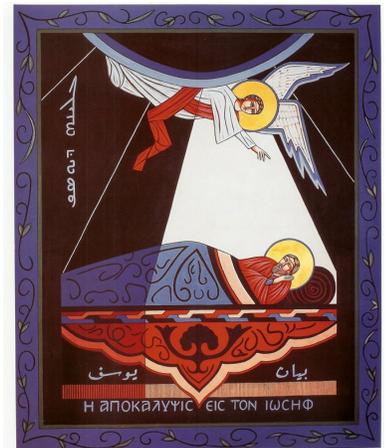
**Sunday**

8:30 am

(Roman rite)

10:30 am

(Maronite rite)



**Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**  
Saturday 2:00pm-4:00pm (Chapel)

### 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.

### Weekly Collection

Sat **4:00pm** \$1096.00

Sun **8:30am** \$524.00

Sun **10:30am** \$813.36

**THANK YOU!**

## 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- The Holy Rosary Sodality invites you to participate in their “**GIVING TREE**” at the Church entrance. Please take a card and replace it with gloves, mittens or winter hats. Thank You!!!

4- Please notify the Church office whenever you or your loved ones are ill or hospitalized. Our Pastoral Team is here to pray for you, and bring you *communion* or administer to you the *sacrament of anointing*. We are here to serve your spiritual needs.

5- **New Year’s Eve Dinner/Party** will take place in the at the Church Hall. Seats are limited. Please contact the Church office to reserve seats. All proceeds will go in support of the Church. Admission \$75.00 a person.

6- Save the Date: June 11-20, 2022 **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

## *Liturgical Intentions*

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

12/11 4:00	40 Day Memorial Liturgy for <b>Nancy Thomas</b> , requested by her loving family.
12/12 8:30 10:30	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Michael (Lito) Nejaime</b> , who passed away this week, requested by his loving family  40 Day Liturgy for <b>Kozhaya Geryes Nohra</b> and Memorial Liturgy for his wife <b>Hilda Ibrahim</b> and his daughter <b>Hoda Kozhaya Nohra</b> , requested by his sister Saada Nohra.
12/18 4:00pm	9 year Memorial Liturgy for <b>Samira Thomas</b> , requested by her loving family.  Memorial Liturgy for <b>Peter Michael</b> and <b>Richard Solomon</b> , requested by Mary Michael and her loving family.
12/19 8:30 10:30	Memorial liturgy for all <b>Elias Saab</b> , and all the members of the <b>Saab and Atallah families</b> , requested by their loving families.  Six month Memorial Liturgy for <b>Julio Mainelli</b> , requested by his wife Evelyn and his loving family
<b>12/24</b> 4:00pm	<b>The Glorious Birth of the Lord</b>
<b>12/25</b> 8:30am 10:30am	<b>The Glorious Birth of the Lord</b>
12/26 8:30am 10:30am	<b>Felicitations to the Virgin Mary</b>
<b>12/31/2021</b> 4:00pm	<b>The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
<b>1/1/2022</b> 10:30am	<b>The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
1/2 8:30am 10:30am	
1/7 4:00pm	

Ephesians 3:1-13

### Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

Brothers and Sisters:

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. Praise be to God always!

Matthew 1:18-25

### The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

The Apostle said:

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

All parish children are invited on **Sunday December 19** after the 10:30 Liturgy to a **Christmas Party** in the church hall.



Special visit from Santa who has presents for all children.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**2022**  
**PARTY**  
AT  
**SAINT GEORGE**  
**MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021**  
**AT THE CHURCH HALL**  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
**BY MAURICE CHEDID AND ENSEMBLE**  
1493 Cranston Street  
Cranston, RI 02920 No 001

Tickets are available after the 10:30 Liturgy and by contacting the Church Office. All proceeds will go to support St George Church.

### Christmas Liturgical Schedule

**Christmas eve:** Dec 24 at 4:00pm

**Christmas day**  
Dec. 25 8:30am & 10:30am

**Sunday after Christmas**  
Dec. 26 8:30am and 10:30am

### Second Collections

**Dec. 12**

Fuel offering

**Thank you!**

### Christmas Novena

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Every night at 7:00pm

Starting Weds. Dec.

15, 2021

## Reflection on the Revelation to Joseph

Joseph responds with obedience to the revelation of God's plan for him, his family and indeed the human race. Unfortunately, most of us today are reluctant to be "obedient," thinking it means blindly following an order or giving up free will. However, we are called to the kind of obedience that Joseph manifests. Obedience is *an attentive listening to God's word* ("obedience" comes in part from the Latin "audire," meaning "to hear"). We are called to an *"obedience of faith,"* meaning we are guided by the Holy Spirit and we commit our whole selves, will and intellect, to God (see Vatican II, "*Dei Verbum*," no. 5).

Joseph committed himself in this way to God, and he expressed his commitment through his actions. Interestingly, Joseph is never quoted in Scripture. We are only told of his actions. This too is a reflection of his humility and his obedience to God. His silent works exemplify that God reveals Himself in both words and deeds, and the deeds of Joseph speak volumes. Truly, Joseph's actions at the beginning of Jesus' life were the instruments through which God fulfilled in Christ the prophecies of old: naming Jesus, protecting Jesus and Mary in their exile in Egypt, and taking them to Nazareth.

This, therefore, is the example of Joseph that we are invited to imitate in a special way during this year dedicated to him. Reflecting on Joseph's role in God's plan and his response to God's revelation also takes on special meaning as we approach the Sunday of the Word of God (Jan 24, 2021), a day set aside to experience anew the treasury of God's word.

Like Joseph, we might be afraid, especially in these challenging times. To follow Joseph means turning to God in times of trouble and listening attentively to God's revealed word. Praying with the Scriptures is very valuable, for here God reveals his plan for us, saying to you and me: "Do not be afraid!" Like Joseph, we are called to respond with the obedience of faith, and we are invited to act: "Rise, take the child and his mother." In your daily life and especially through your struggles, bring Mary and her child, Jesus, with you. Never be without them and you will grow in humility and holiness.

The Sunday of the Word of God provides an opportunity to recommit ourselves to God's word, to rise and bring Christ into our world today by proclaiming Him in word and in deed. Following St. Joseph and aided by his intercession, may we become the instruments through which God continues to accomplish today all that He has revealed.



## The Revelation to Joseph

**HE MADE HIM  
OVERSEER OF  
HIS HOUSE  
AND PUT HIM  
IN CHARGE  
OF ALL THAT  
HE HAD.**

**GENESIS 39:4**

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