



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Glorious Birth of the Lord

12/25/2021

### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab**

Pastor

**Farid Zaarour**

Deacon

### Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

**9:00am-3:00pm**

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

### 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.

### 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)

### Liturgical Schedule

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

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

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

**New Year's Eve** Dec 31 at 4:00pm

**New Year Day** Jan 1, 2022 at 10:30am

**Sunday** Jan 2, 2022 8:30 am & 10:30am



In the poor we meet Jesus in his most distressing disguises.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES



**“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! (Phil 2:5-8)**

## *Liturgical Intentions*

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12/24</b></p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<b>The Glorious Birth of the Lord</b>
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<p>12/26</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	<b>Felicitations to the Virgin Mary</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12/31/2021</b></p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<b>The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1/1/2022</b></p> <p>10:30am</p>	<b>The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
<p>1/2</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	One year anniversary for <b>Therese Estephan</b> , requested by her loving family.
<p>1/5</p> <p>7:00pm</p>	<b>Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</b>
<p>1/8</p> <p>4:00</p>	Memorial mass for <b>Georgia Autiello</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality. Memorial mass for <b>Georges Thomas JR</b> , requested by his wife Valerie and his loving family.
<p>1/9</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	Memorial mass for <b>David and Michael Bingham</b> requested by their loving family
<p>1/15</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Nancy Thomas</b> , requested by Anthony and Helen Budway.
<p>1/16</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	
<p>1/22</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	Second anniversary liturgy for <b>Alexandria Saker</b> , requested by her loving family and brothers
<p>1/23</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	Birthday remembrance for <b>George Baaklini</b> , requested by his wife Lili and daughter Nathalie.

Hebrews 1:1-12

### **God Has Spoken by His Son**

Brothers and Sisters:

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." Praise be to God always!

Luke 2:1-20

### **The Birth of Jesus**

The Evangelist said: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. This the truth. Peace be with you.

### **Weekly Collection**

Sat **4:00pm** \$1,457.00

Sun **8:30am** \$275.00

Sun **10:30am** \$1,140.00

**Fuel: \$20.00**

**THANK YOU!**

### **Second Collections**

Dec. 25

**Christmas offering to the Pastor**

Thank you!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday January 6: **Feast of the Glorious Epiphany**

Wednesday February 9: **Feast of St Maron**

Sunday February 27: **Entrance into Lent**

Monday February 28: **Ash Monday**

Sunday April 10: **Hosanna (Palm) Sunday** followed by **HOLY WEEK**

Sunday April 17: **The Feast of the Glorious Resurrection (Easter)**

Saturday April 23: **Feast of our Patron Saint George.**  
(Celebration of our **Annual St Joseph Hafli**)

Sunday May 1: **Celebration of the FIRST COMMUNION**

## Weekly Announcements

# WEARING A MASK INSIDE CHURCH IS REQUIRED

Whether Vaccinated or not. Your safety and well-being is our priority!

Please Stay home if you feel sick.

Please stay well and healthy

1- Due to the rising cases of Covid, the **New Year's Eve Dinner/Party** has been cancelled. Your safety is a priority for us.

2- 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* and administer to you the *sacrament of anointing*. We are here to serve your spiritual needs.

On a Christmas Eve, a poor little girl leaves home, wearing the only shoes she owns in the whole world: her mother's old slippers, which are too big for her little feet. As they're too big, they fall off her feet, and a boy runs off with one of them while the other is lost in the street. Her feet are full of blisters from walking on the snow. She wants to go home, but she hasn't sold any of the matches she left home with yet. She knows that if she returns home without having made any money, her father will beat her. But she is so cold, with the snow falling about her, that she goes and crouches in the corner of a house, and lights one of the matches. As the flame comes into life, she huddles round it and imagines a blazing fire and a hot stove cooking food; then the match goes out and her dream of a warm fire goes out with it. She lights another match and fancies she can smell a goose cooking over a stove (she has smelled delicious goose cooking in the houses she's passed), and sees a table laid out with food ready to be eaten; but once again the match goes out and the dream disappears.



The little match girl lights a third match, and this time she imagines herself sitting under a Christmas tree in a warm house. She can see and feel the warm candles decorating the tree; but then the match goes out and the girl sees that the candles are only the stars up in the night sky. She lights another match and starts praying to escape the cold, pleads with her grandmother who is home with God to take her with her up to heaven, where there will be no more freezing cold, no more hunger, no more suffering. Knowing that her grandmother will disappear when the match goes out, the little match girl lights another match, and then another...

In the morning, they found the little match girl slumped against the side of the house – dead. She had tried to keep herself warm by lighting the matches. On Christmas eve, the Child of the manger invites you to be a “Lighted Match” giving warmth and hope to someone’s life. Will you accept the invitation? (From Anderson’s story of the “Little match girl”)