



# 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

**December 25, 2025**

**Glorious Birth of the Lord**



## 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](mailto: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.

## Liturgical Intentions

12/24 4:00 pm	<b>Glorious Birth of the Lord</b>
12/25 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>Glorious Birth of the Lord</b>
12/27 4:00 pm	Anniversary liturgy for <b>Elias, Geryes, and Rached Saab</b> , and the deceased members of the Saab family.
12/28 8:30 am 10:30 am	One-year anniversary for <b>Siham Khoury</b> , requested by her loving family.
1/1 10:30 am	The Circumcision of Jesus <b>New Year's Day</b>
1/3 4:00 pm	Third-anniversary liturgy for <b>Anthony Budway</b> , and Fifteen-year liturgy for <b>Kay Murphy</b> , requested by Maureen Budway, her children, and her grandchildren.



**“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:14)**

This Christmas, as we gather to celebrate God’s love, we remember that Christ comes to us not as an idea, but as a Person who draws near to His people. He enters our joys and our burdens, our hopes and our wounds, and He remains faithfully with us. May the Child of the manger bring comfort to those who are struggling, peace to our homes, healing to our parish, and a renewed spirit of love and unity as we continue our journey together in faith. I am deeply grateful for the warmth, love, and generosity you have shown me, and I wish each of you a truly Blessed and Merry Christmas.

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Fr. Tony Saab



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## Weekly Collections

**\$2,262.00**

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



## **Young Adults Bible Study**

Join us every  
other

Thursday for Bible Study

**Jan 8, 2026 at 7:30 pm**

In the Church Hall

All adults are welcome!



## **Hebrews 1:1-12**

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 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.

## **Meaning of Christmas according to The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

### **1. God's peace begins with reconciliation**

The Church teaches that peace is first a restored relationship with God, not merely social calm.

◇ Sin ruptured communion with God and introduced fear, disorder, and death. The Incarnation is God's decisive act to restore that communion.

CCC 457 teaches that the Word became flesh *"to save us by reconciling us with God."*

This reconciliation is the foundation of peace.

### **2. Jesus is peace because He is Emmanuel**

The Catechism emphasizes that Jesus' birth reveals God's closeness.

◇ Peace flows from God's presence among His people.

God does not remain distant or abstract.

CCC 456 states that the Word became flesh *"so that we might know God's love."*

CCC 461 affirms that this union of divine and human natures restores what was broken.

### **3. The humility of Christ's birth reveals God's way of peace**

The Church stresses that the manner of Jesus' birth is itself revelatory.

◇ Born poor and vulnerable

◇ Laid in a manger

Welcomed by the lowly

### **4. Christ brings interior peace before social peace**

The Catechism makes clear that Christ's peace is first interior and spiritual.

◇ Peace of conscience

◇ Freedom from fear and guilt

Hope stronger than death

CCC 2305 teaches that peace is *"the tranquility of order"* grounded in justice and charity, beginning in the human heart.

### **5. Jesus fulfills the promise of the Prince of Peace**

The Church explicitly identifies Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.

CCC 558 links Christ's kingship to peace, humility, and self-gift.

His reign is not political domination but loving service.

The peace announced at Bethlehem will be completed through:

◇ The Cross

The Resurrection

### **6. Christ's peace continues sacramentally in the Church**

The Catechism teaches that Christ's peace is ongoing and real, not symbolic.

◇ It is communicated through grace

◇ Nourished by the sacraments

Especially present in the Eucharist

CCC 1325 teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life, where Christ's reconciling peace is renewed.





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## ***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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Course:** Venison Chili

**2<sup>nd</sup> Course:** Antipasto served with game calzones

**3<sup>rd</sup> Course:** Venison meatballs and sausage, Pasta, Wild Boar and Peas

**4<sup>th</sup> Course:** Game Hen Ala Mama, Venison Marsala

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

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