



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Birth of John the Baptist

December 03, 2022

“Gathered in the one spirit, breathing as though with two lungs – of the East and of the West – and burning with the love of Christ in one heart – having two ventricles.” (Pope John Paul II)

Announcement corner

- Please notify the Church office at 401-723-8444 as soon as you or someone you know is in need of **Holy Communion**, anointing of the sick, or prayers from our clergy team. We are here to assist you in all your religious and spiritual needs.
- Join us for the **Saint Barbara Party** for all parish children this Sunday 12/4 after 10:30 am liturgy.
- The Holy Rosary Sodality will meet on Saturday, December 3rd at 3:30pm to pray the Rosary before the 4:00pm Liturgy.
- The Sodality's Christmas Party will be held at 39 West Restaurant on Saturday, December 3rd, at 5:30pm. Deadline for dinner reservations: November 28th. Members & their guests \$40.00 per person.
- The Sodality will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves, etc for needy school aged children until Christmas weekend. Please help to keep these children warm this winter and drop off in the collection box in the back of the Church.

Making a donation to Church is an opportunity for each follower of Christ to contribute from the work of their hands to the ministry of Christ and His Church.

Scan this QR with your phone and make an online donation to support our parish ministry. It is easy, simple, and an act of great love.



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Office Hours

Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday through Friday 09:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm (*Maronite rite*)

Sunday 8:30 am (*Roman rite*) 10:30
am (*Maronite rite*)

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Every Thursday 7:00pm and Saturday 2:00pm

**“Kind words can be short and easy to
speak, but their echoes are truly
endless.”**

Mother Teresa

Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab

Pastor

frtonysaab@gmail.com

Farid Zaarour, Deacon

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Weekly collections

Saturday 4:00pm

\$696.00

Sunday 8:30am

\$385.00

Sunday 10:30am

\$741.00

THANK YOU!

Galatians 4:21-5:

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. Praise be to God always!

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. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

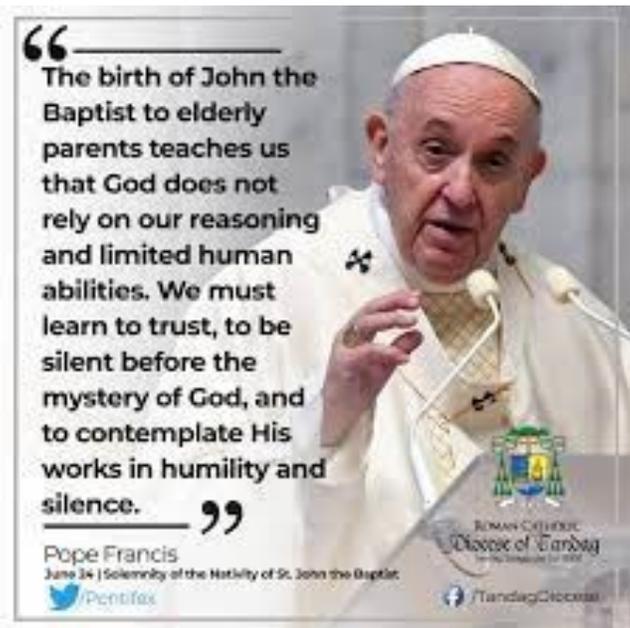
Liturgical Intentions

<p>12/3 4:00pm</p>	<p>Memorial liturgy for Nabih Laoulache, requested by Joe and Antoinette Accacoui, and Noel and Raymond Laoulache and their loving family.</p>
<p>12/4 8:30am 10:00am</p>	<p>Memorial liturgy for Barbara Zoglio and her parents Margaret and Robert Rose, requested by Jo-Ann Mitchell</p> <p>Two year anniversary for Michel Akkaoui, requested by his loving wife and children.</p> <p>Memorial liturgy for Fred and Therese Tanury, and Rosemarie and Jim DeNunzio, requested by their loving children.</p>
<p>12/7 7:00pm</p>	<p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8)</p> <p>Memorial liturgy for Maria Verdugo and Francisco Couarrubias, requested by Monica Loskoutov.</p>
<p>12/10 4:00pm</p>	<p>Memorial liturgy for Peter Michael and Richard Solomon, requested by their loving family.</p>
<p>12/11 8:30am 10:30am</p>	<p>Fifteenth anniversary for Mildred Roccio, requested by her loving children.</p> <p>40 Day Liturgy for Joseph Barish, requested by Ray and Lilian Barish and their loving family, followed by a mercy meal in the Church Hall.</p>
<p>12/17 4:00pm</p>	<p>Twenty-five year anniversary for Jerome Sam, requested by his loving wife Anna and children.</p>
<p>12/18 8:30am 10:30am</p>	<p>Memorial liturgy for the Elias Saab and all the deceased members of the Saab and Atallah families.</p> <p>Second year anniversary for Chawki Khalil, requested by his wife Roula and her loving family.</p>
<p>12/24 4:00pm</p>	<p>GLORIOUS BIRTH OF THE LORD JESUS</p>
<p>12/25 8:30am 10:30am</p>	<p>GLORIOUS BIRTH OF THE LORD JESUS</p>

John is often called the last of the Old Testament Prophets. What does this mean? The prophets were God's messengers. They spoke to the People of Israel in a very specific way. They reminded them of the covenant or agreement that God made with them. God freed them from slavery in Egypt and assured them that they would see the Promised Land. God said to them, *'I will be your God and you will be my people.'* This promise guided and nourished the people for generations. Over time, however, they forgot all that God had done for them. The prophets came to help them to remember their past and to look to the future with hope. God was always with them and God will always be with them.

John appeared in the desert with a new and radical message; the long awaited and promised Messiah was coming, get ready and prepare for him. John was only the messenger; he himself was not the Messiah. His role was to point to Jesus, to lead people to Jesus and to prepare people for Jesus. John was the messenger in time; Jesus is the Word for eternity.

As one gospel tells us, John gave his life 'to testify to the light.' He was not worthy to touch the sandals of Jesus. John also gave his life as he prepared a way for the Lord. As John reminded the people of the promise God made to them, he also challenged the way they were living and treating each other. They had broken the covenant God made with them. Their role of the prophet is to preach the word of God without fear and without compromise. In our own time we think of Maximilian Kolbe who gave his life for another prisoner in Auschwitz concentration camp. We think of Martin Luther King who gave his life for racial equality and justice. We remember St. Teresa of Calcutta who spent her whole life serving and loving the poorest people on earth. We recall Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who is to be canonised in October. He was shot murdered while he said mass because of his concern for the poor and justice for them. These and countless other nameless men and women are modern John the Baptist's. They challenge us and they too point and lead us to Jesus.



MYO (Maronite Youth Organization)
KOM (Knights of Mary)

Annual Christmas Party

Food, Music, and Gifts
Sunday December 18, 2022
after the 10:30am liturgy

Annual 200 Club Membership

GREAT NEWS! The 200 Club for 2023 will return to the \$1,000 monthly drawings at \$10/month or \$120/year.

50% of the contribution will support the financial life of our church.

We will resume our social gatherings for members, like Potluck or Pasta Suppers, Game Night, Coffee Social, etc. at random during the year.

We are seeking new memberships and have available tickets upon request.

If you are interested in a membership(s), please contact any of the following Captains:

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