



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Birth of John the Baptist

12/05/2021

Meet Your Clergy

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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)

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** \$699.00

Sun **8:30am** \$360.00

Sun **10:30am** \$927.00

Utility \$80.00

THANK YOU!



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

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 at the at the Church Hall. Seats are limited. Please call 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.

12/04 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for James Moran requested by HRS, and in Honor of the Immaculate Conception
12/05 8:30am 10:30am	Eleven Year Anniversary memorial for David Peters , requested by his loving wife and sons One year Anniversary for Tanios Semaan Akl and Katherine Chahine Daher , requested by their loving family
12/07 7:00pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Memorial Liturgy for Maria Verdugo and Francisco Covarrubias , by their loving family
12/11 4:00	40 Day Memorial Liturgy for Nancy Thomas , requested by her loving family.
12/12 8:30 10:30	40 Day Liturgy for Kozhaya Geryes Nohra and Memorial Liturgy for his wife Hilda Ibrahim and his daughter Hoda Kozhaya Nohra , requested by his sister Saada Nohra.
12/18 4:00pm	9 year Memorial Liturgy for Samira Thomas by her loving family. Memorial Liturgy for Peter Michael and Richard Solomon , requested by Mary Michael and her loving family.
12/19 8:30 10:30	Six month Memorial Liturgy for Julio Mainelli , by his wife Evelyn and his loving family
12/25	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>
	<i>Merry Christmas</i>



Christmas Liturgical Schedule

Christmas eve:

Dec 24 at 4:00pm

Christmas day Dec. 25

8:30am and 10:30am

Sunday after Christmas Dec. 26

8:30am and 10:30am

Galatians 4:21-5:1

Brothers and Sisters:

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

The Evangelist said:

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.

Second Collections

Dec. 05

Fuel offering

Thank you!

Christmas

Novena

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Every night at

7:00pm

Starting

Dec. 15, 2021

JOIN US TO A PILGRIMAGE TO
THE HOLY LAND



Walk where Jesus Walked 📍 Pray where Jesus Prayed

June 11 -20, 2022

9 NIGHTS

New Year's Eve 2022

Party



Dinner and Live Music

At Saint George Church Hall

Friday December 31, 2021

Tickets are sold at the Church door
after the 10:30 Liturgy

Why did John the Baptist need to come as the Forerunner to Christ?

The fourth week of the Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord is the birth of John the Baptist.

Who is John the Baptist and why is his role so essential in this season?

John is referred to as the forerunner, a messenger of God and the last Prophet.

All the previous prophets in some way revealed God's plan. John is the last prophet because he was the one that would finally reveal Jesus' identity. As we saw at the Visitation last week, he revealed Christ's identity while he was still in his mother's womb.

The birth of John the Baptist itself was prophesized. John's ministry fulfilled a prophecy of the Old Testament. In Isaiah 40 it was prophesized that someone would prepare the way for the Lord.

Our liturgy also highlights the role of John.

"You will go prepare the way before the Lord, who will come to save the world."

John is preparing the way for Jesus; he asks the people to repent their sins and baptizes them in the river Jordan.

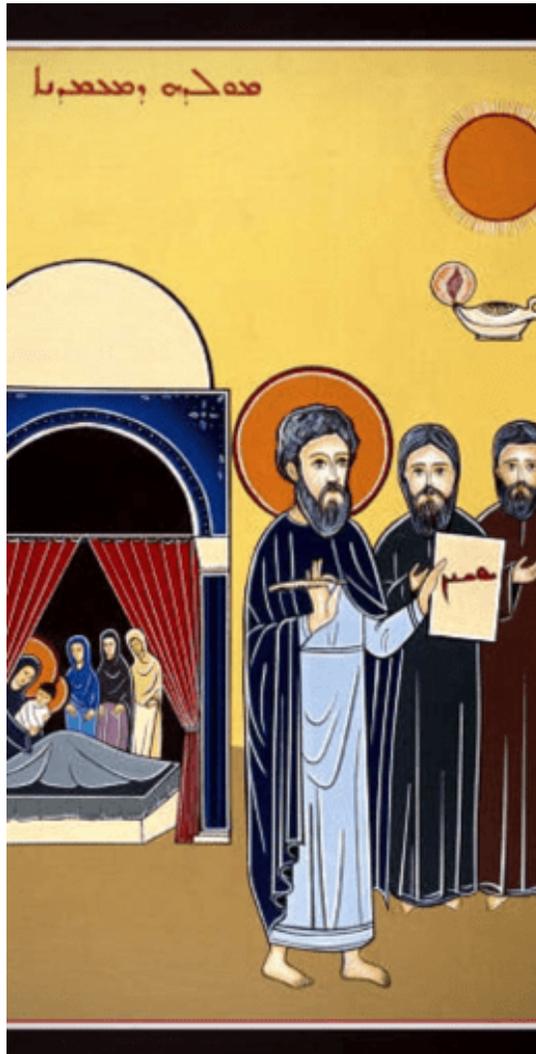
But why did Jesus need a forerunner? In the Jewish wedding tradition, a friend or witness goes to 'prepare the way' for the groom and to announce his coming to the bridal household so they are on notice and can prepare themselves for the groom's coming.

Similarly, John was sent as friend and witness to arrange things before Jesus' arrival. The announcement is not for the groom's sake, rather it for the household's sake. The Forerunner was sent so that the community, the household of God, could prepare themselves for Christ's coming.

In the same way, John is calling us, the Church, to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ the "beloved Son!" (Matthew 3:17).

So, in the lead up to Christmas, what are you doing to prepare yourself and your family for Christ's coming? Over the next few weeks, you may consider fasting, focusing on your prayer life, forgiving people who have hurt you, seeking forgiveness from those you have hurt, going to Mass more regularly, praying the rosary as a family, giving to the poor and doing works of mercy.

Christ is born, Alleluia!



The Birth of John the Baptist

"AND YOU, CHILD, WILL BE CALLED THE PROPHET OF THE MOST HIGH; FOR YOU WILL GO BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAY."

(LUKE 1:76)

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