



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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February 15, 2026

Entrance into Lent: The Wedding of Cana

Romans 14:14-23

I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; still, it is unclean for someone who thinks it unclean. If your brother is being hurt by what you eat, your conduct is no longer in accord with love. Do not because of your food destroy him for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be reviled. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit; whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others. Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another. For the sake of food, do not destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to become a stumbling block by eating; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. Keep the faith (that) you have to yourself in the presence of God; blessed is the one who does not condemn himself for what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because this is not from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



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Liturgical Intentions

2/14 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for Ranzel Ramos , who passed away in Massachusetts, by a friend of his.
2/15 8:30 am 10:30 am	Forty-day liturgy for Antoine K. Elkhoury , requested by his loving family.
2/16 7:00 pm	Ash Monday <i>Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes</i>
	<u>ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM</u>



Ash Monday

اثنين الرماد

February 16, 2026

7:00 pm

Divine liturgy
followed by the
distribution of Ashes



repent
and believe in the gospel

Young Adults Bible Study

Join us every other
Thursday



February 26, 2026
at 7:30 pm

In the Church Hall

All adults are welcome!

CHARITY BREAKFAST

For the less fortunate

"I was hungry and you gave me food." (Matthew 25:35)

You are warmly invited to a
morning of faith, fellowship,
and compassion.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

After the 10:30 am liturgy

Church Hall



Enjoy authentic Lebanese breakfast prepared with love.

All donations will go directly to needy families in Lebanon who
are suffering from poverty, instability, and hunger.

As one family in Christ, let us remember that in serving the least
among us, we serve Christ. Your kindness can change a in
someone's life.

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor
frtonysaab@gmail.com

Deacon Farid Zaarour
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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

Office Hours:

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday by appointment.

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Announcements

1– Join the *Knights of Columbus* prayer group every Third Thursday of the month at 6:30 am.

2– Join the parish young adults *pray the Holy Rosary* every First Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

3– Dates to remember:

Monday February 16: *Ash Monday*

Saturday March 21: *Saint Joseph Hafli*

Monday March 30: Beginning of *Holy Week*

Sunday April 5: *The Glorious Resurrection of the Lord*

Sunday April 19: *First Communion*

Thursday April 23: *Feast of Saint George*



Weekly Collections

\$1,210.00

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

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

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office if a

member of
your family
is ill, hos-



Stations of the Cross

مراحل درب الصليب

Every Friday
at 7:00 pm

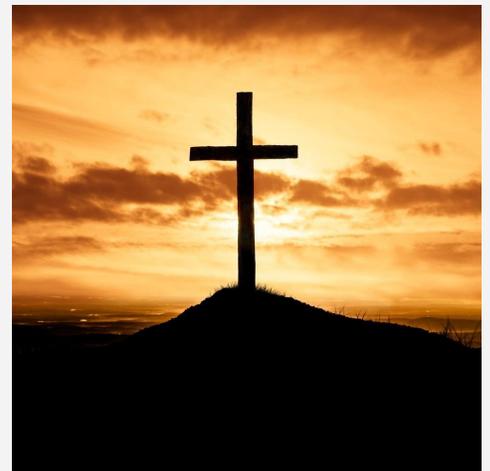


Entrance into Lent

1. Lent is a sacred journey into the truth of our hearts, where God exposes our wounds not to shame us, but to heal us with mercy.

2. In the silence of fasting and prayer, we learn that our emptiness is not a lack, but a holy space where God chooses to dwell.

3. Lent leads us through death to self so that we may rise with Christ, freer, humbler, and more capable of love.



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77th ANNUAL SAINT JOSEPH HAFLI

Program Book Form 2026

Saturday, March 21, 2026, St. Sharbel Maronite Center, Fall River, MA

Specifications: 8½ × 11

Type of Ad & Cost:

Benefactor (Gold Border, Color) – \$250.00

Patron (Silver Border, Black & White) – \$100.00

Premium Placements:

Back Cover – \$1,000.00 **Inside Front Cover** – \$600.00 **Inside Back Cover** – \$600.00

Please attach ad text or business card. Memorial ads: email or mail photo and prepared text.

Contacts:

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Alexa Stufano, alexa.stufano@gmail.com

Repeat same ad as last year

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Type of Ad: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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DEADLINE: Monday, March 16, 2026

SAINT GEORGE MARONITE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND

77TH ANNUAL ST JOSEPH'S HAFLI

SATURDAY | MARCH 21, 2026

WITH STAR
ANDRE
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Grand Raffle
With
CASH PRIZES
DRAWING DURING
EVENT

ST SHARBEL CENTER

300 N Eastern Ave, Fall River, MA 02723

Doors Open at 7 pm
Mezza and Dinner Included
CASH BAR

TICKETS
\$100 | \$150
REG | VIP

FOR TICKETS CALL

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Lent 2026

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare for the joy of the Resurrection during Holy Lent, I invite you to reflect upon Saint Francis' prayer, sacrifice and love for the poor as Pope Leo XIV proclaimed 2026 a special Jubilee Year in remembrance of the 800th anniversary of his death. Although most of us will not live out radical poverty like Saint Francis, we can still participate in his profound accompaniment and charity towards others by making a sacrificial gift.

Your generosity assists the many people suffering here and around the world (especially in Lebanon, Syria and the Holy Land). I hope you will consider making the Eparchy a part of your Lenten sacrifice, as we rely upon your generosity to serve the faithful in the Eparchy and the Middle East.

Your gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal will support:

- **Seminarians:** We currently have three excellent men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future; we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively as priests someday. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.**
- **Ministries:** Our outreach to youth, young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**
- **Retired Priests:** The Eparchy's 14 retired priests served the faithful well. We help them with a modest pension each month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.**
- **Help for Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. We can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. **10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**
- **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports today's needs and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated. Please visit <http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal> for more information.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.



Eparchy of Saint
Maron of Brooklyn

Lent



To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Required

In this Gospel, Jesus speaks about a servant who is trusted with responsibility while the master is away. The servant is not praised for being impressive or powerful. He is praised for being *faithful*. For simply doing what he was asked to do, with honesty and care.

This speaks to the heart of our parish life. Many of you quietly serve every week. Some teach our children. Some help with the finances. Some clean the church. Some show up just to pray.

These are not small things. These are acts of love and stewardship.

Jesus is reminding us that what we have is not only a gift. It is also a responsibility. If God has given us time, health, influence, or knowledge, He expects us to use it for good. Not later. Not when it is convenient. But faithfully and consistently.

The Lord sees the effort that others may never notice. He sees the sacrifice. He sees the willingness to care for His house and His people. And He promises that those who are faithful in small things will be entrusted with greater things in His Kingdom.

Let us ask for the grace to stay faithful in whatever God has placed in our hands. Whether it is raising our children, serving in a ministry, or simply living our faith with integrity. What matters most to the Lord is not how much we do, but how faithfully we do it.

And today, He gently reminds us that our faithfulness truly matters.

GREAT LENT:

ACCORDING TO OUR MARONITE
LITURGY, SAINTS & TRADITION



Maronite Faith Formation Sessions at 8pm:

February 19- First Pillar: Prayer
(Bishop Gregory Mansour)

February 26- Second Pillar: Fasting
(Fr. Rabih Aoun)

March 5- Third Pillar: Almsgiving
(Fr. Vincent Farhat)



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Hosted by the Maronite Servants of
Christ the Light in conjunction with the
St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

