



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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February 19, 2023

Sunday of Entrance into Lent: **Miracle of Cana in Galilee**

## Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab

Pastor

Farid Zaarour, Deacon

## Office Hours

Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm.

## Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday 7:00pm

Thursday and Friday 09:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

## **Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**

Every Thursday 7:00pm



## Weekly collections

Saturday

\$1105:00

Sunday

08:30am \$245.00

10:30am \$650.00

*Thank you!*

## Tax contribution Statements

Please email the church office  
if you would like to request a  
statement.

[stgeorgeri1@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeri1@gmail.com)

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism & Confirmation:** One  
month in advance with the Pastor,  
Donations: Church: \$200 -  
Priest: Free Will

**Matrimony:** Arrangements should  
be made by couples six months prior  
to the wedding date Donations:  
Church \$500— Priest: Free Will

**Reconciliation:** One hour before  
liturgies, or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify  
the Rectory if a member of your  
family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to  
come to Church and would like to  
receive communion at home.

**The Church Hall** is  
available for rent for all  
types of events.

Donations are  
\$300 for parishioners,  
\$500 for non-parishioners.

Your **donation** to your

 **PayPal**



**Scan. Pay. Go.**

## Announcement Corner

- Monday February 20 is **Ash Monday**. We will celebrate liturgy at 7:00 with the distribution of Ashes.
- Please note that both of **St Ann's Cemetery** gates close daily at 4:00pm. Please do not park inside if you plan to exit after 4:00pm.

church is an opportunity  
for you to contribute from  
the work of your hands to  
the ministry of Christ and  
His gospel.

## Miracle of Cana in Galilee

### SUNDAY

#### Isaiah 55: 1+6-13

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost! Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts; Let them turn to the LORD to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—oracle of the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, Giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it. Yes, in joy you shall go forth, in peace you shall be brought home; Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, all trees of the field shall clap their hands. In place of the thornbush, the cypress shall grow, instead of nettles,\* the myrtle. This shall be to the LORD's renown, as an everlasting sign that shall not fail.

#### 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. Praise be to God always.

#### 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.

#### Lectors schedule

Arabic: Nada Harb

English:

Stephanie Rouhana

#### Important dates to remember

Saturday 2/25 Parish ladies day of Prayer

Saturday 3/18 Annual St. Joseph Hafli

April 2-9 Holy Week Sunday 4/9 Easter

Sunday April 30 Parish First Communion

#### Stations of the Cross

#### Adoration of the

#### Cross Every FRIDAY

of Lent at 7:00pm,

preceded by a complimentary Lenten meal  
in the church hall (Hosted by the HRS)



## ***Liturgical Intentions***

2/18 4:00pm	Forty Day liturgy for <b>Michael Michael JR.</b> , requested by his loving family.
2/19 8:30am 10:30am 12:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Entrance into Lent</b></p> <p>Memorial liturgy for all the <b>deceased members who have no one to pray for them in Purgatory.</b></p> <p>Forty Day liturgy for <b>Adel Adib Chalhoub</b>, requested by Tony and Joelle Chalhoub and their loving family.</p>
2/20 7:00pm	<b>ASH MONDAY</b>
2/25 4:00pm	One Year anniversary for <b>Anthony Solomon</b> , requested by their loving children.
2/26 8:30am 10:30am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>First Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Memorial liturgy for <b>Michael Michael, Jr.</b>, requested by Rosann Constantine</p>

### **40 Day Liturgies**

are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.

### **Saint George Church, Cranston RI**

Begin the season of Lent with a Spiritual Day of Recollection

All Parish Ladies 18 and up are invited to a

**“A Prayer like no other”**

How to have a more personal prayer life with God

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Liturgies are offered for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary, and more. Liturgy offerings given to the priest signify the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself in honor of your loved ones.



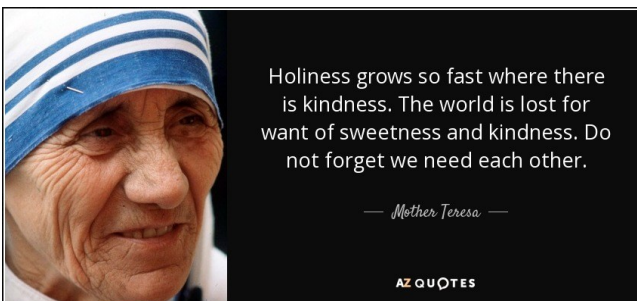
Parish Women Day of Reflection and Self-Renewal

Guest Speaker: Vivian Akel, Ignatian Spiritual Director

**Saturday February 25 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Gathering at 12:00pm in the Church

Free admission. Free your mind and spend quality time with God





Saint George Parish invite you to join our

## Sunday Parish Breakfast



**Sunday 2/26/2023**

After the 10:30am liturgy

Admission is complimentary

All donations will go to Saint Vincent De Paul— Deir el-Ahmar, Lebanon

To help struggling families

St George Church Hall

1493 Cranston St Cranston RI 02920

MARONITE RITUALS ONLINE SERIES



## GREAT LENT & PASSION WEEK

PRESENTED BY FR. CLAUDE FRANKLIN,  
PASTOR ST JOSEPH'S MARONITE CHURCH,  
OLEAN, NY

### VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

FEB. 16: ASH MONDAY AND  
BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS

MARCH 2: RITE OF THE LAMP  
AND THURSDAY OF MYSTERIES

FEB. 23: HOSANNA SUNDAY  
AND PASSION WEEK

MARCH 9: SIGNING OF THE  
CHALICE, GREAT FRIDAY OF THE  
CRUCIFIXION AND SATURDAY  
OF THE LIGHT



Via Zoom on Thursdays 8:00-9:00PM EST  
To register Scan QR Code or [Click Here](#)

HOSTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT



## EPARCHIAL YOUTH LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

FOUR SUNDAYS

**8 PM** FEB 26 MAR 5  
EST MAR 19 MAR 26

OPEN TO ALL  
HIGHSCHOOLERS

**RSVP IS REQUIRED**

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# St. George Maronite Catholic Church

## St. Joseph 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Haftli

### Saturday, March 18, 2023

6:30pm

## Dancing Live Entertainment Grand Raffle!

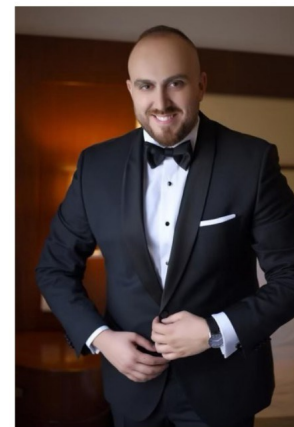
VIP Seating	\$100.00
General Admission	\$75.00
MYO (Age 12-17)	\$45.00
Children (12 & Under)	\$25.00

For Tickets please contact:  
Lillian Barish (401) 521-4888  
Nancy Pasquerillo (401) 231-8981  
Samia Sleiman (401) 864-1933



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on the pawtuxet

60 Rhodes Pl, Cranston, RI



**SUPER STAR**  
*Rami Badr*

## Why do Catholics fast?

Fasting is a biblical discipline that can be found in both the Old and the New Testament. Christ expected his disciples to fast (Mt 9:14-15) and issued instructions for how they should do so (Mt 6:16-18). Abstinence from certain foods is also a biblical discipline. In Daniel 10:2-3 we read, "In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks."

Catholics use a practice similar to Daniel's when, as a way of commemorating Christ's Crucifixion on a Friday, they abstain from eating meat during Lent, especially on Fridays. The only kind of flesh they eat on Friday is fish, which is a symbol of Christ.

Even the Ash Monday/Wednesday practice of having one's forehead signed with ashes has a biblical parallel. Putting ashes on one's head was a common biblical expression of mourning (1 Sm 13:19, Est 4:1, Is 61:3, Dn 9:3, Mt 11:21, Lk 10:13). By having the sign of the cross made with ashes on their foreheads, Catholics mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and their own sins, which made that suffering necessary.

