



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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February 22, 2026

Healing of the Leper شفاء الأبرص

*“For you are dust, and to
dust you shall return“*

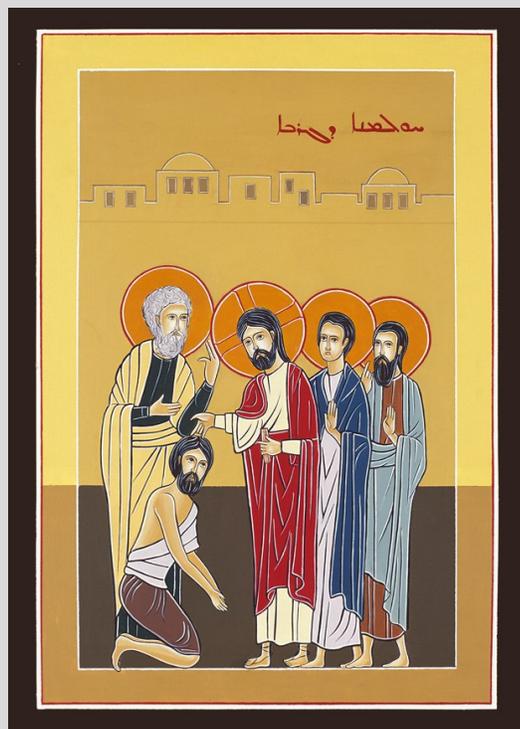
(Genesis 3:19)

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness. For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? Of course not! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted. Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 1:35-43

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.



Liturgical Intentions

2/21 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for Rashide Nakad , requested by her loving family.
2/22 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for the deceased members of the Atallah family , requested by their loving family.
2/28 4:00 pm	Birthday remembrance for Donald J. Solomon, Sr , requested by his children Donald Jr. and Cheryl.
3/1 8:30 am 10:30 am	Four-year anniversary for Malcom Badway , requested by his loving family.
3/7 4:00 pm	
3/8 8:30 am 10:30 am	Twenty-eighth year anniversary liturgy for David Bingham , requested by his loving family. Forty-day memorial liturgy for Bernard Dilullo Sr. , requested by his loving family.
3/14 4:00 pm	Thirtieth birthday liturgy for Alexandria M Saker , requested by her loving family.
3/15 8:30 am 10:30 am	Tenth anniversary liturgy for Micheal Bingham , requested by his loving family.
3/21 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for all unborn babies , requested by a loving family.
3/22 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for Jay Caron , requested by his loving family.
3/28 4:00 pm	Forty-day liturgy for Ranzel Ramos , requested by his loving family.
3/29 8:30 am 10:30 am	Palm Sunday/ Hosanna Sunday ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM!

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor
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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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77TH ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH HAFLI

SATURDAY | 03.21.2026 | 7:00 PM
St. Sharbel Center
300 North Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA

Star
ANDRE IBRAHIM



Live Entertainment
Grand Raffle Prizes
Mezza & Dinner
Cash Bar

VIP Seating \$150 General Admission \$100

For Tickets Church Office: (401) 723-8444 • George Thomas: (401) 480-8812
Please Contact Rachel Nassif: (401) 359-6005



Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross درب الصليب

Every Friday
7:00 pm

Weekly Collections

\$2,695.00

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:

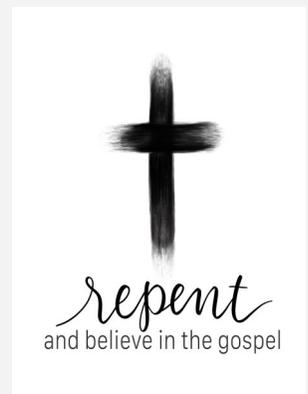
Please notify the office if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive Holy

Communion at home.



As we begin the holy season of Lent, I warmly invite all our faithful to enter this sacred time with prayer, fasting, and hearts open to God's mercy. The Church calls all who are physically able to abstain from meat on Ash Monday and on all Fridays of Lent, and to observe fasting on Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion by refraining from food and drink, except water and medicine, from midnight until noon, followed by simple meals without meat. Throughout Lent, our parish will gather on Fridays for the Benediction with the Cross, preceded by the Stations of the Cross.

Those who wish are encouraged to embrace the traditional Maronite fasting practice of abstaining from meat and dairy on weekdays, while remembering that Saturdays, Sundays, and the feast days of St. Joseph and the Annunciation are exempt. Above all, Lent is not only about sacrifice but about transformation. I encourage each of you to deepen your prayer, practice charity, and participate actively in the liturgical life of our parish, so that this season may lead us together to spiritual renewal and the joy of the Resurrection.



CHARITY BREAKFAST

For the less fortunate

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



Sunday, February 22, 2026

After the 10:30 am liturgy

Church Hall

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

Your kindness can change a in someone's life.

Announcements

- ◇ Join the *Knights of Columbus* prayer meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.
- ◇ Join the parish young adults *pray the Holy Rosary* every First Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.
- ◇ Saturday March 21: *Saint Joseph Haftli*
- ◇ Sunday April 5: *The Glorious Resurrection of the Lord*

Young Adults Bible Study



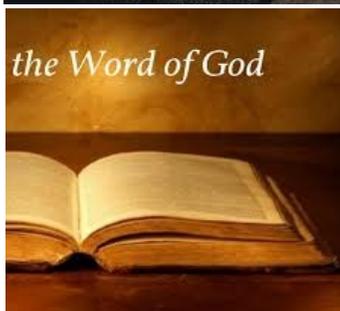
Join us every other Thursday

February 26, 2026

7:30 pm

In the Church Hall

All adults are welcome!



**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

SAINT GEORGE MARONITE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND

77TH ANNUAL ST JOSEPH'S HAFLI

SATURDAY | MARCH 21, 2026

WITH STAR
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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

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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:

Elizabeth Saldana, lizdilullo@gmail.com

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Repeat same ad as last year

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DEADLINE: Monday, March 16, 2026



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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.

