



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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February 8, 2026

Sunday of the Faithful Departed احد الموتى المؤمنين

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Vigilance

Concerning the times and the seasons, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Luke 16:19-31

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

The Lord Jesus Said: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"



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Liturgical Intentions

2/7 4:00 pm	Forty-day liturgy for Nita (Pizzarelli) Noiseaux , requested by Hanna, Debra , and JJ Abboud, and Nicholas and Adria Rampone.
2/8 8:30 am 10:30 am	Fourth anniversary for Owen Bingham , requested by his loving family . Tanios Khalil Salim Akel , who passed away in Lebanon, requested by his nephew Gaby Hoyek, and a memorial liturgy for his parents Youssef and May Hoyek .
2/9 10:30 am	Feast of Saint Maron Well-being of the Khoury and Aoun families , requested by Saba and Lina Khoury.
2/14 4:00 pm	
2/15 8:30 am 10:30 am	Forty-day liturgy for Antoine K. Elkhoury , requested by his loving family.
2/21 4:00 pm	 <p style="text-align: center;">Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.</p>
2/22 8:30 am 10:30 am	

Valentines Dinner

A heartfelt thank you to all who worked hard and all those whose dedication made this event a wonderful success.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated, donated, and contributed. Your generosity, spirit, and teamwork truly brought this beautiful event to life.

Admissions income: \$3,460.00

Raffle income: \$640.00

Bar: \$714.00

Total Net Income: \$4,814.00

Young Adults Bible Study



Join us every other Thursday

**February 12, 2026
at 7:30 pm**

Stay connected with
St. George Parish activities.
Receive our

Weekly Bulletin

by email in full color. Please
email the office at

stgeorger1@gmail.com

Security Notice

Our church is a sacred house of worship and prayer, entrusted to our care. Considering recent incidents at neighboring churches, we have taken additional steps to safeguard our parish community and property.

We apologize for any inconvenience and ask all parishioners to *work together* by remaining attentive, following security

guidelines, and ensuring doors and windows are secured.

Protecting the House of God is a *shared responsibility*, carried out with faith, vigilance, and love.

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor
frtonysaab@gmail.com

Deacon Farid Zaarour
fzaarour@yahoo.com

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 Fri-
day by appointment.

401-7238444

email:

stgeorgeril@gmail.com

Jihane Ayoub

Office assistant administrator

Announcements

1– Registration Forms for **Religious Education Classes** are at the Church entrance for your convenience. Show your love to your children by giving them a solid Christian formation.

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

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

4– Dates to remember:

Monday February 9: **Feast of Saint Maron**

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

\$1,478.00

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.



Saint Maron (4th century) stands out in the history of Christianity for his radically prayerful and ascetical way of life. Living alone on a mountain in Syria, exposed to rain, heat, and cold, he embraced the elements as a way of total trust in God, seeking union with Christ rather than comfort or recognition. His days were marked by unceasing prayer, fasting, and contemplation of Scripture, yet his solitude was never self-centered. People from far and wide came to him seeking spiritual guidance, physical healing, and inner peace, and many experienced God's mercy through his intercession.



St. Maron never set out to found a religious order or establish a Church; his only desire was to live wholly for God. Yet after his death, his disciples preserved his spirit, forming communities of prayer that eventually became the Maronite Church. This living tradition remained deeply rooted in the ancient Syriac heritage while faithfully maintaining communion with the Bishop of Rome.

St. Maron's life teaches us that hidden faithfulness can transform the world in ways we never expect. His witness reminds us that the Church is born not only from institutions, but from hearts completely surrendered to God in prayer, sacrifice, and love.

ST. GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Alexa Stufano, alexa.stufano@gmail.com

Repeat same ad as last year

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Type of Ad: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Circle: VISA MasterCard AMEX



Name on Card: _____ Card #: _____

Exp: ____ / ____ CVV: _____

Checks payable to: St. George Maronite Catholic Church

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
IBRAHIM



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

Rachel Nassif 401-359-6005 | George Thomas 401-480-8812
Church Office 401-723-8444

Our Lady of Purgatory Church

Saint Maron's Hafli

Saturday, February 7, 2026

at

OLOP Church Hall

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745



Live Entertainment
by
CHADI NADDAF
&
Bashir EL-Khoury Band

Doors Open

@ 7:00PM

Cash Bar & Mezza

Dinner served

@ 8:00 PM

Dance Floor Seating: \$ 100.00 (All Ages)

General Seating: \$ 75.00

Children (8-17): \$ 40.00

Children (under 8 yrs./general seating):

No Charge

For Ticket Sales Contact:

Sousou Maalouf:(508)-916-1523

Church Office:(508)-996-8934

Register your child in Religious Education Classes Grades 1-8

The world our children are growing up in is full of competing voices and values. If we do not continue to guide them in the truth of Christ and His Church, those other influences will shape their hearts and minds.

For this reason, I urge you, for the spiritual and moral well-being of your children, to enroll them in our Religious Education classes (1-8) beginning on Sunday February 15 at 9:15 am. (Entrance into Lent).

Religious education is how we keep our children close to Christ. It strengthens their faith, deepens their love for the Eucharist they have received, and gives them the foundation they need to live faithfully and confidently in today's world. Our Religious Education program exists precisely for this purpose.

Please take a moment to register your child as soon as possible.

Let us work together so that the seed of faith planted in your child's heart will continue to grow and bear fruit for the rest of their life.



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Religious Education Classes Registration Form 2025-2026

Please write in capital letters

Child's Name: _____ DOB _____

Address: _____ Grade _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____

School Child Attends: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Baptism Church & City _____

Please provide a Baptism certificate with this registration.

Father Religion: _____

Father's name _____ Email _____

Mother Religion: _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____ Email _____

CHADI NADDAF



Valentine's Day Party

DANCE, MUSIC & MEZZA

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH - 8PM

REGULAR \$100 / VIP \$125

ST MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
1 ST. MARY'S WAY, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860

For Reservation Call

Walid Nakhoul: 401-692-1250 • Ghassan Alarmani: 781-414-1091 • Maria Saad 508-380-1113



DOCTRINAL NOTE

The Value of Marriage

Hosted by Couples Ministry & Sharbel Center



February 10



8:00 PM EST

Meeting ID: 853 7619 7295

Passcode: 250823

Bishop Gregory Mansour

Eparchy of Saint Maron

All couples & young adults welcome



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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)




To register scan
QR Code



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

