



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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March 29, 2026

## Hosanna Sunday

*“Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord”*

### Palm Sunday

in our tradition begins with joy: branches are lifted, hymns are sung, and we welcome Christ as King. Yet this same



liturgy quickly leads us into the mystery of His Passion. The One who enters Jerusalem with glory chooses the road of humility, suffering, and love.

Today the Church invites us to look at our own hearts. It is easy to praise Jesus when life is good, but true discipleship

means walking with Him also when the road becomes difficult. The palms in our hands are not only signs of victory, but also signs of our promise to remain faithful when faith costs something.

This day teaches us that glory and the cross are never separated. Christ enters Jerusalem knowing the cross awaits Him, yet He does not turn back. He teaches us that love is strongest when it gives itself completely.

May this Holy Week be for us a journey inward: from words to faith, from routine to conversion, from admiration of Christ to true following of Him. Let us walk with Him, so that we may also rise with Him.



### Meet Your Clergy

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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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administrator

## 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 church 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.

# Young Adults Bible Study



Join us every other Thursday

**April 09, 2026 at 7:30 pm**

In the Church Hall, All adults are welcome!

## Weekly Collections

**\$2,134.00**

Thank you for your great generosity!

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## Liturgical Intentions

3/28	
4:00 pm	Forty-day liturgy for <b>Ranzel Ramos</b> , requested by his loving family.
3/29	
8:30 am	<b>Palm Sunday/ Hosanna Sunday</b>
10:30 am	
4/4	
4:00 pm	<b>The Glorious Resurrection of the Lord</b>
4/5	
8:30 am	<b>Feast of the GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
10:30 am	
4/11	
4:00 pm	Forty day liturgy for <b>Eleanor Thomas</b> , requested by her loving family.
4/12	
8:30 am	
10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Laya Yousif</b> , requested by her loving husband Semer and his loving children.
4/18	
4:00 pm	
4/19	
8:30 am	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
10:30 am	

## Readings for Hosanna/Palm Sunday

### Zech 9:9-11+15a+16-17

Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; The warrior's bow will be banished, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, by the blood of your covenant, I have freed your prisoners from a waterless pit. The LORD of hosts will protect them; And the LORD their God will save them: the people, like a flock on that day; For like gemstones of a crown they will shine on the land. Then how good and how lovely! Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

### Philippians 1:1-13

Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and ministers: grace to you and

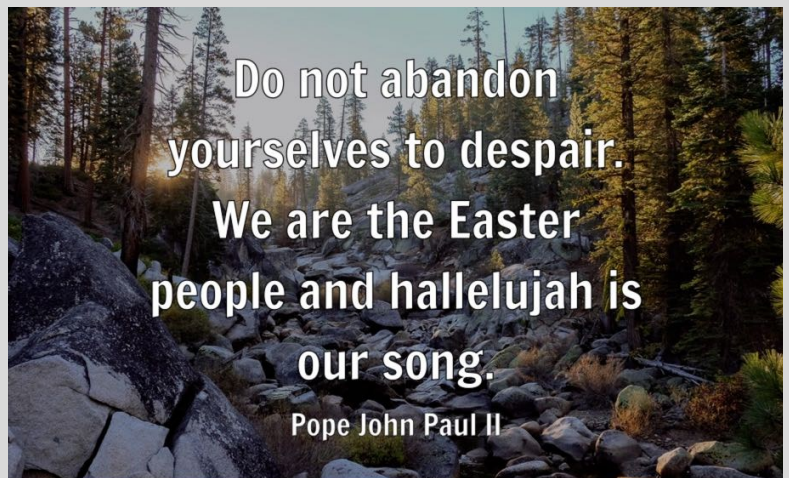
peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, you who are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and

confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

I want you to know, brothers, that my situation has turned out rather to advance the gospel, so that my imprisonment has become well known in Christ throughout the whole praetorium and to all the rest. Praise be to God always.

### John 12:12-22

On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him. So the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. This was (also) why the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the whole world has gone after him." Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Monday March 30: Stations and **Adoration of the Cross 7:00 pm**

Tuesday March 31: Stations and **Adoration of the Cross 7:00 pm**

Wednesday April 1: **Rite of the Lamp**

(Anointing of Holy Oil for the healing of the body and soul) **7:00 pm**

Thursday April 2: **Thursday of the Mysteries (Holy Thursday)**

(Rite of the Washing of the Feet) **7:00 pm**

Friday April 3: **Great Friday of the Crucifixion (Good Friday)**

Signing of the Chalice **11:00 am**

Adoration of the Cross/Burial of the Lord **7:00pm**

Saturday April 4: **Great Saturday of Light**

The Divine Liturgy **4:00 pm**

Sunday April 5: **The Glorious Resurrection of the Lord (Easter)**

**8:30 am and 10:30 am**





A heartfelt thank you to the Chairpersons of our Annual Saint Joseph Hafli, to their dedicated teams, and to all who worked so generously, donated, organized, and participated in making



this cherished tradition a success. Your love, sacrifice, and commitment continue to strengthen our parish family and keep this beautiful heritage alive. May Saint Joseph bless each one of you abundantly.





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Dear Brother Priests,

We follow with great pastoral concern the ongoing crisis in southern Lebanon. We mourn the terrible suffering of our Christian brothers and sisters and all innocent victims of violence in Lebanon and the region struggling to survive and live with dignity in dire conditions.

The Church in Lebanon is already providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick and suffering. Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, I am asking you to take up a special collection or do a small fundraiser to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters, especially in the villages of south Lebanon. This special collection is to take place either on Palm Sunday or sometime in the next few weeks. Please notify your parishioners ahead of time so that they are prepared to make their donations.

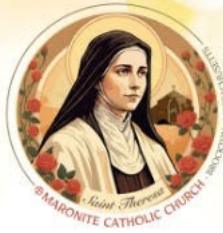
The situation in southern Lebanon cries out for our assistance. I am asking each of our parishes to do their part. Once the collection is taken, please send to the Chancery no later than April 22, 2026.

With gratitude for your generosity, and with prayers for a lasting peace, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour



**SAINT THERESA CHURCH**  
**OF BROCKTON, MA** *Presents*



**OUR ANNUAL**  
**SPRING**  
**HAFALI**

**APRIL**  
**SAT 11**

FEATURING SINGER

**MITCH KALTSUNAS**

WITH MAESTRO

**BACHIR KHOURY**

CLUB VIBES BY

**DJ ROY C**

COCKTAIL HOUR 7PM | DINNER 8PM | NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

TICKET DONATION \$85 | DANCE FLOOR SEATING \$100 | KIDS MEAL (6-12YRS) \$40

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