



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Our Church Patron, **Saint George**, is one of the most beloved saints in the Christian world, honored by East and West alike, and cherished especially in the Maronite Catholic tradition as a model of fearless faith. He was a young Christian soldier who gave his life for Christ during the persecution of Christians under Diocletian in the early fourth century. *His feast Day is April 23.*

Saint George was born into a Christian family, in the region of Cappadocia, and later served as an officer in the Roman army. He was courageous and successful. Yet when the emperor ordered Christians to renounce their faith and worship pagan gods, George refused. He openly declared that his loyalty belonged first to Jesus Christ.

For that faith, he suffered imprisonment, torture, and finally martyrdom around the year 303. He was still a young man, but his witness became so powerful that Christians everywhere began honoring him as a saint almost immediately after his death.

The most famous image associated with Saint George is that of him slaying a dragon. The dragon story is symbolic: it represents evil, fear, persecution, and all the forces that try to overcome faith. Saint George teaches us that true victory does not come through violence, but through courage, fidelity, and trust in God.

The dragon still exists today in different forms: fear, discouragement, temptation, injustice, family struggles, illness, and spiritual weakness. Saint George reminds us that with Christ, no dragon is stronger than faith. His life asks each of us an important question:

*What do I stand for when faith becomes difficult?*

Saint George teaches us that holiness often begins when someone quietly says: *I belong to Christ, whatever the cost.*

For our parish family, his feast is not only a remembrance of a saint from long ago. It is a call to renew courage today: to remain faithful when values around us change; to defend truth with charity; to live with honor; to trust that God gives strength in every battle.

Saint George was not famous because he killed a dragon. He is remembered because he conquered fear.

May Saint George intercede for our parish, our families, and all who struggle silently. May he teach us to stand firm in faith, to live courageously, and to remember that Christ is always victorious.



April 12, 2026

## New Sunday

### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab**, Pastor  
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**Deacon Farid Zaarour**  
[fzaarour@yahoo.com](mailto: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  
Friday by appointment.

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## Liturgical Intentions

4/11 4:00 pm	Forty day liturgy for <b>Eleanor Thomas</b> , requested by her loving family.
4/12 8:30 am	Twenty-five year anniversary for <b>Patricia Bingham</b> , requested by her loving family.
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	Five-year anniversary for <b>Joseph Simon</b> , requested by Terri Barkett.
4/19 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
4/25 4:00 pm	One year anniversary for <b>Evelyn Mainelli</b> , requested by her daughter Carol and Denise, and her loving family.
4/26 8:30 am 10:30 am	
5/2 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for the <b>Khoury, Campagnone, Autiello, and Durante families</b> , requested by their loving families.
5/3 8:30 am 10:30 am	Parish Visit  <b>Bishop Gregory Mansour</b>

### 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.



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### Weekly Collections

**\$5,836.00**

Thank you for your  
generosity!

## Young Adults Bible Study

Join us every other Thursday

**April 23, 2026 at 7:30 pm**

In the Church Hall, All adults are welcome!



## Readings for the Appearance of Jesus to the Disciples and Thomas with them

### Isaiah 52: 7-12

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing good news, Announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Listen! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, For they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD's return to Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted his people, has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; All the ends of the earth can see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there, touch nothing unclean! Out from there! Purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. But not in hurried flight will you go out, nor leave in headlong haste, For the LORD goes before you, and your rear guard is the God of Israel.

### 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we are clearly apparent to God, and I hope we are also apparent to your consciousness. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast of us, so that you may have something to say to those who boast of external appearance rather than of the heart. For if we are out of our minds, it is for God; if we are rational, it is for you. For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

### John 20:26-31

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the **Annual Saint Joseph Hafli** chairpersons, Amine and Joelle Nassif, their teams, and all who organized, participated and donated toward the success of this beautiful traditional event.

**Income:** Admissions \$22,950; Raffle: \$9,650; Ad Book: \$26,700; Bar: \$4,352; Donations: \$4050. Total income: \$67702. **Expenses:** Catering: \$9,450.00; Supplies: \$1803.29; Venue: \$3000; Bar: \$778.53; Liquor certificate: \$200; Liquor: \$207; Raffle prizes: \$5000; Ad book printing: \$1,665; Entertainment: \$4000. Total expenses: \$26103.82.

Approximate **net income:** \$41,598.18 (*Does not include credit card transaction fees*)

Join us in warmly welcoming  
**His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour,**  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, N.Y  
who will honor our parish with his pastoral visit and celebrate the 10:30 am  
Divine Liturgy  
on **Sunday May 3, 2026**



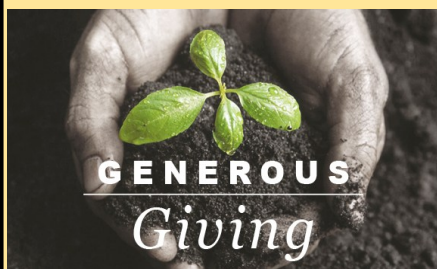
His presence among us is a special blessing and a joyful occasion for our parish family. As our bishop and shepherd, his visit is an opportunity to gather in prayer, deepen our communion as a parish, and welcome him with gratitude and joy.

Please save the date and plan to join us as we welcome His Excellency and pray together.

**The Sunday collection** belongs to the parish and its mission. These funds are used for the ordinary and necessary expenses of the church, including electricity, heat, water, insurance, cleaning, lawn care, snow removal, altar supplies, salaries, repairs, and general maintenance. They also support parish ministries such as religious education, youth activities, charitable outreach, and our obligations to the Eparchy, including health insurance, disability coverage, and assessments.

The weekend collections are counted each week by four rotating teams, with two people serving at a time. Once counted, the funds are deposited directly into the parish bank operating account and used only for parish expenses.

A second collection is sometimes necessary because the regular Sunday collection often covers only ordinary expenses. Additional needs arise throughout the year, such as winter fuel, higher utility costs, emergency repairs, or collections requested for wider Church causes including Catholic charities, missions, The Catholic University of America, Peter's Pence, bishops' appeals, and emergency relief during times of war or natural disaster.



I am sincerely grateful to our parish counting teams for their faithful and responsible service, and to all of you who continue to support your church with generosity and trust. Your offerings make it possible for our parish to remain open, active, and welcoming to all.

THE FAMILY AND SANCTITY OF LIFE OFFICE PRESENTS

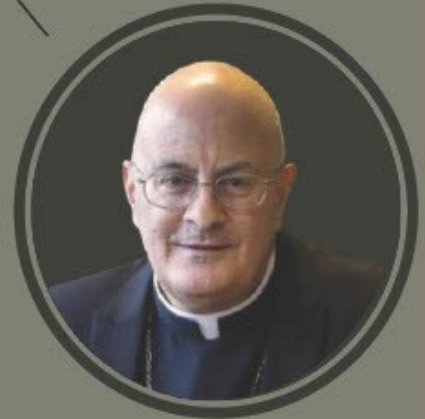
# “NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH: END OF LIFE MATTERS.”



TUESDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>



8:00 PM



Don't miss this live zoom with  
Guest Speakers,  
Bishop Gregory Mansour,  
Vivian Akel LCSW, and  
Dr. Anne Borik!



Zoom Meeting id: 848 1578 7757  
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