



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of the Resurrection



## ***Congratulations to our First Communion Class of 2026!***

Tiana El Chami; Michelle Faisal;  
Ella Hartmann; Andrew O. Haskell;  
Isbelle Lee Martinous; Matthew J. Martinous;  
Giovanna Rouhana; Christina Saade; Lexa Tannous.

**Mabrouk! Congratulations!**

### 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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Jihane Ayoub  
Office assistant  
administrator

## Liturgical Intentions

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	Memorial liturgy for <b>an unborn baby</b> , requested by his loving family
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	Two-year anniversary for <b>Saad Habchi</b> , requested by his loving wife Rania and her loving family.

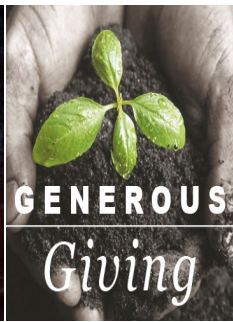
**Sacraments**

**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 church office or email [frtonysaab@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Weekly Collections**  
**\$1,431.00; \$498 (Utility)**  
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 Third Sunday of the Resurrection

### Job 42: 1-6, 12

Then Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be hindered. Who is this who obscures counsel with ignorance? I have spoken but did not understand; things too marvelous for me, which I did not know. Listen, and I will speak; I will question you, and you tell me the answers. By hearsay I had heard of you, but now my eye has seen you. Therefore I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes." Thus the LORD blessed the later days of Job more than his earlier ones. Now he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-donkeys.



### 2 Tim 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

### Luke 24:13-35

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Join us in warmly welcoming  
**His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour**  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, N.Y  
celebrating the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy



**Sunday May 3, 2026**

**His Excellency will do a special blessing to all children present.  
A reception will follow immediately after the 10:30 am  
liturgy in the church hall.**

**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.

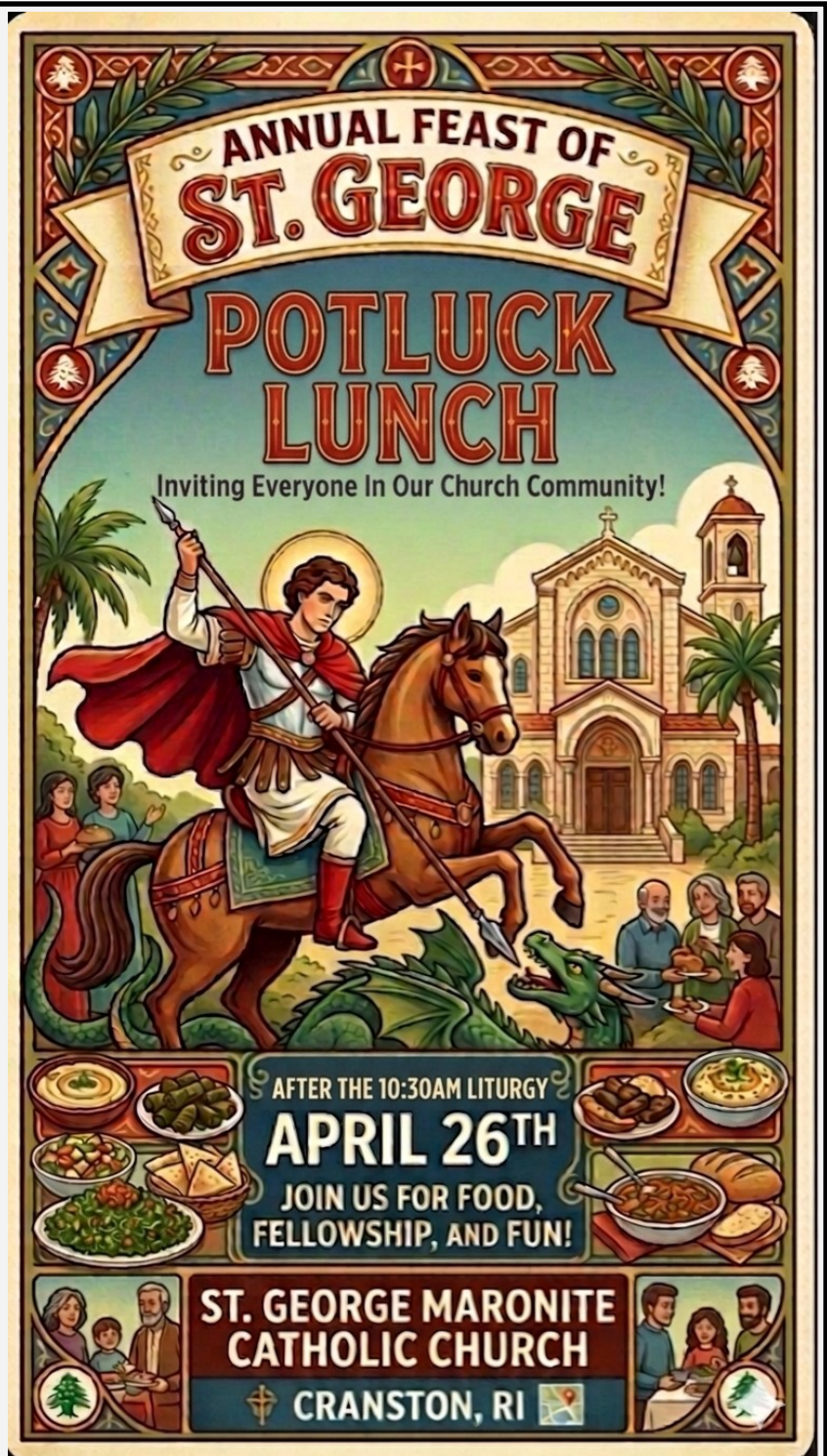
**Join us celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Thursday April 23 at 7:00 pm**

Saint George was born into a Christian family, in the region of Cappadocia, modern day Turkey, 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, Saint 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.



## **Why do we have a basket collection during liturgy?**

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.

## **Who counts the basket collection?**

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.

## **Why a Second Collection?**

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.



We are 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

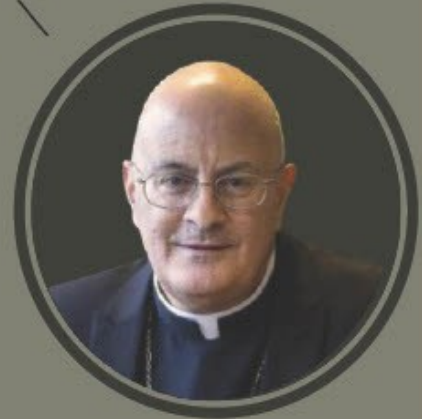
# “NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH: END OF LIFE MATTERS.”



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!



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