

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## April 23, 2023

# Third Sunday of the Resurrection (Feast of Saint George)

Office Hours Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm

### **Liturgical Schedule**

Wednesday 7:00pm Thursday and Friday 09:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am *(Roman rite)* 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist Every Thursday 6:00pm

Please pray for our First Communion children who celebrate on Sunday April 30, 2023 at 10:30am

Henry Nasif Haskell

Emilia Ann Lynch

Joseph Michael Martinous III

### Dalina Franyeli Mendoza



Anthony Constantine Simon

> Amelia Violet Vayl

Chloe Tayeh

### Weekly collections

Saturday \$362.00 Sunday 08:30am \$360.00 10:30am \$767.00



## <u>Meet Your Clergy</u>

Fr. Tony Saab

Pastor



Farid Zaarour Deacon

## SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation: One month in advance with the Pastor. Donations: Church: \$200 Priest: Free Will Matrimony: Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date. Donations: Church \$500 Priest: Free Will Reconciliation: One hour before liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home.

#### 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. Praise be to God always.

#### 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.

**Lectors schedule** (10:30am)Arabic: Katia Boukarim English: Michael Akkaoui

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**40 Day** Liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.

The Church Hall is available for rent for all types of events. Suggested donations are \$300 for parishioners. \$500 for non-parishioners.

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	Liturgical Intentions		
4/22			
4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Anthony Budway, requested by Roseann Constantine.		
4/23			
8:30am	Fifth anniversary mass for Barbara Ann Zoglio, requested by Jo-Ann Mitchell		
10:30am	Second anniversary liturgy for Michel Akkaoui, Therese and Fred Tanury, Rosemary and James DeNunzio, requested by their loving families.		
4/29			
4:00pm	Second anniversary liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> , and memorial liturgy for <b>Fred and Eva Simon</b> , requested by their loving family.		
4/30			
8:30am	First Communion		
10:30am			
5/6			
4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Nabih Laoulache and Assad Raad</b> , requested by Noel Laoulache and her loving family.		
5/7			
8:30am	Forty day liturgy for <b>Romeo Moretti</b> , requested by his wife Janice and her loving family.		
10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Laya Youssif, requested by her loving family.		
5/13			
4:00pm	Ten year anniversary for <b>Norma Lasorsa</b> , and <b>three year anniversary for Lasorsa</b> , requested by their daughter Denise Solomon and her loving family.		
5/14			
8:30am			
10:30am	Fifth Year anniversary for Joulien Osko, requested by his loving family		
5/18	Ascension of the Lord		
7:00pm			
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Please join us **celebrate the feast of Saint George**, Patron of our Church, this Saturday April 22, 2023 with the Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm followed by a **complimentary dinner** in the Church Hall. No reservation needed. **Food, drinks, and music** Special performance by our **Dabkeh Dance Troop**! Subscribe to our Parish You Tube Channel

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#### Saint George

is known for his bravery, courage, and *unwavering commitment to Christ*, and his life serves as a powerful example for all of us to follow.

Saint George was a Roman soldier who lived in the third century. He was known for his valor and strength, and he quickly rose through the ranks of the army. However, Saint George was not content with a life of military service alone. He was a devout Christian, and he longed to use his skills and abilities to serve God.

One day, Saint George was called upon to make a choice between his faith and his duty as a soldier. The Emperor Diocletian, who was known for his persecution of Christians, ordered all soldiers to offer sacrifices to the pagan gods. Saint George refused to comply, declaring that he would only worship the one true God.

For his disobedience, Saint George was tortured and eventually put to death. His martyrdom was a testament to his unwavering faith and his deep commitment to Christ. He is now remembered as a great hero of the faith, and his intercession is sought by many.

Today, as we honor Saint George, let us remember his example of faith and courage. Let us be inspired by his devotion to Christ and his willingness to suffer for his beliefs. And let us ask Saint George to intercede for us, that we may be strengthened in our own faith and committed to living out the Gospel in our lives.

May Saint George, the great soldier and martyr, pray for our Parish family and guide us always in our journey of faith. Amen.

There are several **important lessons** that can be learned from the disciples encountering Jesus on the road to Emmaus. **Here are three**:

*1- Jesus is with us* even when we do not recognize him: The two disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus, yet he walked with them, talked with them, and taught them. We too may not always recognize Jesus in our midst, but he is with us every step of the way, guiding us and l eading us to a deeper understanding of his love and grace.

2- Scripture reveals Jesus to us: As Jesus walked with the two disciples, he opened the Scriptures to them and helped them to understand the meaning of what had happened. Scripture is a powerful tool for helping us to understand who Jesus is and what he has done for us.

3- Jesus reveals himself to us in the breaking of the bread: When Jesus sat down to eat with the two disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. This act of breaking the bread is a powerful symbol of the Eucharist, where we remember Jesus' sacrifice and are reminded of his presence with us.

