



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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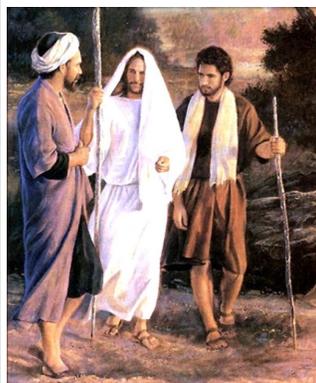
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# Third Sunday after the Resurrection

**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.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am (Latin Rite)

10:30 am

### Live Streaming on Facebook



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### YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
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### Sacraments

**Baptism and Confirmation:** Please contact the Priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

**Reconciliation:** Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

**Meet Your  
Pastoral Team**

**Fr. Tony Saab**

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**Weekly Collection**

**Sat 4:00pm \$585.00**

**Sun 8:30am \$362.00**

**Sun 10:30am \$460.00**

**Second collection for fuel  
\$594.00**

THANK YOU!



**Second Collections**

April 18

**The Catholic Home  
Missions Appeal**



***Liturgical Intentions***

4/17 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Najibe Aboud Saliba</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality.
4/18 8:30am 10:30am	25 Year Memorial Liturgy for <b>Pasquale DigiovanGiacomo</b> , requested by Peter Gazilli and his family.  Memorial Liturgy for <b>Najibe Aboud Saliba</b> , requested by Beshara and Wafaa Tahan
4/24 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Hamid Costantine El Khoury</b> , who passed away in Lebanon, requested by Anthony and Helen Budway.
4/25 8:30am 10:30am	One year Anniversary for <b>Lejia Martinous</b> , requested by her children and their families.
5/1 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Charlotte Tavares</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality
5/2 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Majid Farhat</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality
5/8 4:00pm	
5/9 8:30am 10:30am	
5/15 4:00pm	Forty Day Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> requested by his family.
5/16 8:30am 10:30am	Two Year Anniversary for <b>Julian Osko</b> , requested by his wife Soha and family
5/22 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> , requested by Stephen Constantine
5/23 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for <b>David, James and Carmelia, and Louis Peters</b> , requested by Connie Peters and her family

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Every First Saturday of the month 2:00 – 3:30pm
- **WEEKLY BULLETIN** Would you like to receive **this bulletin** every week by email and in color? Please email your name, address, and phone number to **stgeorgeri1@gmail.com** and we will add you to our safe and discreet email list.
- Due to the cancellation of the **Hafli**, The lack of attendance at weekly mass from covid 19 has decreased our budget collection substantially. Your donation towards the Ad Book will help defray the operating expenses of the church.
- **MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION:** Please join the Holy Rosary Drive to help homeless mothers by donating items of personal hygiene, like soap, toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.

This year's **Raffle Tickets** for the St. Joseph Hafli is awarding three monetary prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$2,500

2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$1,500

3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$1,000

*Drawing will take place on April 24, 2021 after the 4:00pm Liturgy.*

**Your donation** for each raffle ticket of \$100 will be much appreciated.

Please support this Fundraiser. If you have not purchased your raffle ticket yet, or if you need additional raffle tickets, please contact Anthony "Tuffy" Budway by email at [budway99@verizon.net](mailto:budway99@verizon.net) or please contact the Church office at [stgeorgeri1@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeri1@gmail.com).

Please make **checks payable to Saint George Church.**



***The Covid 19 Pandemic has financially crippled the Church in general and St George in particular. We have been in the red for the past year. Our inability to conduct fundraisers and dinners has proved quite challenging.***

***Please consider helping and expressing your love for your church!***

1. By mailing your weekly envelopes to the Church Office if you are unable to attend Divine Liturgy in person.
2. By setting up online recurring payments with your bank.
3. By making an online donation. Please visit our website ([www.stgeorgeri.com](http://www.stgeorgeri.com)) or by clicking on this link: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND GENEROSITY

## JESUS MEETS THE TWO DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Luke, a masterful storyteller, incisively describes how the disciples had completely lost their bearings and sense of spiritual direction in the overwhelming aftermath of Jesus' death: "They stopped, looking downcast" (Lk. 24:17). Approached by Jesus, they failed to recognize their Lord. Responding to His question about their conversation, the men explained their confusion: Jesus was "a prophet mighty in deed and word" and yet he had not fulfilled their hope for redemption (v. 21). In addition to this disappointment there was the added mystery of the empty tomb, although they apparently hadn't reached a conclusion about what it might actually mean.

Jesus chided them and took them to the Scriptures, "beginning with Moses and with all the prophets"(v. 27), to show them the true nature of "the Christ." There are several passages that Jesus likely showed them, including Deuteronomy 18:15,

which promised "a prophet" like Moses, Psalm 2:7, a Messianic psalm, and Isaiah 53, which describes the Suffering Servant, as well as others. The disciples had to be shown that salvation and glory wouldn't come through political might or social upheaval, but through humiliation, suffering, and apparent defeat.

Thus, on the road to Emmaus, there was a re-learning on the part of the disciples, who heard a deeper explanation of the Scriptures than they had heard many times before. This was necessary in order for them to really grasp the significance of the Cross and its life-giving, soul-transforming meaning. This education came from the very One who sent the prophets and gave them words; who better than the Word Incarnate to illuminate the meaning of the sacred text? The narrative follows a distinct pattern of questioning, dialogue, and exposition of Scripture, leading to a sacrament, which is a pattern Luke uses again in the story of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8).

The story of the encounter on the road to Emmaus includes all of the essential elements of the Liturgy: Scripture, prayer, blessing, and the breaking of bread. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the "Eucharistic celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of his Son; the consecration of bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord's body and blood." These elements, it emphasizes, "constitute one single act of worship" (CCC 1408).

In the midst of the disciples' confusion and blindness, Jesus sought them out, offered himself to them, and opened their eyes. He does it for all of us!, many. He wishes to meet all of us on our road to Emmaus. Let us meet our Lord in Scriptures, in the Eucharist, and in our love for one another.

There is **no evil** to be faced  
that Christ does not face with us.  
There is **no enemy** that Christ  
has not already conquered.  
There is **no cross** to bear that Christ  
has not already borne for us,  
and does not now bear with us.

– Pope John Paul II

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