

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

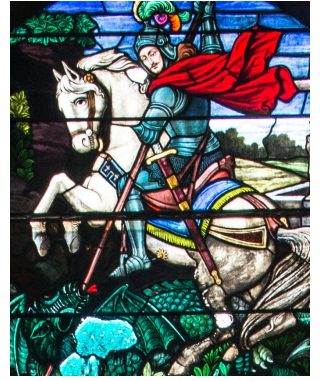
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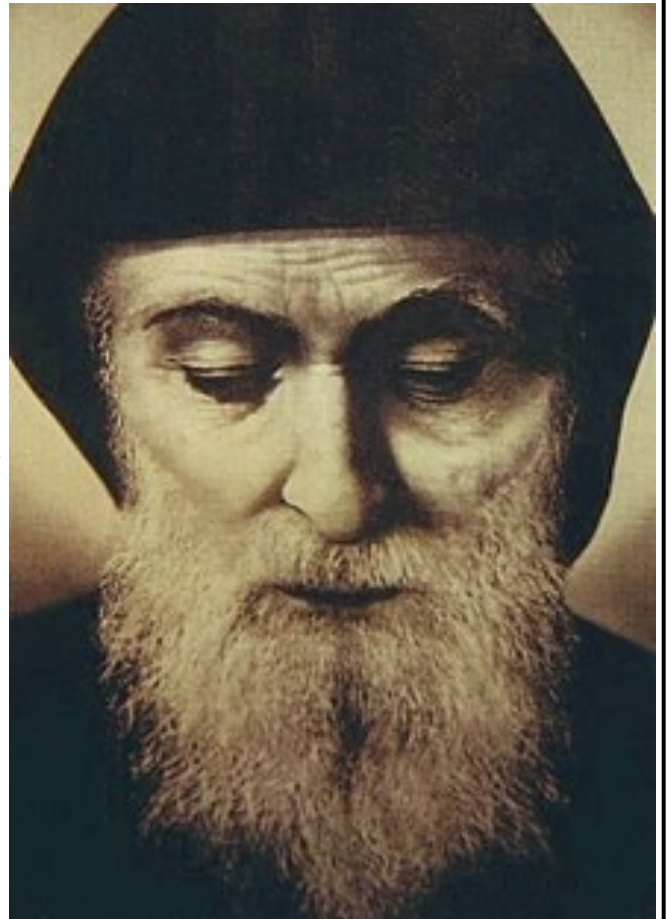


July 23, 2023

9th Sunday of Pentecost : Feast of Saints Charbel and Elias

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

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. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: "In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.



Mt 13:36-43

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned with fire, so will be the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.

Office Hours

Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday 7:00pm, Thursday and Friday 10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist on Thursday 6:00pm

Weekly collections

Saturday	04:00pm	\$326.00
Sunday	08:30am	\$284.00
	10.30am	\$358.00

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor

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Farid Zaarour, Deacon

The Church Hall

is available for rent for all types of events.

Suggested donations are \$300 for parishioners, \$500 for non-parishioners.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation: One month in advance with the Pastor.

Suggested Donation: Church: \$200

Priest: Free Will

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date.

Suggested Donation: Church \$500. Priest: Free Will

Reconciliation:

One hour before liturgies, or by appointment

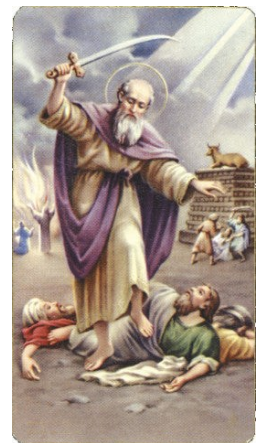
Anointing of the Sick:

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

Saint Elias: Saint Elias, also known as Elijah, was a powerful and zealous prophet who fearlessly stood up for God's truth and righteousness. He confronted the wickedness and idolatry of his time, even in the face of great opposition and danger. His unwavering faith in God's providence and his commitment to following God's will, even when it seemed challenging, serve as a powerful reminder for us to remain faithful and steadfast in our beliefs. Saint Elias teaches us the importance of courageously living out our faith, trusting in God's plan, and standing up for justice and truth in a world that may not always be receptive to it.

Saint Charbel Makhlof: Saint Charbel was a humble and contemplative monk who lived a life of deep prayer and devotion to God. He is known for his ascetic lifestyle and his dedication to silence, solitude, and sacrifice. Saint Charbel's life reminds us of the significance of finding God in the quiet moments of our lives, away from the distractions of the world. His commitment to simplicity and his focus on spiritual growth and union with God inspire us to prioritize our relationship with the divine amidst the busy and noisy world we live in today. When reflecting on the Feast of Saints Elias and Charbel, we can draw valuable lessons from their lives:

- **Faithfulness in the face of adversity:** Both saints faced challenging circumstances, yet they remained devoted to God's path. In our own lives, we may encounter difficulties and trials, but their example encourages us to remain steadfast in our faith and trust that God's plan is at work.
- **Courage to stand up for truth:** Saint Elias demonstrated the courage to confront injustice and idolatry. In our world today, we are often called to stand up for what is right, even when it's uncomfortable. Their lives inspire us to be courageous witnesses to God's love and mercy.
- **Embracing simplicity and prayer:** Saint Charbel's dedication to a life of prayer and contemplation reminds us of the importance of seeking God in the midst of our busy lives. By cultivating a deeper prayer life and embracing simplicity, we can draw closer to the divine and find peace amidst life's challenges.



Liturgical Intentions

7/22 4:00pm	Third anniversary liturgy for Louis Khoury, JR , requested by his loving family
7/23 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Peter Gallo requested by his family and friend Memorial liturgy for Richard and Anissa Borla , requested by their loving family.
7/29 4:00pm	
7/30 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for John Vitulli , requested by the HRS Second anniversary for James Maron , requested by his loving family.
8/5 4:00pm	
8/6 8:30am 10:30am	Forty day liturgy Virginia Iacono , requested by ther loving family.
8/12 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Raymond and Therese Yazbek and Anthony Budway , requested by Lydia and George Yazbek.
8/13 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for Juliette Daccache requested by her son Jihad and Samar Daccache.
8/19 4:00pm	Second anniversary for Mary Ann Solomon , requested by her loving husband Donald and his family.
8/20 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for the deceased members of the Ayoub and Raheb families , requested by their loving families.

Your **donation** to your church is an act of Faith and commitment to support the gospel of Christ and the ministry of His Church. It is an opportunity for you to contribute from the work of your hands back to God, the source of all blessings.



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Annual

Rain or Shine!

Lebanese Festival



**LIVE MUSIC, GREAT FOOD,
DANCE, RAFFLE & HOOKAH**



GAMES FOR CHILDREN!

"Fun for All!"



Middle Eastern Cuisine



**Friday &
Saturday**



**Friday,
Saturday
& Sunday**

Live Entertainment

**St. George Maronite Catholic Church
1493 Cranston Street, Cranston RI**

Friday, September 15th: 3PM-12AM

Saturday, September 16th: 12PM-12AM

Sunday, September 17th: 11:30AM-7PM

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

The **2023 Food Festival** will soon be here and plans are underway! We invite our parishioners who wish to volunteer, work, and/or donate to to contact any of the following festival coordinators: *Elias Ayoub, Saba Khoury, Tony Simon, and Chris Thomas*. Our Annual Food Festival is our major fundraiser and helps to defray our ongoing operating building maintenance costs. Your support and helping hands will enable our Parish to succeed once again.