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Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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July 27, 2025

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Is 42: 1-8

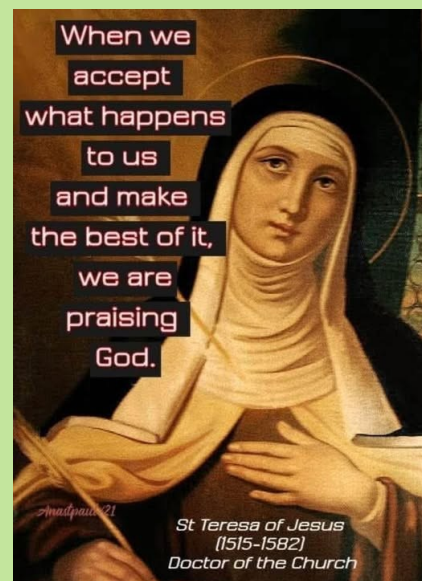
Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. Upon him I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out, nor shout, nor make his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench. He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow dim or be bruised until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and its produce, Who gives breath to its people and spirit to those who walk on it: I, the LORD, have called you for justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. I am the LORD, LORD is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

Romans 8:1-11

Hence, now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed you from the law of sin and death. For what the law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh but according to the spirit. For those who live according to the flesh are concerned with the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit with the things of the spirit. The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the spirit is life and peace. For the concern of the flesh is hostility toward God; it does not submit to the law of God, nor can it; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 12:14-21

But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against him to put him to death. When Jesus realized this, he withdrew from that place. Many (people) followed him, and he cured them all, but he warned them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom I delight; I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope."



Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am (Latin rite);

10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday at 6:00pm

Office Hours

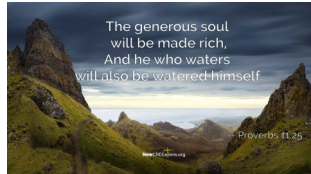
Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday
by appointment. **401-7238444**
email: **stgeorgeri1@gmail.com**

Jihane Ayoub, Assistant administrator

Weekly collections

\$1,005.00
Order of St Charbel:
\$231.00

***"One person gives freely, yet
gains even more; another with-
holds unduly, but comes to
poverty. A generous person will
prosper; whoever refreshes oth-
ers will be refreshed" (proverbs
11:24-25)***



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 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 at home.

Liturgical Intentions

7/26 4:00pm	In Honor of St. Ann , requested by Marie Chancy
7/27 8:30am 10:30am	Five-year anniversary for Louis M. Khoury, JR. requested by his wife Marnie and her loving family.
8/2 4:00pm	
8/3 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for James Maron , requested by his loving family.
8/9 4:00pm	One-year anniversary for Nasseur Badway , requested by his loving family.
8/10 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Tanios and Katherine Akl , requested by their loving family.
8/14 7:00pm 8/15 10:00am	Feast of the Assumption عيد انتقال العذراء

“The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him; the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD— And he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;” (Isaiah 11:2-3)

1. **Wisdom** (Sapientia)

Wisdom is the highest of the gifts. It enables us to judge rightly concerning divine things through the light of God. It gives us a taste of God, a kind of “spiritual intuition” of His presence and love.

Aquinas says it allows us to “judge all things in light of the highest cause”, meaning, from God's perspective.

2. **Understanding** (Intellectus)

Understanding enables us to penetrate the mysteries of faith, not merely as truths to accept, but as realities that illuminate our lives. It clarifies the truths we believe: the Incarnation, the Trinity, the Eucharist. It

bridges faith and reason, not

replacing reason, but deepening its grasp through the Spirit.



3. **Counsel** (Consilium)

Counsel perfects the virtue of prudence, enabling us to discern God's will in the moral choices of daily life. It works especially in moments of difficulty, ambiguity, or moral testing. It is a supernatural instinct, not calculation: the Holy Spirit inclines the will to choose rightly, often beyond one's natural understanding. It is crucial in vocations, moral dilemmas, and leadership.

4. **Fortitude** (Fortitudo)

Fortitude strengthens the soul against natural fear and discouragement, perfecting the virtue of courage. It enables us to endure trials, face persecution, and even suffer martyrdom. It is both passive (endurance) and active (heroic witness), drawn from the power of the Cross. Fortitude is what sustained martyrs and confessors, but it also empowers ordinary believers to live faithfully.

5. **Knowledge** (Scientia)

Knowledge allows us to judge rightly about created things in relation to God. It perfects the virtue of faith by helping us discern the marks of God's providence in creation and history. It sees the vanity of earthly things when separated from God and thus detaches the soul from illusion. It differs from human knowledge: it is illumined by grace and always ordered to salvation.

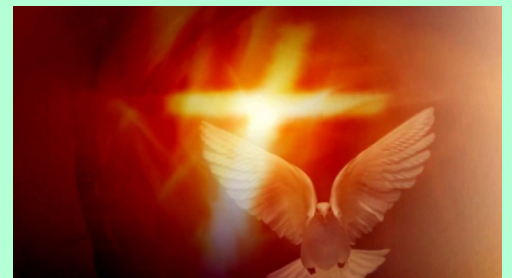
6. **Piety** (Pietas)

Piety perfects the virtue of justice, particularly in giving God His due through worship and loving obedience. It inspires filial devotion to God the Father and reverence toward His people, especially the poor and weak. It makes us docile to God's will, not out of fear, but out of loving trust. This gift sustains the Church's life of liturgy, prayer, and works of mercy.

7. **Fear of the Lord** (Timor Domini)

This is not servile fear, but filial fear, the awe of offending a loving God. It perfects the virtue of hope, guarding us from pride and complacency. It keeps us humble before the majesty of God and deters us from sin not just because it is wrong, but because it wounds love.

In early monastic and mystical theology, fear of the Lord is often the beginning of spiritual wisdom, leading to reverence, repentance, and deep joy.



You can make a difference: Show your generous support to your parish by sponsoring a banner to ensure the success of our Annual Lebanese Festival.

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

1493 Cranston Street Cranston, Rhode Island 02910

2025 Festival Banner Sponsorship Form

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Please email this form with information (or business card) to stgeorgeril@gmail.com or mail it with your check payable to St. George Church to the above address. Your contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Banner Sponsorship

Black Diamond — \$5,000

Vinyl Banner (48" X 96") (4' X 8")

Diamond—\$2,500

Vinyl Banner (24" X 72") (2' x 6')

Platinum - \$1,000

Vinyl Banner (24" X 48") (2' x 4')

Gold - \$500

Vinyl Banner (24" X 36") (2' x 3')

Silver - \$250

Vinyl Banner (18" X 24")

Festival dates: September 19, 20 and 21, 2025

Deadline: September 8, 2025

Credit Cards, Venmo and PayPal also accepted.

If you should have any questions, please contact the church office at 401-723-8444 or call Jihane Ayoub at 401-714-6200

We Thank You for your continued generosity and strong support for St. George Maronite Catholic Church.





**FREE
ADMISSION**

*All are invited to come and join us
Festivities will go on come rain or shine!
Under the tents or in the open air!*

Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA



Fri, Aug 8th ~ 5pm to 10pm
Sat, Aug 9th ~ Noon to 11pm
Sun, Aug 10th ~ 11am to 5pm



**Authentic
Lebanese
Food and
Pastry**



Mitchell Kaltsunas

and

Ensemble

Fri. 6pm-10pm
Sat. 7pm-11pm



**Alcoholic
Beverages**

**Basket
Raffles**

Hookah



**The Khourys
Featuring
Marlon**

Sun. 1pm-3pm



DJ, Raymond

Fri. 5pm-6pm
Sat. 3pm-7pm
Sun. 11am -5pm

THROWBACK



THROWBACK

Sat. 1pm-3pm

Dancing and so much more!

Facebook: St Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church

Website: <https://saotd-fr.org/> Phone: 508-672-7653

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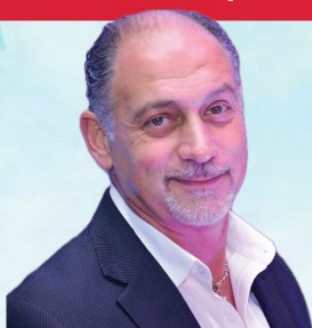
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Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL



FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 19	2:00PM – 12:00AM
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 20	2:00PM – 12:00AM
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 21	12:00PM – 7:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC | FOOD | DANCE | RAFFLE | HOOKAH | FUN FOR ALL



ANDRE IBRAHIM
FRIDAY



RAMY KANJ
SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



MUSIC BY GEORGE GEHA AND BAND



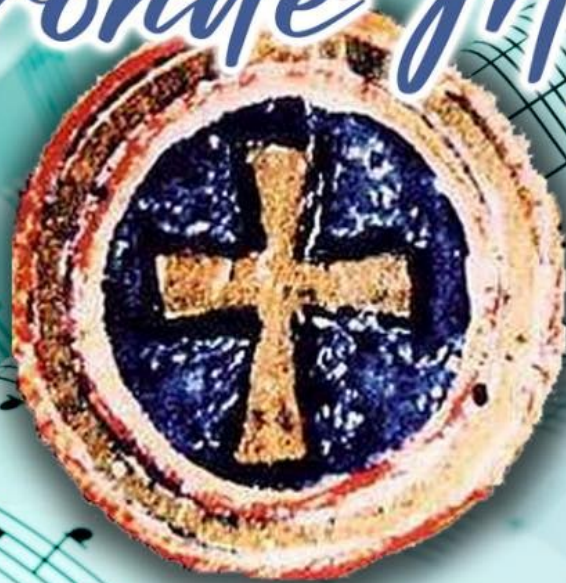
**AUTHENTIC LEBANESE
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FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS

2025 *Maronite Music* WORKSHOP



For Maronite Parish Music Directors & Choir Members

**AUGUST
12 - 13, 2025**

**Registration \$165
includes meals**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

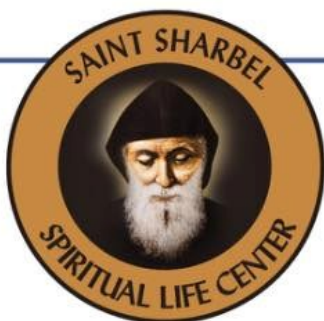
For those traveling in need of hotel accommodations, contact the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pittsburgh West-Greentree at 412-922-7070 to reserve one of the rooms blocked off for the workshop.

WORKSHOP LED BY

Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy
from St. Anthony Church, Lawrence, MA

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- Talk: Spirituality of Choir Members
- Talk: Challenges of Choir Ministry
- Talk: Future of Choir Ministry
- Workshop on Communion Hymns
- Workshop on Virgin Mary Hymns
- Discussion with Bishop Gregory
- Daily Divine Liturgy & Adoration
- Rehearsals & Recital



To register, go under "Programs" on our website at:

SaintSharbelCenter.org

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info@SaintSharbelCenter.org

Pray The Rosary

For all the souls of the faithful departed

With Bishop Gregory Mansour and Fr. Vincent Farhat along
with many people from our Eparchy join in.

Thursday

**Every Thursday
5:00 PM EST
Via Zoom**

**MEETING ID: 849 9601 4935
PASSCODE: 337494**

