



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

### Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday,  
from 9am-12pm  
The office is closed on Tuesday

### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

### Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6:00pm

*The Church Hall is available for rental.*

### 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

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

### Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab, Pastor  
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401-400-1441

(Urgent calls please)

Farid Zaarour, Deacon  
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### Weekly collections

Weekend collections 6/30  
\$1506.00

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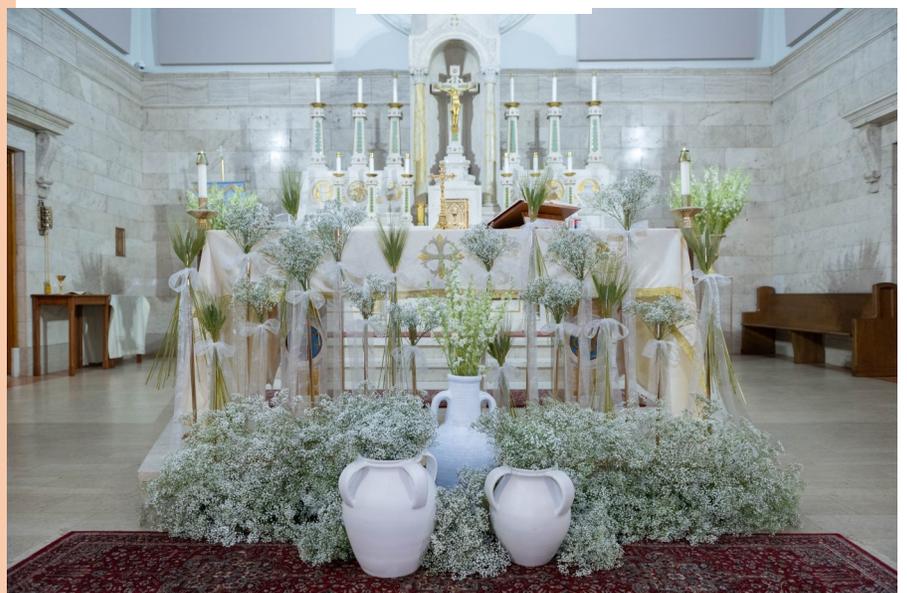


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## Liturgical Intentions

7/6 4:00pm	One year anniversary liturgy for <b>Denise Solomon</b> , requested by her loving family.
7/7 8:30am 10:30am	<p>Birthday remembrance for <b>Beverly Rozzero</b>, requested by her loving brother and sisters.</p> <p>Divine liturgy for <b>Carol Nakad</b>, who passed away in Lebanon, requested by her loving family.</p>
7/13 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Antoine, Esmalia, George, Samira, George, Jr., and William Thomas</b> , requested by Georgeann Thomas.
7/14 8:30am 10:30am	<p>Birthday remembrance for <b>Owen Bingham</b>, requested by his grandparents Steve and Joanne Mollica.</p> <p>Forty day liturgy for <b>Dolly Keiruz Baaklini</b>, requested by her loving family.</p>
7/20 4:00pm	<p><b>Feast of Saint Elias (The prophet Elijah)</b></p> <p>Memorial liturgy for <b>Mary Simon, Rodney Thomas, Ann Badway, Saad Habchi</b>, and all the deceased members of the Holy Rosary Sodality.</p>
7/21 8:30am 10:30am	<p><b>Feast of Saint Charbel</b></p> <p>Memorial liturgy for <b>Joanna Bartolomeo</b>, requested by the Solomon family.</p> <p>Ten year anniversary for <b>Kenneth Fiyod</b>, requested by his wife and her loving family.</p>
7/27 4:00pm	
7/28 8:30am 10:30am	Third anniversary liturgy for <b>James Maron</b> , requested by his wife Gloria and her loving family.
8/3 4:00pm	
8/4 8:30am 10:30am	<p><b><i>ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD</i></b></p>

**EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON**  
**The Spirituality of the Apostle**

**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."

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Reading Scriptures at liturgy is a privilege. please call or email the church office if you would like to read the Epistle at the weekend liturgies, **Weekend Reading Schedule 7/07**

Saturday at 4:00pm Milan Provencal

Sunday at 8:30am Derek Iacobucci

Sunday at 10:30am English: Visilios Giovanis

Arabic: Lina Aoun



The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides a comprehensive teaching on **the Holy Spirit**, emphasizing His role within the Holy Trinity, the life of the Church, and the life of believers. Here are key points from the Catechism regarding the Holy Spirit:

### **1. Identity and Divinity of the Holy Spirit:**

- The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, fully divine and co-equal with the Father and the Son.

He is referred to as the "Lord and Giver of Life" in the Nicene Creed.

### **2. Role in Salvation History:**

- The Holy Spirit was present at the creation of the world and throughout the history of the people of Israel.

- He inspired the prophets and prepared the way for Christ's coming.

The Holy Spirit was fully revealed at Pentecost when He descended upon the apostles.

### **3. Work in the Church:**

- The Holy Spirit builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church.
- He guides the Church in the truth, enabling her to understand and proclaim the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit is present in the sacraments, especially in Baptism and Confirmation, where He bestows His gifts.

### **4. Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit:**

- The Holy Spirit imparts various gifts (e.g., wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) to believers for their spiritual growth and for the building up of the Church. The fruits of the Holy Spirit (e.g., love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) manifest in the lives of those who live according to the Spirit.

### **5. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:**

- The Holy Spirit dwells within each believer, making their bodies temples of the Holy Spirit. This indwelling presence empowers believers to live holy lives, resist sin, and grow in virtue.

### **6. The Spirit of Truth and Teacher of Prayer:**

- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, leading the faithful to all truth and helping them to understand the mysteries of faith.

He is the primary agent in the life of prayer, interceding for believers and helping them to pray as they ought.

### **7. Unity in Diversity:**

- The Holy Spirit unites all members of the Church in one body while also bestowing diverse charisms for the common good.

He fosters unity among believers and guides them to live in harmony and mutual love.

### **8. Renewal and Sanctification:**

- The Holy Spirit renews and sanctifies the Church and each believer, continually drawing them closer to God.

He brings about the transformation of hearts and minds, conforming them to the image of Christ.

### **9. Mission and Evangelization:**

- The Holy Spirit empowers the Church for mission and evangelization, sending believers out to proclaim the Good News.

He inspires and sustains the missionary activity of the Church.

### **Key Catechism References:**

- **CCC 683-747:** Detailed teachings on the Holy Spirit, His relationship within the Trinity, His actions in the Church and the world, and His role in the life of believers.

- **CCC 1830-1832:** Explanation of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

**CCC 687-701:** Exploration of the symbols of the Holy Spirit (e.g., fire, wind, dove, water) and their meanings.



Have you ever reflected of ***HOW GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO US?***  
According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, God reveals Himself in various ways

## 1. Natural Revelation

God reveals Himself through creation and the natural world. By observing the beauty, order, and complexity of the universe, human beings can come to know certain truths about God. This is often referred to as "natural revelation" or "general revelation."

- **CCC 32:** "The world: starting from movement, becoming, contingency, and the world's order and beauty, one can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and the end of the universe."
- **CCC 46:** "When he listens to the message of creation and to the voice of conscience, man can arrive at certainty about the existence of God."

## 2. Divine Revelation

God's more specific and direct communication with humanity, which includes:

### a. Sacred Scripture and Tradition

- **Sacred Scripture:** The Bible is considered the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Through the Scriptures, God reveals His nature, His will, and His plan for humanity.
  - **CCC 104:** "In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as human word, 'but as what it really is, the word of God.'"
  - **Sacred Tradition:** Alongside Scripture, Tradition encompasses the teachings and practices handed down through the Apostles and their successors.
  - **CCC 81:** "Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit."
- **CCC 82:** "Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence."

### b. Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the ultimate and fullest revelation of God. In the person of Jesus, God has revealed Himself in a direct and personal way.

- **CCC 65:** "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son."

## 3. The Magisterium

The teaching authority of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, helps interpret and preserve the truths of revelation.

- **CCC 85:** "The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone."
- **CCC 86:** "Yet this Magisterium is not superior to the Word of God, but is its servant. It teaches only what has been handed on to it."

## 4. The Sacraments

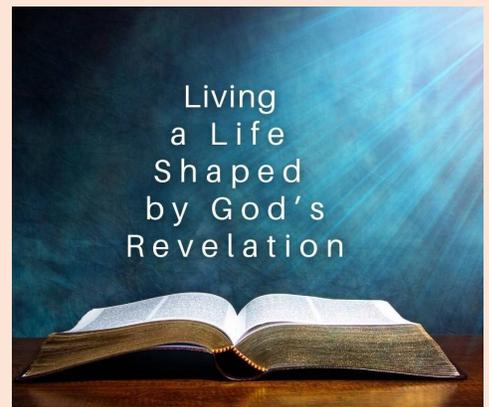
God's grace and presence are revealed and made present in the sacraments, which are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ.

- **CCC 1127:** "Celebrated worthily in faith, the sacraments confer the grace that they signify."

## 5. Private Revelation

While public revelation (as found in Scripture and Tradition) is complete, God may continue to reveal Himself to individuals through private revelations. These do not add to the deposit of faith but can help people live out their faith more fully.

- **CCC 67:** "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called 'private' revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church."



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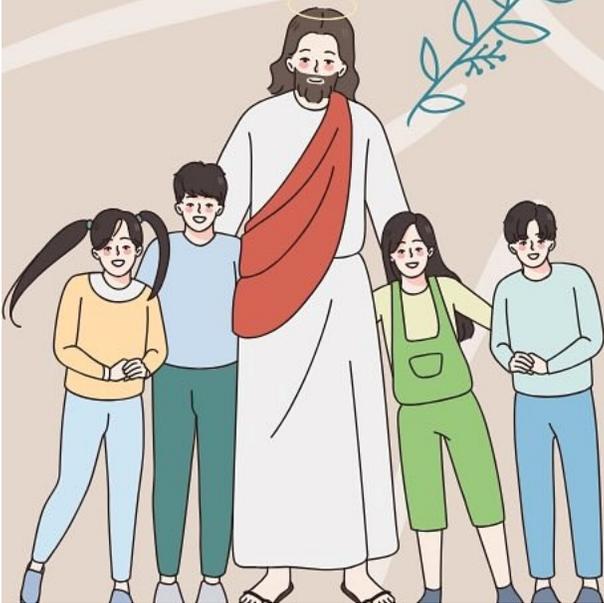
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