



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Ruth 1: 15-19a

"See now," Naomi said, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her god. Go back after your sister-in-law!" But Ruth said, "Do not press me to go back and abandon you! Wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God, my God. Where you die I will die, and there be buried. May the LORD do thus to me, and more, if even death separates me from you!" Naomi then ceased to urge her, for she saw she was determined to go with her. So they went on together until they reached Bethlehem.

Ephesians 3:1-13

Because of this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ (Jesus) for you Gentiles-- if, as I suppose, you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, (namely, that) the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly earlier. When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to human beings in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this I became a minister by the gift of God's grace that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his power. To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light (for all) what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens. This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over my afflictions for you; this is your glory.

Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor, 401-723-8444, frtonysaab@gmail.com

Deacon Farid Zaarour, fzaarour@yahoo.com

Liturgical Schedule Thursday and Friday 10:00 am; Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

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 church office.

Announcements

Would you like to receive the **Weekly Bulletin** Electronically? Would you like to contribute by **Budget Envelopes**? Please email the Church Office at stgeorgeril@gmail.com



- The **Church Hall** will be available only for parish-sponsored events and activities in support of the parish mission and ministries.

The hall will no longer be available for personal or private use including Mercy Meals, Baptisms and Wedding receptions, Family Dinners or any other private celebrations.

- Sponsors and Volunteers for our Annual Lebanese Festival are always welcome! Please contact the Church Office for more information.

- Please **refrain from eating, drinking, chewing gum, and unnecessary walking or conversations during the Divine Liturgy and all liturgical services.** If it becomes necessary to leave your seat, please do so quietly and with respect for those who are praying.

Funeral guidelines

If **Cremation** takes place, **the body is to be buried.**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Ashes should not be scattered, divided among family members, or kept permanently at home." (CCC 2301)

Eulogies by Lay Persons in church are not permitted.

Visitation in the church on the evening before the funeral is not allowed. Visitation should take place at the funeral home or another appropriate location. The church is reserved for the celebration of the Funeral Liturgy and prayer.

Live streaming

of liturgies and parish activities are available to the sick and homebound on You Tube and Facebook



Weekly Collections

Saturday 4:00 pm: **\$282.00**

Sunday 8:30 am: **\$355.00**

Sunday 10:30 am: **\$848.00**



Total weekend Collections: **\$1,484.00**

Liturgical Intentions

8/6 7:00 pm	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
8//8 4:00 pm	"Remember me in your Kingdom" intentions.
8/9 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for Lisa Ziade , requested by her loving family.
8/15 4:00 pm	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8/16 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for Hanna and Marie Maatouk, Joseph Maatouk, Ghassan Maatouk, and Elias Hindi , requested by Phillip Maatouk.
8/22 4:00 pm	Five-year anniversary for Maryann Solomon , requested by her loving children Donald Jr., and Cheryl Solomon.
8/23 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for Peace in Lebanon and the Middle East, requested by a loving family.
8/29 4:00 pm	For all unborn children , requested by a loving family.
8/30 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for Youssef and May Hoyek , requested by their loving son Gaby.
9/5 4:00 pm	
9/6 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for the deceased members of the Atallah family , requested by their loving familiy.



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MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Be part of
**SOMETHING
BIGGER!**

SPONSOR OUR 2026 FESTIVAL!

Grow your business. Support our parish.



REACH THOUSANDS
of local families and
festival visitors.



GREAT VISIBILITY
for your business on
our festival grounds.



SUPPORT OUR PARISH
and help us continue
our mission.



SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY
you care and support
local traditions.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



SILVER
\$250

Vinyl Banner
18" x 24"



GOLD
\$500

Vinyl Banner
24" x 36"



PLATINUM
\$1,000

Vinyl Banner
24" x 48"



DIAMOND
\$2,500

Vinyl Banner
24" x 72"



BLACK DIAMOND
\$5,000

Vinyl Banner
48" x 96"



DEADLINE TO SPONSOR:
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026



PAYMENT ACCEPTED:
CHECK, CREDIT CARDS,
VENMO & PAYPAL



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

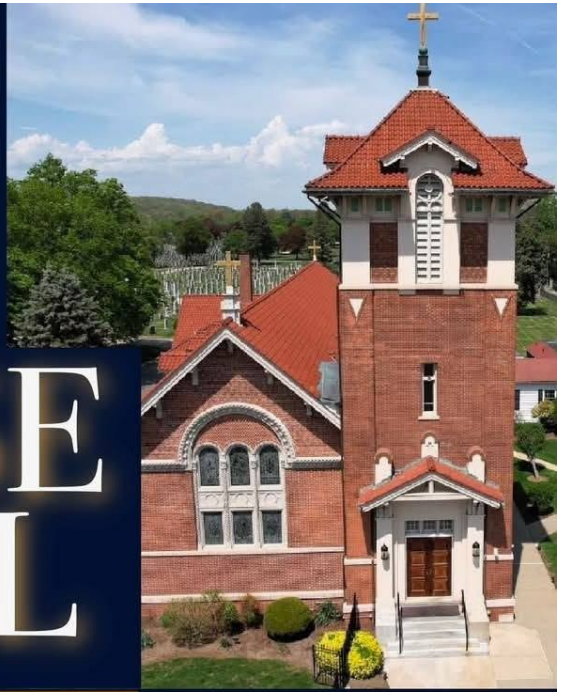
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Thank you ❤️
for your generosity
and strong support!

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Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL



LIVE
MUSIC



DABKE



RAFFLES



CASH
BAR



HOOCAH



FAMILY
FRIENDLY

Fun for All!

THREE DAYS OF FAITH, CULTURE, & COMMUNITY

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 18

2:00 PM

— to —

12:00 AM

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 19

12:00 PM

— to —

12:00 AM

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20

12:00 PM

— to —

7:00 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



FRIDAY
RAMY
KANJ



SATURDAY
AYAD
ATALLAH



SUNDAY
DJ KK



Authentic
LEBANESE CUISINE



FREE
ADMISSION



FREE
PARKING



RAIN
OR SHINE



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Christians Under Attack in Eastern Congo: An Escalating Crisis

In the past week, Islamist militants from the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an extremist group connected to the Islamic State, attacked a Christian funeral gathering in the village of Ntoyo, in the North Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Reports say nearly 100 people were hacked to death, many with machetes. Dozens of houses were burned. This atrocity is the latest in a long line of violence against Christian communities in eastern Congo.

Since late 2024, more than 1,100 Christians have been killed in the provinces of North Kivu and Ituri, with the ADF, also known as the Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP), blamed for the deaths. Repeatedly churches, prayer meetings, funerals and Christian villages have been targeted. In July 2025, during a night prayer vigil, militants attacked the Catholic parish of Blessed Anuarite in Komanda, killing more than 40 worshippers, including women and children. The group's violence has spread, with similar massacres, abductions and acts of terror continuing into 2026.

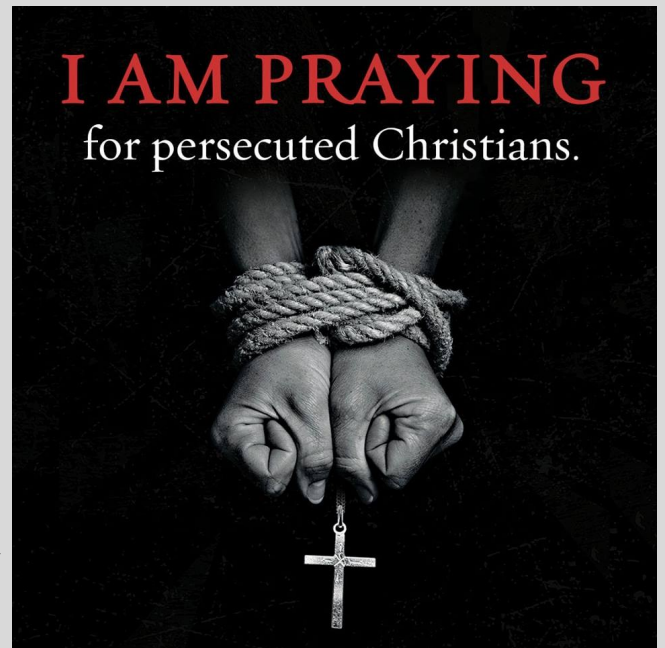
Christianity is practiced by almost 95 percent of the population in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The conflict in the eastern part of the country is complex, with many armed groups and historic political and economic tensions, but the ADF has repeatedly targeted Christians in attacks. The group's propaganda openly describes these atrocities as jihad, often against churches and Christian gatherings.

After the bloody Komanda massacre, Pope Leo XIV said: "May the blood of these martyrs become a seed of peace, reconciliation, fraternity and love for the Congolese people." He also asked for God's mercy for the victims and prayed for Christians around the world who continue to

suffer violence and persecution. The Catholic bishops of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (CENCO) strongly condemned these atrocities, calling for greater protection of civilians, demanding accountability from public authorities and urging renewed efforts towards peace and national reconciliation.

The suffering of these Christian communities has been immense, but relatively little international attention has been paid to it. Priests, religious, missionaries and lay faithful continue to minister courageously to the wounded, the displaced and the grieving, witnessing to the hope of the Gospel even in the face of relentless persecution.

Please keep in your prayers the families grieving their dead, those who were injured or displaced, and the brave clergy and religious who steadfastly stand by their side. Urge your elected officials to continue humanitarian aid, support for religious liberty, and increased International attention to the ongoing violence in eastern Congo.



I AM PRAYING
for persecuted Christians.



NEW ENGLAND	26 SEP 2026	YOUTH LEADER ENRICHMENT DAY St. Anthony Church Lawrence, MA
	10-12 OCT 2026	REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT Camp Pontiac Copake, NY
	27 FEB 2027	LENTEN DAY RETREAT St. Anthony Church Springfield, MA
	22-27 JUN 2027	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
MID-ATLANTIC	10-12 OCT 2026	REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT Camp Pontiac Copake, NY
	7 NOV 2026	YOUTH LEADER ENRICHMENT DAY (TBD)
	6 MAR 2027	LENTEN DAY RETREAT Our Lady Star of the East Pleasantville, NJ
	22-27 JUN 2027	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
MID-ATLANTIC WEST	5 DEC 2026	CHRISTMAS DAY RETREAT Our Lady of Victory Pittsburgh, PA
	19-21 FEB 2027	REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT Camp Weed Live Oak, FL
	22-27 JUN 2027	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
FAR SOUTH	19-21 FEB 2027	REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT Camp Weed Live Oak, FL
	22-27 JUN 2027	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)
SOUTH	19-21 FEB 2027	REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT Camp Weed Live Oak, FL
	16-18 APR 2027	EASTER RETREAT St. Anthony Church Glenn Allen, VA
	22-27 JUN 2027	NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)



2026 & 2027
EPARCHIAL EVENTS

Join us as we celebrate a special milestone

The Arabic Educational Foundation
60th Anniversary
Grand Hafla

October 3rd 2026
6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

St. Basil the Great Melkite Church,
Lincoln, Rhode Island

Entertainment by
George Malouf,
St. Basil's Arabic Dance Troupe, and
Saint George's Dance Group

Dinner provided by
Kaza Maza Restaurant

Contact Donna (401-954-3044) or
Sharon (Arabic.ed1966@gmail.com)
for tickets (\$ 100)

♥ MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

2nd ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER for the Sisters

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fine dining, and entertainment in support of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light. Your generosity helps the sisters continue their mission and service as spiritual mothers in our Church.

♥ We will honor three outstanding friends and faithful supporters with the Radiate His Light Award.

Joining us is our guest of honor,
His Excellency, Bishop Gregory J. Mansour.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2026
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM EDT

300 N Eastern Ave
Fall River, MA 02723, USA

"Let your light shine before others."
MATTHEW 5:16

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS

GENERAL ADMISSION \$75
Grants entry to enjoy a gourmet meal, cash bar, live entertainment, 50/50, Wine Pull and Gift Basket Raffle.

TABLE OF TEN \$750
Grants entry for you and nine of your guests to enjoy a gourmet meal, cash bar, live entertainment, 50/50, Wine Pull and Gift Basket Raffle.

SPONSORSHIP
Please consider an additional gift to help us meet the expenses of this event.

CHILD UNDER 12 - ADMISSION \$35
Grants entry to the event to enjoy a meal, entertainment, and children's activity space.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and friendship. We are excited to celebrate with you!



*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 7th ~ 5pm to 10pm
Sat, Aug 8th ~ Noon to 11pm
Sun, Aug 9th ~ 11am to 5pm



**Authentic
Lebanese
Food and
Pastry**

**Alcoholic
Beverages**



**MITCHELL KALTSUNAS
AND
ENSEMBLE**

Fri. 6pm-7:30pm & 7:45pm-10pm
Sat. 7pm-8pm & 8:15pm-11pm

MYO DANCE TROUPE

Fri. 7:30pm-7:45pm
Sat. 6:15pm-6:30pm & 8pm-8:15pm
Sun. 1pm-1:15pm



**Basket
Raffles**



DJ, ERIC

Fri. 5pm-6pm
Sat. 4pm-6pm
**Sun. 11am -1pm
& 1:15pm-4pm**



THROWBACK

Sat. 12:30pm-3:30pm

Hookah

Dancing and so much more!

Facebook: St Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church
Website: <https://saotd-fr.org/> Phone: 508-672-7653





ST. MARY ANTOCHIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH
PRESENTS



ST. MARY MAHRAJAN



مهرجان عيد السيدة



MENU

SATURDAY

Authentic Arabic Food,
Live Music by
Chadi Naddaf



DATE AND TIME

15 & 16 August, 2026

Saturday 11am - 11pm

Sunday 11am - 5pm

ZAATAR MANA'EESH

مناقيش زعتر

CHEESE MANA'EESH

مناقيش جبن

FALAFEL

فلافل

CHICKEN SHAWARMA

شاورما الدجاج

KEBAB

كباب

ARABIC COFFEE

DESSERT

كعك بكنافة

HOOKAH

SUNDAY

Authentic Arabic Food,
Live Music by
Dj Ray



Option to RSVP a table
for 10 people, including
food from the menu

Contact to RSVP:

Walid Nakhoul

(401-692-1250)

Lindsay Chammas

(401-602-0034)

1 St. Mary's Way, Pawtucket, RI 02860



Is God Calling You to Religious Life?

Do you desire to learn about the life and mission of the
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light?

Summer Online Vocation Event

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Open to single women ages 18 to 39

Email vocations@maroniteservants.org to register

Maroniteservants.org