

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

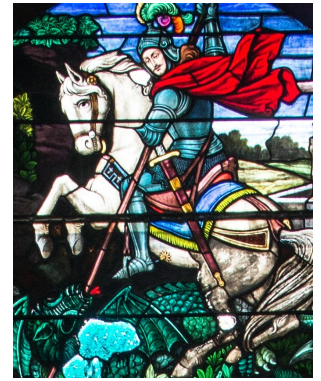
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August 27, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Meet Your Clergy

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Forty day liturgies are considered a priority.

When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.

The Church Hall

is available for **rent** for all types of events.

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

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Giver of what God has blessed
you with.



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	\$758.00
Sunday	08:30am	\$325.00
	10.30am	\$461.00

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.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our reception among you was not without effect. Rather, after we had suffered and been insolently treated, as you know, in Philippi, we drew courage through our God to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle. Our exhortation was not from delusion or impure motives, nor did it work through deception. But as we were judged worthy by God to be entrusted with the gospel, that is how we speak, not as trying to please human beings, but rather God, who judges our hearts. Nor, indeed, did we ever appear with flattering speech, as you know, or with a pretext for greed--God is witness-- nor did we seek praise from human beings, either from you or from others, although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ. Rather, we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers. As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you conduct yourselves as worthy of the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Luke 10:38-42

As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary (who) sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Lessons from Luke 10:38-42

1- Balancing Action and Devotion: In this passage, Martha is busy with preparing and serving food, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet to listen to his teachings. Jesus commends Mary's choice to prioritize spiritual devotion over physical tasks. This highlights the importance of balancing our actions and service with a deep, personal relationship with God. While serving and taking care of responsibilities are important, it's crucial not to neglect spending time in prayer, studying the Word, and cultivating a close connection with God. This lesson encourages believers to seek a harmonious blend of active service and heartfelt devotion in their Christian walk.

2- Choosing the Better Part: Jesus tells Martha that Mary has chosen the "better part," referring to her decision to sit and learn from him. This emphasizes the value of seeking spiritual growth and understanding above all else. It's a reminder that in the midst of life's busyness and demands, we should prioritize our relationship with God and our pursuit of wisdom and insight from His teachings. This lesson encourages believers to discern and prioritize what truly matters in their lives, making choices that align with their spiritual growth and well-being.

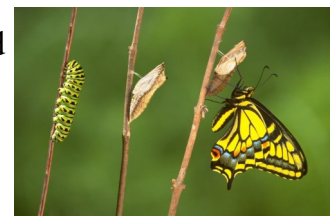
3- Avoiding Judgment and Comparison: Martha's complaint about Mary not helping her reveals a potential pitfall in our human nature—judging and comparing ourselves to others. Jesus gently corrects Martha's perspective, indicating that her concerns are less important than Mary's choice to learn from Him. This serves as a reminder that we should avoid passing judgment on others' choices and instead focus on our own relationship with God. Comparing ourselves to others can lead to resentment and distractions from our personal spiritual journey. This lesson encourages believers to cultivate humility, understanding, and compassion toward others, and to avoid measuring spiritual progress solely by external actions.

Liturgical Intentions

8/26 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for Denise Solomon , requested by her loving husband Michael A. Solomon and his loving family.
8/27 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for the deceased members of the Ayoub and Raheb families , requested by their loving families.
9/2 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for John and Beatrice Thomas , requested by their loving children.
9/3 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Virginia Iacono , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality
9/17 8:30am	Birthday remembrance for Robin Lane Bingham , requested by Robert P. Bingham
	ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O' LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE ON THEM!

Without the Struggle, There Are No Wings

A family brought in two cocoons that were about to hatch. They watched as the first one began to open and the butterfly inside squeezed very slowly and painfully through a tiny hole that it chewed in one end of the cocoon. After lying exhausted for about ten minutes following its agonizing emergence, the butterfly finally flew out the open window on its beautiful new wings.



The family decided to help the second butterfly so that it would not have to go through such an excruciating ordeal. So, as it began to emerge, they carefully sliced open the cocoon with a razor blade, doing the equivalent of a Caesarean section. The second butterfly never did sprout wings, and in about ten minutes, instead of flying away, it quietly died.

The family asked a biologist friend to explain what had happened. The scientist said that the difficult struggle to emerge from the small hole pushes liquids from deep inside the butterfly's body cavity into tiny capillaries in the wings where they hardened to complete the healthy and beautiful adult butterfly. The lesson? **WITHOUT STRUGGLE, THERE ARE NO WINGS.**



The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light invite you to celebrate with them the **First profession of Vows of Sister Emily Mary Lattouf** within the Divine Liturgy celebrated by **Bishop Gregory John Mansour** at Saint Anthony of the Desert Church, Fall River, MA

Thursday Sept. 7 at 6:00pm

A reception will follow. R.S.V.P to Sister Marla Marie at sister@maroniteservants.org or 508-996-1753

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Total to date: \$31,550

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What are the Biblical meanings of the word "Christ"

1. **Messiah and Anointed One:** The most prominent biblical meaning of "Christ" is its association with the Messiah, the prophesied Savior and Anointed One. Throughout the Old Testament, there are numerous prophecies and references to a coming Messiah who would deliver and redeem God's people. In the New Testament, the term "Christ" is used to identify Jesus as the fulfillment of these Messianic prophecies. For example, in Matthew 1:16, it is written, "and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ."

2. **Title of Jesus:** In the New Testament, the term "Christ" is often used as a title for Jesus, emphasizing his divine nature, role, and mission. For example, in Matthew 16:16, Peter confesses, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This confession highlights Jesus' unique identity as the anointed Son of God.

3. **Savior and Redeemer:** The title "Christ" is closely linked to Jesus' role as the Savior and Redeemer of humanity. His sacrificial death on the cross is the means by which he achieved redemption and reconciliation between God and humanity. This is expressed in passages like 1 Timothy 1:15: "The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

4. The Second Person of the Trinity:

In Catholic theology, Jesus Christ is considered the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, co-existing with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. This triune nature is foundational to the Christian understanding of God's identity. Verses such as John 1:14 emphasize this by stating, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."



5. Incarnation of God:

The term "Christ" also signifies the incarnation of God in human form. The concept of the Word becoming flesh, as described in John 1:14, reflects the belief that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God who took on human nature while retaining his divine identity.

6. Resurrection and Victory over Death:

The title "Christ" is connected to Jesus' resurrection from the dead. His triumph over death is a central theme in Christianity, symbolizing victory over sin and the promise of eternal life. This is expressed in passages such as 1 Corinthians 15:20: "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

7. Kingdom of God:

The title "Christ" also signifies Jesus' role as the King of the coming Kingdom of God. This aspect is evident in passages like Luke 1:32-33, where the angel announces to Mary, "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Lebanese Festival

Friday, September 8, 2023
5:00PM - 11:00PM
Live Entertainment

Mitchel Kaltsounas (Friday)



Rami Badr (Saturday)



With Bashir El-Khoury Band

Saturday, September 9, 2023
12:00PM - 11:00PM



Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200
Drawing
Saturday, September 9, 2023
10:30PM

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

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Fri 5p-1a
Sat 5p-2a
Sun 12p-12a



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Friday, September 15th: 3PM-12AM
Saturday, September 16th: 12PM-12AM
Sunday, September 17th: 11:30AM-7PM

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St. George Maronite Catholic Church
Annual Lebanese Festival
Grand Raffle Fri-Sun Sep. 15-17

1ST PRIZE	2ND PRIZE	3RD PRIZE
\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500

Drawing will be held on Saturday September 16, 2023
at 1493 Cranston St, Cranston, RI No 0082
Do not have to be present to win / Donation - \$20 per ticket

Please Join us for a
Live SAJ Station
Sunday August 27, 2023
11:30-2:00pm

