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Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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August 03, 2025

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor
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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**
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Jihane Ayoub

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Sacraments

Baptism & Confirmation

One month in advance with the Pastor.

Matrimony:

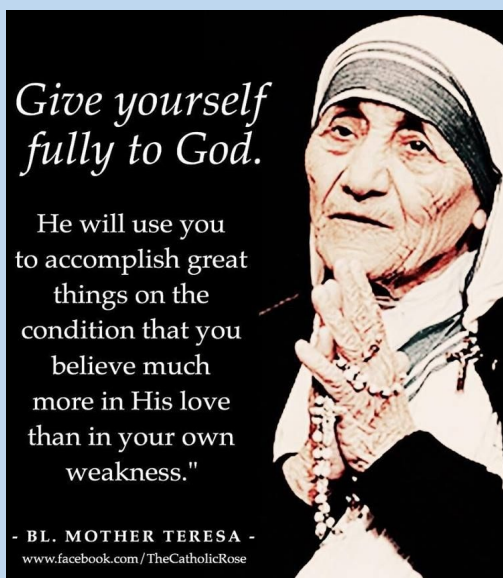
Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date.

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.



Forty-day liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.

Weekly collections

\$1,588.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Liturgical Intentions

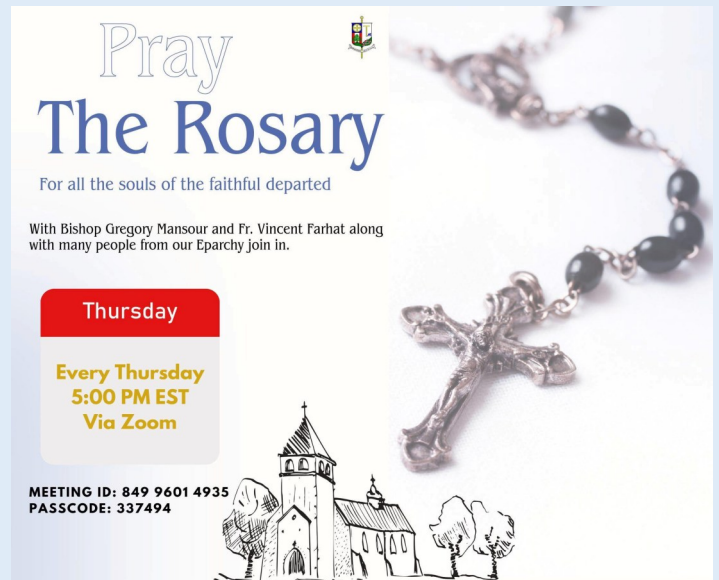
8/2 4:00pm	
8/3 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for James Maron , requested by his loving family.
8/9 4:00pm	One-year anniversary for Nasseur Badway , requested by his loving family.
8/10 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Tanios and Katherine Akl , requested by their loving family.
8/14 7:00pm 8/15 10:00am	Feast of the Assumption عيد انتقال العذراء
8/16 4:00pm	
8/17 8:30am 10:30am	Mass of Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes , requested by Chancy-Antoine family Memorial liturgy for Youssef and May Hoyek , requested by their loving son Gaby.
8/23 4:00pm	Four-year anniversary for Mary Ann Solomon, requested by her loving children Donald Jr. and Cheryl.
8/24 8:30am 10:30am	Anniversary liturgy for Marie, Fadia, and Zakhia Hachem , requested by Therese Hachem and her loving family.
8/30 4:00pm	
8/31 8:30am 10:30am	
9/6 4:00pm	One-year anniversary liturgy for Lillian D. Barish , requested by her loving family.

NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON

The Apostle's Schedule

Is 61: 1-4 + 8-10a

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God; To comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of justice, the planting of the LORD to show his glory. They shall rebuild the ancient ruins, the former wastes they shall raise up And restore the desolate cities, devastations of generation upon generation. For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, an everlasting covenant I will make with them. Their offspring shall be renowned among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; All who see them shall acknowledge them: "They are offspring the LORD has blessed." I will rejoice heartily in the LORD, my being exults in my God.



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.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Readings for 8:30am mass

Reading 1 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.



Responsorial Psalm Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. (1) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading 2 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self,

which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he told them a parable.

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.

He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"'

But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

You can make a difference: Show your generous support for your parish's financial stability 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

Corporation/Name: _____ Contact: _____

Street: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsorship/Donation Tier: _____ Check No: _____

Banner wording line 1: _____

Banner wording line 2: _____

Please email this form with information (or business card) to stgeorgeri1@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
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Mitchell Kaltsunas

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Featuring
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DJ, Raymond

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Sun. 11am -5pm

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Dancing and so much more!

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**FREE
PARKING**





Maronite Eparchies of the United States of America



July 25, 2025

Dear Msgrs. and Fathers,

Greetings and Peace!

In the coming 2026 Lebanese election, Lebanese citizens living abroad will only be allowed to vote for 6 parliamentary seats instead of the full 128 parliamentary seats like those living in Lebanon.

This limits the rights of the Lebanese Diaspora to share in Lebanon's future and the law must be changed so that those living abroad have the same rights as those in Lebanon. His Eminence and Beatitude Bechara Cardinal Peter Rai has also spoken in favor of the Lebanese Diaspora.

To make our voices heard, a petition has been launched to repeal Article 112 from the Lebanese Electoral. We ask that you inform your parishioners about this change and share the attached petition. The petition is also available online: <https://chnng.it/HNkf2bcvGL>

Let us work together to ensure our people's voices are heard.

With sincere best wishes and prayers, we remain

Yours in Christ,

+Gregory Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

+A. Elias Zaidan
Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

Attachments

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Equal Voting Rights for All Lebanese



Petition: Demand for the Repeal of Article 112 of the Current Electoral Law

What You Need To Know About Signing The Petition

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To ensure your voice is heard, sign the Petition at your local parish or online at <https://chnng.it/HNkf2bcvGL>.

**DO NOT LET YOUR VOICE GO
UNHEARD. SIGN TODAY.**



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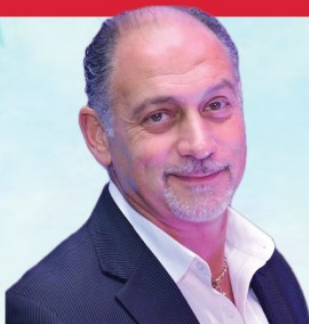
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Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL



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



DJ
SUNDAY



MUSIC BY GEORGE GEHA AND BAND



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