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## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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1493 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI

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August 31, 2025

## Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor**  
[frtonysaab@gmail.com](mailto:frtonysaab@gmail.com)

**Deacon Farid Zaarour**  
[fzaarour@yahoo.com](mailto:fzaarour@yahoo.com)

### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and  
Friday 10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

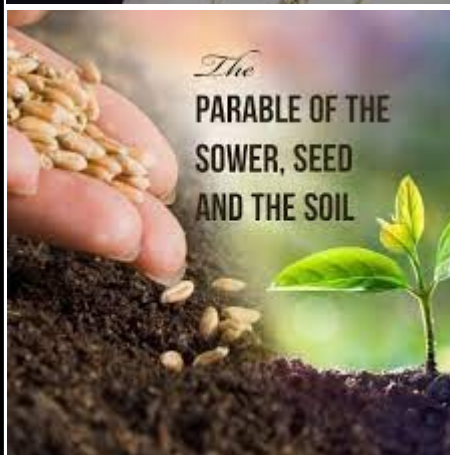
**Exposition of the  
Holy Eucharist**

Thursday at 6:00pm

*Darkness*  
CAN ONLY  
BE SCATTERED  
BY *light*.

*Hatred* CAN  
ONLY BE  
CONQUERED  
BY *love*.

- Saint John Paul II



*The*  
**PARABLE OF THE  
SOWER, SEED  
AND THE SOIL**

**"Yes, you must live life  
beautifully and not  
allow the spirit of the  
world that makes gods  
out of power, riches,  
and pleasure make you  
to forget that you have  
been created for  
greater things."**



### Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday  
by appointment. **401-7238444**  
email:

[stgeorgeri1@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeri1@gmail.com)

Jihane Ayoub

Office assistant administrator

### Weekly collections

\$1,160.00



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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](mailto: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.

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## Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL

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

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

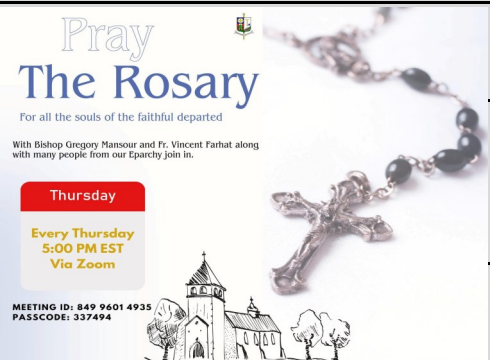
ANDRE IBRAHIM FRIDAY  
RAMY KANJ SATURDAY  
DJ SUNDAY

MUSIC BY GEORGE GEHA AND BAND

AUTHENTIC LEBANESE  
FOOD & DESSERTS

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

## Liturgical Intentions

8/30 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Raymond and Therese Yazbek</b> , requested by George Yazbek and Lydia Tanguay.
8/31 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Elie Farhat</b> , requested by Nohra Eid.
9/6 4:00pm	One-year anniversary liturgy for <b>Lillian D. Barish</b> , requested by her loving family.
9/7 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Joseph and Abdallah Aboukhalil</b> , requested by Wissam Aboukhalil.
9/13 4:00pm	Forty-day liturgy for <b>Msgr. Joseph Lahoud</b> , offered by the parish family.
9/14 8:30am 10:30am	Mass of Thanksgiving to <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> , requested by <b>Chancy– Antoine family</b> Memorial liturgy for <b>Olga Galgani</b> , requested by Peter Garzilli. Forty-day liturgy for <b>William Joseph.</b> , offered by the parish family.
9/20 4:00pm	 <p><b>Forty-day liturgies</b> are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.</p> <p><b>September 7, 2025</b> UPCOMING EPARCHIAL 2ND COLLECTION Catholic University of America &amp; Maronite Seminary</p>
9/21 8:30am 10:30am	
9/26 4:00pm	

Three lessons from this week's gospel reading.

1. **Discipleship is shared—and funded—by many gifts** (8:1–3). Luke spotlights Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Susanna who “provided for them out of their means.” Jesus’ mission advances through hidden service and generous stewardship. *Practice:* name one hidden helper in your parish or family and thank them; consider one concrete act of support for the Gospel this week.
2. **Check your soil: depth and weeds matter** (8:11–14). The “rocky” hearer receives with joy but has no root and withers under testing; the “thorny” hearer lets anxieties, riches, and pleasures choke the word. *Practice:* pick one “rooting” habit (daily Scripture, quiet prayer, weekly Mass beyond obligation) and pull one “thorn” (a worry you entrust to God, a spending/scrolling habit you limit).
3. **Fruit comes “with patience”** (8:15). The good soil is a “noble and good heart” that hears, holds fast, and bears fruit with patient endurance. Grace is generous, but growth is gradual. *Practice:* hold one verse this week (e.g., Lk 8:15) and return to it daily; measure faith by faithfulness, not by feelings.

“Lord, make my heart good soil—deepen my roots, clear my thorns, and help me bear fruit with patience. Amen.”

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON

### Gen 2: 8-10 + 15-17

The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made grow every tree that was delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river rises in Eden to water the garden; beyond there it divides and becomes four branches. The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it. The LORD God gave the man this order: You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that tree you shall not eat; when you eat from it you shall die.



### 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

Brothers, I could not talk to you as spiritual people, but as fleshly people, as infants in Christ. I fed you milk, not solid food, because you were unable to take it. Indeed, you are still not able, even now, for you are still of the flesh. While there is jealousy and rivalry among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving in an ordinary human way? Whenever someone says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What is Apollos, after all, and what is Paul?

Ministers through whom you became believers, just as the Lord assigned each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters are equal, and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor. For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ.

### Luke 8:1-15

Afterward he journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza,

Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources. When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to him, he spoke in a parable. "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold." After saying this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that 'they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.' "This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.



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1493 Cranston Street Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

## 2025 Festival Banner Sponsorship Form

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Please email this form with information (or business card) to [stgeorgeri1@gmail.com](mailto: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.**



CALLING ALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!  
If you would like to volunteer for our annual festival, please contact Amal Simon, [617-584-4515](tel:617-584-4515) or email [amalshumar@gmail.com](mailto:amalshumar@gmail.com). Volunteers are needed for all activities for all three days. Thank you, as always, for supporting our church!

**2025 EPARCHIAL MYO RETREAT**



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STYLE ROOMS**  
ON THE BEAUTIFUL  
SCENIC HUDSON RIVER

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EPARCHY OF  
SAINT MARON  
OF BROOKLYN

**PURSUIT**  
**CHASING THE CROWN**

-COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND-  
**OCTOBER 11 - 13**

**NEW ENGLAND MID-ATLANTIC - EAST & WEST**

**\$249**  
PER PERSON

**ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 7-12 ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

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*go to Lebanon*

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Beit  
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St.  
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North-Mountain-sea

10 Days Night

St. Ann Maronite Church, Scranton PA

Date: September 30 - October 9 - 2025

*Reach us at!*

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A logo featuring a red heart with a black cross over it.  
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OPPORTUNITIES:



# BENEFIT DINNER

*To Support the Mission of the  
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 5:30PM - 9:00PM

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT CHURCH HALL  
300 N EASTERN AVE FALL RIVER MA

- Special Guest Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
- Gourmet Dinner | Cash Bar
- Entertainment | Children's activities room
- Silent Auction | Wine Pull | 50-50

**\$75/TICKET**

**\$35 PER CHILD UNDER 12**

**All proceeds will assist the Sisters to continue their mission and outreach in the community.**

Maroniteservants.org | Ph. 508-996-1753





## Knights of Columbus

Cranston #1738

70 Pettaconsett Ave.  
Cranston, RI 02920

### Famous Steak Fry

Where: Cranston Council 1738, 70 Pettaconsett Avenue  
(upstairs hall), Cranston, RI 02920

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 6:30PM

This event marks the start of our yearly Holiday Food Drive.  
Please bring canned or dry foods for donation.

12oz NY Sirloin grilled to perfection

Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter

Shrimp Cocktail (5) Appetizer

Coffee and Desserts

Cash Bar

50/50 Raffle

\$25.00 Per Person

RSVP to Alan Caruolo either by email(preferred) [agc1266@cox.net](mailto:agc1266@cox.net)

or text at (401)225-9546

no later than Friday September 19, 2025

(All proceeds will go to our charity fund for future donations and good works)

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# *16th Annual Benefit Dinner 2025*

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**Wednesday, October 22  
The Metropolitan Club  
One East 60<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York City**

6:00 – Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction  
7:00 – Dinner