

# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

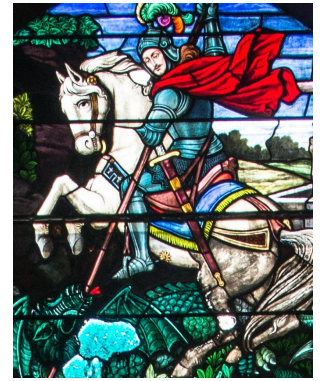
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**September 10, 2023**

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

### Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab, Pastor

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Farid Zaarour, Deacon



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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.

Giving or Donating to your church is an act of  
**Faith and Commitment to Support** the gospel of  
Christ and the ministry of His Church. It is an  
opportunity for you to contribute  
from the work of your hands back  
to God, the source of all blessings.  
Do not hesitate to be Generous  
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	\$495.00
Sunday	08:30am	\$384.00
	10.30am	\$504.00

### 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.

## Ex 17: 8-15

Then Amalek came and waged war against Israel in Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle while Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they took a rock and put it under him and he sat on it. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady until sunset. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword. Then the LORD said to Moses: Write this down in a book as something to be remembered, and recite it to Joshua: I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under the heavens. Moses built an altar there, which he named Yahweh-nissi (the Banner of the Lord).

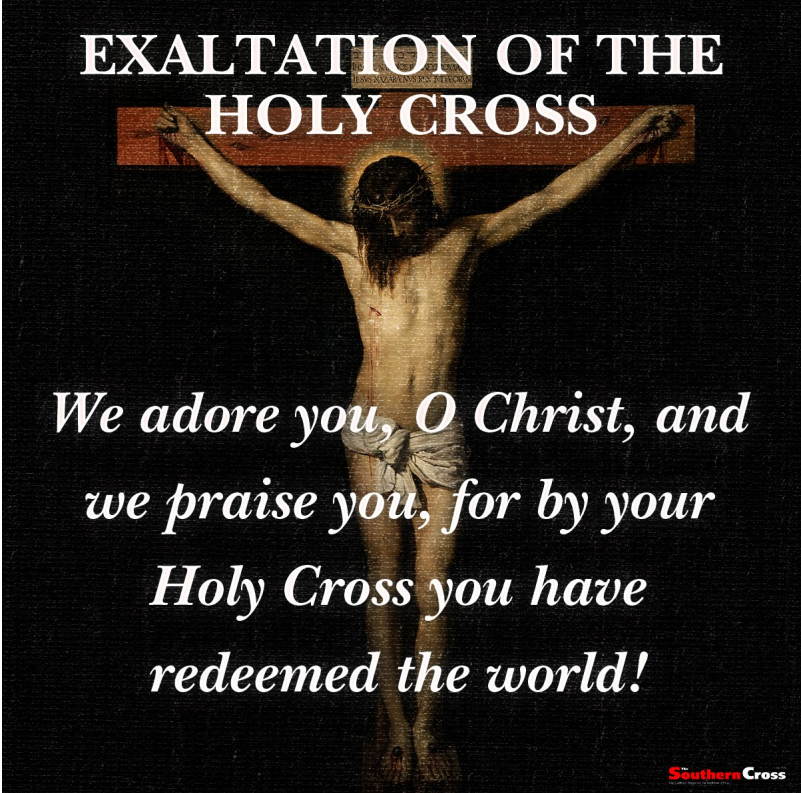
## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

## John 12:20-32

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

## EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



*We adore you, O Christ, and  
we praise you, for by your  
Holy Cross you have  
redeemed the world!*

**Southern Cross**

## ***Liturgical Intentions***

9/17 8:30am	Birthday remembrance for <b>Robin Lane Bingham</b> , requested by Robert P. Bingham
9/24 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Thomas Valenti, Rosali Valenti, Joseph and Freda Sadak, Maryanne Sadak Eklof, and Eva Santaniello</b> , requested by Donna Valenti.
9/30 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Josephine Harwood and Frank Viti</b> , requested by their loving family.
10/1 10:30am	Third anniversary liturgy for <b>Youssef Baaklini</b> , requested by his loving family
10/14 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Solomon A. Solomon and Lillian Solomon</b> , requested by their loving family.
	ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O' LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE ON THEM!

Our Annual Lebanese Festival will be celebrated next Weekend, 9/15, 16, and 17. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of Saturday at 4:00pm in the Church and we will celebrate **only one** Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10:30am (OUTDOOR) under the tent.



### **Attention all Second Grade Students**



Registration for **First Communion 2023-2024** has begun. Please register your children in Second grade or age 8 and over by contacting the Church Office at 401-723-8444 or by emailing [stgeorgeri1@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeri1@gmail.com)

***Classes begin on Sunday October 1, at 9:15 am***

All parents of children ages 7 to 12 are invited to register their children to join "Firsan El Adra", **The Knights of Mary**. Registration forms are available at the Church entrance or email the church office at [stgeorgeri1@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeri1@gmail.com)



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They are contributing to the success of our cherished Parish!

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**Total to date: \$43,400**

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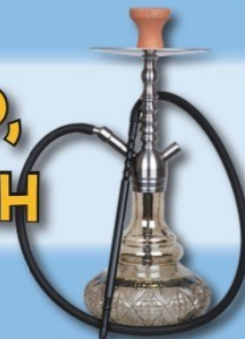
**Annual**

**Rain or Shine!**

# **Lebanese Festival**



**LIVE MUSIC, GREAT FOOD,  
DANCE, RAFFLE & HOOKAH**



**GAMES FOR CHILDREN!**

**"Fun for All!"**



**Middle Eastern Cuisine**



**MAZACANGI BAND**  
*Arabian Music*



**JROMEL**

**Live Entertainment**

**Friday &  
Saturday**

**Friday,  
Saturday  
& Sunday**

**St. George Maronite Catholic Church  
1493 Cranston Street, Cranston RI**

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: 3PM-12AM**

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: 12PM-12AM**

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>: 11:30AM-7PM**

**FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING**

**The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ** holds profound and central lessons in Christianity. Here are ten lessons we may draw from the Cross of Christ:

1. **Salvation through Sacrifice:** The Cross symbolizes Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for the forgiveness of humanity's sins. It teaches that through His death on the Cross, Jesus made salvation possible for all who believe in Him. This sacrifice emphasizes the importance of God's grace and the redemption of sinners.

2. **Unconditional Love:** The Cross is a powerful demonstration of God's unconditional love for all of us. Jesus willingly endured crucifixion out of love for humanity, showing that God's love transcends human imperfections and sins. This love serves as a model for how Christians should love one another.

3. **Forgiveness and Reconciliation:** The Cross teaches the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus' words, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34), illustrate His call to forgive others, even in the face of great suffering and injustice. It encourages us to seek reconciliation and healing in our relationships.

4. **Suffering and Redemption:** The Cross represents the reality of suffering in life. It shows that even in the midst of suffering, redemption and transformation can occur. Christians are encouraged to find meaning and purpose in their own sufferings, knowing that God can bring good out of adversity.

5. **Humility and Servanthood:** Jesus' willingness to be crucified on the Cross exemplifies humility and servanthood. Jesus took on the role of a suffering servant, serving humanity by offering His life for their salvation. This challenges Christians to emulate Christ's humility and to serve others selflessly.

6. **Victory over Death:** The Cross is a symbol of victory over death. Through His resurrection, Jesus conquered death, offering the promise of eternal life to believers. This lesson provides hope and assurance in the face of mortality and the fear of death.

7. **Redeeming the Broken:** The Cross underscores the idea that God can redeem brokenness and transform it into something beautiful. Just as the Cross was once an instrument of death but became a symbol of life and hope, Christians are reminded that God can bring healing and restoration to their brokenness and shortcomings.

8. **Compassion and Empathy:** The suffering of Jesus on the Cross calls Christians to have compassion and empathy for the suffering of others. It encourages believers to stand with those who are marginalized, oppressed, and in need, showing love and care as Jesus did.

9. **Faith and Trust:** The Cross challenges Christians to place their faith and trust in God, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges. It teaches that God's plan may not always align with human expectations, but His purposes are ultimately for the greater good.

10. **The Cost of Discipleship:** The Cross reminds believers of the cost of discipleship. Following Jesus may involve self-denial and carrying one's own cross (Matthew 16:24). It calls Christians to live lives of faith and obedience, even when it requires personal sacrifice.





*Food . Bar . Live Music . Saj . Raffles . Dancing*



***Our Lady Of Purgatory Church***

# Lebanese Festival

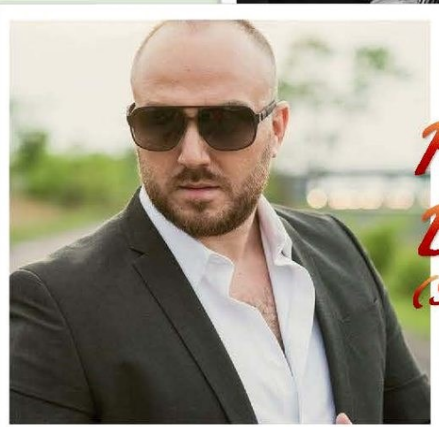
**Friday, September 8,  
2023**

**5:00PM – 11:00PM**

***Live Entertainment***

***Mitchel  
Kaltsunas***  
*(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**