



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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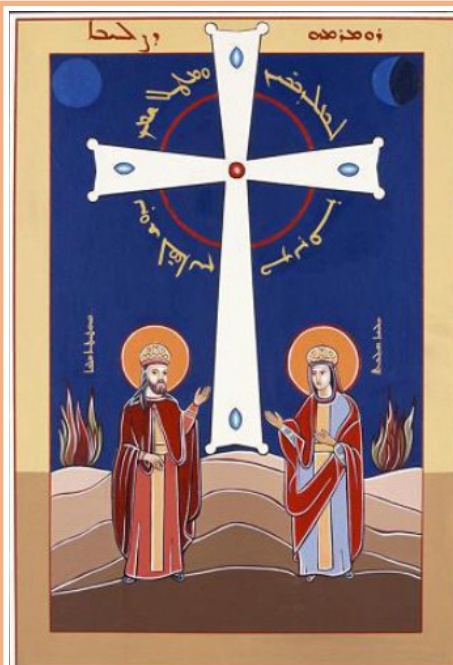
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September 13, 2026

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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."

Pastor's Corner

Our Annual Lebanese Festival is just a few days away.

This is one of the biggest weekends of the year for our parish, and it takes all of us to make it happen.

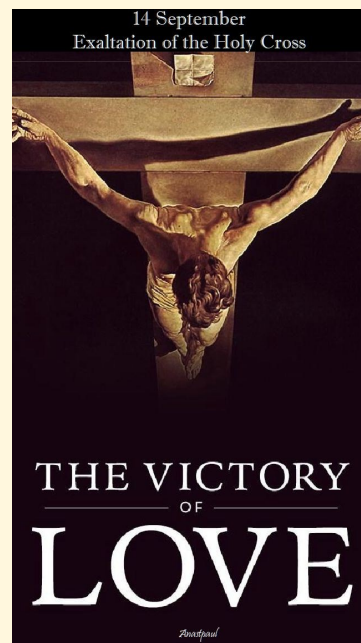
If you have not signed up to help yet, there is still time. Whether you can give a few hours or help for the whole weekend, we would be happy to have you.

Most importantly, invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Our Festival is a wonderful opportunity to welcome people to St. George and share our Lebanese traditions with them.

Thank you to everyone who has already given so much of their time and effort.

I look forward to a beautiful weekend together on September 18, 19, and 20.

God bless always!



PARISH LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE

FIRST COMMUNION: Registration is now open for children entering Second grade, ages 7-8. Please contact the Church Office.

Festival Setup Help: We need volunteers to help set up the festival grounds throughout the day on Thursday 9/17. We appreciate your help.

Invite Your Family and Friends: We encourage every parish family to personally invite a few people to the festival. This can be the best advertising!

Festival Pastry Donations Drop-Off: The Festival Pastry Station is accepting donations of homemade pastries and baked goods on Thursday, September 17, starting at 3:00 pm in the Church Hall.

SACRAMENTS & PASTORAL CARE

Baptism & Confirmation: Contact the pastor at least one month in advance.
Matrimony: Arrange six months before the wedding.
Reconciliation: One hour before liturgies or by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick: Notify the Church Office.

الوصول عالوقت للقداس الإلهي

القداس الإلهي يبيلش من صلاة الافتتاح، مش بس وقت المناولة. كل قسم من القداس إلو أهميته. الصلوات، القراءات، الإنجيل، والعظة كلن بيحضرونا لنستقبل القربان المقدس.

منطلب منكن تحاولوا توصلوا قبل القداس بكم دقيقة. هيك بيكون عندكن وقت تحضروا حالكن شوي، تصلوا، وتحضروا قلبكن للقداس. أكيد منعرف إنه أوقات بتصير ظروف. العجقة، الولاد، الشغل، أو أي ظرف تاني ممكن يآخرنا. وإذا تأخرتوا، أكيد تعوا وما تصلوا بالبيت.

GENERAL PASTORAL GUIDELINES

Please let us know when someone is in the hospital

Hospitals do not automatically notify the parish when one of our parishioners is admitted. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the Church Office and let us know.

Our pastor is always happy to visit, pray with the sick, hear Confession, and offer the Anointing of the Sick when appropriate.

Live streaming

Liturgies and parish activities are available to the sick and homebound on YouTube and Facebook



Weekly collections

Saturday 4:00 pm: \$448.00

Sunday 8:30 am: \$266.00

Sunday 10:30 am: \$814.00

Total weekend collections: \$1,528.00

Liturgical Intentions

9/12 4:00 pm	Liturgy intention available
9/13 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for the Kousseifi and Zghindi families , requested by Therese Kousseifi. Memorial liturgy for Bechara and Juliette Daccache , requested by their son Jihad and his loving family. Memorial liturgy for Jamile Tayyar , requested by her loving son Elias Ayoub.
9/20 10:30 am	Festival Special Intentions FOR ALL the departed parish donors, benefactors, and volunteers who loved and served their church for so many years.
9/26 4:00 pm	Liturgy intention available
9/27 8:30 am 10:30 am	Liturgy intention available For the intentions in the book of Remember me in your Kingdom.
10/3 4:00 pm	Liturgy intention available
10/4 8:30 am 10:30 am	Liturgy intention available For the well-being of our parishioners who are facing sickness, hardship, and difficult times in their lives.
10/10 4:00 pm	Birthday remembrance for Joseph and Mary Simon , requested by Theodora Barkett.
10/11 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for the Martyrs of the Lebanese Army on October 13th, requested by Wissam Tarabay, Coordinator of LACD New England Chapter.

JOIN THE ST. GEORGE CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

Children in **second grade and older** are invited to join the St. George Children's Choir
To register, please call or email the church office.

REVERENCE DURING DIVINE LITURGY

Please do not eat, drink, chew gum, walk, or talk unnecessarily during the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services. If you need to leave your seat, please do so quietly and with consideration for those praying.

A heartfelt thank you to all the businesses, families, and friends who have stepped forward to support our Church and our Annual Lebanese Festival.

DIAMOND

Tanury Industries
Joe Jr. and Seta Accaoui
Drapery House

PLATINUM

Pasquariello Family
Christopher and Debra
Thomas
Fred Auto Service
Leo Tire Auto Sales
Georgeann Thomas
Marasco and Nesselbush Law
Offices
J & A Auto sales
LACD New England Chapter
KAZA Maza Restaurant
The Novel Eye
24/7 Collision and Sales

GOLD

Maron Construction
Tile Showcase
Hon. George T. Salem Jr.
Donna Harrison
Chloe's Café
Vasilios Pizza
Crown Restaurant
State Representative Joseph J.
Solomon Jr.
D & H Auto Group
A & R Auto Sales
Tony and Amal Simon

GOLD – Cont.

Martinous Law Associates
Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan
Top of the Bay Restaurant
Mendon Dental Associates
Quickets
Dartmouth Gas
Coventry Gas
Charles Obeid Insurance
Knights Of Columbus 1738
Nino's Pizza and Restaurant
Anthony and Kristen Rebello
Showcase Auto, Milford
Sicilia Pizza
Kiriaki and Assosiates
Terrazza Bistro Patio Bar
Duffy Whole Sales

SILVER

Nardolillo Funeral Home
Woodlawn Funeral Home
Gibby's Ice Cream
Gloria Maron
Elie Jewelers
A.A. Mariani & Son Funeral Home
Clare Jabbour Law Offices
Donald and Cheryl Solomon
Eco Fuel Gas Station
Naomi J. Andon
Verified Financials, LLC
Warwick Auto Repairs
Layali Restaurant
George's Junk Removal
O.E.S Cleaning Services, Inc.
Class Act Motors, Inc.
D'Agostino Auto Sales
& Salvage
Boston Transportation Group
Semer Yousif
Mineral Springs Gas Station
Ernest Badway

SILVER – Cont.

Michael Solomon
George Thomas Advance Realty
Coffee Connection
Axis Wealth Partners
A.E. Mazika Insurance
Tracie Hall Real Estate
RentProv Realty
Antonio Restaurant
Michael Family
Suzanne Cannon
Sam's Inn Restaurant
Sam's Automotive
Lebanese Forces RI
Raymond Barish
Coggshell Sunoco
Rouhana Family
Gus' Barbershop
Elias Felefle
Action Auto parts
Alliance Interpreting Service
Charles and Maryann Anthony
Foot Care Specialist of RI
Lorice Khoury
Moon Market
Raid Dental Equipment
Services

Your name?

There is still time to become a
Festival Sponsor!

\$42,500
in Festival
Sponsorships to
Date

Thank you for supporting
St. George!

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (September 14)

The Holy Cross is at the heart of our Christian faith. We see it in our churches and homes. Many of us wear it around our neck. We begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross. But the Cross is more than a symbol. It reminds us of how much Jesus loves us and what He did to save us.

On the Cross, Jesus gave His life for us. He took our sins upon Himself and entered into our suffering. What looked like defeat became a victory. Death did not have the final word. The Cross led to the Resurrection.

When we look at the Crucifix, we do not see only suffering. We see Jesus. We see His love for us. And we are reminded that no matter how difficult life becomes, we always have hope in Him.

What Does the Cross Teach Us?

Look at the Cross when you doubt God's love.

Sometimes, especially when we are suffering, we may wonder where God is. Look at the Crucifix. God did not stay far away from our suffering. Jesus knows pain, rejection, loneliness, and grief. When you are hurting, bring it to Him. You do not have to carry it alone.



Do not be afraid of the crosses that come into your life.

Some crosses are not of our choosing. We become sick. We lose someone we love. Families go through difficult times. Things do not always work out the way we hoped. Jesus never promised us a life without crosses. He promised to be with us as we carry them. We can give our suffering to Him and ask Him to help us carry it with faith.

The Cross teaches us how to love.

Jesus shows us that real love is not only about feelings. Love means forgiving, serving, sacrificing, and staying faithful even when it is difficult. Sometimes our daily cross is simply being patient with someone, forgiving someone who hurt us, caring for a family member, or putting another person before ourselves.

The Cross reminds us never to lose hope.

Good Friday was not the end. Easter Sunday came. That is our hope as Christians. Suffering does not have the last word. Sin does not have the last word. Even death does not have the last word. Christ does.

Make the Sign of the Cross with Faith

Each time you make the Sign of the Cross, remember that you belong to Christ. The Cross is not just something we hang on a wall. It is the sign of the love that saved us.

We adore your Cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your holy Resurrection.

Around our Faith Community

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

70th Lebanese Festival

Food . Bar . Live Music . Sg . Raffles . Dancing . Hookah . Dessert .

Friday, September 11, 2026
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, September 12, 2026
12:00PM - 11:00PM

Sunday, September 13, 2026
12:00PM - 5:00PM

Live Entertainment
With Bashir El- Khoury Band

Mitchel Kaltsounas (Friday)

Ahmad Alkaisy (Saturday)

Wood Dr. Band (Saturday afternoon)

Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200
Drawing
Sunday, September 13, 2026, 4:00PM

NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINK OR HOOKAH
4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

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

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!

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 COLLEGE COMMUNITY in Boston

DIVINE LITURGY ONCE A MONTH DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

EMMANUEL COLLEGE CHAPEL
Eisner Administration Building
400 Fenway, Boston, MA 02115

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
20	18	22	13	24
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	
14	14	11	2	

5:30PM

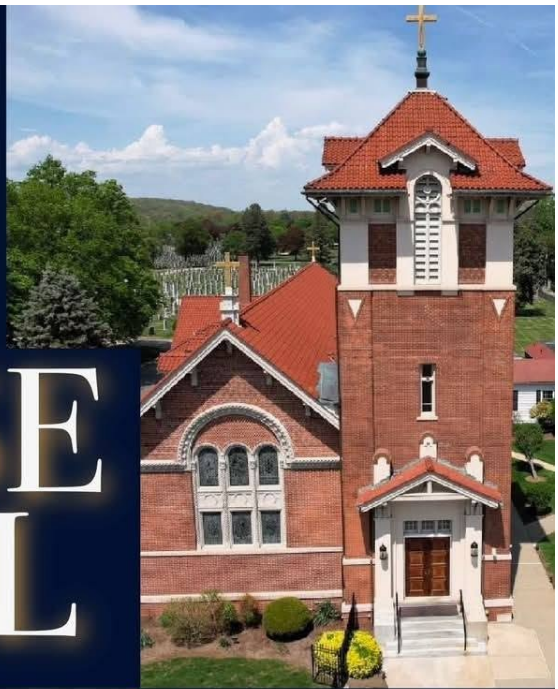
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Celebrated by REV. CHRISTIAN HBAITER

ALL YOUNG ADULTS STUDYING / LIVING IN BOSTON ALL ARE WELCOME!

Worship. Community. Faith. YOU BELONG HERE.

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Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL



LIVE
MUSIC



DABKE



RAFFLES



CASH
BAR



HOOKAH



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



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