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## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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1493 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI

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September 14, 2025

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross عيد الصليب المقدس

### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor**  
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**Deacon Farid Zaarour**  
[fzaarour@yahoo.com](mailto:fzaarour@yahoo.com)



### Liturgical Schedule

Thursday and Friday

10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

**Exposition of the  
Holy Eucharist**

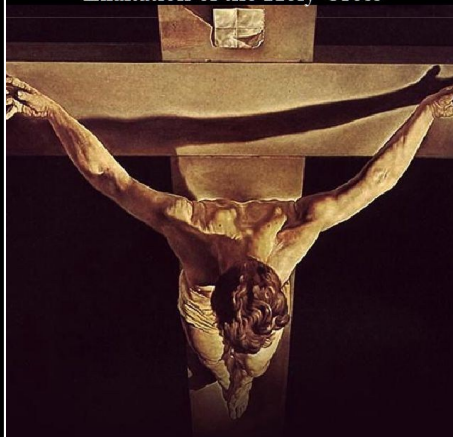
Saturday at 2:00pm—4:00pm

### EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

14 September  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross



THE VICTORY  
OF  
LOVE

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### Weekly collections

\$3,254.00

Thank you for your love and  
support to your parish family!



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### Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday  
by appointment.

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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.

## Liturgical Intentions

9/13 4:00pm	Forty-day liturgy for <b>Msgr. Joseph Lahoud</b> , offered by the parish family.
9/14 8:30am	Mass of Thanksgiving to <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> , requested by Chancy– Antoine family
	Memorial liturgy for <b>Olga Galgani</b> , requested by Peter Garzilli.
10:30am	Forty-day liturgy for <b>William Joseph.</b> , offered by the parish family.
9/20 4:00pm	<b>Annual Lebanese Festival</b>
9/21 8:30am	<b>Annual Lebanese Festival</b>
10:30am	
9/27 4:00pm	Forty-day liturgy for <b>Fr. Naji Kiwan</b> , offered by the parish family.
9/28 8:30am	
10:30am	One-year anniversary for <b>Bahij Boutros</b> , requested by his loving family.
10/4 4:00pm	Ten-year anniversary for <b>Barbara Badway</b> , requested by her loving family.
10/5 8:30am	
10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>deceased members of the Ghalborji family</b> , requested by their loving family.

### Announcement corner:

- **Forty-day liturgies** are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.
- Registration for **FIRST COMMUNION 2025-2026**. Please fill out a form found at the church entrance and bring it to the church office asap.  
Baptism certificates are required for all registering children.

- All who would like to **help and volunteer** for our **Annual Festival**, please join us on:

- **Wednesday September 17**, at 5.30pm for **Grape Leaves rolling**.  
- **Thursday September 18**, at 4:00pm for **Pastry/ Sweets packing**.

Help in setting up for the festival on both days.  
Festival volunteer facilitators: Tony (401-465-1858) and Amal (617-5844515) Simon.

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### 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



The Cross will be for us as it was for Christ: proof of the greatest love.

— Mother Teresa —

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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."

## Annual Festival Banner Sponsors

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### Silver \$250

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**Total to Date: \$50,375**

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honest printing mistakes.*





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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**

# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

1493 Cranston Street Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

## 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 [stgeorgeril@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeril@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.**

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# Our Lady Of Purgatory Church



## Lebanese Festival

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

Friday, September 12, 2025  
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
12:00PM - 11:00PM

### *Live Entertainment*



*Mitchel  
Kaltsunas*

*With Bashir El- Khoury Band*

*Tarek  
Abdelhai*



#### **Money Raffles Prizes**

**\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200**

#### **Drawing**

**Saturday, September 13, 2025  
10:30PM**

***NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK***

*4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745*



## 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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TICKETS OR FOR  
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# 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

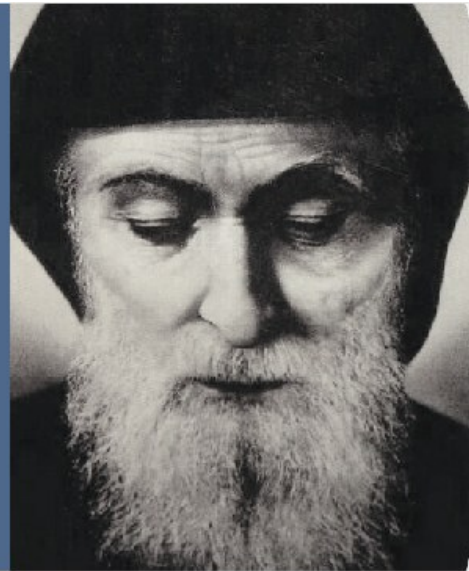
**\$75/TICKET**

**\$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

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For more information, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel President, Charlene Hiffa, at [info@orderstsharbel.org](mailto:info@orderstsharbel.org) or call 718-237-9913, or consult your Parish Priest. If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Vocations Director, Father Dominique Hanna, at [cathrectory@verizon.net](mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net) or call 718-624-7228.



**Trip To Lebanon**  
961 come to LB

**GET READY**

**Back To your Roots**  
*go to Lebanon*

Baalbek

Beit ed-Dine

St. Charbel

**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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East coast +1 917 545 4955

**Come to LB**  
trips to Lebanon

# 16th Annual Benefit Dinner 2025

**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