

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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September 17, 2023

First Sunday after Holy Cross

Annual Lebanese Festival

Rain or Shine!



LIVE MUSIC, GREAT FOOD,
DANCE, RAFFLE & HOOKAH



GAMES FOR CHILDREN!

"Fun for All!"



Middle Eastern Cuisine



Live Entertainment

Friday &
Saturday

Friday,
Saturday
& Sunday

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

Friday, September 15th: 3PM-12AM

Saturday, September 16th: 12PM-12AM

Sunday, September 17th: 11:30AM-7PM

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING

Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab, Pastor

frtonysaab@gmail.com

Farid Zaarour, Deacon

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
\$613.00

Sunday
08:30am
\$437.00

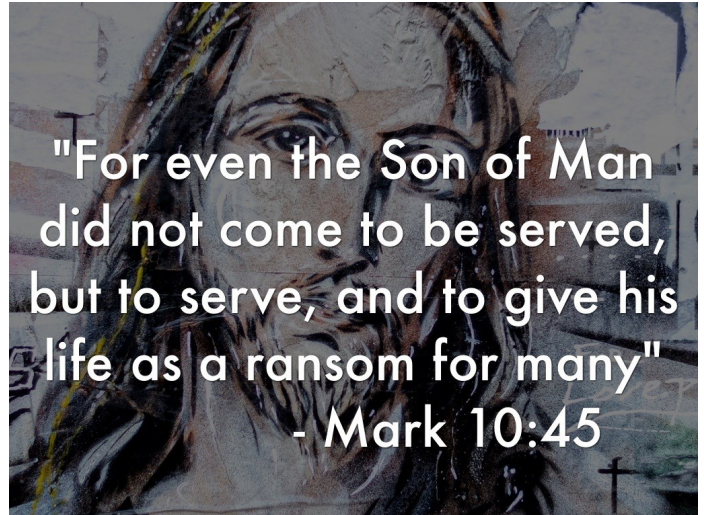
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2 Timothy 2:1-10

So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well. Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. To satisfy the one who recruited him, a soldier does not become entangled in the business affairs of life. Similarly, an athlete cannot receive the winner's crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer ought to have the first share of the crop. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish (me) to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



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.

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



Liturgical Intentions

9/17 8:30am	Birthday remembrance for Robin Lane Bingham , requested by Robert P. Bingham
9/24 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Thomas Valenti, Rosali Valenti, Joseph and Freda Sadak, Maryanne Sadak Eklof, and Eva Santaniello , requested by Donna Valenti.
9/30 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Josephine Harwood and Frank Viti , requested by their loving family.
10/1 10:30am	Third anniversary liturgy for Youssef Baaklini , requested by his loving family
10/14 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Solomon A. Solomon and Lillian Solomon , 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 this 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

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



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our 2023 Annual Festival Coordinator Team: Chris Thomas, Tony Simon, Saba Khoury, and Elias Ayoub. They, along with their Teams and Volunteers have done a splendid job preparing for a great a successful event!!

THANK YOU ALL!!!



Ten lessons to learn from this week's Gospel reading

1. **Leadership and Ambition:** James and John approached Jesus with a request for positions of honor and authority in His kingdom. This highlights the human tendency to seek power and recognition in leadership roles.
2. **Servanthood:** Jesus responds by emphasizing that true leadership in His kingdom involves serving others. He uses Himself as an example, saying that even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.
3. **Suffering and Sacrifice:** Jesus teaches that leadership often involves suffering and sacrifice. He speaks of drinking from the same cup and being baptized with the same baptism, alluding to the challenges and trials that leaders may face.
4. **Cup of Suffering:** The "cup" metaphor used by Jesus symbolizes the suffering and trials that come with leadership. He asks if James and John are willing to share in His suffering, highlighting the importance of understanding the cost of leadership.
5. **God's Sovereignty:** Jesus explains that positions of honor and authority in His kingdom are ultimately determined by God the Father. It's a reminder that God is the one who appoints leaders and determines their roles.
6. **Humility:** Jesus emphasizes humility as a key virtue for His followers. He contrasts the leadership style of the world, characterized by dominance and control, with the humble service that should define His disciples.
7. **Greatness through Service:** Jesus teaches that true greatness in His kingdom is achieved through serving others. He challenges the disciples' desire for prominence and redirects their focus toward meeting the needs of those they lead.
8. **Example of Jesus:** Jesus points to His own life as the ultimate example of servant leadership. He came to give His life as a ransom for many, highlighting the sacrificial nature of His leadership and the redemption He offers.
9. **Equality:** Jesus underscores the idea that in His kingdom, all are equal in value and worth. Regardless of their positions, His followers are called to serve one another selflessly.
10. **The Call to Serve:** Jesus concludes by reminding His disciples that His mission is about service, and they should follow His example. He encourages them to embrace a servant's heart and be willing to give their lives for the sake of others.

Each October, the Eparchy has a Benefit Dinner to raise funds for educating seminarians, expanding ministries, and supporting parishes and missions in need in the Eparchy. This year we will honor three special individuals: Marian Sahadi Ciaccia, Edward Shiner and Charbel Tagher. The **Annual Benefit Dinner** will take place on **Thursday, October 5**, at The Union League Club. Please visit www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit to register or make a donation. Please support this important event – the Church needs your support this year more than ever. For more information, please email saintmaron@yahoo.com or call 718-237-9913. Thank you.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Fourteenth Annual Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Maron will take place in person on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at The Union League Club in Manhattan.

Each year, this annual fall event provides important financial support to educate seminarians, help small parishes and missions, assist retired priests, and foster a variety of ministries of the Eparchy. Also, each year, a portion of the event's proceeds have been dedicated to help the Church in Lebanon and the Middle East.

This year we will honor three very special individuals: Marian Sahadi Ciaccia, Edward Shiner, and Charbel Tagher. We especially honor them for their service to our communities here and abroad.

Your participation in this year's Benefit will help strengthen our Eparchy in her service to our faithful here, and for the vulnerable in Lebanon. I hope you will consider supporting the Eparchy by attending this gathering, bidding on an item in our silent auction, placing an ad in our program booklet, and/or making a donation in any amount.

Please visit www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit to make a gift and/or register for this important Benefit, or return the enclosed reply card in the envelope provided.

If you are not already a member, you might also consider joining the Order of Saint Sharbel, which is dedicated to supporting seminarians.

Thank you for helping to build and strengthen our Maronite Church both at home and abroad. I encourage your support of this fundraiser, and I hope to see you on October 5.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron



*Bishop Gregory John Mansour
and the
Eparchy of Saint Maron
Cordially invite you to*

***The Fourteenth Annual Benefit
Dinner Celebrating
The Eparchy's Service to Our Communities
Here and in the Middle East***

*Thursday, October 5, 2023
The Union League
38 East 37th St. (at Park Ave), New York City*

Cocktail Reception 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:30

*Silent Auction throughout the evening
Business Attire*

*Please RSVP with the enclosed reply card
or online at www.stmaron.org at New York Benefit Dinner
NO LATER than October 2, 2023*

We look forward to your attendance!



**SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES
HERE AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST**



**Eparchy of Saint Maron
14th Annual Benefit Dinner
October 5, 2023
The Union League Club,
New York City**

THANK YOU to all of our 2023 Annual Festival Banner Sponsors.

You have truly contributed to the success of our cherished Parish

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Sicilia's Pizzeria
Luxury Touch by Hannah
St Anthony Church, Fall River
Pierre BouKarim

Total to date: \$45,000

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