

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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September 24, 2023 Second Sunday after Holy Cross



2023 Annual Lebanese Festival

What a beautiful weekend of family gathering to support their Church and enjoy food, music, and entertainment.

Meet Your Clergy

Rev. Tony Saab, Pastor

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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
\$180.00

Sunday
08:30am
\$.00

10:30am
\$766.00

1 Corinthians 15:19-34

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will people accomplish by having themselves baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are they having themselves baptized for them? Moreover, why are we endangering ourselves all the time? Every day I face death; I swear it by the pride in you (brothers) that I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. If at Ephesus I fought with beasts, so to speak, what benefit was it to me? If the dead are not raised: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be led astray: "Bad company corrupts good morals." Become sober as you ought and stop sinning. For some have no knowledge of God; I say this to your shame.

Matthew 24:1-14

Jesus left the temple area and was going away, when his disciples approached him to point out the temple buildings. He said to them in reply, "You see all these things, do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately and said, "Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?" Jesus said to them in reply, "See that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many. You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place. All these are the beginning of the labor pains. Then they will hand you over to persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name. And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evil-doing, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.

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:

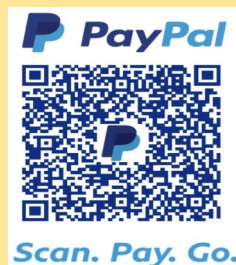
Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive communion at home.

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

9/24 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 Georges Youssef Baaklini , requested by his loving family.
10/8 10:30am	Forty Day Liturgy for Joseph Abou Khalil , requested by his son Wissam and his son Joey.
10/14 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Solomon A. Solomon and Lillian Solomon , requested by their loving family.
10/15 10:30am	Forty Day liturgy for May Akl Hoyek , requested by her son Gaby Hoyek, followed by a mercy meal.
	ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O' LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE ON THEM!



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



CATEGORY	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/LOSS
Plated meals, Wraps, Tabouli, and Hommus	\$39,522	\$27,665	\$11,857
Children activities	\$2,154	\$692	\$1,462
Raffle tickets	\$12,258	\$3,500	\$8,758
Banners	\$46,500	\$1,898	\$44,602
Bar	\$16,000	\$1,350	\$14,650
Grounds/ Tables-chairs-tents	\$0	\$14,149	(\$14,149)
Fence	\$0	\$1,400	(\$1,400)
Electric	\$0	\$7,391	(\$7,391)
Entertainments	\$0	\$3,500	(\$3,500)
Donations	\$3,605	\$0	\$3,605
Saj	\$8,287	\$0	\$8,287
Hookah	\$5,851	\$2,900	\$2,951
Portable Restrooms	\$0	\$1,410	(\$1,410)
Police/Fire	\$0	\$820	(\$820)
Soda/Water/Supplies	\$0	\$1,900	(\$1,900)
Dumpster	\$0	\$700	(\$700)
MYO Corner	\$599	\$0	\$599
Pastry	\$4,648	\$0	\$4,648
TOTALS	\$139,424	\$69,275	\$70,149
2023 Festival income and expenses			



A heartfelt THANK YOU

to our
2023 Annual Festival
Coordinator Team:
Chris Thomas,
Tony Simon,
Saba Khoury,
Elias Ayoub,
and Joseph Checraallah, Jr..
They, along with their
Teams and Volunteers have
done a splendid job
preparing and coordinating
a great a successful
event!!

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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Caravan Auto
Anthony and Helen Budway
Maureen Budway
Ernest & Elizabeth Badway
Rouhana Family
Naomi Joseph Andon
Topline Import
A2Z Autosale
Sicilia's Pizzeria
Luxury Touch by Hannah
St Anthony Church, Fall River
Pierre BouKarim

Total to date: \$46,500

***Thank you for your
Sponsorship!***

*We apologize in advance for
any typos or missing
information due to
inadvertent errors.*

Reflection on this week's Gospel

In Jesus' words, we find both warnings and encouragement, reminding us of the importance of *faith, perseverance, and remaining steadfast* in God's promises.

Jesus begins by discussing the magnificent temple in Jerusalem. The disciples were in awe of its splendor, but Jesus reminds them that all earthly things are temporary. Buildings crumble, kingdoms fall, and material wealth fades away. What endures is the Word of God, the love we share, and the faith that sustains us through all trials.

He speaks of wars, famines, and earthquakes as signs, reminding us that life on Earth is often marked by upheaval and distress. But even in these challenging times, we are called to trust God's plan. God's sovereignty is at work in every moment, and these events are part of His divine purpose.

Jesus foretells persecution and betrayal, but he also promises that the Gospel will be proclaimed to all nations. In a world that often seems tumultuous and uncertain, the spreading of the Gospel is a beacon of hope. It is our duty and privilege to share the love and salvation of Jesus with everyone we encounter.

In times of tribulation, Jesus encourages us to *endure and persevere*. Our faith is tested in adversity, and it is through these trials that our strength in Christ is revealed. We are reminded that endurance is a mark of discipleship. It's easy to follow when the road is smooth, but it's in the rough patches that our faith truly shines.

The Lord warns us against false prophets and deceit, reminding us to be vigilant in discerning the truth. Let us immerse ourselves in the teachings of Jesus, for His word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Through prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can discern what is of God and what is not.

In conclusion, let us hold fast to our faith, even amid turmoil and uncertainty. Let us be diligent in spreading the Gospel and proclaiming the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth. May we endure in faith, trusting God's plan, and remain vigilant against deceit.



Congratulations!!!
to Mark and Kayla
Tannous for the
Christening of their
children, Landon and Levi
on Friday September 15,
2023.
May God bless the newly
baptized and their family!





Congratulations to our
Festival Raffle Winners

1st Prize: \$2000 Charbel
Kosseifi

2nd Prize: \$1000 Takla
Boueiri (Donated back to
Church)

3rd Prize: \$500 Ali Bark

St. George Maronite Catholic Church No 1853
NAME: Takla Boueiri
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EMAIL:
Do not have to be present to win / Donation - \$20 per ticket

St. George Maronite Catholic Church No 1086
NAME: Charbel Kosseifi
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**CONGRATULATIONS FOR A GREAT SUCCESSFUL
2023 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL!**



MAY GOD CONTINUE
TO BLESS OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY
AND HELP THE SAINT
GEORGE PARISH
FAMILY TO
CONTINUE TO GROW
IN LOVE AND FAITH!