

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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September 3, 2023 Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Meet Your Clergy

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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	\$1,347.00
Sunday	08:30am	\$343.00
	10.30am	\$553.00

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.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the holy Spirit and (with) much conviction. You know what sort of people we were (among) you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and (in) Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from (the) dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.



Luke 7:36-50

A Pharisee invited him to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Liturgical Intentions

9/2 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for John and Beatrice Thomas , requested by their loving children.
9/3 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Virginia Iacono , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality Liturgy for Mikhail Nemer Rahhal , who just passed away in Lebanon, requested by Fouad El Khaouly.
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.
10/14 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!

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



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Toni and Jimmy Berger
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Advanced Realty Group
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Ernest & Elizabeth Badway

Total to date: \$40,400

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

Six lessons we learn from Luke 7:36-50

1. **The Transformative Power of Love and Forgiveness:** The passage highlights the transformative power of love and forgiveness. The woman's act of anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume and her tears demonstrates her deep love and repentance. Jesus forgives her sins, showing that genuine repentance and love can lead to a profound change in a person's life.
2. **Judgmental Attitudes and Hypocrisy:** The Pharisee's judgmental attitude and hypocritical behavior are evident in his thoughts about the woman and Jesus. This passage teaches us about the danger of forming judgments without understanding and about the importance of self-awareness to avoid hypocrisy.
3. **Jesus' Authority to Forgive Sins:** Jesus' statement that the woman's sins are forgiven reveals His divine authority to forgive sins. This lesson emphasizes Jesus' role as the ultimate source of forgiveness and redemption.
4. **The Value of Humble Worship:** The woman's act of washing Jesus' feet with her tears and anointing them with perfume exemplifies humble worship. This teaches us about the sincerity and humility required in our worship and interactions with God, showing that external appearances are less important than the condition of our hearts.
5. **Salvation through Faith:** Jesus emphasizes that the woman's faith has saved her. This reinforces the concept that salvation comes through faith in Jesus rather than through external actions or social status. It teaches us that a genuine and sincere faith leads to salvation.
6. **Unconditional Love and Acceptance:** Jesus' interaction with the woman portrays his unconditional love and acceptance of individuals, regardless of their past mistakes. This teaches us about the all-encompassing love of God and encourages us to extend love, compassion, and grace to others, just as Jesus did.
7. **Forgiveness Frees us to Love:** Jesus' statement, "Her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown," underscores the connection between forgiveness and love. When we experience God's forgiveness, it frees us to love and serve Him passionately, just as the woman did.



The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light invite you to celebrate with them the

First profession of Vows of Sister Emily Mary Lattouf within the Divine

Liturgy celebrated by **Bishop Gregory John Mansour**

at Saint Anthony of the Desert Church, Fall River, MA

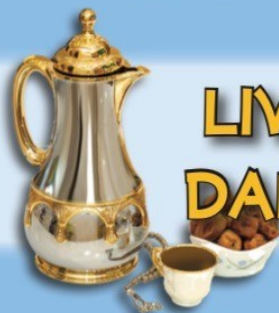
Thursday Sept. 7 at 6:00pm

A reception will follow. R.S.V.P to Sister Marla Marie at
sister@maroniteservants.org or 508-996-1753

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Friday, September 15th: 3PM-12AM

Saturday, September 16th: 12PM-12AM

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

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**Friday, September 8,
2023**

5:00PM – 11:00PM

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&



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Badr
(Saturday)*

With Bashir El- Khoury Band

**Saturday, September 9,
2023**

12:00PM – 11:00PM



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Drawing

Saturday, September 9, 2023

10:30PM

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745