



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Finding in the Temple

### Meet Your Clergy

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### Weekly collection

\$1,454.00

**THANK YOU!**



### Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday,  
from 9am-12pm

The office is closed on Tuesday

### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

### Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6:00pm

*The Church Hall is available for rental.*

### 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

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.



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## Liturgical Intentions

1/1/2025	<b>World Peace Day/ Circumcision of Jesus</b>
10:30am	<b>Happy New Year!</b>
1/4/2025	
4:00pm	
1/5	
8:30am	One year anniversary for <b>Angela Spirito</b> , requested by her daughter Angela.
10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Paul and Lola Keywan</b> , requested by their daughter Adla.
6:00pm	Feast of the <b>Glorious Epiphany</b> evening liturgy
1/6	<b>Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</b>
10:30am	
1/11	
4:00pm	
1/12	
8:30am	One year anniversary for <b>Beverly Rozzero</b> , requested by her loving family.
10:30am	
	<b>ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD</b>

## .Cute Story Corner

Some years ago, the Journal of the American Medical Association published an article by Dr. Paul Ruskin on the “Stages of Aging.” In the article, Dr. Ruskin described a case study he had presented to his students when teaching a class in medical school. He described the case study patient under his care like this:

“The patient neither speaks nor comprehends the spoken word. Sometimes she babbles incoherently for hours on end. She is disoriented about person, place, and time. She does, however, respond to her name... I have worked with her for the past six months, but she still shows complete disregard for her physical appearance and makes no effort to assist her own care. She must be fed, bathed, and clothed by others.

“Because she has no teeth, her food must be pureed. Her shirt is usually soiled from almost incessant drooling. She does not walk. Her sleep pattern is erratic. Often she wakes in the middle of the night and her screaming awakens others. Most of the time she is friendly and happy, but several times a day she gets quite agitated without apparent cause. Then she wails until someone comes to comfort her.”

After presenting the class with this challenging case, Dr. Ruskin then asked his students if any of them would like to volunteer to take care of this person. No one volunteered. Then Dr. Ruskin said, “I’m surprised that none of you offered to help, because actually she is my favorite patient. I get immense pleasure from taking care of her and I am learning so much from her. She has taught me a depth of gratitude I never knew before. She has taught me the spirit of unwavering trust. And she has taught me the power of unconditional love.” Then Dr. Ruskin said, “Let me show you her picture.” He pulled out the picture and passed it around. It was the photo of his six-month-old baby daughter.

## A NEW YEAR

- \* Renewed Hope
- \* New Opportunities
- \* New Adventures
- \* New Ways to Give and Love.

May this be  
your best year ever!

## *Sunday Readings*

### **1 Kings 3: 5-7+9-12+14**

In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said: Whatever you ask I shall give you. Solomon answered: "You have shown great kindness to your servant, David my father, because he walked before you with fidelity, justice, and an upright heart; and you have continued this great kindness toward him today, giving him a son to sit upon his throne. Now, LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed David my father; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. Give your servant, therefore, a listening heart to judge your people and to distinguish between good and evil. For who is able to give judgment for this vast people of yours?" The Lord was pleased by Solomon's request. So God said to him: Because you asked for this—you did not ask for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies—but you asked for discernment to know what is right—I now do as you request. I give you a heart so wise and discerning that there has never been anyone like you until now, nor after you will there be anyone to equal you. And if you walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and commandments, as David your father did, I will give you a long life.

### **Hebrews 7:11-19 Melchizedek, a Type of Christ**

Brothers and Sisters:

Now if perfection had been attainable through the levitical priesthood — for the people received the law under this priesthood — what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God. Praise be to God always!

### **Luke 2:41-52 Finding in the Temple**

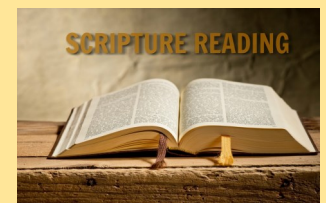
The Evangelist said: Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Reading Scriptures at liturgy is a privilege. please call or email the church office if you would like to read the Epistle at the weekend liturgies, **Weekend Reading Schedule 1/05**

Saturday at 4:00pm **Steven Michael**

Sunday at 8:30am **Donna Treglia**

Sunday at 10:30am English: **Chirene Kosseifi** Arabic: **Faride khoury**



**The Baptism of Jesus** is a foundational event in Christian theology, rich with **divine revelations** that convey profound spiritual truths and lessons for us. This moment, documented in the Gospels (e.g., Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1:29-34), serves as an essential declaration of Jesus' identity and mission. Here are the key revelations from Jesus' baptism and the lessons they impart:

### 1. *Divine Affirmation of Jesus' Identity*

During Jesus' baptism, a voice from heaven declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). This proclamation unmistakably identifies Jesus as the Son of God.

*Understanding Our Identity in God's Plan:* We are reminded to recognize and embrace our identity as children of God. Just as Jesus was affirmed by the Father, we are encouraged to seek and affirm our own place within God's overarching narrative, fostering a sense of purpose and belonging.

### 2. *The Trinitarian Presence*

The baptism scene uniquely showcases the Trinity: The Father speaks from heaven, the Son is being baptized, and the Holy Spirit descends like a dove (Matthew 3:16-17).

*Embracing the Trinity in Spiritual Life:* This revelation teaches the importance of understanding and embracing the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It encourages us to cultivate a balanced relationship with each Person of the Trinity, fostering a holistic spiritual life that honors God's complex nature.

### 3. *The Role of the Holy Spirit*

The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove, symbolizing divine presence, guidance, and empowerment (Matthew 3:16).

*Inviting the Holy Spirit into Our Lives:* This teaches us to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment in our own lives. Embracing the Spirit leads to spiritual growth, moral strength, and the ability to live out one's faith authentically and effectively.

### 4. *Obedience and Humility*

Despite being sinless, Jesus submits to baptism by John the Baptist, demonstrating humility and obedience to God's will (Philippians 2:8).

*Modeling Humility and Obedience:* Jesus' example encourages us to adopt a posture of humility and obedience in our relationship with God. It underscores the importance of submitting to divine guidance and serving others selflessly, regardless of one's status or position.

### 5. *Inauguration of Jesus' Ministry*

Jesus' baptism marks the official beginning of His public ministry, signifying His mission to preach, heal, and ultimately redeem humanity (Mark 1:14-15).

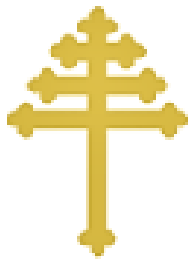
*Embracing God-Given Mission:* This teaches us to recognize and embrace our own God-given missions. It inspires us to step into our roles with confidence, knowing that their efforts align with divine purposes and contribute to the greater good.

### 6. *Public Declaration of Faith*

The public nature of Jesus' baptism, witnessed by followers and the divine proclamation, serves as a powerful declaration of His identity and mission.

*Living Out and Declaring Faith Publicly:* This encourages us to live our faith openly and confidently. It highlights the importance of publicly declaring one's beliefs and values, thereby strengthening personal faith and inspiring others within the community.





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## ***Men's Game Dinner***

Sunday, January 19, 2025

12:00pm - 4:00pm

(First course served promptly at 12:30pm)

Santa Maria Di Prata Hall

29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI

### **Raffles ~ Cash Bar**

### **Tickets: \$60 per person**

All tickets **MUST** be reserved in advance.  
There will be **NO** new tickets sold at the door.

#### **Menu:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Course:** Venison Chili

**2<sup>nd</sup> Course:** Antipasto served with game calzones

**3<sup>rd</sup> Course:** Venison meatballs and sausage, Pasta, Wild Boar and Peas

**4<sup>th</sup> Course:** Game Hen, Venison Marsala, Buffalo Meatloaf

**For tickets or to become a table captain, please contact:**  
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