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November 2, 2025

Consecration of the Church

Sunday Gospel Reading

Isaiah 54: 1+3+5-8+10

Raise a glad cry, you barren one who never bore a child, break forth in jubilant song, you who have never been in labor, For more numerous are the children of the deserted wife than the children of her who has a husband, says the LORD. For you shall spread abroad to the right and left; your descendants shall dispossess the nations and shall people the deserted cities. For your husband is your Maker; the LORD of hosts is his name, Your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth. The LORD calls you back, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, A wife married in youth and then cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back. In an outburst of wrath, for a moment I hid my face from you; But with enduring love I take pity on you, says the LORD, your redeemer. Though the mountains fall away and the hills be shaken, My love shall never fall away from you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Hebrews 9:1-12

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Matthew 16:13-20

The Apostle said: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Liturgical Intentions

11/1	**ALL SAINTS DAY**
4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for **Samira Thomas and Valerie Thomas,** requested by her loving family.
11/2	**CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH**
8:30 am	Five-year anniversary for **Jean Caouette**, requested by his wife Carolyn Caouette.
10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for **Saadallah Azzi,** requested by his loving family.
11/8	
4:00 pm	Forty-day liturgy for **Adele Jabour**, requested by her loving family.
11/9	**RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH**
8:30 am	Memorial liturgy for **Judge Frank Caprio**, requested by Michael, Kristin, and Michael Solomon, Jr.
10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for **Geryes and Rached Saab,** requested by their loving family.
11/15	
4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy **for the deceased family members in Purgatory.**
11/16	
8:30 am	
10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for **Jay Caron, requested by his loving friends and family.**
11/22	
4;00 pm	Memorial liturgy for **Hon. Anthony** and **Sarah Solomon,** requested by their loving family.
11/23	
8:30 am	
10:30 am	

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD!

Announcement corner



- To register to vote in the Lebanese parliamentary election, please follow this link **diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb**
- **To reserve a liturgy intention,** please call or email the church office.
- **Forty-day liturgies** are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intention.

Meet Your Clergy

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$1,929.00

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Liturgical Schedule

Thursday and Friday
10:00 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am (Latin rite)
10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6:00 pm– 8:00 pm



Young Adults Bible Study

Join us every other Thursday for a Bible Study evening. Guests who are not young adults are also welcome! Next meeting is on **Thursday November 6 at 7:30 pm**.

All adults are welcome.

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

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.

Saturday 11/15:
Bishop Gregory celebrates the Divine Liturgy at 4:00 pm.

Saturday 11/22:
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 7:30 pm



Sunday 12/7: Feast of Saint Barabara Party for children..

Wednesday 12/10: Holy Rosary Sodality Christmas dinner.

Thursday 12/18: MYA Christmas Dinner.

Sunday 12/21: Children Christmas Celebration after the 10:30 am liturgy.

Thursday 12/25: The Glorious Birth of the Lord.

Saturday 12/31: New Year's Eve.

MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS
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Looking for faith, friendship, and fun?
Come grow with us!

Join our Young Adults Group: MYA!

Every other Thursday at 7:30 pm

Next meeting: **Thursday 11/06**

All are welcome!

Would you like to receive the weekly **bulletin by Email** in color? Please email the office at

stgeorgeri1@gmail.com



The **Feast of the Consecration of the Church**

The word **"consecration"** means to *set apart for God's use*.
When the Church is "consecrated," it is not only a building being blessed, but also a reminder that **we, the people, are the true Church**, the *living temple of the Holy Spirit* (1 Corinthians 3:16).
So, this feast celebrates two realities:

*The physical dedication of the Church, where God's people gather.

*The spiritual renewal of every believer, as each heart becomes a sanctuary where Christ dwells.

It marks the beginning of a new spiritual journey, not just another calendar cycle, but a chance to begin again, to let God renew and dwell within us more deeply.

What do we learn from the Feast of the Consecration of the Church?

1. Renewal and Repentance
Just as the Church building is purified and blessed, every Christian is invited to cleanse their heart from sin and distraction.
It's a call to start the year with a clean temple, letting God's presence fill the spaces we've left empty or neglected.

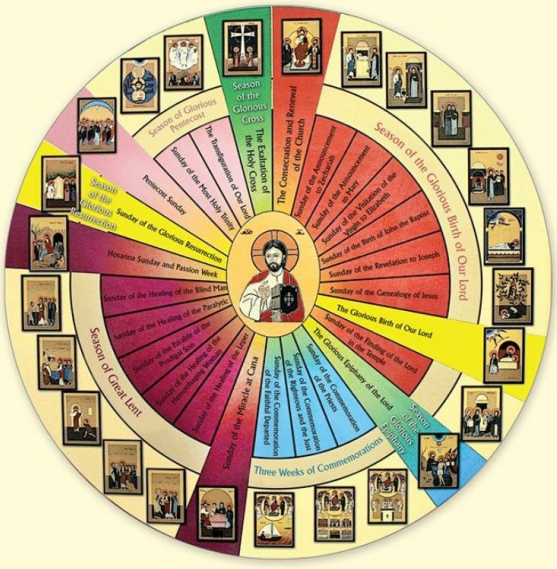
St. George Parish Family joyfully welcomes
His Excellency,
Bishop Gregory Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



to celebrate the Divine Liturgy
on **Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

"Come in peace, O Shepherd"

Liturgical Calendar Cycle



Feasts of the Maronite Saints :

Feast of Saint Maron - February 9
Feast of Saint John Maron -March 2
Feast of Saint Rafka - March 23
Feast of the Massabki Martyrs - July 10
Feast of Saint Sharbel - July 23
Feast of the 350 Maronite Martyrs - July 31
Feast of Saint Nemtallah - December 14

"Behold, I make all things new." *Revelation 21:5*

2. The Church as the Body of Christ
This feast reminds us that the Church is not stones and walls, but a community of believers, united in love and faith.
We learn that to be the Church is to carry each other's burdens, pray for one another, and serve together.
"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house." *1 Peter 2:5*

3. A Beginning Filled with Hope
The Maronite liturgical year begins not with a penitential tone, but with joyful dedication. It's a reminder that every new beginning in faith must be rooted in hope, not fear, hope that God is still building, shaping, and sanctifying His Church.

"Lord, consecrate my heart as Your Church.
Renew in me the light of Your Spirit.
May my life be a place where You are known, loved, and welcomed."

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church, Cranston RI

Invites you to Join and celebrate the

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



Saturday November 22, 2025

7:30 pm at the Church Hall

$50.00 Adults

$20.00 children under 12

Authentic Lebanese food, Cash bar, Raffle

DJ entertainment.

For tickets and reservation, please call/email the Church Office at 401-723-8444 stgeorgeri1@gmail.com

The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn cordially invites you to the

Ordination to the Order of Deacons

of

Subdeacon Jakob Wyder

and the

Ordination to the Minor Order of Subdeacons

of

Mark Farah

through the imposition of hands by

His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour

Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Church
300 North Eastern Avenue
Fall River, Massachusetts
10:00 AM Sunday, November 16th
Please **RSVP** to **office@saotd-fr.org** by November 9th

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Christmas Bazaar 2025

SAINT RAYMOND'S CHURCH — 1240 North Main Street, Providence, RI

Saturday, **November 8** from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, **November 9** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(In the church hall)

HAND-CRAFTED GIFTS

FOOD AND PASTRY

Cash Raffle • Raffle of Amazing Gift Baskets
Crafts • Penny Social Raffle
Knitting Nook • Unique Boutique

Enjoyable day for all! Start your Christmas Shopping here!



Drawings for the Cash Raffle and the Baskets featured on Facebook will be livestreamed on the parish Facebook page beginning approximately 1:15 p.m. on Sunday. A list of all prize-winners will be posted on the parish website and the Facebook page, and all will be notified by phone on Wednesday, Nov. 12th.

Christmas Treasures Sale

GENTLY USED HOLIDAY DECOR

Saturday, **November 22** from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, **November 23** from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

For more information, please call the parish office, ***351-4224***

WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

(JN 1:38)

THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

A Weekend Of Discernment

AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL IN YOUR LIFE

WONDERING IF THE LORD IS CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE MARONITE CHURCH?

MEN AGED 18-40 ARE INVITED FOR A WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER, DISCUSSION & DISCERNMENT.

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