



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to the Virgin Mary

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“Gathered in the one spirit, breathing as though with two lungs – of the East and of the West – and burning with the love of Christ in one heart – having two ventricles.” (Pope John Paul II)

Who are the Eastern Catholics? Are they different from the Latin rite Catholics?

All Catholics are united with the Pope in Rome even within the reality of cultural diversity. The Catholic Church, comprised of *21 Eastern Churches and 1 Western Church* (Latin Rite Roman Catholic), is a communion of Churches, with the Pope as the visible head. One of the Eastern Catholic Churches is our Maronite Church. She has Her own hierarchy composed of a Patriarch who is Her father and head, and over forty Bishops, who shepherd the many Eparchies (Dioceses) in Lebanon, the Middle East, the United States and throughout the world. The Patriarch governs the Church in a synodal manner with his body of bishops as is customary in the Eastern Churches. Each Catholic Church practices a common faith according to one of the six major traditions. The Maronite Church follows the Antiochene Tradition. All Churches within the communion of Catholic Churches share the same: *Dogmatic Faith.; Seven Mysteries (Sacraments); Unity with the Pope of Rome; And Moral Teachings.* All Catholics believe the same truths of the faith yet worship differently. One could say they share the same essence of faith, but have a different expression of that faith. Each Church embraces its own culture and tradition to express Her faith in Jesus the Risen Lord. Each of the Catholic Churches: *Encompasses a unique liturgy, theology, spirituality and discipline; Is characterized by Her own cultural and linguistic tradition; Is guided by a Patriarch, Major Archbishop, Metropolitan or other hierarchy, who along with their Synod of Bishops are in full communion with the Pope, the Successor of Saint Peter in Rome.*



Office Hours

Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday through Friday 09:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm (*Maronite rite*)

Sunday 8:30 am (*Roman rite*) 10:30 am (*Maronite rite*)

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Every Thursday 7:00pm and Saturday 2:00pm

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Meet Your Clergy

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Weekly collections

Saturday 4:00pm

\$453.00

Sunday 8:30am

\$338.00

Sunday 10:30am

\$681.00

Candles donation: \$64.60

THANK YOU!

Galatians 3:15-22

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, "And to offsprings," as of many; but it says, "And to your offspring," that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Praise be to God always!

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Liturgical Intentions

11/19 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Nathan, Phyllis and Peggy Gergora , requested by Naydine Gergora Rock and her loving family.
11/20 8:30am	Birthday remembrance for Patricia Bingham , requested by Joanne and Steven Mollica.
10:30am	Memorial liturgy for George Harb , requested by his wife Najla and their loving children
11/26 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Marie and Jamil Accaoui , requested by Joe and Antoinette Accaoui and their loving family.
11/27 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Marie Dante Carmine Pennacchia , requested by her family Two year anniversary for Therese Mouawad Estephan , requested by her loving family.
12/3 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Nabih Laoulache , requested by Joe and Antoinette Accacoui, and Noel and Raymond Laoulache and their loving family.
12/4 8:30am 10:00am	Two year anniversary for Michel Akkaoui , requested by his loving wife and children. Memorial liturgy for Fred and Therese Tanury , and Rosemarie and Jim DeNunzio , requested by their loving children.
12/7 7:00pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) Memorial liturgy for Maria Verdugo and Francisco Couarrubias , requested by Monica Loskoutov.
12/10 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Peter Michael and Richard Solomon , requested by their loving family.
12/11 8:30am 10:30am	Fifteenth anniversary for Mildred Roccio , requested by her loving children. Memorial liturgy for the Elias Saab and all the deceased members of the Saab and Atallah families.

Announcement corner

- Please notify the Church office at 401-723-8444 as soon as you or someone you know is in need of **Holy Communion**, anointing of the sick, or prayers from our clergy team. We are here to assist you in all your religious and spiritual needs.
- The liturgy of Saint Charbel will be celebrated on Tuesday November 22 at 7:00pm
- Save the Date for The **Saint Barbara Party** for children on Sunday 12/4 after 10:30 am liturgy and the **Christmas Party** on Sunday 12/18.



Satan called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil angels, he said, "We can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from conservative values. But we can do something else. We can keep them from forming an intimate, abiding relationship experience in Christ. If they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to church, let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time, so they can't gain that experience in Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do, angels. ***Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!***" "How shall we do this?" shouted his angels. "Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent un-numbered schemes to occupy their minds," he answered.

1- "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, then borrow, borrow, borrow. Convince the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6 or 7 days a week, 10 - 12 hours a day, so they can afford their lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work." "Over stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still small voice. Entice them to play the radio whenever they drive, to keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their homes. And see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical, contradicting music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ."

2- "Fill their coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, sweepstakes, mail order catalogs, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering, free products, services, and false hopes. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week.

3- "Don't let them go out in nature to reflect on God's wonders. Send them to Amusement parks, sporting events, concerts, and movies instead. "

4- And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotion." "Let them be involved in soul-winning. But crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Christ. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause."

It was quite a convention in the end. And the 4evil angels went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy and rush here and there. Has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge.



Our MYO Advisor and Team invite you to join us on
Sunday November 27 for a

Sunday Parish Breakfast

Complimentary breakfast. All donations will be used to help
Christian families suffering poverty in Lebanon.

