



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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February 16, 2025

Commemoration of the Righteous and the Just

Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday

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)

10:30 am

Weekly collections

\$887.00

THANK YOU!



Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor
frtonysaab@gmail.com

Deacon Farid Zaarour
fzaarour@yahoo.com

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6:00pm

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.

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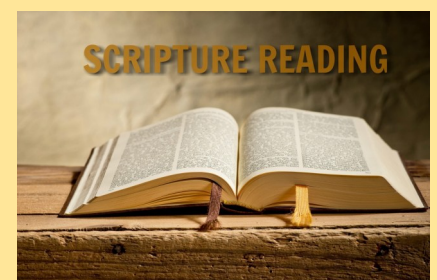


Liturgical Intentions

2/15 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Maurice Theeb , requested by his loving family.
2/16 8:30am 10:30:am	Memorial liturgy for Msgr. Toufic Bouhadir , requested by his loving family Ten year anniversary for Youssef Al-Howayek , requested by his son Gaby.
2/22 4:00pm	
2/23 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Jay Caron , requested by his loving family
3/1 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for all the loved ones who have passed in the Solomon, Azar, and Simon families and their spouses , requested by their loving families, followed by a dinner in the church hall
3/2 8:30am 10:30am	Three year anniversary for Malcolm Badway , requested by his loving family.
3/8 4:00pm	Anniversary liturgy for Majid and Alice Farhat , requested by their loving family.
3/9 8:30am 10:30am	Forty day liturgy for Fonsina Daou , requested by her son Nasser and his wife Salma, and their loving family.
3/15 4:00pm	Birthday memorial for Alexandria M. Saker , requested by her loving family.
3/16 8:30am 10:30am	

Weekend Reading Schedule 2/16

Saturday at 4:00pm **Donald Solomon**
 Sunday at 8:30am **Derek Iacobucci**
 Sunday at 10:30am English: **Jasmine Ayoub**
 Arabic **Gaby Al Howayek**



Sunday Readings

Wisdom 5: 1+3-6+8+15-16

Then shall the righteous one with great assurance confront his oppressors who set at nought his labors. They shall say among themselves, rueful and groaning through anguish of spirit: "This is the one whom once we held as a laughingstock and as a type for mockery, fools that we were! His life we accounted madness, and death dishonored. See how he is accounted among the heavenly beings; how his lot is with the holy ones! We, then, have strayed from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not shine for us, and the sun did not rise for us. What did our pride avail us? What have wealth and its boastfulness afforded us? But the righteous live forever, and in the LORD is their recompense, and the thought of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive the splendid crown, the beautiful diadem, from the hand of the LORD, For he will shelter them with his right hand, and protect them with his arm.



Hebrews 12:18-24 Penalties of Disobedience

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Matthew 25:31-46 The Judgement of the Nations

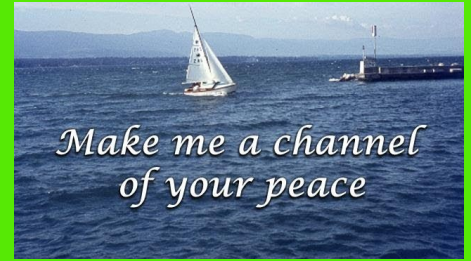
The Lord Jesus Said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



In **Matthew 25:31-46**, Jesus speaks about the final judgment, sometimes referred to as the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. In this passage, Jesus explains that we will be judged based on our attitudes and actions toward others, particularly the needy. Here are three important lessons:

1. *The Importance of Serving Others*

Jesus emphasizes that caring for those in need—such as the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned—is directly linked to serving Him. He identifies with the vulnerable, saying, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (verse 40). This teaches that acts of kindness and mercy to those in need are not just acts of charity but acts of service to Christ Himself.



2. *Judgment is Based on Actions, Not Just Words*

It is not enough to claim to follow Christ; one's actions demonstrate their faith. Those who serve others in practical, loving ways will be rewarded, while those who ignore the needs of others will face judgment. This serves as a reminder that faith must be lived out through deeds, not just professed with words.

3. *Eternal Consequences for Our Choices*

Jesus clearly teaches that our treatment of others has eternal significance. The "sheep" (those who helped others) will be welcomed into eternal life, while the "goats" (those who neglected others) will face eternal punishment. This shows the seriousness of our choices and actions in this life, and how they affect our eternal destiny.

These lessons point to the core values of compassion, justice, and love in Christian teachings, urging us to live out their faith in tangible ways through service to others.

**THE PLANS OF THE
RIGHTEOUS ARE JUST, BUT
THE COUNSEL OF THE
WICKED LEADS TO DECEIT.
- PROVERBS 12:5**

Thank you for joining us

Pre-Lenten Parish Dinner

Saturday February 22

Cocktail hour at 6:00pm

Food served at 7:00pm

**Homemade Lebanese
food**

KK DJ, raffle, cash bar

Admission Donation
\$50.00

St. George Hall



*Saint George
Maronite Catholic Church, Cranston RI
Presents*

76TH ANNUAL
**SAINT JOSEPH'S
HAFLI**

SATURDAY | MARCH 22, 2025

VENUS DE MILO

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The Talented Singers*

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EVENT

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For Tickets Contact
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Arabic Educational Foundation 2025 Scholarship Application

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Arabic.Ed1966@gmail.com / www.aef-ri.org / www.facebook.com/aefrhodeisland

MUST be postmarked by APRIL 15, 2025

Name (please print) _____

Your email address _____

Home address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home email address _____ Home phone # _____

Father's first and last name _____ % Arabic _____

Mother's first and last name _____ % Arabic _____

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT INFORMATION

***The AEF organization WILL accept electronic transcript directly from your high school.**

High school currently attending: _____

College attending 2025 _____

***CIRCLE ONLY ONE— FINANCIAL OR ACADEMIC scholarship application** * Eligibility info: AEF website

COLLEGE APPLICANT INFORMATION

***The AEF organization WILL accept electronic transcript directly from your college.**

College /University currently attending: _____

Major(s) _____ YOG: _____

Previous recipient: Yes / No -/ What year(s) _____ * Sibling applying: Yes / No

***CIRCLE ONLY ONE —FINANCIAL OR ACADEMIC scholarship application** * Eligibility info on AEF website

***ESSAY QUESTIONS – Choose one. (Maximum 5/6 sentences)**

- 1) Share an experience you have had in an Arabic heritage group/event and how it influenced your life.
- 2) Name an Arab American, past or present, famous or personal acquaintance, who you admire and explain why.

***2024 COMMUNITY /VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE / OR GOOD DEED (Describe in 2/3 sentences.)**

To all our Parishioners and friends who are College students. Please contact the Arabic Educational Foundation for more information.

AEF 2025 Scholarship Eligibility

Scholarship Applications are:

1. Reviewed by scholarship committee – only if postmarked by APRIL 15, 2025
2. Held in complete anonymity by the Scholarship Committee
3. Consideration is final once selection of recipients is made by the Board Members
4. Destroyed after the recipients are selected

Eligibility Criteria for selection is based on the following:

1. Arabic Descent – minimum 12.5 % heritage or greater
2. Financial Need – **ONLY** submit EFC- Expected Family Contribution Page from- **2025 FAFSA form**
3. Academic Performance – full time student
 - High school FINANCIAL applicant (2.75 grade pt. avg. based on 4 point scale)
 - High school ACADEMIC applicant (3.25 grade pt. avg. based on 4 point scale)
 - College FINANCIAL applicant (2.75 GPA)
 - College ACADEMIC applicant (3.25 GPA)
4. Essay –Written response from application question (Maximum 5 / 6 sentences)
5. 2024 Community / Volunteer Experience / OR Good deed (Describe 2/3 sentences)

General Information

1. Enrolled as a full time student: Defined as full time BY an accredited COLLEGE
2. Siblings are considered: if funds are available
3. Non-Rhode Island residents are considered: if funds are available
4. Scholarships are limited to 4 years
5. Home schooled students are considered if official documentation from school district is enclosed / submitted with application
6. Only COMPLETE Applications postmarked by APRIL 15, 2025 are considered.

ARABIC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
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Lincoln, RI 02865

aef-ri.org Arabic.Ed1966@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/aefrhodeisland>

AEF 2025 CHECKLIST

MISSION STATEMENT: THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS OF ARAB AMERICAN DESCENT. ASSISTANCE IS BASED ON AN ESTABLISHED SET OF CRITERIA APPROVED BY THE AEF BOARD TO DETERMINE EACH APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY.



❖ FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CHECKLIST - Grade Pt. Average – 2.75

- ___ Completed application POST MARKED by APRIL 15, 2025
- ___ *Essay Question (5/6 sentences) attached to application
- ___ FAFSA page ONLY FROM EFC- Expected Family Contribution
- ___ Community / volunteer experience / OR good deed in 2024 – (2/3 sentences)
- ___ Official transcript (*May be emailed by school/ college*) POST MARKED by APRIL 15, 2025

❖ ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CHECKLIST - Grade Pt. Average- 3.25

- ___ Completed application POST MARKED: APRIL 15, 2025
- ___ *Essay question (5/6 sentences) attached to application
- ___ Official transcript (*May be emailed by school/ college*) POST MARKED by APRIL 15, 2025
- ___ Community / volunteer experience / OR good deed in 2024 (2/3 sentences)

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Email any questions to Arabic.Ed1966@gmail.com.



MARONITE HISTORY

SAVE THE DATES!

Online Workshops at 8pm:

Feb. 6- St. Maron & the Maronite Liturgy
(Fr. Dominique Hanna)

Feb. 13- Maronite Music & Melodies
(Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

Feb. 20 – Maronites & the Holy See
(Chorbishop John Faris)

VIA ZOOM

Hosted by the Maronite Servants of
Christ the Light in conjunction with
the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

To register and/or to learn more visit:
maroniteservants.org
saintsharbelcenter.org





**Proudly Announces
2025 Scholarship Program**

High School Graduate Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Massabki Brothers
One for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Abouna Sharbel
Three for High School Seniors \$1000

Undergraduate Scholarships

Chagoury Family Undergraduate
One for College Student \$2000

Thomas and Jennie Ayoub
One for College Student \$2000

Graduate & Professional Scholarship

Chagoury Family Graduate
One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize
Up to 10 scholarships for Fall 2025 or Spring 2026

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Up to 12 scholarships for Summer 2025 Semester

For more information and application visit naronites.org or e-mail namscholarships@gmail.com



APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2025



Scholarship Opportunities for NAM Members

Dear [Priest's Name],

We are pleased to offer scholarship opportunities for National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) members to support their academic and spiritual growth. NAM is providing scholarships to assist Maronite students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees, including opportunities to study abroad in Lebanon.

Attached is a poster outlining the available scholarships, with the application deadline of **May 31, 2025**. These scholarships are designed to help students committed to academic excellence, community service, and leadership, strengthening both our faith and society.

The poster includes:

- **Eligibility Criteria:** Requirements based on academic performance, community involvement, and alignment to NAM's mission.
- **Scholarship Categories:** Scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, and study abroad students.
- **Application Process:** Detailed steps, required documents, and deadlines.



We kindly ask for your help in sharing this information with your parish, encouraging students to apply. Please display the poster prominently in your parish, and support students as they pursue these educational opportunities.

Thank you for your support of NAM's mission. For any questions or additional information, feel free to contact us.

May God bless you and your parish community.

Sincerely,
Angelina Khourisader
NAM Executive Board Member
407-985-6810