



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic

### Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab

Pastor

Farid Zaarour, Deacon

### Office Hours

Weds - Friday from 9am-12pm

### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday 7:00pm

Thursday and Friday 09:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

### Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Every Thursday 6:00pm

### Weekly collections

Saturday

\$310.00

Sunday

08:30am \$355.00

10:30am \$1,150.00

Fuel \$651.00

Easter Flowers \$650.00

### SACRAMENTS

#### **Baptism & Confirmation:**

One month in advance with the Pastor.

Donations: Church: \$200

Priest: Free Will

#### **Matrimony:**

Arrangements should be made by couples

six months prior to the

wedding date Donations:

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 unable

to come to Church and

would like to receive

communion at home.

**The Church Hall** is available for rent for all types of events.

Donations are \$300 for parishioners, \$500 for non-parishioners.

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### Announcement Corner

- The MYO will be sponsoring a Lenten Coffee Hour on Sunday after the 10:30 am liturgy during the whole season of Lent.
- Stations and Adoration of the Cross and adoration of the Cross every Friday at 7:00pm. Complimentary Lenten dinner starting at 5:00pm
- May God bless all those who have worked hard for the success of our annual Saint Joseph Hafli dinner, Ad book, and raffle.
- Please notify the church office if you or a loved one is sick and in need of a clergy visit.

**Isaiah 35: 1-6+8+9b-10**

The wilderness and the parched land will exult; the Arabah will rejoice and bloom; Like the crocus it shall bloom abundantly, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; They will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen hands that are feeble, make firm knees that are weak, Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall see, and the ears of the deaf be opened; Then the lame shall leap like a stag, and the mute tongue sing for joy. For waters will burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the Arabah. A highway will be there, called the holy way; No one unclean may pass over it, but it will be for his people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray on it. But there the redeemed shall walk, And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; They meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning flee away.

**1 Timothy 5:24-6:5**

Some people's sins are public, preceding them to judgment; but other people are followed by their sins. Similarly, good works are also public; and even those that are not cannot remain hidden. Those who are under the yoke of slavery must regard their masters as worthy of full respect, so that the name of God and our teaching may not suffer abuse. Those whose masters are believers must not take advantage of them because they are brothers but must give better service because those who will profit from their work are believers and are beloved. Whoever teaches something different and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the religious teaching is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid disposition for arguments and verbal disputes. From these come envy, rivalry, insults, evil suspicions, and mutual friction among people with corrupted minds, who are deprived of the truth, supposing religion to be a means of gain. Praise be to God always.

**Mark 2:1-12**

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"-- he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

**Lectors schedule** (10:30am)

Arabic: Elias Felfe

English: Maya Estephan

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## *Liturgical Intentions*

3/18 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Russell Fontaine, Sr., Samuel and Rose Solomon, Joseph Solomon, Sr.</b> , requested by their loving family.
3/19 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for <b>Carmella T. (Lobris) Abbood</b> , requested by her husband Sam and his loving family.
3/25 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Anthony Budway, Sr.</b> , requested Lila Melan.
3/26 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for <b>Edward Cole</b> , requested by his wife Ann and her loving family.
4/1 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for all the deceased members of the <b>Khoury, Autiello, Campagnone, and Durante families</b> , requested by their loving families
4/2 8:30am 10:30am	Twenty year memorial liturgy for <b>Silvia Rossi</b> , requested by her daughter and her loving family.
4/8 4:00pm	Glorious Resurrection of the Lord
4/9 8:30-am 10:30am	<b>GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
4/15 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for <b>Anthony Budway</b> , requested by Georgeann Thomas
4/16 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary liturgy for <b>Anissa Rizk</b> , requested by Kevin Dejesus.
	<b>ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O'LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM!</b>

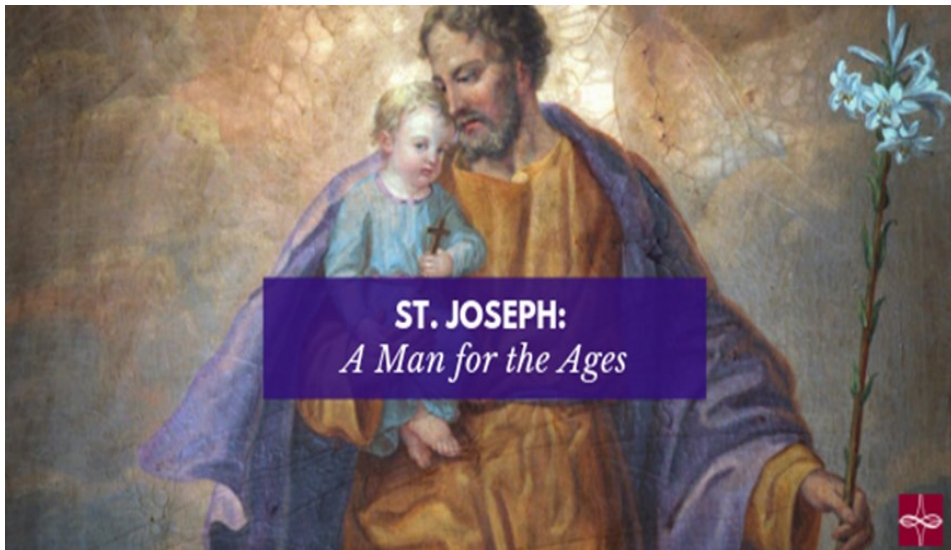
### **40 Day Liturgies**

are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.

St. Joseph's March 19th Solemnity celebrates faith, fatherhood, and fortitude in a way that brings people together. St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, fathers, families, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, craftsmen, and many more! People all around the world look to Joseph as a model for their lives because of his deep faith, warm fatherhood, and fortitude.

**His deep faith evidenced in his “Yes” to marry the Virgin**

**Mother.** As we read in the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 1:18-19), Joseph was a kindhearted man who loved Mary so much that he was willing to risk his reputation. He was ready to stick by her through the betrothal and pregnancy and figure it out later, as we might say today. Matthew's phrase is “divorce her quietly.” Scripture



also tells us that God sent his angel in a dream to straighten things out with Joseph: “*Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*” Certainly, only a man of true faith would hear these words and trust in God's plan.

**His protection of the Holy Family and warmth while raising Jesus as his own.** Although there is little written about Jesus' life as a boy before his ministry, we can be sure that Joseph took great care of the Son entrusted to his care. Even when Jesus was a baby, Joseph protected him from death (Mt 2:19-23), presented Jesus at the Temple as was customary (Luke 2:22), and taught him his carpentry trade. This real-life example of fatherhood is one that lends its patronage to all fathers today.

Good fathers model the fatherhood of St. Joseph when they teach their children that working hard in the service of others is one of our greatest duties on Earth. Fathers also follow the model of St. Joseph when they teach perseverance and optimism—an outlook on life that is forever reaching toward hope and success. Fathers have a model to emulate in St. Joseph's quiet support and care for his family.

**His fortitude to face the world in times of adversity.** At important times in Joseph's life, he was challenged by God. In those moments, he rose to the challenge by making a selfless choice. In our lives as Catholics Christians, we are often challenged at times of weakness or when life seems hard. Negativity can seem endless, problems pile on top of other problems, media stories show no hope, and family life is full of brokenness. When we are faced with these challenges, it is important to remember our forefathers in faith. We, like St. Joseph, must put our trust in God and entrust to him our lives and those of our loved-ones as well.

The tumultuous world we live in will never have hope if we as Catholic Christians are not the first ones to share God's love. St. Joseph is the perfect model of faith, fatherhood, and fortitude that we need in today's world.