



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Healing of Bartimaeus the Blind

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab

Pastor

Farid Zaarour

Deacon

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

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

Raffle prize winners

Bill and Myriol Saunders
\$2500.00

Georgeann Thomas \$1500 .00
George Makhoul \$1000.00

On your behalf, I thank Bill and Myriol Saunders who have donated their winning prize of \$2500 to the church! I also thank each and everyone who made our Annual Hafli a great success, coordinated by the Hafli Chairperson Michael Saker.

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

\$889.00

Sunday

08:30am \$276.00

10:30am \$968.00

Eparchial Charities
\$508.00

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.



MYO members participating in Sunday's High schooler's Bible Study

Your **donation** to your church is an opportunity for you to contribute



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from the work of your hands to the ministry of Christ and His gospel.

Isaiah 42: 6-8 + 16-18

I, the LORD, have called you for justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. I am the LORD, LORD is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. I will lead the blind on a way they do not know; by paths they do not know I will guide them. I will turn darkness into light before them, and make crooked ways straight. These are my promises: I made them, I will not forsake them. They shall be turned back in utter shame who trust in idols; Who say to molten images, "You are our gods." You deaf ones, listen, you blind ones, look and see!

2 Corinthians 10:1-7

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. Praise be to God always.

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

Lectors schedule (10:30am)

Arabic: Saide Nafaa

English: David Thomas

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Please join us welcome and celebrate the liturgy of the washing of the feet on Thursday April 6, 2023

His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour

Thursday of
the Mysteries
(Holy
Thursday)

7:00pm

followed by

the exposition of the Holy Eucharist.



Liturgical Intentions

3/25 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Anthony Budway, Sr. , requested Lila Melan.
3/26 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for Edward Cole , requested by his wife Ann and her loving family.
4/1 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for all the deceased members of the Khoury, Autiello, Campagnone, and Durante families , requested by their loving families
4/2 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Joseph Simon , requested by Theodora Barkett Twenty year memorial liturgy for Silvia Rossi , requested by her daughter and her loving family.
4/8 4:00pm	Glorious Resurrection of the Lord
4/9 8:30-am 10:30am	GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
4/15 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Anthony Budway , requested by Georgeann Thomas
4/16 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary liturgy for Anissa Rizk , requested by Kevin Dejesus.
	ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O’LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM!

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



Please help support our MYO Maronite Youth Organization members in attending the National MYO Conference in June by participating in their fundraiser **BAKE SALE**

on the weekend of April 1 and 2 after all liturgies. The approximate cost for each member is \$900.

- The Holy Rosary Sodality invites everyone to join them in praying the holy rosary on Saturday April 1st at 3:30pm in Church.



Schedule for Passion Week (Holy Week)

Sunday April 2: Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday) احد الشعانين

Procession with Palms (At the 10:30am Liturgy)

Monday and Tuesday April 3, 4: Stations and Adoration of the Cross at 7:00pm

Wednesday April 5: Rite of the Lamp رتبة القنديل

Blessing the oil and anointing for the healing of the body and the soul at 7:00pm

Thursday April 6: Thursday of the Mysteries (Holy Thursday) خميس الاسرار

Liturgy of the Washing of the feet at 7:00pm celebrated by his Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour, followed by the Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.

Friday April 7: Great Friday of the Crucifixion (Good Friday) الجمعة العظيمة

Signing of the Chalice Liturgy at 11:00am

Stations of the Cross (outside the church, weather permitting) 6:00pm

Adoration of the Cross/**Burial of the Lord** at 7:00pm

The Holy Rosary members will have flowers available to be placed at the Altar.

Saturday April 8: Great Saturday of the Light سبت النور

Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection at 4:00pm

Sunday April 9: Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection (Easter Sunday) احد القيامة المجيدة

The healing of the Blind

Jesus stops when he hears the cries of he who only wants to be seen, recognized, looked upon with dignity. It's astonishing to see how Bartimaeus revives, that is how he stands up when Jesus stops before him, even before healing his eyes. We too can help others to revive if only we would stop to listen to what they are saying.

Sometimes we need help to get back on our feet, like Bartimaeus, to throw off that which is holding us down, that which oppresses us, that which blocks our path, even if it seems to be the very thing that protects us, that keeps us warm, that defends us, a little like Linus' blanket.

Bartimaeus throws off his cloak and it makes us wonder if it wasn't that cloak that was keeping him from getting up. For the cloak of a beggar is his most precious possession: it's his home, his blanket, his only wealth. It's not insignificant that the Law prohibited taking the beggar's cloak for more than a day: *If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset* (Ex 22, 25).

Sometimes the things we are most attached to are the very things that are holding us back. Linus will only grow when he has the courage to abandon the blanket that makes him feel so safe.

Only when Bartimaeus frees himself of his fears does he become aware of the true desires he carries in his heart. In fact, it's only at this point that Jesus asks him what it is that he truly wants.



Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see