



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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March 09, 2025

## The healing of the Leper

### 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

\$3,365.00

Ash Monday \$312.00



### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor**  
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**Deacon Farid Zaarour**  
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### 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](mailto:frtonysaab@gmail.com)

#### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Please notify the office if a member of your family is ill,



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## Cleansing of the Leper SUNDAY

### 2 Kings 5: 1-3+9-14

Naaman, the army commander of the king of Aram, was highly esteemed and respected by his master, for through him the LORD had brought victory to Aram. But valiant as he was, the man was a leper. Now the Arameans had captured from the land of Israel in a raid a little girl, who became the servant of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would present himself to the prophet in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." Naaman came with his horses and chariot and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent him the message: "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean." But Naaman went away angry, saying, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand there to call on the name of the LORD his God, and would move his hand over the place, and thus cure the leprous spot. Are not the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be cleansed?" With this, he turned about in anger and left. But his servants came up and reasoned with him: "My father, if the prophet told you to do something extraordinary, would you not do it? All the more since he told you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.



### Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness. For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? Of course not! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted. Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Mark 1:35-43

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

## Saint Joseph Annual Hafli

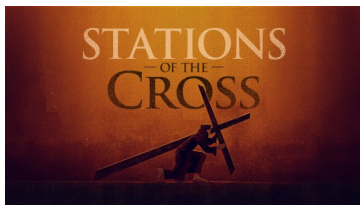
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## Liturgical Intentions

3/8 4:00pm	Anniversary liturgy for <b>Majid and Alice Farhat</b> , requested by their loving family.
3/9 8:30am 10:30am	Forty day liturgy for <b>Fonsina Daou</b> , requested by her son Nasser and his wife Salma, and their loving family.
3/15 4:00pm	Twenty-Nine Birthday memorial for <b>Alexandria M. Saker</b> , requested by her loving family.
3/16 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Nemr S. Nemr</b> , requested by his loving family.
3/22 4:00pm	<b>Saint Joseph Annual Hafli</b>
3/23 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Youssef Hoyek</b> , requested by his son Gaby Hoyek.
3/29 4:00pm	One year anniversary for <b>Mary Simon</b> , requested by her loving family.
3/30 8:30am 10:30am	Eleventh anniversary for <b>Antoine Barkett</b> , requested by his loving family.
<b>ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD!</b>	

Every Friday during Lent  
**Stations of the Cross and  
 Adoration of the Cross**



**At 7:00pm**

### *Weekend Reading Schedule 3/2*

Saturday at 4:00pm

**Anthony Farhat**

Sunday at 8:30am

**Toni Berger**

Sunday at 10:30am

English:

**Jason Gebara**

Arabic:

**Salma Daou**



## Roman rite Sunday readings (8:30am Mass) First Sunday of Lent

### Reading I Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: “The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.’

And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence.”

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

R. (cf. 15b) **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, “My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

R. **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, For to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

R. **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

R. **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him, I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

R. **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

### Reading II Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

### Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered him, “It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*” Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*” Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*” When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.







## Knights of Columbus

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70 Pettaconsett Ave.  
Cranston, RI 02920

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When: Friday, March 14, 2025 from 5:30PM to ?????

**Rich's Famous Clam Chowder**

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Price includes one glass of wine or draft beer

Dinner to be served at 6:15PM

Please RSVP to Alan Caruolo either by email(preferred) [agc1266@cox.net](mailto:agc1266@cox.net) or  
text/call (401)225-9546 no later than Friday February 28, 2025

**ST. GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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