



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Glorious Resurrection of the Lord

### Office Hours

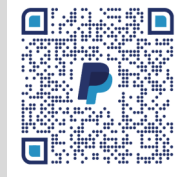
Mon, Weds, Thurs, and  
Friday 9am-12pm  
Tuesday  
Office is closed

Administrative assistant:  
Jihane Ayoub

### Weekly collections

\$5,054.00

Thank you!



### Meet Your Clergy

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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, hospitalized, or homebound and would like

### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

## Readings for Easter Sunday

### Jonah 2: 1b-3+4b+5+7-11

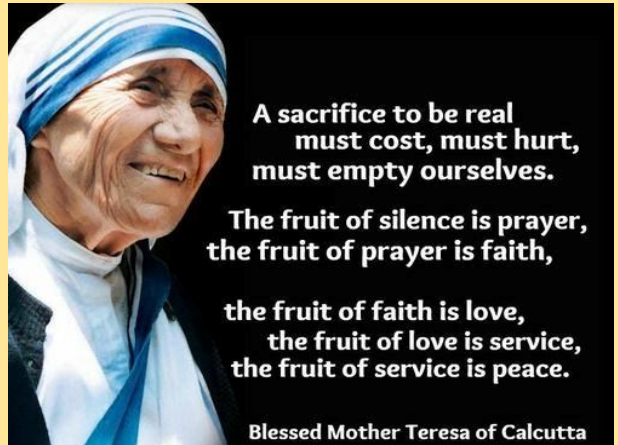
Jonah remained in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Jonah prayed to the LORD, his God, from the belly of the fish: Out of my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me; From the womb of Sheol I cried for help, and you heard my voice. All your breakers and your billows passed over me. Then I said, "I am banished from your sight! How will I again look upon your holy temple?" I went down to the roots of the mountains; to the land whose bars closed behind me forever, But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God. When I became faint, I remembered the LORD; My prayer came to you in your holy temple. Those who worship worthless idols abandon their hope for mercy. But I, with thankful voice, will sacrifice to you; What I have vowed I will pay: deliverance is from the LORD. Then the LORD commanded the fish to vomit Jonah upon dry land.

### Philippians 2:1-11

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but (also) everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."



A heart felt THANK YOU to all who worked so hard for the success of **Saint Joseph 76th Hafli**. Congratulations to our Chairpersons **Dr. Michael and Joslyeen Accaoui** and their teams! **Income:** Admissions \$30,250; Raffle/donations \$13,198; Ad book \$28,100; Total: \$71,548. **Expenses:** Banquet hall \$4,992; Hot food \$9,100; Raffle prizes \$5,000; Entertainment \$4,300; Mailings \$183; AD Book Printing \$1,715. Total Expenses \$25,288. **Total income \$46,260.00** This does not include credit/Venmo transaction fees.

## Liturgical Intentions

4/19 4:00pm	
4/20 8:30am 10:30am	<b>The Glorious Resurrection of the Lord</b>
4/26 4:00pm	Ten year anniversary for <b>Virginia Solomon</b> , requested by her loving Family.
4/27 8:30am 10:30am	<b>Celebration of First Communion</b>

### **Lessons to learn from the Glorious Resurrection of the Lord.**

#### 1. God Turns Fear into Joy

Initially, the women approaching the tomb experienced fear and anxiety, yet the angel reassured them, "Do not be afraid" (Matt 28:5). Encountering Christ transforms our fears into profound joy and courage. The Resurrection reminds us that even our darkest moments can be redeemed, replacing fear with hope and celebration.

#### 2. Go and Share the Good News

After seeing the empty tomb, the women were commissioned to "go quickly and tell his disciples" (Matt 28:7). This underscores our mission as believers: to actively share our experiences of Christ's presence and the transformative power of his Resurrection with others. Faith is not meant to be private, but joyfully and courageously shared.

#### 3. Jesus Meets Us Where We Are

On their way, the risen Jesus met the women, greeting them personally (Matt 28:9). This emphasizes how Christ meets us in our everyday journeys, offering personal encounters that strengthen our faith and give us purpose. Resurrection faith is about recognizing Christ's presence in our ordinary lives, allowing him to guide and sustain us.

#### 4. God Surprises Us When We Least Expect It

Just as Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb expecting death, they encountered life instead. In our own lives, we often assume certain situations are hopeless or beyond redemption. This passage reassures us that God's ways surpass our expectations, bringing unexpected hope precisely where we see no way forward.

#### 5. Faith Grows Stronger Through Difficult Experiences

The women approached the tomb grieving and heartbroken, yet their faith deepened profoundly through their experience at the empty tomb. Similarly, when we face difficult times, these challenges can become powerful moments of spiritual growth. God uses even our toughest experiences to strengthen and mature our faith.

#### 6. Christ Calls Us by Name

When Jesus meets the women on their journey, he acknowledges them personally, greeting them warmly and intimately. Similarly, Jesus meets us personally, calls us by name, and knows our stories intimately. His Resurrection reminds us we are each uniquely loved, seen, and valued—never overlooked or forgotten.



## The Resurrection of the Lord: The Mass of Easter Day (8:30am Mass readings)

### **Reading 1** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. (24) **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”

R. **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.”

R. **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

### **Reading 2**

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

### **Gospel**

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.





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the Sodality*

# *Paint Night*

*\*all proceeds to benefit  
Mother of Life  
Pregnancy Center*

*Friday April 25th @ 6:30pm  
Springtime theme Wreath*

*Seating is limited \$25.00 per person  
Please bring donations of:  
Diapers, Baby wipes, Lotions etc.*

*Ticket sales: Ginny Solomon,  
Deb Thomas, Suzanne Cannon*

*☆ checks payable to St. George's Church*

*\*Refreshments will be served*





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# NAM 2025 CONVENTION

FAITH IGNITED - HOPE RENEWED  
60 YEARS ROOTED IN MARONITE TRADITION  
July 3-6, 2025  
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## 60th NAM Convention Key Functions and Highlights

### Faith Ignited – Hope Renewed 60 Years Rooted in Maronite Tradition

#### EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

##### St Sharbel Neighborhood (All Ages)

Enjoy the beautiful Falls of Neuse Dam, tucked between lush forests and the serene waters of Falls Lake, then continue to visit St. Sharbel church.

##### Guided Umstead Park Walk (All Ages)

For nature lovers, immerse yourself in the beauty of Umstead Park on a guided walk through lush forests and peaceful trails.

##### Raleigh Highlights (All Ages)

Tour The Cathedral of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus & Explore Raleigh famous Sunflower fields.

##### The Museum Of Natural Sciences (Youth & Kids)

The largest in the Southeast, with Dinosaurs, fossils, butterfly conservatory, storm simulators, and scientists in action.

##### After-Party Karaoke: Be the Star of NAM!

Enjoy Lebanese oldies, favorite hits, and on-demand songs every night! Send us your requests, grab the mic, and join the fun for an unforgettable sing-along experience after the party!

##### Trolley Pub (MYA)

An MYA favorite, the Raleigh Trolley Pub is a fun, pedal-powered bar crawl through the city's best spots! Bring your friends, enjoy drinks, and explore downtown in a unique, lively way. (Fri 3-5 PM)

##### Theology On TAP (MYA)

Have a drink and dive deep into an exciting discussion about our faith with our incredible Bishop Elias Zaidan and Bishop Gregory Mansour!

##### Escape Room (MYA & MYO)

Available all convention long—grab friends, book a slot, and test your skills in this thrilling experience.

##### Dance, Mobility & Wellness (All Ages)

Stay active with dance, fitness, and expert mobility guidance for all ages. There's something for everyone to keep moving and feeling great!

##### Midnight Bites: Late-Night Cravings, Covered!

Keep the night going with delicious bites available for order after party hours. Whether you're craving a snack or a full meal, enjoy a late-night treat before calling it a night!

##### Fun, Food & Friendship With Father Boutros (MYA)

Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy dinner with heartfelt conversations.

##### Dinner & Icebreakers (All Ages)

By age groups, where we'll get to know each other and our fellow convention-goers. The perfect way to make connections.

##### MYO Lounge: Connect & Play

A space for MYO to enjoy games, creating friendships that will last beyond the convention.

##### Kids Zone (age 5 to 12)

Enjoy a mix of indoor and outdoor games, fun activities. A perfect space for kids to play, explore, and create unforgettable memories!

##### Board Games Lobby

Join friends or participate in a tournament with a wide array of cards, backgammon, and board games available at any time.



##### Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope (All Ages)

We're blessed to have our NAM Convention in a Jubilee Year, so let's make the journey leading up to it a pilgrimage of ignited faith and renewal of hope. As we prepare, we'll reflect on the lives of saints like Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Messabki Brothers, and Carlo Acutis, showing that holiness is for everyone.

We'll collect images and stories to celebrate 60 years of heritage, setting the path for a future of holiness.

Stay tuned to our emails and social media for updates!

##### Opening Our Hearts: A Night of Adoration & Hymns

Starting our weekend with Adoration and sacred time of prayer, reflection, and confession. Continue the evening with uplifting hymns and prayers, bringing everyone together in song through our beloved sacred chants.

#### WORKSHOPS

##### AI-Powered Growth

Discover how to start and scale your business using modern tools, especially AI. Explore beginner-friendly AI concepts, interactive projects, and ethical strategies to leverage AI while staying true to your Christian vocation.

##### Faithful Success

Achieve career and entrepreneurial success while staying true to your faith and values. Learn how to thrive in this world with purpose, integrity, and abundance—keeping your heart set on heaven.

##### The Sanctity of Life and Marriage

We are created in God's image, and every stage of life, from conception to death, is sacred. This session explores the divine value of life and the importance of marriage in the Church, where vows are not only sacred but reflect our commitment to God's love and plan.

##### The Commission For Lebanon

A workshop focussing on the Church's stance regarding current events in Lebanon.

##### Understanding The Maronite Liturgy

We will delve deeper into the meaning and significance of the Maronite Liturgy—exploring what happens during the celebration and why each part is important.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

##### DJ Gilbert

Enjoy a great mix of Arabic and American hit songs the whole weekend as we dance the nights away!

##### Friday Hafti

##### Charbel Bassil & USA Special

Friday Night Hafti - Dress in your best traditional Lebanese outfit, dance and dabbe to the voice of Lebanese Singer Charbel Bassil! We'll honor American Independence Day with a special celebration, featuring vibrant sound and light displays!

##### Saturday Gala Dinner

##### Lebanese Star Hisham El Hajj

An unforgettable evening with Star Hisham El Hajj, as he fills the night with his captivating music and lively performances. Enjoy a night of elegance, celebration, and entertainment at this exclusive event!

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