



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday after the Resurrection (New Sunday)



**Congratulations  
to our  
FIRST  
COMMUNION  
2025 children!**



### Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6:00pm

### 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 [frtony-saab@gmail.com](mailto:frtony-saab@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.



### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor**  
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**Deacon Farid Zaarour**  
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### Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

### Weekly collections



\$3,324.00

Thank you!



### Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday

9am-12pm

Tuesday

Office is closed;

Administrative assistant:  
Jihane Ayoub

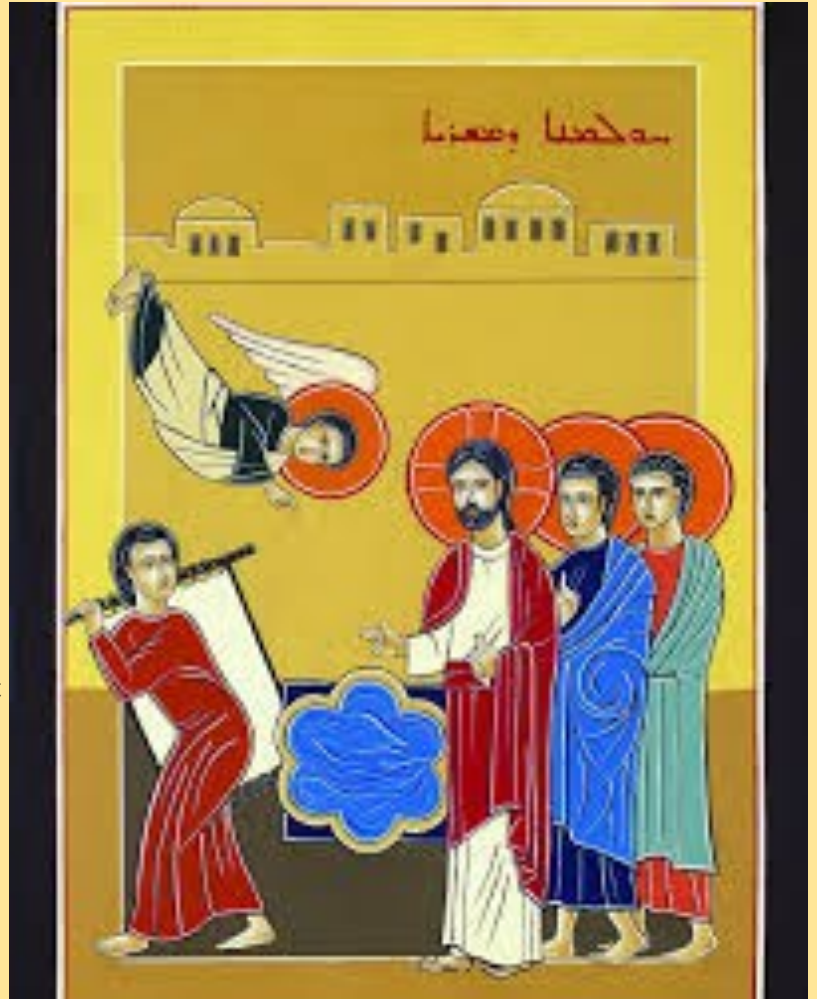
## The Appearance of Jesus to the Disciples and Thomas with them

### **Isaiah 52: 7-12**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing good news, Announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Listen! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, For they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD's return to Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted his people, has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; All the ends of the earth can see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there, touch nothing unclean! Out from there! Purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. But not in hurried flight will you go out, nor leave in headlong haste, For the LORD goes before you, and your rear guard is the God of Israel.

### **2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

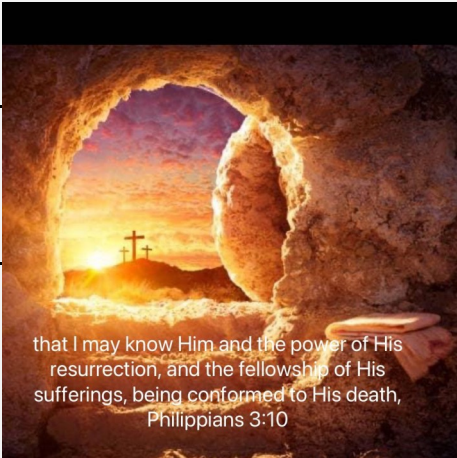
Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we are clearly apparent to God, and I hope we are also apparent to your consciousness. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast of us, so that you may have something to say to those who boast of external appearance rather than of the heart. For if we are out of our minds, it is for God; if we are rational, it is for you. For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.



### **John 20:26-31**

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

## Liturgical Intentions

<p>4/26 4:00pm</p>	<p>Ten year anniversary for <b>Virginia Solomon</b>, requested by her loving Family. <b>Gabriel Habr</b> who passed away in Lebanon, by his son Dr. Fadlalla and his loving family.</p>
<p>4/27 8:30am 10:30am</p>	<p><b>Celebration of First Communion</b></p>
<p>5/3 4:00pm</p>	<p>Memorial liturgy for <b>Russell Fontaine Sr., Samuel Solomon, Rose Solomon, and Joseph Solomon Sr.</b>, requested by their loving family.</p>
<p>5/4 8:30am 10:30am</p>	<p>Memorial liturgy for <b>Joseph El Tebchrani and Afife Lamah</b>, requested by Rita El Tebchrani.</p>
<p>5/10 4:00pm</p>	<p>Memorial liturgy for the <b>Khoury, Autiello, and Durante families</b>, requested by their loving families.</p>
<p>5/11 8:30am 10:30am</p>	<p>Fifteen year anniversary for <b>Laya Yousif</b>, requested by her loving family.</p>
<p>5/17 4:00pm</p>	<p>Forty day liturgy for <b>Anthony G. Mardo, Jr.</b>, requested by his loving family. One year anniversary for <b>Rodney P. Thomas Jr.</b>, requested by his loving families.</p>
<p>5/18 8:30am 10:30am</p>	<p>Memorial liturgy for <b>George Felefle</b>, requested by his brother Elias and his loving family.</p>
<p>5/24 4:00pm</p>	 <p>that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, Philippians 3:10</p>
<p>5/25 8:30am 10:30am</p>	



## SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR (Celebrated April 23)

This great miracle worker and martyr lived in the latter part of the third century A.D., during Diocletian's rule of the Roman Empire. He originally came from the area of Cappadocia and was raised by very pious parents.

When Diocletian started his persecutions against the Christians, Saint George declared himself to be a Christian and thus denied the false idols. He suffered many tortures because of his belief but never considered renouncing it. The life of Saint George is a prime example of the life that each Christian should follow to obtain salvation. Saint George, the Great Martyr, was raised in the Christian religion. His father, himself, martyred for his faith. After his father's death, George's mother took him to Palestine where she had some farmland. At a young age, he served in the Roman army under the Emperor Diocletian and was commended many times for his excellent service to the Empire. From the rule of the Emperor Decian, until 284 A.D., when Diocletian became Emperor, the Christian Church went through a period of peace and prosperity.

During the year 303 A.D., Diocletian held three general meetings with his aides, instructing them to persecute the Christians. Saint George, since he had shown his excellence while serving in the army, was among these aides. Diocletian asked them to pledge their allegiance to this cause by making pagan sacrifices as proof of their loyalty. All the aides pledged their loyalty, except for the Saint. He stood in front of Diocletian and admitted his belief in Christianity, telling the monarch of the Christian teachings and the Godliness of the Crucified Nazarene. The emperor ordered this Christian taken to prison and that a boulder be placed on his chest as a form of torture. The next morning Diocletian ordered that the prisoner be brought before him for questioning. George stood steadfast and told Diocletian of his belief in the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Once again George appeared before Diocletian who ordered that Saint George accompany him to the temple and sacrifice to the gods. When they arrived at the temple, Saint George made the sign of the cross and the idols were again destroyed. The people and the priests were furious and demanded that Diocletian have the Saint executed. Saint George was taken out of the city and as he turned his head toward the executioner, he was beheaded.

In the history of our Church, we find a myth related to a dragon and Saint George. This dragon threatened the idolaters in the area of Atalia. The people were forced to live inside the walls of their city. This prevented them from tending their fields and grazing their sheep. Every year, they would sacrifice a young girl to the dragon. When Saint George arrived in this area, the King's daughter was about to be sacrificed. After subduing the dragon, Saint George placed a rope around its neck. He then gave the rope to the princess so that she could lead the beast back to the city. Thence, he slaughtered the terror and subsequently baptized thousands of the city's inhabitants.

