



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Third Sunday after the Resurrection

Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

Congratulations to our First Communion Children 2025!!!



**Eva Assili, Chloe El Chami, Thomas Dacey,
Sara D'Oliveira, Yara Fersan, Boutros Ghalborji,
Makayla Harb, Michael Harb, Eleonora Elkhoury,
Christina Khouri, Lucca Larose, Christopher Lynch,
Boutros Michael Naddaf, Jacob Nassif,
Angelina Rouhana, Samuel Yousif.**

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor
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Weekly collections

\$3,324.00



Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday 9am-
12pm

Office is closed on Tuesday

Administrative assistant: Jihane Ayoub

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday at 6:00pm

Baptism & Confirmation:

One month in advance with the Pastor.

Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made by
couples six months prior to the wed-
ding date.

Reconciliation:

One hour before liturgies,
or by appointment.

Please call the office or email
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 to receive Holy Communion at
home.

Liturgical Intentions

5/3 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Russell Fontaine Sr., Samuel Solomon, Rose Solomon, and Joseph Solomon Sr. , requested by their loving family.
5/4 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Joseph and Selim Tebcherany and Afife Lamah , requested by Rita Tebcherany.
5/10 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for the Khoury, Autiello, Campagnone and Durante families , requested by their loving families.
5/11 8:30am 10:30am	Eighty-six birthday remembrance for Joseph Barkett , requested by his daughter Terri. Fifteen year anniversary for Laya Yousif , requested by her loving family.
5/17 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for Anthony G. Mardo, Jr. , requested by his loving family. One year anniversary for Rodney P. Thomas Jr. , requested by his loving families.
5/18 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for George Felefle , requested by his brother Elias and his loving family.
5/24 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for Jean George Chakra , by his daughter Nancy and Elie Assi and their loving family.
5/25 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for Saad Habchi , requested by his loving family.
	Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them!

Third Sunday of Resurrection Season The Appearance of Jesus to the two disciples of Emmaus

Job 42: 1-6, 12

Then Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be hindered. Who is this who obscures counsel with ignorance? I have spoken but did not understand; things too marvelous for me, which I did not know. Listen, and I will speak; I will question you, and you tell me the answers. By hearsay I had heard of you, but now my eye has seen you. Therefore, I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes." Thus the LORD blessed the later days of Job more than his earlier ones. Now he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-donkeys.



2 Tim 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Luke 24:13-35

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon, celebrated annually in May, holds profound spiritual and cultural significance for Lebanese Christians, particularly within the Maronite Catholic tradition. This feast day honors the Virgin Mary under her special title "Our Lady of Lebanon," a devotion deeply rooted in Lebanon's history, identity, and spirituality. The celebration offers a reflection on Mary's role as protector, intercessor, and mother, resonating profoundly with themes of peace, unity, and hope.

At the heart of this feast is the iconic statue of Our Lady of Lebanon, prominently situated at Harissa, overlooking the Bay of Jounieh. Inaugurated in 1908, the sanctuary in Harissa symbolizes Mary's protective presence over Lebanon and its diverse communities. Pilgrims from different faith backgrounds ascend the hill to seek her intercession, amidst historical challenges and conflicts. The month of May itself is traditionally dedicated to Mary in Catholic devotion worldwide. Our Lady of Lebanon uniquely embodies Lebanon's collective identity, bridging religious and cultural divides. Christians and Muslims alike hold Mary in high regard, creating common ground in a nation often marked by sectarian tension.



We hold the Blessed Mother, Mary, in unique and profound regard due to

several theological, devotional, and spiritual reasons that set her apart distinctly within Catholic tradition:

Mother of God (Theotokos) We uniquely honor Mary as the *Theotokos* (Greek for "God-bearer"), recognizing her as the mother of Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This title, affirmed at the Council of Ephesus (431 AD), highlights her central role in the mystery of the Incarnation.

Immaculate Conception We uniquely believe in Mary's Immaculate Conception, a dogma proclaimed in 1854. This teaching states Mary was conceived without original sin to be a pure vessel for Christ. This singular grace underscores her distinctiveness among all humanity.

Perpetual Virginity Catholic tradition upholds Mary's perpetual virginity, asserting she remained a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Christ. This belief highlights her total dedication and consecration to God's divine plan, symbolizing purity and complete devotion.

Assumption into Heaven Unique to our Catholic doctrine is the Assumption of Mary, proclaimed dogmatically in 1950. Catholics believe Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life, signifying her extraordinary holiness and special place among the saints.

Intercessory Role We uniquely emphasize Mary's role as an intercessor, believing she continually prays for and advocates on behalf of humanity before her Son. The Rosary, Marian devotions, novenas, and pilgrimages exemplify this deep spiritual reliance on Mary's maternal care and intercession.

Exemplar of the Church Mary uniquely symbolizes the Church itself—pure, faithful, receptive to God's word, and continually responsive to God's grace. Her "fiat" (her yes to God) serves as a profound model of faithful discipleship and openness to God's will.

Devotion and Piety We uniquely express deep devotion to Mary through prayers such as the Hail Mary, the Rosary, Marian consecrations, May Crownings, and special feast days. This devotional life enriches spiritual practice, fosters closeness to Christ, and encourages virtues inspired by Mary's example.



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