



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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### Fourth Sunday after the Resurrection

***“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.”***  
*(Isaiah 66:13)*

Motherhood Reflects God’s Love.

The Blessed Mother is the Model for Motherhood. Mary’s care for Jesus—from the cradle to the cross—shows that motherhood involves both profound joy and deep sorrow, held together by faith and resilience.

Biblical Honor and Gratitude: honoring mothers is deeply embedded in biblical teaching: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.” (Exodus 20:12)

Expressing gratitude to mothers is thus a divine mandate that fosters family unity, spiritual growth, and emotional well-being.

The Church as a Spiritual Mother

Christianity often portrays the Church as a nurturing mother, spiritually birthing believers into new life:

“But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.” (Galatians 4:26)



A blessed Mothers’ Day to all!

## 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

\$2,011.00



### Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday  
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**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

5/10 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for the <b>Khoury, Autiello, Campagnone and Durante families</b> , requested by their loving families.
5/11 8:30am 10:30am	Eighty-six birthday remembrance for <b>Joseph Barkett</b> , requested by his daughter Terri. Fifteen year anniversary for <b>Laya Yousif</b> , requested by her loving family.
5/17 4:00pm	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.
5/18 8:30am 10:30am	Third anniversary liturgy for <b>Dolly BouAkar</b> , requested by her loving family. Memorial liturgy for <b>George Felefle</b> , requested by his brother Elias and his loving family.
5/24 4:00pm	Forty day liturgy for <b>Jean George Chakra</b> , by his daughter Nancy and Elie Assi and their loving family.
5/25 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary for <b>Saad Habchi</b> , requested by his loving family.
5/28 7:00pm 5/29 10:00am	<b>Feast of the Ascension of our Lord</b>
5/31 4:00	Memorial liturgy for <b>Gerald Tallo</b> , requested by Lydia Tanguay
6/1 8:30am 10:30am	Two year anniversary for <b>John Vitulli</b> , requested by his loving family.

## Fourth Sunday of Resurrection Season The Appearance of Jesus to the Apostles by the Sea

### Gen 1: 20-23

Then God said: Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky. God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of crawling living creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw that it was good, and God blessed them, saying: Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth. Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

### Hebrews 13:18-25

Pray for us, for we are confident that we have a clear conscience, wishing to act rightly in every respect. I especially ask for your prayers that I may be restored to you very soon. May the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, Jesus our Lord, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do his will. May he carry out in you what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever (and ever). Amen. Brothers, I ask you to bear with this message of encouragement, for I have written to you rather briefly. I must let you know that our brother Timothy has been set free. If he comes soon, I shall see you together with him.

Greetings to all your leaders and to all the holy ones. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.



### John 21:1-14

After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So, they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So, he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So, they cast it and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So, the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on the shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So, Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

## *Seven lessons from this week's Gospel reading*

### 1. Jesus Meets Us in Our Everyday Lives

The disciples returned to their ordinary work—fishing. Jesus meets them exactly where they are, in their ordinary daily activity, emphasizing that Christ is present not only in sacred spaces but also in our daily routine.

*Lesson:* Jesus is not limited to special or sacred moments. He seeks all of us out and reveals Himself in our ordinary routines, tasks, and daily responsibilities. Recognizing this encourages us to remain spiritually attentive and open-hearted in every aspect of our daily lives.

### 2. Obedience to Christ Brings Abundance

Initially, the disciples caught nothing. However, when they followed Jesus' instruction—casting their nets on the right side—they caught a miraculous number of fish.

*Lesson:* Trust and obedience to Christ's guidance result in unexpected abundance and blessings in our lives.



### 3. Recognizing Jesus Requires Openness and Love

At first, the disciples didn't recognize Jesus. It was the beloved disciple, characterized by deep love for Jesus, who first recognized Him.

*Lesson:* Love for Jesus opens our eyes to recognize His presence and actions more clearly.

### 4. Enthusiasm in Approaching Jesus

Simon Peter, upon recognizing Jesus, immediately jumps into the water, eager to meet Him.

*Lesson:* Our relationship with Jesus should inspire us to approach Him with enthusiasm, spontaneity, and urgency.

### 5. Christ Provides and Cares for Our Needs

Jesus prepared breakfast for His disciples—fish and bread—showing intimate care and provision.

*Lesson:* Jesus attends not only to our spiritual needs but also to our physical and emotional necessities. He invites us into fellowship and nourishment with Him.

### 6. Unity and Fellowship are Central to the Christian Life

Jesus calls the disciples together for breakfast. This shared meal symbolizes unity, fellowship, and mutual care among believers.

*Lesson:* Christian life thrives in community and fellowship. Christ invites us to gather together, nourishing our unity as His disciples.

### 7. God's Blessings are Meant to Be Shared

Jesus invites the disciples to contribute fish from their miraculous catch, involving them directly in the act of sharing and generosity.

*Lesson:* God's blessings aren't just for personal gain—they are meant to be shared, fostering generosity, collaboration, and active participation in God's work.