



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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## January 17, 2021

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

**John 1:35-42**

### *First Disciples*

The Apostle said: The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “**Look, here is the Lamb of God!**” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “**Come and see.**” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephass” (which is translated Peter).

*This is the truth. Peace be with you.*



### Mass Schedule

**Saturday**

**4:00 pm (Maronite Rite)**

**Sunday**

**8:30 am (Latin Rite)**

**10:30 am**

**(Maronite Rite)**

### Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

10:00am to 2:00pm

***Please call or visit during office hours.***

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**LIVE STREAMING !**

### Sacraments

**Baptism/ Confirmation:** Please contact the Priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

**Reconciliation:** Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

## Meet Your Pastoral Team

**Fr. Tony Saab**  
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Suzanne Cannon

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**Finance Committee**  
Anthony Budway  
Saba Khoury  
Fred Simon  
Deeb Tannous  
David Thomas

**Holy Rosary Sodality**  
Patty Viti

**200 Club**  
Jayne Capaldi

## Second Collections

**January 23/24**  
Bishops' Worldwide  
Charities

**February 6/7**  
Fuel

**February 15 to April 4**  
Eparchial Charities Appeal

## Weekly Collection

**01/9 \$524.00** (4:00 pm)  
**01/10 \$234.00** (8.30 am)  
**\$684.00** (10:30 am)

*Thank  
you* 

“ Kindness is  
a gift everyone can  
afford to give.”  
- Unknown

## *Liturgical Intentions*

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| <b>1/16</b><br>4:00pm            |  |
| <b>1/17</b><br>8:30am<br>10:30am | Memorial Liturgy for <b>Lejia Martinous</b> , by the Holy Rosary Sodality<br>Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Martinous, Anthony &amp; Nancy Thomas</b> , by their loving families   |
| <b>1/23</b><br>4:00pm            | One Year Anniversary Liturgy for <b>Alexandria M. Saker</b> , requested by her loving family   |
| <b>1/24</b><br>8:30am<br>10:30am | Two year anniversary for <b>Joan DiSano</b> and 27 year anniversary for <b>David DiSano</b> , requested by their loving family<br>Memorial Liturgy for <b>Yola Charbatji</b> , requested by Dr. Ghada Bourjeily Habr, Darine Saker, and Gisele Zaarour |
| <b>1/30</b><br>4:00pm            | Two year anniversary for <b>Valerie Saad</b> , requested by Anthony and Helen Budway<br>15 year anniversary for <b>Gloria Harrison Borek</b> , requested by her loving family and friends  |
| <b>1/31</b><br>8:30am<br>10:30am | 40 Day Liturgy for <b>Lisa Ziade</b> , requested by her loving family  |
| <b>2/6</b><br>4:00pm             |  |
| <b>2/7</b><br>8:30am<br>10:30am  |  |
| <b>2/13</b><br>4:00pm            | Memorial Liturgy for <b>George Jabbour</b> who passed away in Easton, PA<br>Requested by Anthony and Helen Budway  |

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 2:00 to 3:30 PM

## **FIRST COMMUNION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

All children in Second Grade who will receive their **First Communion** in 2021 are invited to register as classes will begin soon. Also, all children Grades 1-7 who would like to attend **Religious Education** classes are invited to do the same. Please fill out a registration form at the Church entrance and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church office.

**200 CLUB** - Saint George's **200 Club 2021 tickets are available!!!** Ticket cost: \$120 for the year or \$10 per month. Your membership enters you into a monthly drawing to win \$1,000. Please support your parish by becoming a member, please contact Jayne Capaldi ([jmcapaldi@yahoo.com](mailto:jmcapaldi@yahoo.com)).

**MYO Registration** is open to **ALL YOUTH** from Grade 7 through Grade 12! Please join us!! Please fill out a registration form at the Church entrance and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church office. Should you have any questions, please email **Jihane Ayoub** ([jihayanayoub07@gmail.com](mailto:jihanayoub07@gmail.com)) or **Nancy Assi** ([nancy.assi00@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.assi00@gmail.com)).

## **NEW DATE - SAVE THE DATE - 72nd SAINT JOSEPH ANNUAL HAFLI:**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021.** Entertainment by Marwan Zgheib. Stay tuned for more information.

## **WANTED — VINTAGE PHOTOS FROM PREVIOUS SAINT JOSEPH ANNUAL**

**HAFLIS:** Your cherished memories will be displayed during the 72nd Saint Joseph Annual Hafli. Please send your photographs to Joe Checrallah ([csii2@icloud.com](mailto:csii2@icloud.com)).

**WEEKLY BULLETIN** Would you like to receive **this bulletin** every week by email and in color? Please email your name, address and phone number to **stgeorgeri1@gmail.com** and we will add you to our safe and discreet email list.

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**PARISH REGISTRATION** - Many of our beloved Parishioners are not registered in our office parishioner list. Please register with us by either contacting our Church office 401-723 8444 or by visiting our website and registering online. It is very important that you get registered. Thank you!

*Please continue to express your love for your church!*

1. By mailing your weekly envelopes to the Church Office if you are unable to attend Divine Liturgy in person.
2. By setting up online recurring payments with your bank.
3. By making an online donation. Please visit our website ([www.stgeorgeri.com](http://www.stgeorgeri.com)) or please click on this link: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

**St. Matthew, a divine man;  
St. Mark, a winged lion;  
St. Luke, a winged ox; and  
St. John, a rising eagle.**

These symbols are found in the Book of Revelation (4:6-8), *Surrounding God's throne were twenty-four other thrones upon which were seated twenty-four elders; they were clothed in white garments and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning and peals of thunder; before it burned seven flaming torches, the seven spirits of God. The floor around the throne was like a sea of glass that was crystal-clear. At the very center, around the throne itself, stood four living creatures covered with eyes front and back. The first creature resembled a lion; the second, an ox; the third had the face of a man; while the fourth looked like an eagle in flight. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and eyes all over, inside and out. Day and night, without pause, they sing: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, He who was, and who is, and who is to come!"*

Images in both the Old Testament and the New Testament prompted St. Irenaeus (140-202) to liken them to the four Gospel writers because of the content of their Gospels and their particular focus on Christ. In his treatise



*Adversus Haereses (Against Heresies XI)*, St. Irenaeus posited, “The first living creature was like a lion” symbolizing His effectual working, His leadership, and royal power; “the second was like a calf,” signifying His sacrificial and sacerdotal order; but “the third had, as it were, the face as of a man,” — an evident description of His advent as a human being; “the fourth was like a flying eagle,” pointing out the gift of the Spirit hovering with His wings over the Church. And therefore, the Gospels are in accord with these things, among which Christ Jesus is seated.

Being more specific, St. Irenaeus explained the symbolism as follows:

**St. Matthew is represented by a divine man** because the Gospel highlights Jesus’ entry into this world, first by presenting His family lineage — “A family record of Jesus Christ, Son of David, son of Abraham” (Mt 1:1) — and His incarnation and birth: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Mt 1:18). “This then,” according to St. Irenaeus, “is the Gospel of His humanity; for which reason it is, too, that the character of a humble and meek man is kept up through the whole Gospel.”

**St. Mark, represented by the winged lion**, references the Prophet Isaiah when he begins his Gospel: “Here begins the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In Isaiah the prophet it is written: ‘I send my messenger before you to prepare your way: a herald’s voice in the desert, crying, “Make ready the way of the Lord, clear Him a straight path.”’ “The voice in the desert crying” reminds one of a lion’s roar, and the prophetic spirit descending to earth reminds one of a “winged message.” The lion also signified royalty, an appropriate symbol for the Son of God.

**The winged ox represents St. Luke.** Oxen were used in temple sacrifices. St Luke begins his Gospel with the announcement of the birth of St. John the Baptizer to his father, the priest Zechariah, who was offering sacrifice in the Temple (Lk 1). St. Luke also includes the parable of the Prodigal Son, in which the fatted calf is slaughtered, not only to celebrate the younger son’s return, but also to foreshadow the joy we must have in receiving reconciliation through our most merciful Savior who as Priest offered Himself in sacrifice to forgive our sins. Therefore, the winged ox reminds us of the priestly character of our Lord and His sacrifice for our redemption.

**Lastly, St. John is represented by the rising eagle.** The Gospel begins with the “lofty” prologue and “rises” to pierce most deeply the mysteries of God, the relationship between the Father and the Son, and the incarnation: “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was in God’s presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning. Through Him all things came into being, and apart from Him nothing came to be” (Jn 1:1-3). And “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory: The glory of an only Son coming from the Father filled with enduring love” (Jn 1:14). The Gospel of St. John, unlike the other Gospels, engages the reader with the most profound teachings of our Lord, such as the long discourses Jesus has with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman, and the beautiful teachings on the Bread of Life and the Good Shepherd. Jesus, too, identified Himself as “the way, the truth, and the life,” and anyone who embraces Him as such will rise to everlasting life with Him.