



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Zechariah

Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 pm (Maronite Rite)

Sunday

8:30 am (Latin Rite)

10:30 am (Maronite Rite)

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

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**LIVE STREAMING FOR ALL
WEEKEND LITURGIES**

Sacraments

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

Reconciliation: Before or
after Liturgy or by appt.

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

Meet Your Pastoral Team

Fr. Tony Saab

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Weekly Collection

Sat 4:00pm \$901.00

Sun 8:30am \$422.00

Sun 10:30am \$510.00



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

Liturgical Intentions

11/14 4:00 pm	Memorial Liturgy for LOUIS M. KHOURY, JR. , requested by the Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality
11/15 8:30 am	Birthday Remembrance for DOROTHY MOLLIKA and PATRICIA BINGHAM , requested by their Loving Family
10:30 am	40 Day Mass for KOZHAYA EID MASSOUD KHOURY , requested by his son, Tony Khoury, and his daughter, Therese Khoury Chedid
	One Year Anniversary for KAREN NEWMAN , requested by Mona Rizk Rowan
11/21 4:00 pm	Special Intention
11/22 8:30 am	Special Intention
10:30 am	One Year Anniversary for WADIH EL RASSI , requested by his Loving Wife, Bernadette, and his Loving Daughter, Soha el Rassi Osko
	Memorial Liturgy for JOULIEN A. OSKO , requested by his Loving Wife, Soha el Rassi Osko

Saint George Maronite Church Welcomes Father Tony Saab, by Joseph P. Checrallah, Jr.

On October 1, 2020, the Family of Saint George Maronite Catholic Church welcomed Father Tony Saab as our new Pastor replacing Father Edward Nedder, who retired after serving as Pastor for almost 15 years. Father Tony was born in Beirut, Lebanon. He came to the United States in 1982. He completed his Graduate Studies in Theology at Boston College majoring in Scripture in 1993. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1997 by Patriarch Beshara Rai in Byblos, Lebanon. He was assigned as Pastor of Saint Anthony of the Desert Church in Mastita-Byblos, Lebanon where a beautiful Church for the Saint was built between 2004-2008. During his years of ministry in Byblos, Father Tony served as the Diocesan Spiritual Director of the Youth as well as the Diocesan Spiritual Director of "Faith and Light" ministering to those with special needs and mentally challenged. Between 1998 and 2008, Father Tony also worked as Professor of Cultural Studies at the Lebanese American University in Byblos, Lebanon. His position gave him a great opportunity to reach out and bring Christ to Lebanon's youth and College students. He also taught at Notre Dame University (Louaize, Lebanon) as an educator of religious studies in Catholicism, Philosophy, and Education. Father Tony joined the Eparchy of Brooklyn in 2015 and served as an administrator at Saint George Church in Dover, NH. He was assigned as Pastor at Saint Maron Church in Torrington, CT in October of 2016. Father Tony looks forward to his new assignment and is excited to lead our Parish. He has many ideas he wants to introduce, is eager to expand our congregation, and is enthusiastic to spread the word of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are also excited with his arrival and look forward to his ministry.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY: As part of our Thanksgiving duty, the Holy Rosary Sodality will begin taking monetary donations to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries at Saint Raymond and Saint Mary Parishes. The collection "Turkey" is located at the back of the church. Please be generous to those most in need during this holiday season. We thank you for your continued support.

Thank you and God Bless You,

Patty Viti

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FIRST COMMUNION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

All children in Second Grade who will receive their **First Communion** this year 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held on every first Saturday of the month from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER: As two of our main fundraisers were canceled (the Saint Joseph Haffli and the Festival) due to Covid-19, the Pastoral Council is holding a Holiday Raffle. Three (3) monetary prizes will be awarded—1st Prize is \$2,500; 2nd Prize is \$1,500, and 3rd Prize is \$1,000. The donation is \$100 for each raffle ticket. Raffle tickets have been mailed. If you would like to request additional raffle tickets, please contact any member of the Pastoral Council or the Parish Office at 401.723.8444 or by email at stgeorgemaronitecatholicchurch@gmail.com. The Holiday Raffle will take place on Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your continued love of our Parish Community.

SAVE THE DATE - 72nd SAINT JOSEPH ANNUAL HAFLI: Saturday, March 20, 2021. Entertainment by Marwan Zgheib. Stay tuned for more information.

HELP FOR LEBANON: As you all know, our people in Lebanon have been suffering on all levels! The economic disaster, coupled with massive explosions, high unemployment levels, Covid-19 pandemic, inability to form a government, and more. Our families are in distress. We are trying to help. The Lebanese American WO-MAN Association will be sponsoring a cookie bake sale to help provide financial support for students in Lebanon who are currently attending the University of Lebanon.

The Executive Team are baking delicious cookies, which are packaged with immense love. Each cookie makes sure that a student in need can make it to class, utilize public transportation, access textbooks, and complete assignments on their laptop.

Two assortments of homemade cookies are offered - a delicious Date Delight Cookie and a Sesame Sprinkled Cookie - as well as a Swiss Roll Cake. **8 Cookies for \$15; Cake for \$25**

You can pre-order by contacting either of the following members directly:

Samia Sleiman: samia.saliba12@gmail.com OR Micha Abou Kheir: mamichelle4@gmail.com

We are counting on your support. Thank you in advance!





Today begins the first Season of the Liturgical Year, known as **The Season of the Glorious Birth**. This Season begins with the **Announcement to Zechariah**; followed by the **Announcement to Mary**; **Birth of John the Baptist**; **Revelation to Joseph**; **Genealogy of Jesus**; **Birth of the Lord**; and concludes with **Finding of Jesus in the Temple**. Today's Gospel reflects how we can sometimes struggle to have faith in God and what he has willed for us.

In the Maronite Season leading up to Christmas, we prepare ourselves for the Birth of our Lord. Maronites begin preparing for the birth of our Lord today and the season is seven weeks long. Each Gospel moves us through events, which occurred leading up to Jesus' birth. Maronite Divine Liturgy is rich in that each Liturgy is different as there are different prayers depending upon the season. Simply, by listening in church, we are studying the Bible through not only the Gospel and Epistle readings but also the hymns that we chant. If we pay attention to today's Divine Liturgy and Liturgies throughout this week, we will notice many hymns about Zachariah's experience with the Angel Gabriel.

What is the MYO, and Why is it Important for your children?

The primary purpose of the Maronite Youth Organization is to promote the spiritual welfare of its members, to strengthen youth groups in the Maronite Catholic faith, to have prayer days, to learn more about each other, and to grow socially and intellectually.



Our goal is to build a community of teens and adults. In this community, we hope to strive opportunities for the development of personal faith, service to others, and systematic instruction in our Maronite Catholic religious tradition. To achieve this goal, we participate in liturgies, hold annual youth retreats, assist the needs of local parishes, support Eparchial organizations and activities, hold weekly meetings and prayer services, organize fundraisers for local churches, hold social events to promote American Lebanese heritage, and understand and promote the Maronite Faith.

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).