

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday, November 29, 2026

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. Praise be to God always!

Luke 1:39-45

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

MEET YOUR CLERGY

Rev. Tony Saab
Pastor
frtonysaab@gmail.com

Farid Zaarour
Deacon





LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Thursday and Friday at 10:00 am
Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Every other Thursday at 7:00 pm

THANKSGIVING PRAYER ☺ ☺

A family gathered around the table for Thanksgiving dinner.
The father asked his six-year-old son, "Would you like to say grace this year?"
The little boy closed his eyes and prayed: "Dear God, thank You for the turkey, the mashed potatoes, the stuffing, and the pumpkin pie."
Then he paused.
"And Lord, please forgive whoever made the Brussels sprouts. Amen!"

Weekly collections

Saturday 4:00 pm: $399.00
Sunday 8:30 am: $318.00
Sunday 10:30 am: $667.00
Total weekend collections: $1,384.00

SACRAMENTS / PASTORAL CARE

Baptism and Confirmation: Contact the pastor at least one month in advance.

Marriage: Contact the pastor at least six months prior to the Wedding.

Confession: One hour before liturgies or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Church Office.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that one of the most powerful emperors in Europe once stood outside a castle in the freezing winter, begging a pope for forgiveness?
In January 1077, future Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV traveled across the snowy Alps to meet Pope Gregory VII at Canossa Castle in northern Italy.
The emperor had been excommunicated following a bitter dispute with the pope over who had the authority to appoint bishops.
According to historical accounts, Henry stood outside the castle for three days, dressed in penitential clothing, seeking reconciliation with the Church.
Finally, Pope Gregory VII agreed to receive him and lifted his excommunication.
Imagine that! One of Europe's most powerful rulers humbling himself before the pope.
But there is a surprising twist. Their reconciliation did not last. The conflict resumed, and Henry eventually marched into Rome, forcing Gregory to flee.
The event became so famous that the expression "going to Canossa" entered European history as a symbol of public humiliation and submission.
The lesson? Jesus taught us that true greatness is not found in power, wealth, or position, but in humility. He Himself, the Son of God, knelt to wash His disciples' feet.

LITURGICAL INTENTIONS

11/28 4:00 pm	Liturgy Intention Available.
11/29 8:30 am 10:30 am	For the members of **The Knights of Columbus, Cranston Council 1738**. Third anniversary for **Jean Nader, Maurice** and **Nina Daou,** and **Wafaa Nasrallah,** requested by their loving family.
12/5 4:00 pm	Forty-day liturgy for **Nadia Atallah Roukouz**, requested by her sister Maria and her loving family.
12/6 8:30 am 10:30 am	Liturgy Intention Available. Forty-day liturgy for **Michel Tannous Naddaf**, requested by his loving family.
12/7 7:00 pm	**EVE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Memorial liturgy for **Francisco Covarrubias** and **Maria Verdugo,** requested by their loving family.
12/12 4:00 pm	Twenty-third anniversary liturgy for **Elias Saab** and **the deceased members of the Saab family**, requested by their loving family.
12/13 8:30 am 10:30 am	Liturgy Intention Available. Memorial liturgy for **Elie Chiha**, requested by his loving family.
12/19 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for **Peter and Mary Michael** and **Richard Solomon**, requested by their loving families.

Pastor's Corner: *Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving reminds us that even when life is difficult, there is always something for which we can thank God. Sometimes our greatest blessings are not the things we own, but the people who stand beside us, the love we share, and the faith that carries us through difficult times.

I am especially grateful for our Saint George parish family, for your generosity, your prayers, your friendship, and the many ways you serve our church.

May God bless your homes with peace, your hearts with gratitude, and your families with love.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



William Kamkwamba: The boy who built hope from scrap

He was fourteen years old when a severe famine struck Malawi in 2001-2002. His family lost its crops and could no longer afford his school fees. William was forced to leave school. But he did not stop learning.

William continued visiting a small village library. In a science textbook called *Using Energy*, he found a picture of a windmill. His English was limited, and he had no instructions, money, or proper equipment. But he understood the diagrams and believed he could build one. People in his village thought he was wasting his time. Some called him *misala*, meaning crazy. He kept working.

He searched through scrap piles and collected parts. He heated plastic pipes over a fire, flattened them, and shaped them into blades. An old bicycle became the frame. A discarded shock absorber supplied a shaft. Without a drill, he heated a nail in a cooking fire and pushed it through the plastic. Each time it cooled, he had to heat it again. Even making holes took hours.

The scrapyard was across the road from the school he could no longer attend. Former classmates teased him as he searched through the rubbish.
But he was not entirely alone. His friend Gilbert bought the bicycle dynamo William could not afford. That small act of friendship supplied an essential part of the machine.
When William finally tested the windmill, a crowd gathered. The blades turned, the bulb lit up, and people began clapping. Children pushed forward to see. In a recorded interview, William remembered the happiness of finally showing that his strange-looking project could do something useful. It eventually powered four lights and two radios in his family's home. A fourteen-year-old boy who had been forced out of school had taught himself enough science to bring electricity to his family.



Reflection theme: God can build something powerful from what others have discarded.

William lacked money, formal schooling, and proper materials. But he still had curiosity, determination, and the courage to try. He did not spend his life complaining about what he lacked. He began with what was already in his hands.

We often say, "I could do something if I had more time, more money, more help, or better circumstances." William's story asks a better question:

"What can I do with what God has already given me?"

SODALITY
Christmas Party

DECEMBER 10th @ 6:30pm

Atwood Bar & Grill

Johnston

Members & Guests
$40.00

Dinner Choice:

Chicken Francaise OR Baked Scrod

Served with family style salad, pasta, potato & veggie, coffee & dessert

Mail your payments to the Church Office or Give to a Sodality Officer

Checks payable to St. George Church
Memo: Sodality Dinner

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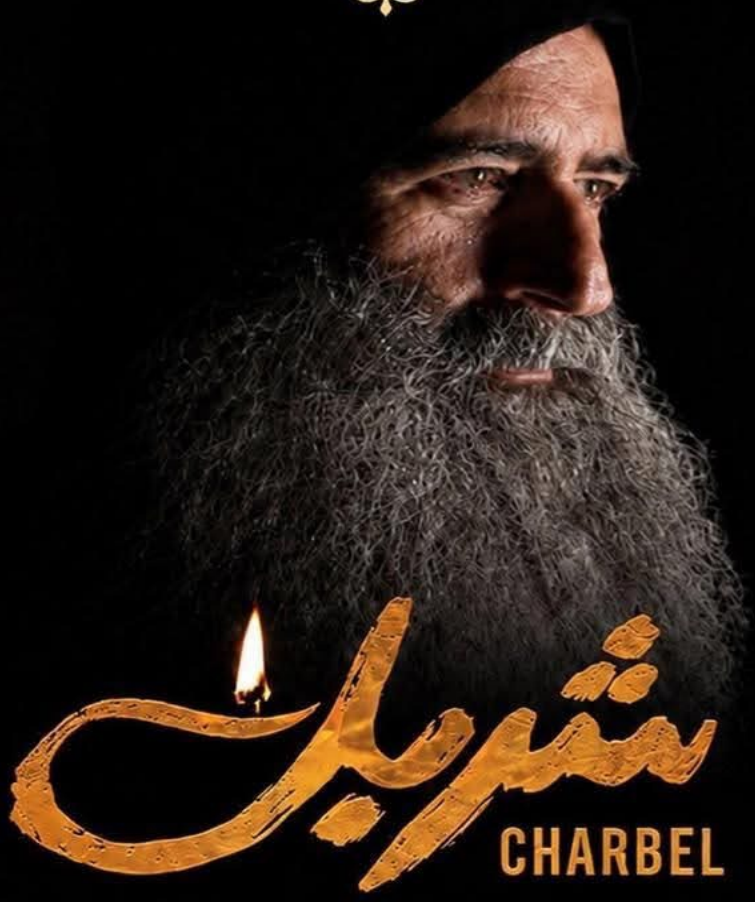
In lieu of gift exchange, we accept donations by cash or check payable to:

"ST. VINCENT dePAUL"

Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Church

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 3 & 4 • 7:00 PM



MTV AND NMPRO PRESENT

"CHARBEL The Movie" Series JEBRY GHAZAL FR. ROUKOZ EL HAJJ

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CHRISTA BASSOOS CYNTHIA MOUSSA ADON KHOURY JOE BAHIAL Co-producer Photography TONY AL MAJLOUF – PIHAA MAALOUF

Written, Directed by CHARBEL ROUMMAN Produced by TONY KALAKIA Script by BACHIR TANNIOUS Cinematography FADI TANNIOUS Art Direction CHARBEL SCHICHEN
Editor Post Producer GEORGES KOLLA Music MARIO MIHANNA Executive Producer PATRICIA IBRAHIM Line Producer Producer RAMEZ EL KHOURY. Directed by CLAUDIA HABCHALLIAN

Written, Directed by NOUSSEF NERIANNA

#CHARBELTHEMOVIE NMPRO Arts

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Theatrical Distribution by BERYTUS

61 Rockwood St, Jamaica Plain, MA

SCAN TO RESERVE TICKETS

Tickets and event details:

zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/
saint-charbels-movie-at-our-lady-of-the-cedars

Point your phone camera at the QR code.

St. George Maronite Catholic Church

Men's Game Dinner

Sunday, January 17, 2027
12:00pm – 4:00pm
(First course served promptly at 12:30pm)
Santa Maria Di Prata Hall
29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI

Raffles ~ Cash Bar

Tickets: $60 per person

All tickets MUST be reserved in advance.
There will be NO new tickets sold at the door.

Menu:

1st Course: Venison Chili
2nd Course: Antipasto served with game calzones
3rd Course: Venison meatballs and sausage, Pasta, Wild Boar and Peas
4th Course: Game Hen Ala Mama, Venison Marsala

For tickets or to become a table captain, please contact:
Tony Simon (401) 465-1858 or tony@simonconsults.com
Hanna Kosseifi (401) 248-1537 or kosseifi1@gmail.com
George Thomas (401) 480-8812 or 401gtrealty@gmail.com
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***All proceeds benefit St. George Maronite Catholic Church.**

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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Saint Joseph
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SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027

Rhodes on the Pawtuxet
60 Rhodes Place • Cranston, RI

Live Entertainment by

GEORGE MAALOUF

Grand Raffle • Cash Bar

More details to follow

Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

With gratitude to God for His abundant blessings,
Mother Marla Marie & the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light
cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the

Perpetual Profession of Vows of

Sister Emily Mary Lattouf

The Profession will take place within the
Divine Liturgy Celebrated by

His Excellency, Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron

Monday, December 7, 2026
the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
7:00 PM
Our Lady of Purgatory Church
4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA

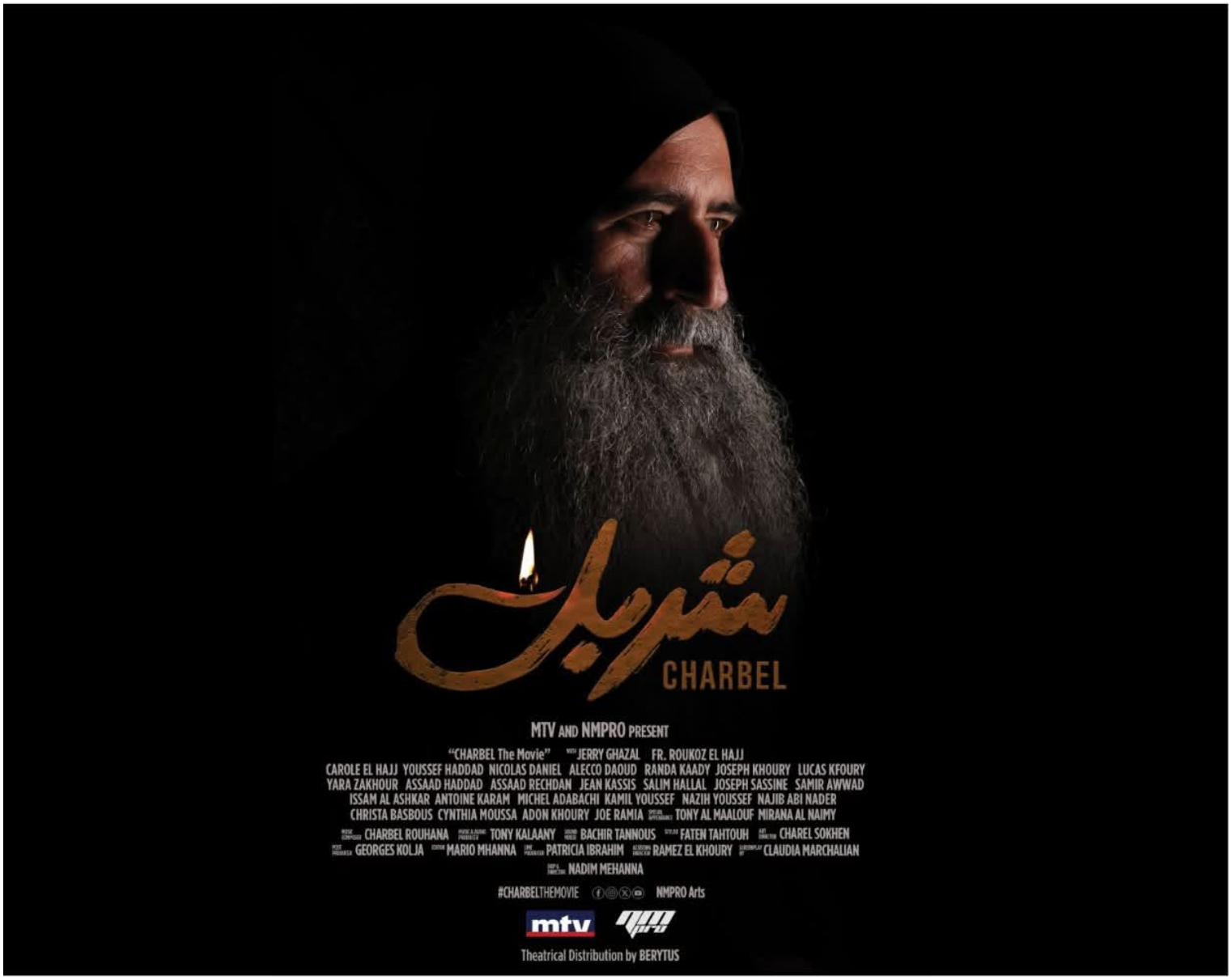
Reception will follow in the Hall

Please keep Sister Emily Mary in your prayers as she prepares for this commitment.

RSVP by November 27th
to Mother Marla Marie via email or telephone
Email: sister@maroniteservant.org -or- Telephone: 508-996-1753

To make a gift in honor of Sr. Emily Mary, go to maroniteservants.org or mail to:
Maronite Servants, 856 Tucker Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747

Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Catholic Church
Presents:



Screening Schedule

Dec 10	7:00 Pm
Dec 11	7:00 Pm
Dec 12	7:00 Pm
Dec 13	3:00 Pm

Price: $25/TICKET

To Purchase Tickets Scan QR Code
or visit: ourladyofmercymaronite.org

341 June St, Worcester, MA 01602

English subtitles provided. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, with doors opening one hour prior to each screening. Please note that tickets are online-only and will not be sold at the door.