



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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### Sixth Sunday after the Resurrection

#### **Deut 31: 1-3 + 6-9**

When Moses had finished speaking these words to all Israel, he said to them, I am now one hundred and twenty years old and am no longer able to go out and come in; besides, the LORD has said to me, Do not cross this Jordan. It is the LORD, your God, who will cross before you; he will destroy these nations before you, that you may dispossess them. It is Joshua who will cross before you, as the LORD promised. Be strong and steadfast; have no fear or dread of them, for it is the LORD, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you. Then Moses summoned Joshua and in the presence of all Israel said to him, "Be strong and steadfast, for you shall bring this people into the land which the LORD swore to their ancestors he would give them; it is you who will give them possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed." When Moses had written down this law, he gave it to the levitical priests who carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

#### **Romans 10:1-13**

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on their behalf is for salvation. I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning. For, in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God and their attempt to establish their own (righteousness), they did not submit to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for the justification of everyone who has faith. Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from (the) law, "The one who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

#### **Luke 24:36-48**

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

## 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

\$1,024.00



## Office Hours

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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

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| 5/24<br>4:00pm                    | Forty day liturgy for <b>Jean George Chakra</b> , by his daughter Nancy and Elie Assi and their loving family. |
| 5/25<br>8:30am<br>10:30am         | One year anniversary for <b>Saad Habchi</b> , requested by his loving family.                                  |
| 5/28<br>7:00pm<br>5/29<br>10:00am | <b>Feast of the Ascension of our Lord</b>                                                                      |
| 5/31<br>4:00                      | Memorial liturgy for <b>Gerald Tallo</b> , requested by Lydia Tanguay                                          |
| 6/1<br>8:30am<br>10:30am          | Two year anniversary for <b>John Vitulli</b> , requested by his loving family.                                 |
| 6/7<br>4:00pm                     | Memorial liturgy for <b>Constantine and Margaret Simon</b> , requested by their loving families.               |

## Feast of the Ascension خميس الصعود



Forty days after Easter we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord—Christ's "going up" into heaven in the sight of His Apostles (Acts 1:9-11). This Solemnity completes the Paschal Mystery, inaugurating the new creation in which Christ reigns at the right hand of the Father (Catechism §659). In ascending, Jesus both intercedes for us (Rom 8:34) and commissions us to carry the Good News "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday May 28 at 7:00pm**

**Thursday May 29 at 10:00am**

## It is so important to show respect in the Church. How do we show respect and honor to God's house?

**Arrive with Intention.** Try to get there a few minutes early. That extra time lets you settle your thoughts, greet fellow worshipers, and prepare your heart for what's ahead—just like you wouldn't barge into a friend's home without knocking first.

**Maintain a Prayerful Quiet.** Lower your voice in the building and save conversations for outside or the fellowship hall. That soft hush helps everyone feel the sacredness of the space—and keeps distractions to a minimum during prayer and worship.

**Observe Reverent Postures.** Simple gestures—standing at the Gospel, bowing before the altar, kneeling at key moments—are outward signs of our inward attitude. They remind us that we're standing on holy ground.

**Respect the Space.** Keep the pews tidy: fold hymnals neatly, stack missalettes, pick up any papers or debris. If there's a special offering or votive candles, handle them carefully. Treat the furniture, décor, and sacred vessels as precious, because they're meant to lead us closer to God.

**Silence Your Devices.** Phones off or on airplane mode—no vibrations, please! Even a subtle ding can pull us (and those around us) out of prayer. If you need to check a message, step outside briefly.

**Dress Thoughtfully.** “Sunday best” doesn't have to be a suit or formal dress—just clothing that's clean, modest, and shows you've made an effort. It's a simple way to say, “I value this gathering and the One we're here to worship.”

**Engage Fully in the Liturgy.** Sing the hymns, pray the responses, listen attentively to readings and sermons. When we participate with our voices and our hearts, we're showing respect for the ancient rituals and for the community's shared faith.

**Honor Your Neighbors.** Give people space when they're praying, greet newcomers with a smile, and follow any guidelines (seating, communion lines, etc.) so everyone can worship without confusion or crowding.

**Offer Your Gifts.** Whether it's time (ushering, cleaning, altar serving), talent (music, lectoring), or treasure (the offertory), generously share what you have. Stewardship is a tangible way to say, “This place—and its mission—matters to me.”

Save the date  
**Festival 2025**  
Weekend of  
September 19-21

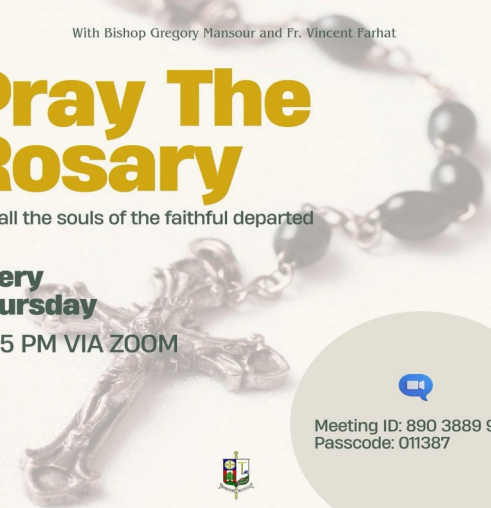
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With Bishop Gregory Mansour and Fr. Vincent Farhat

## Pray The Rosary

For all the souls of the faithful departed

**Every Thursday**  
AT 5 PM VIA ZOOM



Meeting ID: 890 3889 9691  
Passcode: 011387

## Sixth Sunday of Easter readings for the 8:30am liturgy (Roman Latin rite)

### Reading I Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.” Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: “The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: ‘It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.’”

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R (4) **O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R **O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.

R **O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R **O God, let all the nations praise you!**

### Reading II

#### Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God.

Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

### Gospel John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”

