



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Feast of the Glorious Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?" But others said, scoffing, "They have had too much new wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and a cloud of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and splendid day of the Lord, and it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord.'

John 14:15-20

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.



Together, as **one people**, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and **love one another**.

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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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Deacon Farid Zaarour
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Weekly collections

1,284.00



Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday
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email stgeorgeri1@gmail.com
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
wedding 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

6/7 4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Constantine and Margaret Simon , requested by their loving families.
6/8 8:30am 10:30am	Birthday remembrance for Angela Spirito , requested by her loving daughter Angela.
6/14 4:00pm	One year anniversary for Richard George , requested by his loving family.
6/15 8:30am 10:30am	
6/21 4:00pm	38th Anniversary to the Priesthood of Fr. Ed Nedder. Memorial liturgy for Anthony and Sarah Solomon , requested by their loving family.
6/22 8:30am 10:30am	
6/28 4:00pm	Second Anniversary liturgy for Denise Solomon , requested by her husband Michael and his loving family.
6/29 8:30 10:30am	Eight year anniversary liturgy for Angelina Vitulli , requested by her loving family.



Please
join

members of the
Holy Rosary
Sodality pray the
Holy Rosary this
Saturday June 7 at
3:30pm.

Please join us on
Saturday June 21
celebrate the **38th**
Anniversary to the
priesthood for
Fr. Ed Nedder
At 4:00pm



Flag retirement

ceremony.

Please support our
Knights of Columbus
properly dispose of worn
out and tattered flags. A
donation box will be
placed in the back of the
church this weekend.



Pentecost Sunday readings for the 8:30am mass

Reading 1 Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

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Responsorial Psalm Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. (cf. 30) **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures;

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are

created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,

whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Our parish dinner on June 6 has been cancelled due to low attendance and participation. Thank you to all who were planning to work, donate, and participate.



A heartfelt "Thank you" to Chris and Deb Thomas for their generous gift to the church: Two new sets of Altar Linens from Lebanon!

Ten signs that you lack humility

- 1. Thinking that what you do or say is better than what others do or say;*
- 2. Giving your opinion without being asked for it, when charity does not demand you to do so;*
- 3. Not acknowledging that you are unworthy of all honor or esteem, even the ground you are treading on or the things you own;*
- 4. Mentioning yourself as an example in conversation;*
- 5. Speaking badly about yourself, so that they may form a good opinion of you, or contradict you;*
- 6. Hiding some humiliating faults from your director, so that he may not lose the good opinion he has of you;*
- 7. Being hurt that others are held in greater esteem than you;*
- 8. Refusing to carry out menial tasks; Seeking or wanting to be singled out;*
- 9. Letting drop words of self-praise in conversation, or words that might show your honesty, your wit or skill, your professional prestige...;*
- 10. Being ashamed of not having certain possessions...*

Fr. Josemaria Escriva

The meaning of the **Feast of Pentecost** according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) centers on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

1. *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*

CCC 731:

"On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance."

Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the Advocate (John 14:16). The Spirit comes as a gift of the Risen Christ.

2. *The Birth of the Church*

CCC 1076:

"Pentecost is the day of the manifestation of the Church, the day when the Church is revealed to the world in power and mission."

On Pentecost, the Church begins her public mission to the world, empowered to preach the Gospel to all nations.

3. *The Holy Spirit as the Soul of the Church*

CCC 797:

"What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church."

The Holy Spirit builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church, beginning with Pentecost and continuing to this day.

4. *Unity in Diversity*

CCC 814:

"From the beginning, this one Church has been marked by a great diversity which comes from both the variety of God's gifts and the diversity of those who receive them."

At Pentecost, the apostles spoke in many tongues. This shows how the Spirit unites all peoples while honoring their diversity.

5. *Personal Pentecost*

CCC 1302–1303 (on Confirmation):

"It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit... more perfectly bound to the Church... enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit."

Each believer receives a share in Pentecost through the sacraments, especially Confirmation, making the Spirit's mission personal.

"He breathed on them..." (John 20:22)

Imagine Jesus standing in front of his disciples after the resurrection—scarred, radiant, alive. And then He breathes on them. Not just air—but life, courage, mission. That's what Pentecost is for you and me.

Pentecost is God's breath in your lungs. CCC 731 says that at Pentecost, Christ "pours out the Spirit in abundance."

This isn't just about history. The same Spirit who shook the upper room is still alive today, whispering to you in your doubt, nudging you when you feel stuck, igniting your faith when it feels cold. That fire? It's not gone. It's in you.

Pentecost is your invitation to rise and speak. CCC 1076 calls Pentecost the moment when the Church is revealed to the world.

So when you forgive someone who hurt you, when you stand up for what's right, when you choose love over fear—you're living Pentecost. You become part of the Church's mission to bring light into a wounded world.

You've already received your own Pentecost.

CCC 1302–1303 talks about Confirmation as a "special outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

When you were confirmed, you received that gift. Maybe you've forgotten it. Maybe you've doubted it. But the Spirit hasn't given up on you. That fire still flickers inside. And today might be the day to let it blaze.

Bishop Gregory Mansour
at the
Eparchy of Saint Maron's
16th Annual Benefit Dinner

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
The Metropolitan Club



Proceeds will support Seminarians,
Parishes and Missions, Retired Priests,
and the Church in the Middle East.



SAVE THE DATES

LIGHT OF LIFE SUMMER BIBLE CAMP:

"ANCHORED IN HOPE"

**JULY 28TH -
AUGUST 1ST**

**Saint Anthony of the Desert
Maronite Church
300 N Eastern Ave
Fall River MA**

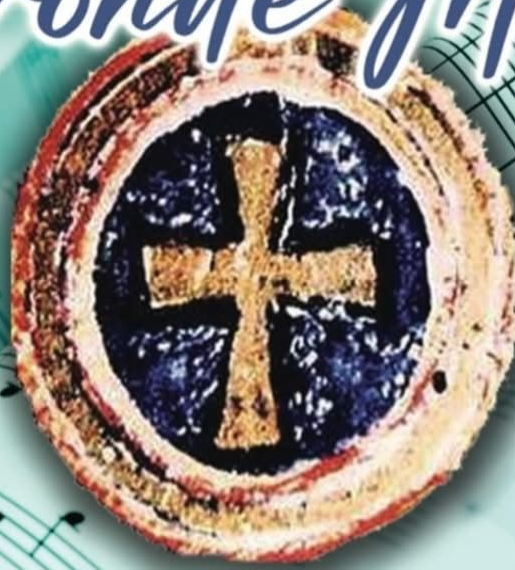


**Presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light
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The bottom of the poster features an illustration of four children. On the left, a boy in an orange shirt and a girl in a yellow shirt and blue overalls are waving. On the right, a girl in a yellow shirt and a boy in a red shirt and a hat are also waving. They are all smiling and appear to be in a grassy field with green bushes in the background. The sky is blue with white clouds.

SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS

2025 *Maronite Music* WORKSHOP



For Maronite Parish Music Directors & Choir Members

**AUGUST
12 - 13, 2025**

**Registration \$165
includes meals**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

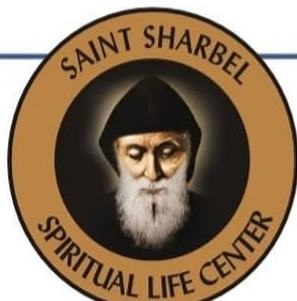
For those traveling in need of hotel accommodations, contact the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pittsburgh West-Greentree at 412-922-7070 to reserve one of the rooms blocked off for the workshop.

WORKSHOP LED BY

Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy
from St. Anthony Church, Lawrence, MA

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- Talk: Spirituality of Choir Members
- Talk: Challenges of Choir Ministry
- Talk: Future of Choir Ministry
- Workshop on Communion Hymns
- Workshop on Virgin Mary Hymns
- Discussion with Bishop Gregory
- Daily Divine Liturgy & Adoration
- Rehearsals & Recital



To register, go under "Programs" on our website at:

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July 3-6, 2025 Raleigh - NC

Hosted by Saint Sharbel Church
Hilton Hotel, Raleigh North Hills
Groupe Code: NAM25

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2025

Trivias, Escape Room, Excursions, Board Games, & More
Every Night - DJ Gilbert

Thursday - Spiritual Night: Fun, Games & Trarateel

Friday - Lebanese Folkloric Night & Celebrating the USA by Charbel Bassil

Saturday - Gala Dinner by Lebanese Superstar Hisham El Hajj



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60th NAM Convention Key Functions

EXCURSIONS

St Sharbel Neighborhood & Falls of Neuse DAM (All Ages) Thursday 7/3/2025 - 4 PM

Guided Umstead Park Nature Walk (All Ages) Friday 7/4/2025 - 8:45 AM

The Museum Of Natural Sciences (Youth & Kids) Friday 7/4/2025 - 1:30 PM

Theology On TAP (MYA) Friday 7/ 4 / 2025 - 2:00 PM

Raleigh Highlights (Name of Jesus Cathedral & Sunflower Fields (All Ages) Saturday 7/5/2025 - 8:45 AM

Raleigh Trolley Pub (MYA) . Saturday 7/5/2025 - 4:00 PM

ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Board Games Lobby Free Play & Tournaments (All Ages) Thursday - Friday - Saturday

Dance, Mobility & Wellness (All Ages) Thursday - Friday - Saturday

Escape Room (MYA & MYO) Thursday - Friday - Saturday

Dinner & Icebreakers by Age group (All Ages) Thursday

MYO Lounge: Connect & Play Thursday - Friday - Saturday

After-Party Karaoke: Be the Star of NAM! (All Ages) Thursday - Friday - Saturday

Kids Zone (age 5 to 12) Thursday - Friday - Saturday

Pool Parties (All Ages / by Age Group) Thursday - Friday - Saturday (TBA)

Fun, Food & Friendship With Father Boutros (MYA) Thursday

Jubilee Year / Pilgrims of Hope (All Ages) Displays & Activities Celebrating Jubilee Year & The NAM 60th Convention.

A Party After Party (MYA) Thursday - Friday - Saturday

WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING LOUNGE

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Faithful
Success

Showcase your business, pitch ideas, and make new friends among like-minded professionals.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Opening Our convention and hearts with an evening of Adoration & Hymns
Adoration and Confession followed by an evening of spiritual chants and hymns.

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ GILBERT

Enjoy a great mix of Arabic and
American hit songs the whole
weekend as we dance the
nights away!



SATURDAY GALA DINNER

Lebanese Star Hisham El Hajj

Enjoy a unique cocktail hour
with gourmet bites and
signature drinks, followed by a
Gala Dinner with superstar
Hisham El Hajj to light up the
night with music and dancing.

FRIDAY NIGHT HAFLI Charbel Bassil & USA Special

Dress in your finest traditional
Lebanese wear and dance the night
away with singer Charbel Bassil!
Celebrate American Independence
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displays!

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THE DISTINGUISHED MINISTRY AND PRIESTHOOD
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***JUNE 21, 2025
DIVINE LITURGY 4:30 PM
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY CHURCH
4254 ACUSHNET AVENUE
NEW BEDFORD, MA 02745***

***DINNER RECEPTION 6:00 PM
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY PARISH CENTER***

PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 15, 2025

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SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS



a feast day celebration of food, festivities, and prayer

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 18-20, 2025

FRIDAY, JULY 18

- 5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration / Confession
- 6:00 PM Outdoor Eucharistic Procession & Rosary
- 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy and Blessing with Holy Oil of Saint Sharbel

Serving on Saturday & Sunday...

Chicken Shawarma · Falafel · Kafta · Saj
Kibbee · Stuffed Grape Leaves · Hummus
Baba Ghannouj · Spinach Pie · Cheese Pie
Baklava · and more!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 19 & 20

- 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Maronite)
- 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM Delicious Lebanese Food (Outdoor Covered Seating)
- 1:00 PM St. Andrew Kim Catholic Youth Trio (Saturday only)
- ALL DAY Confession available
- ALL DAY Vendors of Faith - featuring unique vendors of Sacred items and ideas
- ALL DAY Guided Tour of the Center
- 5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration / Confession
- 6:00 PM Outdoor Eucharistic Procession & Rosary
- 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy and Blessing with Holy Oil of Saint Sharbel



For more info about this and other events, go to:

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 5:30PM - 9:00PM

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT CHURCH HALL
300 N EASTERN AVE FALL RIVER MA

- Special Guest Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
- Gourmet Dinner | Cash Bar
- Entertainment
- Silent Auction | Wine Pull | 50-50

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