



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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1493 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI

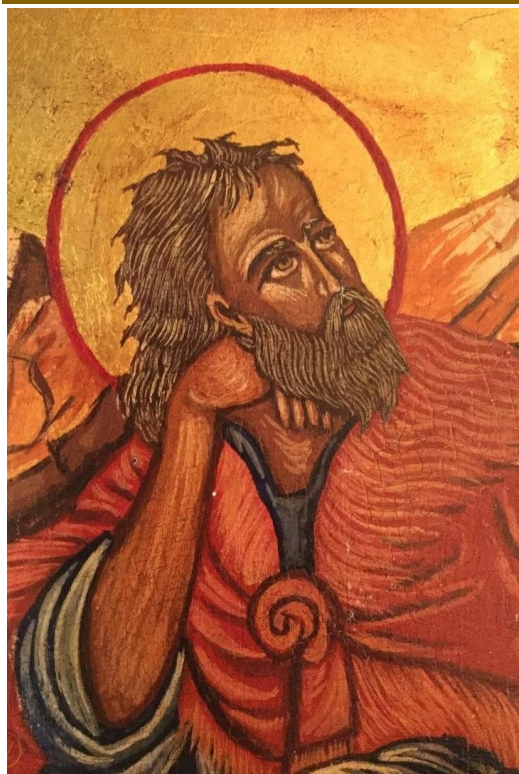
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July 19, 2026

Feast of Saint Charbel (Saint Elias July 20)



**Saints  
Charbel and  
Elias teach us  
that silence,  
prayer, and  
faith  
transform  
ordinary  
lives  
into  
Holiness.**

مار شربل  
مار الياس  
صلوا لاجلنا



### Meet Your Clergy

**Fr. Tony Saab**, Pastor, 401-723-8444, [frtonysaab@gmail.com](mailto:frtonysaab@gmail.com)

**Deacon Farid Zaarour**, [fzaarour@yahoo.com](mailto:fzaarour@yahoo.com)

**Liturgical Schedule** Thursday and Friday 10:00 am; Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

**Exposition of the Holy Eucharist** Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

### Sacraments

**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.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the church office.

## Liturgical Intentions

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| 7/18<br>4:00 pm  | Twelfth Anniversary Liturgy for <b>Kenneth Fiyod</b> , requested by his loving family.                                                                                                                              |
| 7/19<br>8:30 am  | <b>Feast of Saint Charbel</b> عيد مار شربل                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:30 am         | Forty-day Liturgy for <b>Marleine Turk</b> , requested by her loving children Jason and Beshara and their loving family.                                                                                            |
| 07/25<br>4.00 pm | Memorial Liturgy for <b>Fr. Naji Kiwan</b> and <b>Fr. Joe Abisaad</b> , requested by the MYO.                                                                                                                       |
| 7/26<br>8:30 am  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10.30 am         | Twenty-year Anniversary for <b>Aliza Darakji</b> , and a memorial liturgy for <b>Karim</b> and <b>Jack Darakji</b> , requested by Tony Darakji and his loving family.                                               |
| 8/1<br>4.00pm    | Forty-day Liturgy for <b>Elias Behnam Youssef</b> , requested by his son Jack and his loving family.<br><br>Memorial Liturgy for <b>Raymond and Therese Yazbek</b> , requested by George Yazbeck and Lydia Tanguay. |
| 8/2<br>8:30 am   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10:30 am         | Fifth Anniversary liturgy for <b>James Maron</b> , requested by his loving family.                                                                                                                                  |

The **church elevator** has undergone extensive repairs and is **now fully operational**.

To help keep it in good working condition, please ***do not force the elevator doors open or closed.***

The doors are designed to open and close automatically.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and care for our parish facilities.



### Weekly Collections

Saturday 4:00 pm:

**\$484.00**

Sunday 8:30 am:

**\$274.00**

Sunday 10:30 am:

**\$1117.00**

Total weekend Collections: **\$1,875.00**



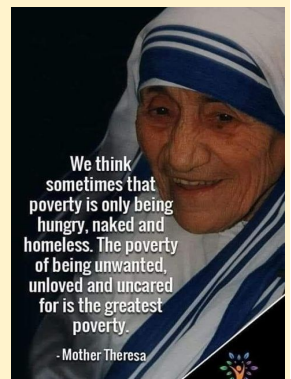
**Live streaming** of liturgies and parish activities are available to the sick and homebound on You Tube and Facebook



We will have Special **Second Collection** this weekend for the

**Order of Saint Sharbel.**

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.





### Romans 8:28-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Whom he predestined, those he also called. Whom he called, those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he also glorified. What then shall we say about these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give us all things?

Who could bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

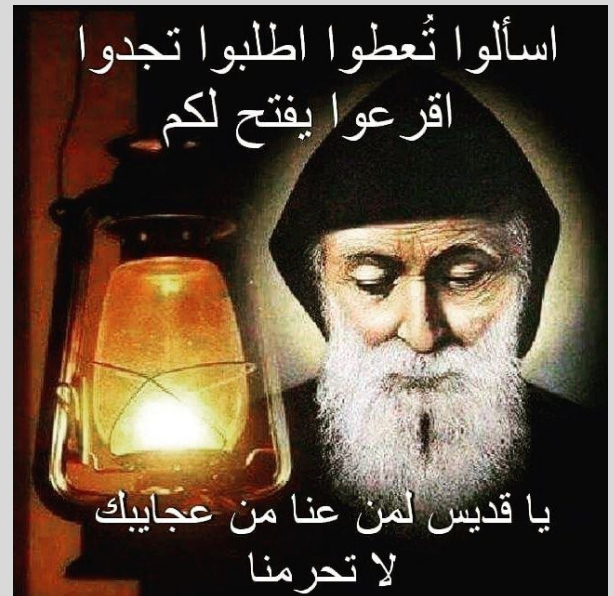
Even as it is written, "For your sake we are killed all day long. We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter." No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from God's love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Matthew 13: 36-43

Then Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He replied, "The One who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed represents the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

As the weeds are collected and burned in the fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom every cause of sin and all who practice lawlessness. And they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.



### PRAYER TO ST. CHARBEL

O Saint Charbel,  
miracle monk of  
Lebanon,  
You have a special place  
in the hearts of God's people.

By your prayers, many  
have received miracuulc  
healings and countless  
blessings.

I come before you in faith,  
trusting in your powerful intercession.

Please pray for me and help me  
in my neerds,

Obtain for me the grace to live a holy life,  
to grow in love and devotion to God,  
and to experience the peace an joy  
that come from Him.

Amen.

## Two Great Witnesses of Faith: Prophet Elias and Saint Charbel Makhoulf

### Saint Charbel Makhoulf (1828-1898)

St. Charbel, born Youssef Antoun Makhoulf, was born in the mountain village of Bekaakafra, Lebanon. At age 23 he joined the Lebanese Maronite Order and was ordained a priest in 1859. After years of monastic life he was granted permission to live as a hermit at the Monastery of Saints Peter and Paul at Annaya, where he lived for the last twenty-three years of his life in prayer, fasting, manual labor, and in total devotion to God. He died in peace on Christmas Eve in 1898 as he was preparing to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. What is remarkable about St. Charbel is that he never sought to be recognized. All his life he had hidden himself from the world, for he believed that the nearer he came to Christ the less attention he wished for himself. And yet, after his death, God showed his holiness in marvellous ways, with innumerable documented healings and conversions which continue to this day. Pilgrims of all countries go to his tomb asking for his intercession. St. Charbel reminds us that true greatness is not in fame or achievement but in a heart fully surrendered to God. His life teaches us that unseen holiness can make a difference in the world.

### Prophet Elias (9th century BC)

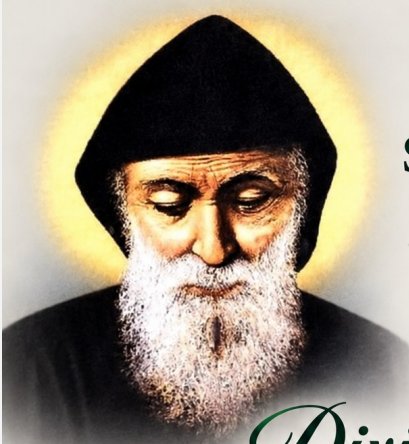
The Prophet Elijah lived in one of the blackest periods in the history of Israel, the ninth century before Christ. In the days of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, when the people were led to worship false gods, Elijah bravely stood for the worship of the one true God. His greatest triumph in public was at Mount

Carmel when the Lord answered his prayer by sending fire from heaven and bringing the people back to faith. 3. At the end of Elijah's life on earth he was taken to Heaven in a fiery chariot without dying.

What sets Elijah apart is his fearless trust in God. When all others succumbed he was alone. But Scripture also reveals to us his humanity. Mount Carmel was a victory, but he was discouraged, and fled into the wilderness. There God strengthened him, and spoke not by wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a soft whisper. Elijah teaches us that courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to stay faithful in our weakness. His life is a reminder that God still calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things through their steadfast faith.

Two timeless lessons come from St. Charbel and the Prophet Elijah. Elijah shows us how to stand firm for the truth and St. Charbel teaches us how to find God in silence and prayer. One changed a nation by prophetic witness; the other changed countless lives by hidden holiness. Both remind us that every saint starts with one simple

يا مار شربل و مار الياس، تضرعوا لاجلنا!



**ST. GEORGE CHURCH**  
1493 Cranston St  
Cranston, RI 02920

*Divine*  
**LITURGY**  
ON THE FEAST OF  
**SAINT CHARBEL**  
THURSDAY  
**JULY 23**  
AT 7:00 P.M.

ANointing WITH HOLY OIL  
SPECIAL BLESSING WITH  
FIRST CLASS RELIC OF SAINT CHARBEL.



*A light reception will be served  
after the Liturgy at the  
Church Hall.*



**SAINT GEORGE**  
— MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH —

1493 CRANSTON STREET  
CRANSTON, RI

# Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL



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RAFFLES



CASH  
BAR



HOKAH



FAMILY  
FRIENDLY

*Fun for All!*

THREE DAYS OF FAITH, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

**FRIDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 18**  
**2:00PM**  
— to —  
**12:00AM**

**SATURDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 19**  
**12:00PM**  
— to —  
**12:00AM**

**SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**12:00PM**  
— to —  
**7:00PM**

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



**FRIDAY**  
**RAMY**  
**KANJ**



**SATURDAY**  
**AYAD**  
**ATALLAH**



**SUNDAY**  
**DJ KK**

*Authentic*  
**LEBANESE CUISINE**



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OR SHINE



MORE INFO  
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St. Basil the Great  
Melkite Catholic Church  
*Summer Festival*

Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-11pm  
Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-8pm

**FREE ADMISSION**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**



*Mitch  
Kaltsunas*

*~ Live ~*

**SATURDAY NIGHT!**

*Danny  
Ashkar*

*~ Live ~*

**SUNDAY NIGHT!**



**MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD ♦ MUSIC ♦ DABKE**



**Chicken Shawarma, Falafel,  
Kafta, Awamat, Baklava & More!**

**15 Skyview Drive Lincoln, RI 02865**



# Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

1493 Cranston Street Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

## 2026 Festival Banner Sponsorship Form

Corporation/Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship/Donation Tier: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No: \_\_\_\_\_

Banner wording line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Banner wording line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email this form with information (or business card) to [stgeorgeril@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeril@gmail.com) or mail it with your check payable to St. George Church to the above address. Your contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

### **Banner Sponsorship**

**Black Diamond — \$5,000**

Vinyl Banner (48" X 96") (4' X 8")

**Diamond—\$2,500**

Vinyl Banner (24" X 72") (2' x 6')

**Platinum - \$1,000**

Vinyl Banner (24" X 48") (2' x 4')

**Gold - \$500**

Vinyl Banner (24" X 36") (2' x 3')

**Silver - \$250**

Vinyl Banner (18" X 24")

**Festival dates: September 18, 19 and 20, 2026**

Deadline: September 8, 2026

Credit Cards, Venmo and PayPal also accepted.

If you should have any questions,  
please contact the church office at 401-723-8444  
[stgeorgeril@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeril@gmail.com) or Jihane Ayoub  
[jihanayoub07@gmail.com](mailto:jihanayoub07@gmail.com)

**We Thank You for your  
continued  
generosity and strong  
support**



# MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

## 2nd ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER for the Sisters

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fine dining, and entertainment in support of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light. Your generosity helps the sisters continue their mission and service as spiritual mothers in our Church.

We will honor three outstanding friends and faithful supporters with the Radiate His Light Award.

Joining us is our guest of honor, His Excellency, Bishop Gregory J. Mansour.

FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 2, 2026  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM EDT

300 N Eastern Ave  
Fall River, MA 02723, USA

*"Let your light shine before others."*  
MATTHEW 5:16

### TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS

**GENERAL ADMISSION**  
**\$75**

Grants entry to enjoy a gourmet meal, cash bar, live entertainment, 50/50, Wine Pull and Gift Basket Raffle.

**TABLE OF TEN**  
**\$750**

Grants entry for you and nine of your guests to enjoy a gourmet meal, cash bar, live entertainment, 50/50, Wine Pull and Gift Basket Raffle.

**SPONSORSHIP**

Please consider an additional gift to help us meet the expenses of this event.

**CHILD UNDER 12 - ADMISSION**  
**\$35**

Grants entry to the event to enjoy a meal, entertainment, and children's activity space.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and friendship. We are excited to celebrate with you!

# Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Sponsorship Opportunities

## BENEFIT DINNER

- Sponsor a Business Ad
- Sponsor a memorial or honor a loved one
- Make an Anonymous gift

Sponsors will be featured on our electronic Ad display at the Benefit Dinner and on our social media platforms with over 15,000 followers.

Scan Here to become a Sponsor

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| NEW ENGLAND | 26 SEP 2026    | YOUTH LEADER ENRICHMENT DAY<br>St. Anthony Church<br>Lawrence, MA | MID-ATLANTIC   | 10-12 OCT 2026                                                       | REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT<br>Camp Pontiac<br>Copake, NY | MID-ATLANTIC WEST             | 5 DEC 2026     | CHRISTMAS DAY RETREAT<br>Our Lady of Victory<br>Pittsburgh, PA | SOUTH | 19-21 FEB 2027 | REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT<br>Camp Weed<br>Live Oak, FL |
|             | 10-12 OCT 2026 | REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT<br>Camp Pontiac<br>Copake, NY            |                | 7 NOV 2026                                                           | YOUTH LEADER ENRICHMENT DAY (TBD)                      |                               | 19-21 FEB 2027 | REGIONAL WEEKEND RETREAT<br>Camp Weed<br>Live Oak, FL          |       |                |                                                       |
|             | 27 FEB 2027    | LENTEN DAY RETREAT<br>St. Anthony Church<br>Springfield, MA       | 6 MAR 2027     | LENTEN DAY RETREAT<br>Our Lady Star of the East<br>Pleasantville, NJ | 22-27 JUN 2027                                         | NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD) | 16-18 APR 2027 | EASTER RETREAT<br>St. Anthony Church<br>Glenn Allen, VA        |       |                |                                                       |
|             | 22-27 JUN 2027 | NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)                                     | 22-27 JUN 2027 | NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)                                        | 22-27 JUN 2027                                         | NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD) | 22-27 JUN 2027 | NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE (TBD)                                  |       |                |                                                       |

### 2026 & 2027 EPARCHIAL EVENTS