



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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August 16, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 3:1-11

Brothers, I could not talk to you as spiritual people, but as fleshly people, as infants in Christ. I fed you milk, not solid food, because you were unable to take it. Indeed, you are still not able, even now, for you are still of the flesh. While there is jealousy and rivalry among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving in an ordinary human way? Whenever someone says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What is Apollos, after all, and what is Paul? Ministers through whom you became believers, just as the Lord assigned each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters are equal, and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor. For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ.

Luke 8:1-15

Afterward he journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources. When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to him, he spoke in a parable. "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold." After saying this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that 'they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.' "This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor

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Deacon Farid Zaarour, 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

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.

Announcements

Would you like to receive the **Weekly Bulletin** Electronically? Would you like to contribute by **Budget Envelopes**? Please email the Church Office at stgeorgeril@gmail.com



- Registration for **First Communion and Religious Education** will open on the first weekend of September. We invite all parents with children entering Second Grade, generally ages 7–8, to register their children and begin preparing them for the beautiful day when they will receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

- Sponsors and Volunteers for our **Annual Lebanese Festival** are always welcome! Please contact the Church Office for more information.

- Please **refrain from eating, drinking, chewing gum, and unnecessary walking or conversations during the Divine Liturgy and all liturgical services.** If it becomes necessary to leave your seat, please do so quietly and with respect for those who are praying.

Funeral guidelines

If **Cremation** takes place, **the body is to be buried.**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Ashes should not be scattered, divided among family members, or kept permanently at home." (CCC 2301)

Eulogies by Lay Persons in church are not permitted.

Visitation in the church on the evening before the funeral is not allowed. Visitation should take place at the funeral home or another appropriate location. The church is reserved for the celebration of the Funeral Liturgy and prayer.

Live streaming

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



Weekly Collections

Saturday 4:00 pm: **\$347.00**

Sunday 8:30 am: **\$404.00**

Sunday 10:30 am: **\$516.00**

Total weekend Collections: **\$1,267.00**



Liturgical Intentions

8/15 4:00 pm	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8/16 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for Hanna and Marie Maatouk, Joseph Maatouk, Ghassan Maatouk, and Elias Hindi , requested by Phillip Maatouk.
8/22 4:00 pm	Five-year anniversary for Maryann Solomon , requested by her loving children Donald Jr., and Cheryl Solomon.
8/23 8:30 am 10:30 am	REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM group intentions.
8/29 4:00 pm	For all unborn children , requested by a loving family.
8/30 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for Youssef and May Hoyek , requested by their loving son Gaby Hoyek..
9/5 4:00 pm	
9/6 8:30 am 10:30 am	Forty- day liturgy for Ibrahim Boutros , requested by his loving family.
9/12 4:00 pm	
9/13 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for Bechara and Juliette Daccache , requested by their son Jihad and his loving family.
9/19 4:00 pm	
9/20 8:30 am 10:30 am	

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

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The Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th . It is one of the most beautiful feasts of our faith . We believe that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven.

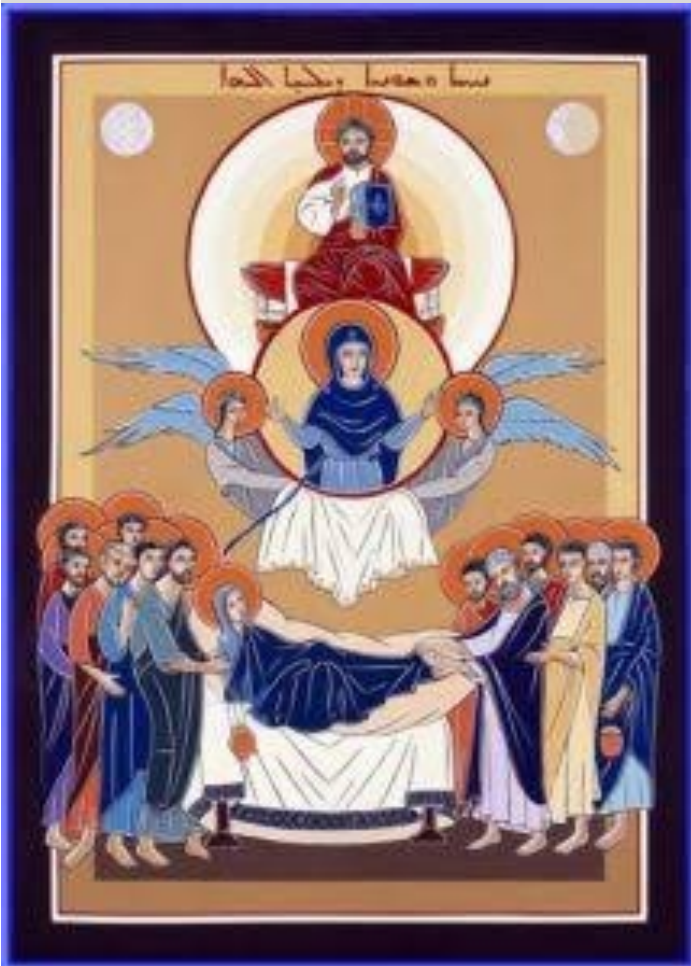
The Assumption reminds us of Mary's identity. She gave herself wholly to God. With her 'Yes' she welcomed Christ into her womb, stood faithfully beneath His Cross and remained with the Church in prayer. The woman who gave her human flesh to the Son of God now participates, body and soul, in the glory of her risen Son.

But the feast is not solely about Mary. It's also about us and our destiny. Mary's Assumption gives us a foretaste of what God wants for each of His children. We were not meant for the grave. We are made for resurrection, for eternal life, for

The Memorare

*Remember, O most gracious
Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy
protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come;
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.*



fellowship with God.

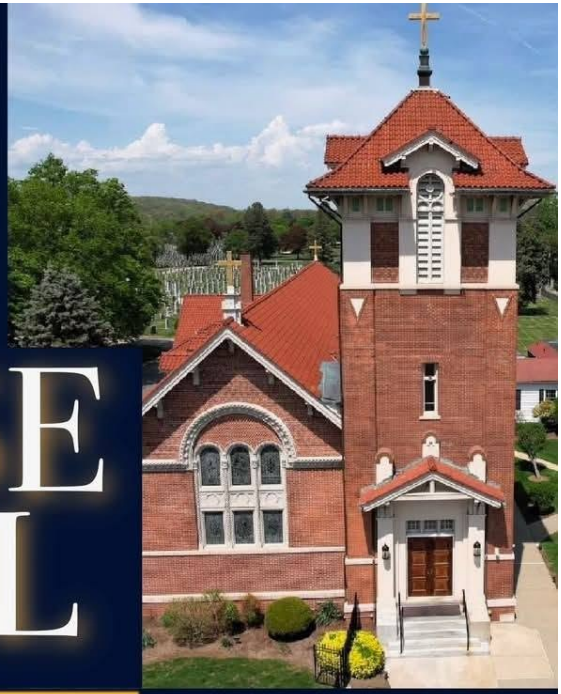
The Assumption also reminds us of the dignity of the human body. Christianity does not teach that the soul is good and the body is to be discarded. We believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ and every Sunday we say we believe in "the resurrection of the body." This Christian hope is wonderfully already fulfilled in Mary.

On this beautiful feast, let us turn to Mary with renewed hope. We hope to be someday where she is. O Mary, taken up into heaven, pray for us that we may live faithfully on earth and one day rejoice with you in the glory of your Son. Amen.

تضرّعي إلينا يا عذراء، يا أمّ الله، واشفعي فينا لدى ابنك
الحبيب، ليغفر خطايانا ويرحمنا ويقودنا إلى الحياة الأبدية.

SAINT GEORGE

Maronite Catholic Church
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Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL



Fun for All!

THREE DAYS OF FAITH, CULTURE, & COMMUNITY

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 18

2:00 PM

— to —

12:00 AM

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 19

12:00 PM

— to —

12:00 AM

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20

12:00 PM

— to —

7:00 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



FRIDAY
RAMY
KANJ



SATURDAY
AYAD
ATALLAH



SUNDAY
DJ KK



Authentic
LEBANESE CUISINE



FREE
ADMISSION



FREE
PARKING



RAIN
OR SHINE



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PUT YOUR FAMILY NAME BEHIND SAINT GEORGE

“Best Wishes for a Beautiful Festival
The Saad Family”

Family banners begin at \$250.

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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 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 or Jihane Ayoub
jihanayoub07@gmail.com

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





ST. MARY ANTOCHIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH
PRESENTS



ST. MARY MAHRAJAN



مهرجان عيد السيدة



MENU

SATURDAY

Authentic Arabic Food,
Live Music by
Chadi Naddaf



DATE AND TIME

15 & 16 August, 2026
Saturday 11am - 11pm
Sunday 11am - 5pm

SUNDAY

Authentic Arabic Food,
Live Music by
Dj Ray



Option to RSVP a table
for 10 people, including
food from the menu

ZAATAR MANA'EESH
مناقيش زعتر

CHEESE MANA'EESH
مناقيش جبن

FALAFEL
فلافل

CHICKEN SHAWARMA
شاورما الدجاج

KEBAB
كباب

ARABIC COFFEE

DESSERT
كعك بكنافة

HOOKAH

Contact to RSVP:
Walid Nakhoul
(401-692-1250)
Lindsay Chammas
(401-602-0034)

1 St. Mary's Way, Pawtucket, RI 02860



Is God Calling You to Religious Life?

Do you desire to learn about the life and mission of the
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light?

Summer Online Vocation Event

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Open to single women ages 18 to 39

Email vocations@maroniteservants.org to register

Maroniteservants.org