

An Ordination at St. George Maronite Catholic Church Cranston, RI

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On Saturday, January 24, 2015, family, friends, and parishioners of St. George Maronite Catholic Church in Cranston, RI, witnessed Chorbishop Joseph F. Kaddo confer the Holy Orders upon Farid Zaarour for his ordination to the Order of Subdeacon.

Joining Chorbishop Kaddo to celebrate the Liturgy was Fr. Edward Pieroni, Pastor of St. Raymond Roman Catholic in Providence, RI, Fr. John Sullivan, Deacon Jean Mattar, Subdeacon Joseph Abraham, Fr. John Morrison, Director of the Office of Ministries, and Fr. Edward Nedder, Pastor of St. George Maronite Catholic Church. The Ordination was followed by a reception and celebration meal in the Church Hall.



Fr. John Morrison assists Chorbishop Joseph F. Kaddo with the ordination of Farid Zaarour to Subdeacon as witnessed by his son Joseph.

In 1990, Farid moved to Attleboro, Massachusetts, and became a member of St. George's Maronite Catholic Church, then located in Pawtucket, RI. In 1998, he traveled back to Lebanon where he met and married Gisele Ghanimeh. After their wedding, they returned to the United States, where they made their home in Attleboro Massachusetts, and are the parents of two beautiful children; Joseph, 16, and Natasha, 14.

Farid Zaarour's life journey began in Beirut, Lebanon, as the youngest of 8 children, when he was born to Helena and Shoukri Zaarour. In 1976, after completing his secondary education, he traveled to Belgium to study engineering at the University of Catholic De Louvain. After two years, he immigrated to the United States to complete his education at Bridgeport University in Danbury, Connecticut, where he graduated as a software engineer in 1978.



Natasha, Subdeacon Farid, Gisele, and Joseph Zaarour

Farid worked as a consultant for Fidelity Company for 18 years, and in 2008 started his own software company called "ISolvIT". He began to help father in 2009, and with Father Ed's encouragement and guidance, decided to take the next step of his spiritual journey, to serve God and St George's Parish by becoming a Subdeacon.