



SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO GREAT LENT | 27 FEBRUARY 2022

A CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
 ANTIOCHENE SYRIAC MARONITE CHURCH
St. George Church is committed to sharing the fullness of the Gospel and living the richness of the Syriac Maronite Tradition through worship, charity, and striving for personal and communal holiness.

Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour
 Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

PARISH CLERGY

- Rev. Father Aaron J. Sandbothe**
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- Rev. Subdeacon T.R. George**
- Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George**
- Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Charles D. Machesky**
- Rev. Subdeacon Charles J.R. Michael**

New to St. George?
 Welcome! We are happy to have you worshipping with us! We hope that you will soon call our parish your home! Please contact the parish office for more information.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Lord, may we enter into your Kingdom, its Gates are opened through prayer and fasting.”

As we begin our yearly Lenten Fast let us ponder these words from our liturgy: the Gates of Paradise are opened through fasting. Indeed, the Gates of Paradise are thrown open by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ – but, also, through his other salvific works on our behalf – including all his works of fasting. We, ourselves, are called to enter the Gates of Paradise by fasting. As we begin another year’s great fast let us recommit ourselves – as a parish, and as individuals, to the call of our Lord and His Church to truly embrace the spirit and discipline of the Fast of Great Lent.

It was through fasting that Nineveh avoided destruction, it was through fasting that Ezra bested Satan, it was through fasting that Samuel recovered the Ark of the Covenant, it was through fasting that Esther combatted evil, it was through fasting that Daniel achieved greatness in Persia, and on the list goes throughout the entirety of Scripture. It was through fasting that the power and mercy of God was made known to his people throughout salvation history. As we battle so much evil, sorrow, and desolation in our own days, let us do so through fasting.

In our Syriac Tradition the Lenten fast is traditionally practiced in the following manner: from the evening of Cana Sunday until dinner on the Eve of Easter no food or drink is to be taken until the afternoon (or midday at the least) excluding Saturdays and Sundays and certain great feasts. No meat, fish, shellfish, dairy, or alcohol is to be consumed during the fast. This is the traditional and ideal practice – let the perfect not be the enemy of the good, so tailor this fast to your physical and logistical capability. But, fasting is not supposed to be easy. It is supposed to be uncomfortable; it is a test of our spiritual and physical fitness. I am praying that our parish may truly enter through the Gates of Paradise this year through a renewed and fervent commitment to the beautiful gift of fasting and prayer that the Church has given us.

Abouna Aaron

PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm

Sun | 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Tue & Thu | 6:00 pm

Wed & Fri | 8:30 am

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weeks of 20 February 2022

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| 1 st Collection | \$1,370.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$236.00 |
| Candles | \$70.00 |
| Lenten Offering | \$5.00 |

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| Received | \$1,681.00 |
| Budget | \$3,300.00 |
| Difference | -\$1,619.00 |

Stewardship | 2022 YTD

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| Received | \$19,220.00 |
| Budget | \$26,400.00 |
| Difference | -\$7,180.00 |

Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

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| Received | \$0 |
| Goal | \$5,500.00 |
| Balance | \$5,500.00 |

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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| SAT 19 FEB 4:00PM | 51 |
| SUN 20 FEB 8:30AM | 64 |
| SUN 20 FEB 10:30AM | 40 |
| TOTAL | 155 |

PARISH EVENTS AND POINTS OF INTEREST

Welcome! We wish a warm welcome to all our visitors and to those who already call St. George home. We are happy to have you worshipping with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to the parish clergy. We hope you will soon make St. George your spiritual home!

Youth Faith Formation. Youth Faith Formation will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The next class will be held on **Sunday, 27 February** at 9:20am.

Great Lent. The Fast of Great Lent begins on **Monday, 28 February**. We will celebrate Liturgy at **6:00pm**. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at the liturgy on this day only.

Fasting. As a reminder, fasting in the Syriac Maronite tradition consists of abstaining from **all meat, dairy products, and alcohol** from **Midnight until Noon Monday-Friday of Great Lent**. Meals may be taken in the afternoon but without meat, dairy, or alcohol. Traditionally, fish is also excluded during Great Lent. **Saturdays and Sundays are exempt** from the Lenten Fast.

Lenten Evening Prayer. During **Wednesdays of Great Lent**, we will pray the Office of **Evening Prayer** at **6:00pm**.

Evening Prayer & Benediction of the Cross. During **Fridays of Great Lent**, we will pray the Office of **Evening Prayer** at **6:00pm** followed by the **Benediction of the Cross**.

Ladies Guild Fish Fry. Our **Lenten Fish Fry** returns during the **Fridays of Great Lent**. Lunch will be served from **11:00am-2:00pm** and **Dinner from 4:00pm-6:00pm**. Preorders are available and **recommended**. More information will be available on our website and Facebook. We are also in need of **volunteers** to help work shifts. Orders can be made online at <https://stgeorgeuniontownladiesguild.square.site> or by calling the parish office.

Easter Flowers. Thank you to everyone who memorialized a loved for Christmas through a gift of flowers, the Holy of Holies was beautifully decorated for the feast. For those who would like to do the same for Easter please note that the **Easter Flower form** or **Easter Flower envelope** is due by **13 April**. You may use **either** the form in the bulletin or the envelope that comes with your weekly contribution envelopes.

Eparchial Charities Appeal is the annual Bishop's Appeal that funds our **Seminary**, helps our **retired clergy**, and funds many initiatives throughout the Eparchy. For 2022 our parish has been **assessed a goal of \$5,500**. Thank you for your generosity to our Eparchy to further the Work of God in the United States.

CRS Rice Bowl. St. George Church is participating in the Catholic Relief Services **"Rice Bowl"** for the fourth year. We know how important it is to make this donation as a parish community. Once again, your support is very important and much appreciated. You may **write a check** payable to **St. George Church** (note CRS on your check memo line), **donate directly** to CRS online via: crsricebowl.org/give or **drop your loose change** into the **"Rice Bowls"** which you can **find in the narthex**. For further information, please contact Gina Michael at 724.366.4561.

Adult Faith Formation. Our **Adult Faith Formation** program will next meet on **Wednesday, 16 March** for **Vespers and Class** by **Fr. Armando Elkhoury** on the **Church as Sanctuary**

MYA Eparchial Conference. The Eparchial MYA will host a conference from **25-27 March** at **Our Lady of the Cedars Church in Boston, MA**. This retreat is open to young adults age **18-35**. More information can be found at www.maroniteyoungadults.org.

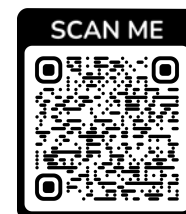
MYO. All youth in **Grades 6-12** are encouraged to sign up for MYO. Please call or text **Subdeacon Chuck Michael** at 724.323.4653. Also, please sign up on **Remind** to keep up to date with any MYO events and announcements by texting @myo202 to 81010.

Stewardship. Online stewardship is the easiest and most secure way of contributing to the financial stability and health of our parish. Please consider making your weekly or monthly contributions online. Instructions can be found on the parish website. **Thank you for your continued generous support for St. George Church.**

Liturgy Intentions. If you would like to schedule a liturgy for a loved one or any other intention, please **contact the parish office**, send a note via **mail** or **collection basket**, or **email**. If you have already scheduled a recurring monthly or yearly liturgy please **remember** to send in your stipend before the liturgy is celebrated.

St. George eBulletin Flocknote Mailing List

Keep up to date with parish news, events,
and important communications and surveys!



LITURGY INTENTIONS

| DAY | DATE | TIME | INTENTION | |
|-----|--------|---------|--|---|
| SAT | 26 FEB | 4:00PM | + James Critz | <i>by</i> Wife <i>e</i> ' Family |
| SUN | 27 FEB | 8:30AM | + Shmooni "Mimi" Rafail | <i>by</i> Family |
| SUN | 27 FEB | 10:30AM | For Peace in Ukraine | |
| MON | 28 FEB | 6:00PM | Intentions of Parishioners | |
| TUE | 01 MAR | 6:00PM | Intentions of Parishioners | |
| WED | 02 MAR | 8:30AM | Intentions of Parishioners | |
| THU | 03 MAR | 6:00PM | + Denise Nestor | <i>by</i> Subdeacon Mallard <i>e</i> ' Donna George |
| FRI | 04 MAR | 8:30AM | Intentions of Parishioners | |
| SAT | 05 MAR | 4:00PM | Intentions of Parishioners | <i>by</i> Wife <i>e</i> ' Family |
| SUN | 06 MAR | 8:30AM | + Elias G. Rafail | <i>by</i> Family |
| SUN | 06 MAR | 10:30AM | + Agnes "Aggie" Almes <i>e</i> ' Richard "Rick" Davidson | <i>by</i> Larry <i>e</i> ' Judy Unice |

PARISH CALENDAR

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 27 Sunday of the Entrance into Lent St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron. C Liturgy 8:30am YFF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am Rom 14:14-23 John 2:1-11 | 28 Clean Monday Fast Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 5:20-6:7 Matt 6:16-21 | 01 Mar Fast St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron St. Afdokia of Baalbek, C Liturgy 6:00pm Rom 15:1-13 Matt 6:5-15 | 02 Fast St. John Maron Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Phil 1:21-30 Matt 5:13-17 | 03 Fast Liturgy 6:00pm 1 Tim 6:6-12 Matt 7:25-34 | 04 Fast St. Paul & His Sister, St. Juliana, M Liturgy 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2pm Fish Fry 4-6pm Vespers 6:00pm 2 Thes 3:6-14 Matt 7:13-27 | 05 St. Albert the Great, C Liturgy 4:00pm Heb 3:14-4:4 Luke 18:9-14 |
| 06 Healing of the Leper St. Conan of Isauria Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am Rom 6:12-23 Mark 1:35-45 | 07 Fast Seven Men of Ephesus No Liturgy 1 Thes 3:6-13 Matt 6:22-24 | 08 Fast St. Frances of Rome No Liturgy Gal 2:11-17 Matt 7:1-12 | 09 The Forty Martyrs No Liturgy Devotions 6:00pm 2 Cor 4:11-18 Luke 6:20-23 | 10 Fast St. Auxentius, C No Liturgy Phil 4:4-10 Luke 8:4-15 | 11 Fast St. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem No Liturgy Fish Fry 11-2pm Fish Fry 4-6pm Devotions 6:00pm Rom 1:18-25 Matt 18:23-35 | 12 Pope St. Gregory the Great Liturgy 4:00pm Heb 12:28-13:9 Mark 19:25 |
| 13 Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C Liturgy 8:30am YFF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 7:4-11 Luke 8:40-56 | 14 Fast St. Euphrasia, C No Liturgy 1 Tim 4:9-16 John 8:21-27 | 15 Fast St. Benedict, C Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 8:1-9 Matt 23:1-12 | 16 Fast St. Papas, M Constantinople I Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Adult Faith Formation 6:30pm Gal 2:1-7 Matt 17:10-13 | 17 Fast St. Patrick Liturgy 6:00pm Gal 1:1-10 Luke 17:20-37 | 18 Fast St. Cyril of Jerusalem Liturgy 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2pm Fish Fry 4-6pm Vespers 6:00pm Rom 3:1-7 Luke 12:16-21 | 19 St. Joseph Liturgy 4:00pm Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25 |
| 20 Parable of the Prodigal Son St. Photina the Samaritan Woman, C Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 13:5-13 Luke 15:11-32 | 21 Fast St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais, C No Liturgy 2 Cor 9:1-15 Luke 9:37-45 | 22 Fast St. Benedict, C No Liturgy 1 Cor 16:15-24 Mark 8:22-26 | 23 Fast St. Rafka, C No Liturgy Vespers 6:00pm 2 Cor 1:1-7 Luke 10:38-42 | 24 Fast St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia, C Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 1:23-2:5 Matt 15:29-39 | 25 Annunciation Liturgy 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2pm Fish Fry 4-6pm Vespers 6:00pm Gal 3:15-22 Luke 1:26-38 | 26 St. Gabriel the Archangel Liturgy 4:00pm Rev 12:7-12 John 1:47-51 |
| 27 Healing of the Paralytic St. Matrona of Thessalonica, M Liturgy 8:30am YFF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am 1 Tim 5:24-6:5 Mark 2:1-12 | 28 Fast St. Philetus and His Wife St. Lydia, and their Children, M No Liturgy Eph 5:3-13 Mark 5:1-20 | 29 Fast St. Cyril of Baalbek, M Liturgy 6:00pm 1 Tim 1:1-8 Mark 6:47-56 | 30 Fast St. John Climacus, C Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Adult Faith Formation 6:30pm Eph 6:1-9 Luke 7:11-17 | 31 Fast Pope St. Lucius, I, M Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Tim 1:6-14 Mark 4:33-41 | 01 Apr Fast St. Mary of Egypt, C Liturgy 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2pm Fish Fry 4-6pm Vespers 6:00pm Phil 2:12-19 Luke 4:31-44 | 02 St. Aphian and His Brother St. Aedesius, M Liturgy 4:00pm Col 3:23-4:7 Mark 7:31-37 |

SACRAMENTAL & PASTORAL CARE

MYSTERIES OF BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION | Sacramental Preparation is required before a baptism can be scheduled. We encourage this to happen before the birth of a child.

MYSTERY OF CROWNING | Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Marriage Preparation is required as part of the process.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK | If a loved one is hospitalized, ill, or homebound, please call or email the Parish Office. For emergencies, please call Father Aaron directly at 315.790.0059.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | Faith Formation for both Children and Adults will be available during the academic year.

CONFESSIONS | Confessions are held on Saturday from 3:30-3:55pm or by appointment.

MARCH MEMORIALS

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| Sanctuary Light | James & Ann Mullen | <i>by Family</i> |
| Vigil Lights | Jerome S. Toth, Sr. & Jerome S Toth, Jr. | <i>by Family</i> |
| Altar Bread & Wine | Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly | <i>by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families</i> |

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin | Teresa Rogers | David Gallo | Aliya Davis | Loretta Joseph | Kimberly Steinmiller | Patty Benson
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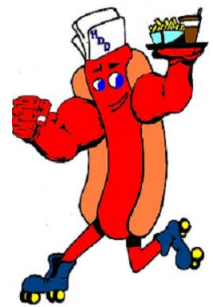
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