



SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA

15TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST | 29 AUGUST 2021

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.*

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Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

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New to St. George's?
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,

During the Liturgy we sing a beautiful hymn following the reception of Communion while the priest performs the ablutions. The text of this hymn comes from our funerary tradition and is sung during the *gnizo* celebrated before the burial. The text translates as:

Because I have consumed your Holy Body may the fire not consume me, and because I have touched it to my eyes, may they behold, O Lord, Your grace. Here, O Lord, I have not been a stranger to You, there may I not be an outcast. Do not set me among the goats, but make me worthy to praise You with the lambs at Your right hand.

You have given me, O Son of God, food for the journey, and when I was hungry I partook of Your Gift, O Savior of the World. May the fire shrink back from my members as the perfume of Your Body and Blood drives it from me. May Your Baptism be for me an unfailing ship to transport me from the region of fear to the place of the fullness of life.

While taken from the funeral rites, this hymn has traditionally played a recurring part in our communion rite at the Liturgy in the Maronite tradition. This is a profoundly beautiful reflection on the role the Eucharist has in our path from this World to the Next. This hymn reflects on the human condition – the reference to the senses (taste, smell, etc.) and on the spiritual condition (our proximity or estrangement from God). The Eucharist is described as *viaticum* or “food for the journey” that nourishes us not only in this life on earth but also in the journey from this life to Paradise. This hymn is also demonstrative of Syriac cosmology, where our tradition describes the afterlife as a journey over a lake of fire on the way to paradise. The fragrance of the Eucharist serves as a “shield” that fends off the flames and also prowling demons that seek to take a soul into Gehenna. Baptism serves as our boat across the fire with the Eucharist as our guide and guardian to the place “full of life.”

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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

Stewardship | Week of 22 August 2021

1 st Collection	\$1,657.00
Electronic Giving	\$235.00
Candles	\$139.00
Feasts	\$40.00
Festival Donation	\$15.00
Memorials	\$225.00
Received	\$2,311.00
Budget	\$3,200.00
Deficit	-\$889.00

Stewardship | 2021 Year-to-Date

Received	\$129,369.00
Budget	\$108,800.00
Surplus	\$20,569.00

Weekly Attendance

SAT 14 AUG 4:00PM	33
SUN 15 AUG 8:30AM	74
SUN 15 AUG 10:30AM	50
TOTAL	157

PARISH EVENTS AND POINTS OF INTEREST

Welcome! We wish a warm welcome to all our visitors and to those who already call St. George's 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's your spiritual home!

MYO. The MYO will go to **Ohiopyle** this **Sunday, 29 August**. We will meet at the church at **Noon** and then go for a hike, exploring, lunch, and ice cream. The MYO will meet for its monthly Liturgy on **Sunday, 19 September** and meet with **Bishop Gregory** in the rectory at **9:30am**. The yearly schedule will be discussed then. 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.

Seeking Collection Counters. Financial best practices call for our parish to maintain a fresh and revolving team of counters to oversee our weekend stewardship. If you are able to serve as a counter, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for training and scheduling. We are in need of a few more volunteers.

87th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The **Sisters of St. Basil the Great** will hold their **87th Annual Pilgrimage** at Mount St. Macrina on **Sunday, 5 September**. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at **4:00pm**.

5th Anniversary. We are excited to celebrate the 5 Year Anniversary of Father Aaron's **priestly ordination** on **Sunday, 12 September**. We welcome all parishioners to join us after the **10:30am** liturgy for refreshments to mark this special occasion.

Faith Formation. Our **Youth Faith Formation** program for 2021-2022 will begin on **Sunday, 12 September** at **9:30am**. Faith Formation for will be held on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of the month.

Adult Faith Formation. Our **Adult Faith Formation** program for 2021-2022 will begin on **Wednesday, 6 October** with **Evening Prayer at 6:30pm** followed by class. Meetings will be held twice monthly and dates will be noted in the bulletin calendar. This year's topic is TBD.

First Responder's Liturgy. To commemorate the **20th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks** we will celebrate Liturgy for our First Responders at **4:00pm on Saturday, 11 September**.

Second Collection. A second collection will be taken on **11-12 September** for the **Catholic University of America**.

Pontifical Liturgy. **Bishop Gregory** will make a Pastoral Visit to our parish on **Sunday, 19 September** to celebrate a Pontifical Divine Liturgy with us followed by brunch in the parish hall.

Rosary Walk. The **Annual Rosary Walk** will be held on **Sunday, 19 September** at **2:00pm**.

St. John the Baptist Car Show. St. John the Baptist Church next door will be hosting its annual **Car Show** on **Sunday, 26 September** from **Noon to 4:00pm**.

Eparchial Benefit. Save the date! The **Twelfth Annual Benefit Event** for the Eparchy of Saint Maron will be held on **Thursday, 7 October 2021**. Details to follow.

St. Vincent DePaul. SVDP is seeking a **Director of Operations** who would be responsible for the coordination and oversight of the thrift store, furniture store, food pantry, and other associated conference services and staff. A **BA in business, human services, or related field** or life experience is preferred. This is a **salaried full-time position**. Please send cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to *St. Vincent de Paul (Director Application), PO Box 195, Uniontown, PA 15401*.

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	28 AUG	4:00PM	+ Sandora <i>e</i> s George Fabian	<i>by</i> Karen Eadie
SUN	29AUG	8:30AM	+ Max Furin	<i>by</i> daughter Marie George
SUN	29 AUG	10:30AM	+ Amy George	<i>by</i> Jim, Kim, <i>e</i> s Family
MON	30 AUG			
TUE	31 AUG	6:00PM	+ Dee Unice	<i>by</i> Jack <i>e</i> s Pat Filak
WED	01 SEP	8:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners	
THU	02 SEP	8:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners	
FRI	03 SEP		No Liturgy	
SAT	04 SEP	4:00PM	+ Amy George	<i>by</i> Vince <i>e</i> s Sherri Susa
SUN	05 SEP	8:30AM	+ Emiline Elias	<i>by</i> Richard Elias
SUN	05 SEP	10:30AM	+ Clinton R. Frangipani	<i>by</i> Tom <i>e</i> s Barbara Michael

PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 Aug 15th Sunday of Pentecost Beheading of John the Baptist Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am MYO 12:00pm Heb 11:32-40 Mark 6:14-29	30 Estephan Ne'mee, C No Liturgy 1 Cor 9:7-12 Matt 20:1-6	31 St. Abda, M. St. Zakhia, C. St. Aegidius, C Liturgy 6:00pm	01 Sep St. Simeon the Stylite, C Liturgy 8:30am	02 St. Mammias the Great, M Liturgy 8:30am	03 St. Theodore the Great, M No Liturgy	04 St. Babylas, Patriarch of Antioch, M Liturgy 4:00pm
05 Sep 16th Sunday of Pentecost St. Sharbel of Raha & His Sister, M Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am Rom 8:18-27 Luke 18:9-14	06 St. Michael the Archangel No Liturgy Col 2:16-23 Matt 18:1-5, 10	07 St. Sozon, M Liturgy 6:00pm	08 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Liturgy 8:30am	09 Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM Liturgy 6:00pm	10 St. Pulcheria the Queen, C Liturgy 8:30am	11 St. Theodora of Alexandria, C Liturgy 4:00pm First Responder's Reception 5:00pm Jas 5:13-20 Luke 19:41-44
12 Sep Exaltation of the Holy Cross St. Cornelius the Centurion, M Liturgy 8:30am Faith Formation 9:30am Liturgy 10:30am 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 12:20-32	13 St. Christopher Holy Cross Festal Liturgy 6:00pm 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 12:20-32	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Liturgy 8:30am	15 Sts. Shaina & Sassine, C Liturgy 8:30am	16 St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, M Liturgy 6:00pm	17 St. Sophia & Her 3 Daughters, M Liturgy 8:30am	18 The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt Liturgy 4:00pm Jude 17-25 Luke 23:36-43
19 Sep 1st Sunday after Holy Cross St. Januarius, M Liturgy 8:30am MYO 9:30am Pontifical Liturgy 10:30am Brunch 12:00pm 2 Tim 2:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	20 St. Eustace, M No Liturgy Rev 1:1-8 Mark 8:34-9:1	21 St. Quadratus, M No Liturgy	22 St. Phocas, M No Liturgy	23 Jonah the Prophet No Liturgy	24 St. Thecla, M No Liturgy	25 St. Paphnutius, C Liturgy 4:00pm Rev 2:18-29 Mark 20:1-16
26 Sep 2nd Sunday after Holy Cross St. John the Evangelist Liturgy 8:30am Faith Formation 9:30am Liturgy 10:30am 1 Cor 15:19-34 Matt 24:1-14	27 No Liturgy Rev 3:1-6 Matt 10:16-22	28 St. Chariton, C Liturgy 6:00pm	29 St. Romanos, C Liturgy 8:30am	30 St. Gregory the Illuminator, M Liturgy 6:00pm	01 Oct Liturgy 8:30am	02 Sts. Cyprian & Justina, M Liturgy 4:00pm Heb 10:32-39 Matt 24:3-14

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 3:00-3:45pm or by appointment.

SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light	James & Ann Mullen	<i>by Family</i>
Vigil Lights	Christina Hartzel & Eddie Nickman	<i>by Valerie & Sam Cortis</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 | Shirley Sokol | Patty Benson
 Leonard W. Neill II | Davey Rusko | Catherine Delgreco | Joan Mickey | Josette Shady Abi-Nader | Brooklynn Dennis | Rodie Gabriel | Lorraine Abraham Herbert
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