



# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF HOLY CROSS | 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

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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

### PARISH CLERGY

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



### FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

The last verse of the *mazmooro* sung during the Season of the Holy Cross is a beautiful meditation on the meaning of the Cross of Christ. The musical adaptation in our current missal says, “Lord, your cross is a ladder leading us to heaven’s heights. May your Church and her children join the angel hosts on high.” This, sadly, is not an accurate rendering of the Syriac original. The Syriac text of this verse says, “Blessed is Your Cross, O Our Savior, which became the ladder of Your Church, and by It [the Cross] mortals ascend and have part with the spiritual beings.” This is a stunningly beautiful image, and we should use it as our pattern of prayer during this holy season.

“Blessed is Your Cross, O Our Savior...” We praise the instrument of our salvation because without it our sins would not be forgiven. “Which became the ladder of Your Church....” The Cross is Jacob’s Ladder by which the graces and mercy of God flow down upon us from Heaven through the ministry of the angelic hosts and the sacramental rites and also the means by which we ascend to heaven through the salvation wrought by Christ for us upon the Cross. “And by It, mortals ascend and have part with the spiritual beings.” This tells us that the chasm that existed between the mortal realm of men and the celestial realm of God and His Angels has been *crossed* – by the Cross – pun intended. Mortal man now has access to the celestial realm of God and the angelic hosts through the merciful dispensation of God offered to us through the Cross. We are now able to ascend and transcend this mortal realm and take part in the heavenly worship of the angels. This is a beautiful and powerful message to all of us, we now have hope through the Cross!

Abouna Aaron

# PARISH INFORMATION

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## Liturgical Schedule

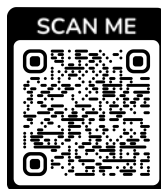
Sat | 4:00 pm

Sun | 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Wed | Vespers | 7:00 pm

Tu - Fri | 8:30 am

Feasts | 7:00 pm



# PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## Week of 10 September 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,355.00

Electronic Giving \$677.00

Candles \$50.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collections \$323.00

Capital Campaign \$20.00

First Responders \$170.00

Received \$3,595.00

Budget \$3,500.00

Difference \$95.00

## Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received \$146,074.00

Budget \$119,000.00

Difference \$27,074.00

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.

# 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!

**Rosary Walk.** The **Annual Rosary Walk** will be held on **Sunday, 17 September at 2:00pm**.

**Bible Study.** Our **Bible Study Program** meets twice monthly for Vespers at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm. The next study will be on the **Book of Psalms** on **26 September**.

**Breakfast.** All are welcome for breakfast following the **8:30am Liturgy** on **Sunday, 17 September**. There will be **no breakfast** following the 10:30am Liturgy this month due to the Rosary Walk. Donna George is this month's sponsor for the breakfast.

**Catechetical Sunday.** There will be a **mandatory** Parent-Catechist Meeting at **9:30am** on **Sunday, 17 September**. Catechists and students will receive a blessing for the new academic year during the **10:30am** Liturgy.

**Faith Formation** classes begin on **Sunday, 24 September**. All school age children are **expected** to be enrolled and regularly attending Faith Formation, participating in the MYO, serving the Liturgy (for boys), or in other roles during and outside the liturgy (for girls).

**Maronite Youth Organization.** 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. To be **eligible for any Parish Scholarships**, or to be recommended for any **NAM or Eparchial awards**, a child must be a **regular communicant** at Sunday and Festal liturgies and an **active participant** in the MYO/Faith Formation program.

**Eparchial Benefit.** Save the date! The **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner** for the Eparchy of Saint Maron will be held on **Thursday, 5 October 2023**.

**Trunk or Treat.** Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on **Saturday, 28 October at 5:00pm**. Donations for a small dinner would be greatly appreciated.

**SVDP.** The **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** is in need of **food** and/or **monetary** donations. Monetary donations can be sent to the parish office. Food donations can be brought to the pantry directly or to the parish. Thank you for your support for the most in need in our community!

**Holy Transfiguration Church Festival.** Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church will be having its annual Festival on **Sunday, 17 September from 12-5:00pm** at the McClellandtown Fire Hall 102 Blaine Ave.

**St. John Car Show.** St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church will be having its annual **Classic Car Show** on **Sunday, 24 September from 12-4:00pm**.

**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.

# PARISH LITURGICAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>17</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Holy Cross St. Sophia and Her 3 Daughters, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> +Rose <i>☩</i> Disedy Simon <i>by Family</i></p> <p><b>Breakfast   9:30</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Richard Davidson <i>☩</i> Agnes Almes <i>by Larry ☩ Judy Unice</i></p> <p><b>MCF Meeting   11:30am</b> <b>Rosary Walk   2pm</b></p> <p>Deut 17:14-20 2 Tim 2:1-10 Mark 10:35-45</p>	<p><b>18</b> The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Rev 1:1-8 Mark 8:34-9:1</p>	<p><b>19</b> St. Janaurius, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Mike ☩ Judy Deeb</i></p> <p>Rev 1:9-20 Mark 9:33-37</p>	<p><b>20</b> St. Eustatius <i>☩</i> His Wife <i>☩</i> Children, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Joanne John <i>by Bonita ☩ Steve Newer</i></p> <p>Rev 2:1-7 Mark 9:38-50</p>	<p><b>21</b> St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>Rev 2:8-11 Mark 10:17-27</p>	<p><b>22</b> St. Phocas and His Companions, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Ron ☩ Rosemary Johnson ☩ Family</i></p> <p>2 Cor 13:5-13 Luke 21:10-19</p>	<p><b>23</b> Jonah the Prophet, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> Newly Baptized Sofia Brosius, Ben George, Skylar Carbonara, Brody Sanner <i>by KofC Council 1275 Uniontown</i></p> <p>Rev 2:18-29 Matt 20:1-16</p>
<p><b>24</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Holy Cross St. Thecla, the First Woman Martyr, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Elias G. <i>☩</i> Harriet Rafail <i>by Family</i></p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b> <b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Joanne John <i>by Sherry Pollick</i></p> <p>Joel 2:1-16 1 Cor 15:19-34 Matt 24:1-14</p>	<p><b>25</b> St. Paphnutius the Confessor, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Rev 3:1-6 Matt 1:16-22</p>	<p><b>26</b> St. John the Evangelist, Ap</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Phil ☩ Richard Sawa</i></p> <p><b>Vespers   6:00pm</b> <b>Bible Study   6:30</b></p> <p>Rev 3:7-13 Matt 11:20-24</p>	<p><b>27</b> St. Vincent de Paul, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>Rev 3:14-22 Matt 12:29-32</p>	<p><b>28</b> St. Chariton, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>Rev 4:1-11 Matt 12:33-37</p>	<p><b>29</b> St. Romanos the Cantor, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Joanne John <i>by James ☩ Kelly John</i></p> <p>Rev 5:1-10 Matt 12:38-42</p>	<p><b>30</b> St. Gregory the Illuminator, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Eli ☩ Bev George</i></p> <p>Rev 6:9-17 Matt 12:43-45</p>
<p><b>01 Oct</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Holy Cross</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b></p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> Living Members of the Altar Rosary Society</p> <p>Dan 7:9-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Matt 24:23-31</p>	<p><b>02</b> Sts. Cyprian <i>☩</i> Justina, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Heb 10:32-39 Matt 24:3-14</p>	<p><b>03</b> St. Dionysius the Areopagite, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Charles ☩ Sally Calabrese</i></p> <p>Rev 10:1-11 Luke 6:20-26</p>	<p><b>04</b> St. Francis of Assisi, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Sondra Yezbak <i>by Ladies Guild</i></p> <p><b>Blessing of Animals   6:00pm</b></p> <p>Gal 6:11-18 Matt 11:25-30</p>	<p><b>05</b> St. Paul the Simple, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Rosemarie Gabriel <i>by Ladies Guild</i></p> <p>Rev 12:1-12 Luke 21:34-38</p>	<p><b>06</b> St. Thomas the Apostle, Ap</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Joanne John <i>by Janine Schuessler</i></p> <p>Rev 13:1-18 John 5:17-23</p>	<p><b>07</b> Sts. Sarkis &amp; Bacchus, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" <i>☩</i> Amy George <i>by Tom ☩ Donna Kolencik</i></p> <p>2 Cor 4:7-15 Mark 13:9-13</p>
<p><b>08</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Holy Cross St. Pelagia of Antioch</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Helen Sloboda <i>by her Children</i></p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> +Loretta Joseph <i>Forty Day Memorial</i></p> <p>Gen 41:38-44 1 Thes 5:1-11 Matt 24:45-51</p>	<p><b>09</b> St. James, Brother of the Lord, Ap</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>2 Cor 5:20-6:7 Luke 6:12-19</p>	<p><b>10</b> Sts. Eulampius <i>☩</i> His Sister Eulampia, <i>☩</i> Their Companions, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Loretta Joseph <i>by Eli ☩ Bev George</i></p> <p>Rev 18:1-8 John 16:20-24</p>	<p><b>11</b> St. Phillip the Deacon, C Pope St. John XXIII Nicaea I</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Esther Bene <i>by Paula ☩ Mike George</i></p> <p>Rev 19:1-16 Luke 12:16-21</p>	<p><b>12</b> St. Edno, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>Heb 7:11-17 John 15:1-8</p>	<p><b>13</b> Sts. Carpus <i>☩</i> Papyrus, <i>☩</i> Their Companions, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Raymond ☩ Harriet Learn</i></p> <p>Rev 21:22-22:5 Luke 15:3-7</p>	<p><b>14</b> St. Isaiah the Monk, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b></p> <p>Rom 6:18-23 Matt 10:28-33</p>

# 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.

## AUGUST MEMORIALS

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by Family

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by Alan & Marsha George & Family

### Altar Bread & Wine

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## PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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