

SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA

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

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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.



8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST | 16 JULY 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week we celebrate the feast of the great and beloved Maronite saint, Mort Marina of Qannoubine Monastery in the Qadeesha Valley in Lebanon. Her story spread throughout the region and the monks of the area composed various hymns about her life. One of these hymns survives from the 15th Century and is reproduced here as a dialogue between St. Marina and Satan who is trying to tempt her into saving herself from her exile:

SATAN 'Escape from all sorts of harm while you still have a chance to escape: don't put the Lord, your Lord, to the test, hoping he will perform a miracle with you'.

MARINA 'It is from you that I will make my escape and I won't touch your words of advice; if I escape from you and your words, then will I be accounted blessed!'.

Satan replied and said *SATAN* 'If you reveal that you are a woman all the abuse you are getting will go away and then you can sing praise and rejoice'.

MARINA 'I will not give you any answer for all your talk is importunate: all that you say is false. You give a lot of advice, but you are the one who needs it'.

SATAN 'Cruel crosses are set up in readiness for you on every side: summer is preparing burning heat for you, and winter, snow and ice'.

MARINA 'Our Saviour endured the Cross because of our human race, and if he holds me worthy to endure it, then this will be a great blessing for me'.

SATAN 'Get up and prepare yourself to receive crosses, sufferings and torments which evil people, and the monks, will bring upon you – just as you are wanting!'.

MARINA 'I have already received these from you, and I will do so in future for I am ready for suffering: whether from you, O Evil One, or from human beings, from wild animals, or from reptiles'.

SATAN 'It is pride that women love, and boasting is in their heart, but in a little while they grow weak and are defeated: then tears start coming, flowing from their eyes!'.

MARINA 'Yes, women love pride – as you have said in your pride; but they are humble before their Lord, while it is you and your pride they will trample down'.

Give peace to your Church and her children with that peace that pacifies all; rebuke the Evil One and his band: let them be scattered like smoke! [cp Ps 37:20]

Let peace reign in the midst of your Church; let fights and schisms be brought to an end: may they be brought under your yoke and do service before you.

May your handmaid enter her monastery and in the Holy of Holies offer up to you a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving – and may both Desert and Sown be joined in peace.

May my supplication enter and be accepted in the presence of your divine tribunal; may the Evil One and his band feel shame, and may the Church be radiant in giving praise!

Abouna Aaron

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office

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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 9 July 2023

1 st Collection	\$1,958.00		
Electronic Giving	\$582.00		
Feasts	\$5.00		
Festival Sponsorships	\$450.00		
Candles	\$80.00		
SVDP Food Pantry	\$100.00		
Received	\$3,175.00		
Budget	\$3,500.00		
Difference	- \$325.00		

Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$121,426.00
Budget	\$94,500.00
Difference	\$26,926.00

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!

Lebanese Food Festival. We will hold our annual Lebanese Food Festival next Sunday 23, July. Please bring your friends and family!

Festival Pre-Sale. Pickup for all orders will be on Saturday, 22 July between Noon and 3:00pm.

Festival Bake Sale. Donations are appreciated for the **bake sale** for the festival. Contact Danita Jeffries (724.557.2547), Mary Gabriel, or Mary Macar with any questions. Items can be dropped off on **22 July** during the pre-sale pickup or the morning of the festival on **23 July**.

Festival Baskets. Barb Sisson is coordinating the **gift basket raffle** for our festival. If you are willing to **donate a basket or volunteer** to help, please contact Barb at 724.438.5673.

Feast of St. Sharbel. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Sharbel next Sunday, 23 July. There will be a veneration and blessing with the relics of St. Sharbel and the Lebanese Saints and the Anointing of the Sick. Please invite your friends and family – and stay for the festival!

Bible Study. Our **Bible Study Program** meets twice monthly for Vespers at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm. The current study is on the **Gospel of St. John**.

Summer Stewardship and Online Giving. Please remember St. George as you travel during the summer months. Our bills and expenses remain even as we enjoy our vacations and travels. Online stewardship is the easiest, most secure, and most reliable way of contributing to the financial stability and health of the 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 to St. George Church.

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!

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	Тни	Fri	Sat
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8 th Sunday of Pentecost	St. Marina of Qannoubine, C	St. Symphorosa లి Her Seven Sons, M	St. Margaret of Antioch, M	Elias the Prophet, C	St. Simeon Salus & His Friend St. John, C	St. Mary Magdalene. C St. Nohra, M
Liturgy 8:30am + Rodie Gabriel by the Altar Rosary Society Liturgy 10:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George by Sherry Pollick & Family	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am Greg & Melany Chrash Anniversary Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am + Rose Marie Gabriel <i>by Eileen McCoy</i>	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Jeanie e³ Ed Lucas</i> <i>e³ Family</i>	Liturgy 8:30am + Taylor Marie French <i>by Joe & Ronda Risba</i> & Family	Festival Pre-Sale Pickup 12-3pm Liturgy 4:00pm + Suzanne & Joseph Elardo by daughters Nancy & Mary & Family
Is 42:1-9 Rom 8:1-11 Matt 12:14-21	1 Cor 4:1-8 Matt 25:1-13	Acts 16:11-23 Luke 11:5-8	Acts 16:25-34 Luke 11:9-13	Rom 11:1-8 Luke 4:22-30	Acts 17:16-34 Luke 11:24-26	2 Thes 1:1-10 Matt 11:1-6
23 ^{9th} Sunday of Pentecost St. Sharbel, C	24 St. Christina of Tyre, M	25 St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, C	26 St. Bridget of Sweden, C	27 St. Pantaleon (Asya), M	28 St. Anthusa, C	29 Ezekiel the Prophet St. Martha, the Sister of Lazarus, C
Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John by Rose Hensh & Family Liturgy 10:30am + Rosemarie Gabriel by Dr. & Mrs. Michael George Festival 12-6pm	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Harriet & Raymond Learn</i> Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am In Thanksgiving by Greg e ³ Melany Chrash	Liturgy 8:30am + Paul Bena by Paula e3 Mike George	Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John <i>by E∂ Berry</i>	Liturgy 4:00pm + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Rose M. Hensb</i>
Is 61:1-10 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 Luke 4:14-21	1 Cor 7:36-40 John 15:9-16	Acts 19:1-10 Luke 11:37-41	Acts 19:11-22 Luke 11:42-46	2 Cor 4:7-15 Matt 10:28-33	Acts 20:6-16 Luke 11:52-54	Acts 20:17-35 Matt 23:1-12
30 10 th Sunday of Pentecost Sts. Abdon & Sennen,	31 The 350 Martyrs	01 Aug St. Shmouni c ² Her Sons, M	02 Translation of the Relics of St. Stephen, the First Martyr	03 David the Prophet, C	04	05 Moses the Prophet, C
M Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am + Bernard (Beaver) John by Simon John e ³ Family	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George by Greg & Dee Hensh & Family Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am + Rosemarie Gabriel <i>by Michele Marian</i>	Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John <i>by Bonita e3 Steve</i> Newer	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George	Liturgy 4:00pm + James & Tammer Gabriel <i>by Family</i>
2 Kings 1:2-8 1 Cor 12:1-11 Matt 12:22-32	Acts 21:1-14 Matt 23:13-15	1 Cor 10:23-33 Matt 16:24-28	Acts 21:27-40 Matt 23:23-26	Acts 21:40:22:10 Luke 12:1-5	Acts 22:17-29 Luke 12:6-9	Acts 22:30-23:11 Luke 12:10-12
06 The Transfiguration of Our Lord	07 St. Doumit, M Fast	08 St. Dominic, C Fast	09 St. Matthias, Ap Fast	10 St. Lawrence, M Fast	11 St. Clare, C Fast	12 St. Shaina, C Fast
Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Marian Broskey</i> Liturgy 10:30am + Rosemarie Gabriel <i>by Susan Phillips</i>	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Donna Kowalsky e3</i> <i>Vito Dragone</i>	Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John <i>by Dr. Pete e³ Mary</i> <i>Gabriel</i>	Liturgy 8:30am	Liturgy 4:00pm + John "Miff", Sally, e ³ Evan John Carom by Carom Cbildren e ³ Families
Ezek 18:1-28 2 Cor 3:7-17 Mark 9:1-7	1 Tim 1:12-19 Matt 6:25-34	Acts 23:23-35 Luke 12:22-31	1 Cor 4:9-17 Matt 11:25-30	Acts 24:25-25:12 Luke 12:35-40	Acts 25:13-27 Luke 12:42-48	Heb 10:32-39 Luke 12:1-5

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.

JULY MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light James & Ann Mullen by Family

Vigil Lights Subdeacon Thomas ビ Amy George by Alan さ Marsha George さ Family

Altar Bread & Wine Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin | Teresa Rogers | Aliya Davis Joseph | Kimberly Loretta Steinmiller | Patty Benson Shirley Wolbert | Leonard W. Neill II | Davey Rusko | Catherine Delgreco | Joan Mickey | Josette Shady Abi-Nader | Brooklynn Dennis | Gina Michael | Cookie Shady Benson | Tammy McKenzie | Kamberly George | Lorraine Guynn | Marion Bryson | Eileen Crutchman | Barb Howard Misiak | Helen Adams | Tanya Loring Kizner | John Mansberry Melissa Richard George Chomiak | Donald George

