



SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE LEPER | 06 MARCH 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.

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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 home! Please contact the parish office for more information.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

The following prayer is taken from the Evening Office of the Sunday of the Healing of the Leper:

O Good and Kind Lord, in Your goodness You healed the leper who approached You. In Your compassion and Your abundant mercy heal our bodies and souls, we who are sinners and Your servants who have become leprous with sin and by the abundance of our transgressions. Purify us in Your mercy and with Your hyssop wash Your worshippers, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

Throughout the body of prayers from our Syriac Maronite tradition we find a repeated image – that of Christ as a physician. Our Lord Jesus Christ is both the Creator of souls and bodies and also the Heavenly Physician who heals the wounds caused to our souls and bodies by sin and death.

Last week, Christ manifested His Divinity by transforming the water at Cana into wine (also transforming the family’s shame and humiliation into joy and divine praises) and, this week, He manifests His Divinity again by cleansing the leper of his ailment. We see in this miracle a healing of body (the physical result of his leprous state) and soul (the estrangement from the community as a result of his unclean status). The miracles we commemorate throughout the Season of Great Lent continually demonstrate to us the medicinal power of Christ’s compassion and mercy. The physical miracles of Christ always contain a metaphysical miracle as well.

Throughout our lives we all experience physical ailments - be they leprosy, paralysis, blindness, or anything else. We also suffer from spiritual ailments as well – the leprosy of jealousy, the paralysis of fear, the blindness of pride or anger, etc. If we will bring ourselves to an earthly doctor for medical care let us also remind ourselves to approach the Heavenly Physician who heals wounds far greater than our own physical ailments.

Let us make this holy Fast a time to examine our own spiritual infirmities and approach the Heavenly Physician – we have no need to repay Him for His services, as He heals us only out of His ineffable compassion, mercy, and love for mankind.

Abouna Aaron

PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm
Sun | 8:30 am e³ 10:30 am
Tue e³ Thu | 6:00 pm
Wed e³ Fri | 8:30 am

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weeks of 27 February 2022

1 st Collection	\$1,659.00
Electronic Giving	\$206.00
Candles	\$96.00
Received	\$1,961.00
Budget	\$3,300.00
Difference	-\$1,339.00

Stewardship | 2022 YTD

Received	\$21,181.00
Budget	\$29,700.00
Difference	-\$8,519.00

Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

SAT 26 FEB 4:00PM	53
SUN 27 FEB 8:30AM	67
SUN 27 FEB 10:30AM	43
TOTAL	163
MON 28 FEB 6:00PM	97

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!

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.

Eparchial Priest Retreat. Please pray for our clergy this week as we gather in Lutz, Florida for our annual Eparchial Priest Retreat with Bishop Gregory and all our priests. There will be **no daily liturgy** during this week but **Lenten Devotions** will be offered in the church on **Wednesday and Friday at 6:00pm**.

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

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.

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, 13 March** at 9:20am.

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.

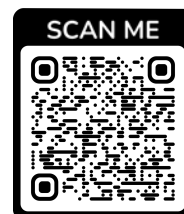
MYO. All youth in **Grades 6-12** are encouraged to sign up for MYO. Please call or text **Subdeacon Chuck Michael** at 724.323.4653. Also, please sign up on **Remind** to keep up to date with any MYO events and announcements by texting @myo202 to 81010.

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	05 MAR	4:00PM	Intentions of Parishioners
SUN	06 MAR	8:30AM	+ Elias G. Rafail <i>by Family</i>
SUN	06 MAR	10:30AM	+ Agnes "Aggie" Almes & Richard "Rick" Davidson <i>by Larry & Judy Unice</i>

ANNUAL EPARCHIAL CLERGY RETREAT | NO DAILY LITURGIES
 LENTEN DEVOTIONS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

SAT	12 MAR	4:00PM	+ Joseph & Bertha Nassif <i>by Ellie Nesser</i>
SUN	13 MAR	8:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners
SUN	13 MAR	10:30AM	+ Christopher "Buffy" Kelly <i>by mother Sherry & Family</i>

PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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. Pappas, M Constantinople I Liturgy 8:30am Confessions 5:30pm 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 Confessions 5:30pm 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 Liturgy 6:00pm 1 Cor 16:15-24 Mark 8:22-26	23 Fast St. Rafka, C Liturgy 8:30am Confessions 5:30pm 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 Confessions 5:30pm 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 Confessions 5:30pm 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 Confessions 5:30pm 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
03 Healing of the Blind Man Isaiah and Ezekiel the Prophets, C Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-42	04 Fast Pope St. Anicetus, M No Liturgy Rom 15:L25-33 John 7:32-36	05 Fast St. Robert, C Liturgy 6:00pm Rom 8:12-18 John 7:1-13	06 Fast St. Marcellinus, M Liturgy 8:30am Confessions 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm 1 Thes 4:1-9 Luke 11:37-48	07 Fast Liturgy 6:00pm Tit 2:1-8 Luke 18:31-34	08 Fast St. Barlaam, M Nicaea II Liturgy 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2pm Fish Fry 4-6pm Confessions 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm 2 Thes 3:6-18 Luke 4:1:13	09 Lazarus Saturday St. Hermas, M Liturgy 10:30am Liturgy 4:00pm 1 Thes 2:17-3:5 John 11:55-12:11

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

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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