

SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD | 19 DECEMBER 2021

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ANTIOCHENE SYRIAC MARONITE CHURCH
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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 Church sings on the eve of Christmas:

Holy are You, O God Who lowered Himself from the hidden heights of His Father to men.
Holy are You, O Mighty One clothed in flesh Who humbled Himself to smallness as He pleased.
Holy are You, O Immortal One made man, today You dawned in Bethlehem of Judah.
He was swaddled and placed within the manger, and suckled milk while He sustains all ages.
He drew to Him those of heaven and of earth to give honor to His birth in Bethlehem.
The Holy Church resounds with her sons' choirs and sings praise to Your abasement for her sake.
Grant her, O Lord, and her children forgiveness of all their sins, now and forever. Amen.

This beautiful hymn summarizes for us the message of Christmas:
God, Who is beyond all measure or understanding and Who cannot be contained, lowered Himself to dwell with men, His creation. He, Who is unknowable and unseen clothed Himself in flesh and smallness so that we might see Him and know Him. He, the Light from Lights, Who said "Let there be light!" and it was, dawned from the Virgin in a small cave in Bethlehem. He who by His love sustains and keeps all creation in His mighty right hand, humbles Himself to suckle at the breasts of the Virgin Mary. In doing so, He draws all creation to Himself. Because of the mercy, condescension, and love of Our God, the Church's foundations shake with praise and adoration of Him Who lowered Himself for our sake.

When we gather as a parish family around the Altar of the Lord, and when our own families gather around the Christmas tree and dinner table this week, let us never forget the humility Our Lord showed by coming to us as a lowly Babe in the manger, without hearth or home. Let us never forget the least among us who, like Christ, find no room at the inn.

May we endeavor during this holy Feast of Our Lord's Birth to marvel at the wonder of the Infant Lord, the Ancient of Days become a Child in a humble cave of Bethlehem and respond like the Angels – "Glory to God in the highest and good hope to mankind!"

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

Week of 12 December 2021

1st Collection \$3,084.00

Electronic Giving \$383.00

Candles \$45.00

Feasts \$155.00

Received \$3,667.00

Budget \$3,200.00

Difference \$467.00

Stewardship | 2021 Year-to-Date

Received \$173,419.00

Budget \$156,800.00

Surplus \$16,619.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

SAT 11 DEC 4:00PM 49

SUN 12 DEC 8:30AM 65

SUN 12 DEC 10:30AM 46

TOTAL 160

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!

Christmas. Please note the **Christmas Liturgical Schedule | Christmas Eve: 6:00pm Evening Prayer** followed by **7:00pm Candlelight Vigil Liturgy. Christmas Day: 9:30am Liturgy.** There is **no Vigil Liturgy on Saturday evening.** There will be **one liturgy on Sunday at 9:30am.**

Breakfast. Please join us for **breakfast** in the parish hall following the **8:30am and 10:30am** liturgies **this Sunday, 19 December.**

Children's Christmas Party. We will hold our annual **Christmas Party** for our children this **Sunday, 19 December at 11:30am.** All are welcome!

Second Collection. The second collection on the feast of **Christmas** is traditionally taken for the **Pastor.** Thank you for your generosity and love shown to me over the past year! It is a true joy to be your pastor!

Feast of the Circumcision. We will celebrate the **Feast of the Circumcision on Friday, 31 December at 6:00pm.** This is a **holy day of obligation.**

Christmas Novena. The Christmas Novena will be celebrated at **6:00pm on 15-23 December.** **Confessions** will be heard from **5:30-6:00pm** preceding the Novena. It is fitting and highly encouraged to make a good confession before the celebration of major feasts.

Nativity Fast. The Nativity Fast prescribed for our Eparchy begins on **Thursday, 16 December and continues through to Christmas Eve.** The typical fasting proscriptions are to be observed.

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.

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, 09 January** at 9:30am.

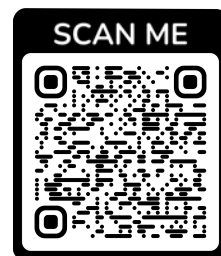
Adult Faith Formation. Our **Adult Faith Formation** program will meet on **Wednesday, 05 January** with **Evening Prayer at 6:30pm** followed by **class at 7:00pm.** The next class will be on The Church as Sanctuary presented by Fr. Armando Elkoury.

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	18 DEC	4:00PM	+ James & Ann Mullen, John & Josephine Marhefka <i>by</i> Tom & Marsha Marhefka
SUN	19 DEC	8:30AM	+ Bertha Nesser <i>by</i> Family
SUN	19 DEC	10:30AM	+ Ellwood Kelly <i>by</i> his Children
TUE	21 DEC	6:00PM	+ Thomas J. George <i>by</i> Michael Zavatchen, Jr.
WED	22 DEC	8:30AM	+ Tom & Dee Unice <i>by</i> Elle Nesser
THU	23 DEC	6:00PM	+ Thomas J. George <i>by</i> Dolly Dobish Myers
FRI	24 DEC	7:00PM	Intentions of Parishioners
SAT	25 DEC	9:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners
SUN	26 DEC	9:30AM	+ Michael Simon John <i>by</i> N. Joseph & Beate Nassif

PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19 Dec Genealogy Sunday St. Athenodorus, M Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am Children's Christmas Party 11:30am Vespers and Christmas Novena 6:00pm Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25	20 St. Ignatius of Antioch, M Nativity Fast Vespers and Christmas Novena 6:00pm Rom 10:14-21 John 7:1-10	21 St. Julian, M Nativity Fast Vespers, Christmas Novena & Liturgy 6:00pm Rom 11:1-12 John 7:11-18	22 St. Anastasia of the Balkans, M Nativity Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers and Christmas Novena 6:00pm Rom 11:13-24 John 7:25-30	23 St. Eugenia, M Nativity Fast Vespers, Christmas Novena, & Liturgy 6:00pm Rom 11:25-36 John 7:31-36	24 Vigil of the Glorious Birth Nativity Fast Vespers 6:00pm Candlelight Vigil Liturgy 7:00pm Rom 12:1-8 John 7:45-53	25 The Glorious Birth of Our Lord Liturgy for Christmas Day 9:30am Rom 12:9-21 John 7:45-53
26 Dec Sunday after Christmas Felicitations to the Mother of God Liturgy 9:30am Eph 1:3-14 Luke 1:46-55	27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr, M No Liturgy 2 Cor 11:1-9 Matt 23:29-24:2	28 The Adoration of the Magi St. Marina in Pisidaia, M Liturgy 6:00pm	29 Flight into Egypt Holy Innocents Liturgy 8:30am	30 Return to Nazareth St. Anyasia, M Liturgy 6:00pm	31 Vigil of the Circumcision of Our Lord St. Zoticus, M Liturgy 6:00pm	01 Jan Sts. Basil and Gregory, C Liturgy 4:00pm Eph 2:11-22 Luke 2:21
02 Finding of Our Lord in the Temple Pope St. Silvester I Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am Heb 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52	03 Malachi the Prophet No Liturgy Heb 7:20-28 Luke 2:25-35	04 Pope St. Caius, M Liturgy 6:00pm	05 St. Paul, the First Hermit, C Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:30pm Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm	06 Feast of the Glorious Epiphany Liturgy 6:00pm	07 Praises of St. John the Baptist, M Liturgy 8:30am	08 St. Carterius the Priest, M Liturgy 4:00pm Col 2:1-7 Matt 3:13-17
09 1st Sunday after Epiphany St. Eustratius, C Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am Heb 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52	10 St. Gregory of Nyssa, C No Liturgy Heb 7:20-28 Luke 2:25-35	11 St. Theodosius of Antioch, C Liturgy 6:00pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm	12 St. Tatiana, M No Liturgy	13 St. Jacob of Nisibis, C No Liturgy	14 St. Hilary of Potier, C No Liturgy	15 Our Lady of the Sowing St. John Calybites Liturgy 4:00pm Col 2:1-7 Matt 3:13-17
16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany The Chains of St. Peter Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 4:5-15 John 1:35-42	17 St. Anthony the Great No Liturgy 2 Cor 1:1-11 John 1:43-51	18 St. Athanasius of Alexandria, C No Liturgy	19 St. Macarius of Egypt, C No Liturgy	20 St. Euthymius the Great, C No Liturgy	21 St. Sebastian, M No Liturgy	22 St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul Liturgy 4:00pm 2 Cor 13:5-13 Matt 10:1-6

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.

DECEMBER 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 | Shirley Sokol | Patty Benson
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