



# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

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HOSANNA SUNDAY | 28 MARCH 2021

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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  
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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,

The rites and liturgies of Passion Week represent some of the most ancient and beautiful prayers and ritual gestures in our Syriac Maronite patrimony:

Lazarus Saturday precedes Passion Week as a foretaste of the joy of the Resurrection we celebrate on Easter by commemorating Christ's raising of his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Hosanna Sunday, named for the praises sung by the children and people of Jerusalem, commemorates with great joy the exultant praises offered to our Lord upon His entry into Jerusalem. Churches are decorated with, and are carried in festive procession, palm branches, olive branches, and other greenery. Upon nightfall, traditionally one of the night watches of the Midnight Office is celebrated. This rite, known as the Arrival to the Harbor, commemorates the arrival of the Church to Christ's Passion - the Harbor of Salvation. During this simple, but beautiful rite, candles are held by the clergy and congregation in a darkened church.

On Monday and Tuesday, we will celebrate Vespers, or Evening Prayer. The Divine Office is a cycle of daily prayers prayed by the Church as an extension of the perfect prayer of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The rich texts and hymns of these hours of prayer draw us ever deeper into the mystery of Christ's Passion.

On Wednesday we will celebrate the Rite of the Lamp, the solemn liturgical form of the Anointing of the Sick. Traditionally, this rite was celebrated by seven priests each praying one of the seven watches of the Rite of the Lamp. After a long vigil of prayer, hymns, and scripture oil would be blessed and a person (or persons) would be anointed. This is a beautiful expression of our sacramental life and needed more than ever in the current circumstances.

Thursday is a commemoration of the Mysteries, the Eucharist in particular. In cathedrals, monasteries, and larger parishes a separate rite would be celebrated at another time of the day where the bishop, abbot, or pastor would wash the feet of his clergy in obedience to Christ's mandate to His apostles.

Friday commemorates the Crucifixion of Our Lord with the Presanctified Liturgy celebrated in the morning using the Eucharist consecrated on Holy Thursday and the Adoration of the Cross in the evening commemorating the Burial of Christ.

Saturday of the Light is a day of reconciliation, between Heaven and Earth and between men. We celebrate the Rite of Forgiveness in the morning where we reconcile with one another so that we might celebrate the Peace that was wrought for us by Christ through his Descent to Sheol and his Resurrection from the Dead.

Abouna Aaron

# PARISH INFORMATION

## Parish Office

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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

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# PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship | Week of 21 March 2021

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | \$2,961.00 |
| Electronic Giving          | \$466.00   |
| Bishops Appeal             | \$902.00   |
| Candles                    | \$28.00    |
| Bulletins                  | \$20.0     |

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Received | \$4,377.00 |
| Budget   | \$3,200.00 |
| Surplus  | \$1,177.00 |

## Stewardship | 2021 Year-to-Date

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Received | \$42,567.00 |
| Budget   | \$38,400.00 |
| Surplus  | \$4,167.00  |

## Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Received | \$3,850.00 |
| Goal     | \$5,500.00 |
| Balance  | \$1,650.00 |

## Electronic Giving

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.

# 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. While we cannot currently gather for hospitality, please feel free to introduce yourself to the parish clergy. We hope you will soon make St. George's your spiritual home!

**Hosanna Sunday.** Palms will be blessed at the weekend liturgies and will be made available for the faithful following the liturgy and throughout the week in the **narthex**.

**Passion Week.** Please note the **times and special liturgies and rites of Passion Week** are included in the bulleting calendar. Please make every effort to attend as many of the liturgies of Passion Week as is possible.

**Rite of the Lamp.** Containers with **dough** and **oil** blessed during the Rite of the Lamp will be available following the liturgy for those who would like to take a portion home for their use.

**Parish Lentil Dinner.** All are welcome to join us for a Parish **Lentil Dinner** on the Great Friday of the Crucifixion from **5:00pm to 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. This is a **no-charge event**, but donations are welcome. A presentation will be given during the dinner on one of our ancient Good Friday hymns.

**Second Collections.** The Second Collections are traditionally taken **in appreciation for the Pastor on Easter** and **for the Holy Land on Good Friday**. Thank you for your generosity!

**Easter Flowers.** The Easter Flower **form** or Easter Flower **envelope** is due by **31 March**.

**Easter Schedule.** Please note that there are **two** Liturgies on Great **Saturday** for Easter at **4pm and 7pm** and **one** Liturgy for Easter on **Sunday at 9:30am**.

**Easter Egg Hunt.** Please join us **following the 9:30am Liturgy on Easter Sunday** for an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our children and some **doughnuts and mimosas** for the adults!

**Eparchial Charities Appeal.** Thank you to all who have contributed towards the annual appeal this year. This Sunday is our **last opportunity** for this effort. We are currently **\$1,650.00 short of our goal**. If you have not yet contributed, please discern how you might be able to participate. **Thank you all!**

**CRS Rice Bowl.** The **final date** for contributing to the CRS Rice Bowl campaign will be **Easter Sunday**. For further information, please contact **Gina Michael** at 724.366.4561.

**COVID Practices.** We ask that you kindly mind CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health best practices as much as is reasonably possible. In all things **Christian charity prevails!**

**First Communion.** Our First Communion Class will make their First Communions on **Sunday, 25 April** at the 10:30am Liturgy.

**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.

# LITURGY INTENTIONS

| DAY | DATE   | TIME    | INTENTION                  |  |
|-----|--------|---------|----------------------------|--|
| SAT | 27 MAR | 10:30AM | + Alex Hanein              | <i>by Fr. Aaron</i>                    |
| SAT | 27 MAR | 4:00PM  | + Jerome S. Toth, Jr.      | <i>by Family</i>                       |
| SUN | 28 MAR | 8:30AM  | + Rose Marie Brower        | <i>by Rich Brower</i>                  |
| SUN | 28 MAR | 10:30AM | + Margaret Naffah Ruda     | <i>by Family</i>                       |
| MON | 29 MAR | 8:30AM  | Intentions of Parishioners |  |
| TUE | 30 MAR | 8:30AM  | Intentions of Parishioners |  |
| WED | 31 MAR | 8:30AM  | + George & Ruth Harttung   | <i>by N. Joseph &amp; Beate Nassif</i> |
| THU | 01 APR | 8:30AM  | Intentions of Parishioners |  |
| SAT | 03 APR | 4:00PM  | + Mary Louise Chomiak      |  |
| SAT | 03 APR | 7:00PM  | Intentions of Parishioners |  |
| SUN | 04 APR | 9:30AM  | + T.R. Unice               | <i>by Dee &amp; Family</i>             |

# PARISH CALENDAR

| SUN   | MON   | TUE   | WED  | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b>28</b><br><b>Hosanna Sunday</b><br><br><b>Liturgy   8:50am</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am</b><br><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b><br><b>Arrival at the Harbor   7:00pm</b><br><br>Phil 1:1-13<br>John 12:12-22        | <b>29</b><br><b>Monday of Passion Week</b><br><b>Fast</b><br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Vespers   7:00pm<br><br>Heb 6:1-9<br>Matt 21:17-27 | <b>30</b><br><b>Tuesday of Passion Week</b><br><b>Fast</b><br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Vespers   7:00pm<br><br>1 Thes 2:13-17<br>Luke 13:22-30 | <b>31</b><br><b>Wednesday of Passion Week</b><br><b>Fast</b><br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Rite of the Lamp   7:00pm<br><br>Heb 2:5-12<br>John 11:47-54 | <b>01 Apr</b><br><b>Thursday of the Mysteries</b><br><b>Fast</b><br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Foot Washing   7:00pm<br><br>1 Cor 11:23-32<br>Luke 22:1-23 | <b>02</b><br><b>Great Friday of the Crucifixion</b><br><b>Fast</b><br><br>Presanctified   8:30am<br>Lentil Dinner   5-6:30pm<br>Lecture   6:00pm<br>Adoration of the Cross   7:00pm<br>Heb 12:12-21<br>John 19:31-37 | <b>03</b><br><b>Great Saturday of the Light</b><br><b>Fast</b><br><br>Rite of Forgiveness   10:50am<br><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b><br><b>Rite of Peace   7:00pm</b><br><b>Liturgy   7:30pm</b><br><br>Rom 5:1-11<br>Matt 27:62-66 |
| <b>04</b><br><b>Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection</b><br><br><b>Liturgy   9:30am</b><br><b>Easter Egg Hunt   10:50am</b><br><br>Phil 2:1-11<br>Matt 28:1-10   | <b>05</b><br><b>Monday of White Week</b><br>St. Robert, C<br><br>No Liturgy<br><br>1 Cor 15:1-11<br>Mark 16:9-14                        | <b>06</b><br><b>Tuesday of White Week</b><br>St. Marcellinus, M<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>Rom 6:3-11<br>John 21:1-14                     | <b>07</b><br><b>Wednesday of White Week</b><br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>Col 3:1-11<br>John 21:15-25   | <b>08</b><br><b>Thursday of White Week</b><br>St. Barlaam, M<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>Eph 2:1-10<br>Mark 16:15-18                                 | <b>09</b><br><b>Friday of White Week</b><br>St. Hermas, M<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>Rom 10:4-12<br>Luke 24:36-45  | <b>10</b><br><b>Saturday of White Week</b><br>Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut<br>St. Agabus, C<br><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b><br><br>Col 2:8-15<br>John 20:19-25  |
| <b>11</b><br><b>New Sunday</b><br><br><b>Liturgy   8:50am</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am</b><br><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b><br><br>2 Cor 5:11-21<br>John 20:26-31   | <b>12</b><br>Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, M<br><br>No Liturgy<br><br>1 Pet 1:1-9<br>John 20:1:10                             | <b>13</b><br>St. Zosimas, C<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>1 Pet 1:10-16<br>John 20:11-18   | <b>14</b><br>St. Hermenegild the King, M<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br><br>1 Pet 1:17-21<br>Matt 28:11-15   | <b>15</b><br>Pope St. Soter, M<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>1 Pet 1:22-25<br>Matt 28:16-20  | <b>16</b><br>St. Bernadette Soubirous, C<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br><br>1 Pet 2:1-10<br>John 2:13-25   | <b>17</b><br>Pope St. Agapitus, C<br><br><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b><br><br>1 Pet 2:11-17<br>Matt 22:41-46  |
| <b>18</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection</b><br><br><b>Liturgy   8:50am</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am</b><br><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b><br><br>2 Tim 2:8-13<br>Luke 24:13-35                     | <b>19</b><br>St. Timon the Deacon, M<br><br>No Liturgy<br><br>1 Pet 2:18-25<br>Luke 24:44-49  | <b>20</b><br>St. Nathanael the Hermit, C<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>1 Pet 3:1-12<br>John 6:28-33  | <b>21</b><br>St. Anselm, C<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br><br>1 Pet 3:13-22<br>John 6:34-40  | <b>22</b><br>St. Theodore of Sykeon, C<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>1 Pet 4:1-11<br>John 6:41-47  | <b>23</b><br><b>St. George, M</b><br><br><b>Liturgy   8:50am</b><br><br>2 Tim 2:4-13<br>John 15:1-8  | <b>24</b><br>St. Saba the Commander, M<br><br><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b><br><br>1 Pet 5:1-14<br>John 6:60-71   |
| <b>25</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection</b><br><b>St. George</b><br><br><b>Liturgy   8:50am</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am</b><br><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b><br><br>Heb 13:18-25<br>John 21:1-14 | <b>26</b><br>Pope St. Anacletus I, M<br><br>No Liturgy<br><br>1 Thes 1:1-10<br>Luke 5:1-11  | <b>27</b><br>St. Simon, Brother of the Lord, A<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>Eph 4:10-16<br>Luke 6:12-19                                     | <b>28</b><br>St. John, One of the 72 Disciples, A<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br><br>1 Thes 2:13-20<br>John 6:1-15                                       | <b>29</b><br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm<br><br>1 Thes 3:1-13<br>John 6:16-21  | <b>30</b><br>St. James, Son of Zebedee, A<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br><br>2 Tim 2:4-13<br>John 15:1-8   | <b>01 May</b><br>Jeremiah the Prophet<br><br><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b><br><br>1 Thes 5:12-28<br>Matt 14:22-33   |

# 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.

## MARCH MEMORIALS

|                               |                                 |   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sanctuary Light</b>        | James & Ann Mullen              | <i>by Family</i>                                |
| <b>Vigil Lights</b>           | Jerome S. Toth, Sr. & Jr.       | <i>by Family</i>                                |
| <b>Altar Bread &amp; Wine</b> | Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly | <i>by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, &amp; Families</i> |

## PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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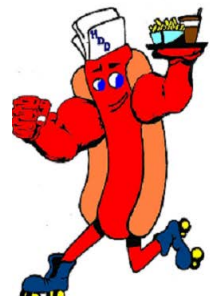
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