



# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST | 11 JULY 2021

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'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 liturgy for the feast of the Massabki Martyrs prays, “The greatness of your love, O Lord, has given martyrs strength and hope to follow you in pain and death. They looked to you and cried aloud: ‘Now let the blood we shed for you adorn your crown, O Son of God.’” As we celebrate their feast this week we pray that our own martyrdom, our witness, may also adorn the Lord’s Crown – His Holy Church.

The Massabki brothers were from a noble Christian family in Damascus in the nineteenth century and were known for their piety and generosity. The Massabki brothers were three of six children, Francis, Abdul Mooti, Raphael (the three martyrs) along with their siblings Abdullah (who later becomes a priest), Mariam and Martha. They lived in a time of great persecution of Christians by the Ottoman Turks. There was much political and religious tension for Maronites and other Christians in both Damascus and Mount Lebanon. On 9 July 1860 a fire broke out through the Christian area of Damascus. Many Maronite families took refuge in a Franciscan convent along with the Massabki brothers and the Franciscan Superior, Father Emmanuel. Father Emmanuel closed the monastery and called everyone to the church where they prayed and made their confession and received communion. While everyone took refuge on the roof, Francis remained prostrate in prayer in the monastery church. Moments later the church was attacked, and Father Emmanuel was captured and told the attackers that he would lead them to the treasure inside the church. He proceeded to the altar, where he lit the candles and took out the Eucharist from the tabernacle. Father Emmanuel was then martyred. The attackers then noticed Francis kneeling in prayer and recognized him. They told him that the sheik had sent them to save him and his family from death on the condition that you deny your faith and convert. Francis answered them, “Sheikh Abdullah can take my money, he can also take my life; but my faith no one can make me deny Christ. I am a Christian and on the faith of Christ, I will die.” Francis was then martyred. The attackers then confronted Abdul Mooti in the convent yard and also asked him to renounce his faith to escape death, He refused and was also martyred. Raphael was hiding inside the convent was offered the same as his brothers, but also refused and was also martyred. According to witnesses, the three Massabki brothers were buried in the convent along with the eight martyr priests and others who had sought refuge there. On 7 October 1926, Pope Pius XI beatified the three brothers. The Massabki brothers are great role models for Maronite families. Although they were rather wealthy they remained faithful and humble. We pray that these great Maronites will soon be recognized amongst our Maronite Saints. We ask for their intercession to help us live our lives as honest Christians, and we pray for all those who are undergoing persecution around the world because of their faith in Christ. May they find refuge and comfort in you Lord. Amen.

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 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. Please feel free to introduce yourself to the parish clergy. We hope you will soon make St. George's your spiritual home!

**Vacation Bible School.** On Friday, 30 July, students entering grades 1-12 are invited to attend a very special one day Vacation Bible School, learning more about our Maronite traditions and celebrating our rich cultural heritage. Save the date for VBS 2021: "Faith, Food, and Family Fun." Please call the Parish Office to register your child or to volunteer to help.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Festival.** Our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival is quickly approaching on Sunday, 8 August 2021 from Noon to 6:00pm. We will be "all hands on deck" in need of volunteers, sponsorships, and your presence that weekend! More information is available on our Parish Website and social media!

**Festival Social Media.** Keep up to date and share our Food Festival Social Media accounts! @stgeorgefoodfestival on Instagram and @uniontownlebanesefestival on Facebook!

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Assumption Pilgrimage.** The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Assumption Pilgrimage at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, OH will be held on 13-15 August 2021. We hope that we will have a nice representation at the Pontifical Liturgy on Sunday, 15 August at 7:00pm.

**Seeking Collection Counters.** Financial best practices call for our parish to maintain a fresh and revolving team of counters to oversee our weekend stewardship. If you are able to serve as a counter, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for training and scheduling. We are in need of a few more volunteers.

**87<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.** The Sisters of St. Basil the Great will hold their 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage at Mount St. Macrina on Sunday, 5 September. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 4:00pm.

**First Responder's Liturgy.** To commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks we will celebrate Liturgy for our First Responders at 4:00pm on Saturday, 11 September.

**Pontifical Liturgy.** Save the date! Bishop Gregory will make a Pastoral Visit to our parish on Sunday, 19 September to celebrate a Pontifical Divine Liturgy with us followed by brunch in the parish hall.

**Rosary Walk.** The Annual Rosary Walk will be held on Sunday, 19 September at 2:00pm.

**Eparchial Benefit.** Save the date! The Twelfth Annual Benefit Event for the Eparchy of Saint Maron will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2021. Details to follow.

**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.

**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.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship | Week of 04 July 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$2,473.00
Electronic Giving	\$511.00
Candles	\$106.00
Received	\$3,090.00
Budget	\$3,200.00
Deficit	-\$110.00

### Stewardship | 2021 Year-to-Date

Received	\$109,659.00
Budget	\$86,400.00
Surplus	\$23,259.00

### Weekly Attendance

SAT 03 JUL 4:00PM	42
SUN 04 JUL 8:30AM	58
SUN 04 JUL 10:30AM	37
TOTAL	137

# LITURGY INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION	
SAT	10 JUL	4:00PM	John Family Reunion Liturgy	
SUN	11 JUL	8:30AM	+ Nassary & Hassoun Amanwelle	<i>by</i> Paroda's, Zamora's, Agbay's, Nicholson's & Ryan's
SUN	11 JUL	10:30AM	+ Tom Unice	<i>by</i> Family
MON	12 JUL			
TUE	13 JUL	6:00PM	+ Mary Louise Chomiak	<i>by</i> Rosemary & Jeff Brooks
WED	14 JUL	8:30AM	+ John Joseph	<i>by</i> Ernie & Corrine Monaco
THU	15 JUL	6:00PM		
FRI	16 JUL	8:30AM		
SAT	17 JUL	4:00PM	+ Fouad John	<i>by</i> Ernie & Corrine Monaco
SUN	18 JUL	8:30AM	+ Maximus Julian	<i>by</i> Steve Tancin & Henry Richard
SUN	18 JUL	10:30AM	+ Joe & Mary Michael & Son Mike	<i>by</i> Woody Kelly & Family

## PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>11</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> St. Benedict, C  Liturgy   8:30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am Liturgy   10:30am Rom 8:1-11 Matt 12:14-21	<b>12</b> St. Rufina and Secunda, M  No Liturgy  Acts 15:36-16:10 Luke 11:1-4	<b>13</b> Joel the Prophet  Liturgy   6:00pm  Acts 16:11-23 Luke 11:5-8	<b>14</b>  Liturgy   8:30am  Acts 16:25-34 Luke 11:9-13	<b>15</b> Sts. Cyriacus and Julitta, M  No Liturgy  Eph 6:17-24 Matt 18:1-6	<b>16</b>  No Liturgy  Acts 17:16-34 Luke 11:24-26	<b>17</b> St. Marina of Qannoubine, C  Liturgy   4:00pm  1 Cor 4:1-8 Matt 25:1-13
<b>18</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> St. Symphorosa & Her Seven Sons, M  Liturgy   8:30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am Liturgy   10:30am 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 Luke 4:14-21	<b>19</b> St. Margaret of Antioch, M  No Liturgy  Acts 18:18-28 Luke 11:33-36	<b>20</b> Elias the Prophet  Liturgy   6:00pm  Rom 11:1-8 Luke 4:22-30	<b>21</b> St. Simeon Salus & His Friend John, C  Liturgy   8:30am  Acts 19:11-22 Luke 11:42-46	<b>22</b> St. Nohra, M St. Mary Magdalene, C  Liturgy   6:00pm  2 Thes 1:1-10 Matt 11:1-6	<b>23</b> St. Sharbel, C  Liturgy   8:30am  Rom 8:28-39 Matt 13:36-43	<b>24</b> St. Christina of Tyre, M  Liturgy   4:00pm  1 Cor 7:36-40 John 15:9-16
<b>25</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> St. Ann, Mother of the Virgin Mary, C  Liturgy   8:30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am Liturgy   10:30am 1 Cor 12:1-11 Matt 12:22-32	<b>26</b> St. Bridget the Queen, C  No Liturgy  Acts 21:1-14 Matt 23:13-15	<b>27</b> St. Pantaleon (Asya) M  No Liturgy  2 Cor 4:7-15 Matt 10:28-33	<b>28</b> St. Anthusa, C,  No Liturgy  Acts 21:27-40 Matt 23:23-26	<b>29</b> Ezekiel the Prophet St. Martha, the Sister of Lazarus, C  Liturgy   6:00pm  Acts 21:40-22:10 Luke 12:1-5	<b>30</b> Sts. Abdon and Sennen, M  Liturgy   8:30am  Acts 22:17-29 Luke 12:6-9	<b>31</b> The Martyrs of the Monastery of St. Maron  Liturgy   4:00pm  Rom 16:17-20 Luke 11:49-54
<b>01 Aug</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> St. Shmooni and her Seven Sons, M  Liturgy   8:30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am Liturgy   10:30am Eph 2:17-22 Matt 16:24-28	<b>02</b> Translation of the Relics of St. Stephen  No Liturgy  Acts 23:12-22 Luke 12:13-21	<b>03</b> David the Prophet  No Liturgy  Acts 23:23-35 Luke 12:22-31	<b>04</b>  Liturgy   8:30am  Acts 24:1-21 Luke 12:32-34	<b>05</b> Moses the Prophet  Liturgy   6:00pm  Acts 24:27-25:12 Luke 12:35-40	<b>06</b> <b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>  Liturgy   8:30am Night at the Races   6:00pm  2 Cor 3:7-17 Mark 9:1-7	<b>07</b> St. Doumit, M  Liturgy   4:00pm  Food Pre-Order Pickup   3-6pm  1 Tim 1:12-19 Matt 6:25-34
<b>08 Aug</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> Pope St. Sixtus II, M  Liturgy   8:30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour   10:15am Liturgy   10:30am Festival   12-6pm Eph 3:1-13 Matt 15:21-28	<b>09</b> St. Matthias, Ap  No Liturgy  1 Cor 4:9-17 Matt 11:25-30	<b>10</b> St. Laurence, M  Liturgy   6:00pm  Acts 27:27-44 Luke 13:1-5	<b>11</b> St. Clare, C  Liturgy   8:30am  Acts 28:1-10 Luke 13:6-9	<b>12</b> St. Shaina, C  Liturgy   6:00pm  Heb 10:32-39 Luke 12:1-5	<b>13</b> St. Hippolytus of Rome, M  Liturgy   8:30am  Acts 28:11-15 Luke 13:18-21	<b>14</b> Micah the Prophet  Liturgy   4:00pm  Acts 28:23-31 Luke 13:22-30

# 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.

## JULY MEMORIALS

<b>Sanctuary Light</b>	James & Ann Mullen	<i>by Family</i>
<b>Vigil Lights</b>	Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly	<i>by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, &amp; Families</i>
<b>Altar Bread &amp; Wine</b>	Amy George	<i>by Husband &amp; Family</i>

## PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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