



# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO GREAT LENT | 19 FEBRUARY 2023

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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  
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.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Lord, may we enter into your Kingdom, its Gates are opened through prayer and fasting.”

As we begin our yearly Lenten Fast let us ponder these words from our liturgy: the Gates of Paradise are opened through fasting. Indeed, the Gates of Paradise are thrown open by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ – but, also, through his other salvific works on our behalf – including all his works of fasting. We, ourselves, are called to enter the Gates of Paradise by fasting. As we begin another year’s great fast let us recommit ourselves – as a parish, and as individuals, to the call of our Lord and His Church to truly embrace the spirit and discipline of the Fast of Great Lent.

It was through fasting that Nineveh avoided destruction, it was through fasting that Ezra bested Satan, it was through fasting that Samuel recovered the Ark of the Covenant, it was through fasting that Esther combatted evil, it was through fasting that Daniel achieved greatness in Persia, and on the list goes throughout the entirety of Scripture. It was through fasting that the power and mercy of God was made known to his people throughout salvation history. As we battle so much evil, sorrow, and desolation in our own days, let us do so through fasting.

In our Syriac Tradition the Lenten fast is traditionally practiced in the following manner: from the evening of Cana Sunday until dinner on the Eve of Easter no food or drink is to be taken until the afternoon (or midday at the least) excluding Saturdays and Sundays and certain great feasts. No meat, meat products, fish, shellfish, dairy, or alcohol is to be consumed during the fast. This is the traditional and ideal practice – let the perfect not be the enemy of the good, so tailor this fast to your physical and logistical capability. But, fasting is not supposed to be easy. It is supposed to be uncomfortable; it is a test of our spiritual and physical fitness. I am praying that our parish may truly enter through the Gates of Paradise this year through a renewed and fervent commitment to the beautiful gift of fasting and prayer that the Church has given us.

Abouna Aaron



# PARISH INFORMATION

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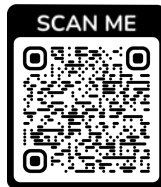
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## Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm  
Sun | 8:30 am e<sup>3</sup> 10:30 am  
Wed | Vespers | 7:00 pm  
Tu - Fri | 8:30 am  
Feasts | 7:00 pm



# PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weeks of 22 Jan – 12 Feb 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$4,879.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,357.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	\$148.00
Candles	\$225.00
Memorials	\$480.00
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$7,473.00</b>
Budget	\$14,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$6,527.00</b>

## Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

Received	\$0.00
Goal	\$5,500.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>

## Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$16,615.00
Budget	\$21,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$4,385.00</b>

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!

**Great Lent.** The Fast of **Great Lent** begins on **Monday, 20 February**. We will celebrate Liturgy at **7:00pm**. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at the liturgy on this day only. This year we have the pleasure of welcoming **His Grace, Bishop Larry Kulick**, the Bishop of the Latin Church of Greensburg as our guest for the beginning of the Lenten observance. A meager meal with lentils and other fasting food will be offered in the Parish Hall following the Monday Liturgy.

**Daily Liturgy.** During the Season of **Great Lent** Daily Liturgy will be celebrated at **8:30am Tuesday to Friday**.

**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.

**Lenten Evening Prayer.** During **Wednesdays of Great Lent** we will pray the Office of **Evening Prayer** at **7:00pm**.

**Benediction of the Cross.** During **Fridays of Great Lent** we will celebrate **Benediction of the Cross** at **7:00pm**.

**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.

**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](http://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.

**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 **7 April**. You may use **either** the form in the bulletin or the envelope that comes with your weekly contribution envelopes.

**Lenten Afternoon of Reflection.** The Ladies of Charity of the Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown, will hold a Sunday of Lenten Reflection on March 19, 2023, at 2:00 pm. The event will be held at St. Mary Nativity Church, Uniontown. Deacon Andrew Hamilton, will speak on "The Story of Queen Esther of the Old Testament-A Model of Feminine Virtue." There is no charge for the afternoon. A social and refreshments in St. Mary Parish Center will follow Deacon Andrew's presentation. For more information about Day of Reflection contact Bobbi, 724.366.1626. All are invited to attend this spirit-filled Lenten Sunday.

**Liturgy Intentions.** Many upcoming **Daily Liturgy** intentions are often open, also with the resumption of dual liturgies on Sunday many upcoming **Sundays have open slots for 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	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>19</b>  <b>Sunday of the Entrance into Lent</b>                      500 Martyrs of Tyre</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b>                      + Elias Gabriel  <i>5 Day Memorial</i>  <b>MCF   9:30am</b>  <b>Liturgy   10:30am</b>                      + Martha Zhoor John &amp; Nina Napoleone  <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Is 55:1-13                      Rom 14:14-23                      John 2:1-11</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>Ash Monday</b>                      St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   7:00pm</b>                      Intentions of Parishioners</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Cor 5:20-6:7                      Matt 24:45-51</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      Rom 15:1-13                      Matt 6:16-21</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am                      Fish Fry   11-6pm                      Confession   6:30pm                      Vespers   7:00pm</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      Rom 15:14-21                      Matt 6:1-4</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      St. Polycarp of Smyrna, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      1 Tim 6:6-12                      Matt 6:25-34</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      St. Margaret the Penitent, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am                      Fish Fry   11-6pm                      Confession   6:30pm                      Lenten Devotions   7:00pm</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Thes 3:6-14                      Matt 7:13-27</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Pope St. Felix II</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b>                      + James Critz  <i>by Wife &amp; Family</i></p> <p>Heb 3:14-4:4                      Luke 18:9-14</p>
<p><b>26</b>  <b>Healing of the Leper</b>                      St. Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b>                      + Shmooni "Mimi" Rafail  <i>by Family</i>  <b>Liturgy   10:30am</b>                      + Frank Kennedy  <i>by Joe &amp; Barbara George</i></p> <p>2 Kings 5:1-14                      Rom 6:12-23                      Luke 1:35-45</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Tim 1:1-11                      Matt 16:24-28</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Sts. Koura and Marana, Disciples of St. Maron, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am                      Bible Study   6:30pm</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Tim 2:1-13                      Matt 18:1-5</p>	<p><b>01 Mar</b>                      St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron, C                      St. Afdokia of Baalbek, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am                      Confession   6:30pm                      Vespers   7:00pm</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Tim 2:14-26                      Matt 20:20-28</p>	<p><b>02</b>  <b>St. John Maron, C</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   7:00pm</b></p> <p>Rom 9:30-10:4                      Luke 2:22-35</p>	<p><b>03</b></p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am                      Fish Fry   11-6pm                      Confession   6:30pm                      Lenten Devotions   7:00pm</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Cor 1:8-14                      Luke 2:36-41</p>	<p><b>04</b>  <b>St. Paul and His Sister, St. Juliana, M</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b>                      + Agnes "Aggie" Almes &amp; Richard "Rick" Davidson  <i>by Larry &amp; Judy Unice</i></p> <p>Tit 1:1-9                      John 13:13-17</p>
<p><b>05</b>  <b>Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman</b>                      St. Albert the Great, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b>                      + Elias G. Rafail  <i>by Family</i>  <b>ARS Dough</b>  <b>Liturgy   10:30am</b>                      + Sobeth &amp; Roubi Barkett Simon  <i>by Woody Kelly &amp; Families</i></p> <p>Num 15:37-41                      2 Cor 7:4-11                      Luke 8:40-56</p>	<p><b>06</b>                      St. Conan of Isauria, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      1 Tim 4:9-16                      John 8:21-27</p>	<p><b>07</b>                      The Seven Young Men of Ephesus, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Cor 8:1-9                      Matt 23:1-12</p>	<p><b>08</b>                      St. Frances of Rome, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am                      Confession   6:30pm                      Vespers   7:00pm</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      Gal 2:1-7                      Matt 17:10-13</p>	<p><b>09</b>  <b>The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   5:15pm</b>                      at St. John's University Parish Morgantown, WV                      +Frank Kennedy  <i>by Randy &amp; Joanne Richey</i></p> <p>2 Cor 4:11-18                      Luke 6:20-23</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      St. Auxentius, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am                      Fish Fry   11-6pm                      Confession   6:30pm                      Lenten Devotions   7:00pm</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      Rom 3:1-7                      Luke 12:16-21</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>St. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, C</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b>                      + Barbara John Ritchey  <i>by the Ladies Guild</i></p> <p>2 Tim 3:1-9                      Matt 12:1-14</p>
<p><b>12</b>  <b>Parable of the Prodigal Son</b>                      Pope St. Gregory the Great</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b>  <b>MCF   9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b>                      + Christopher "Buffy" Kelly  <i>by Mother Sherry &amp; Family</i></p> <p>Zech 3:1-7                      2 Cor 13:5-13                      Luke 15:11-32</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C</p> <p>No Liturgy  <b>Clergy Retreat</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Cor 9:1-15                      Luke 9:37-45</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      St. Euphrasia, C</p> <p>No Liturgy  <b>Clergy Retreat</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      1 Cor 16:15-24                      Mark 8:22-26</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      St. Benedict, C</p> <p>No Liturgy  <b>Clergy Retreat</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      Rom 14:1-13                      Luke 7:1-10</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      St. Papas, M                      The First Council of Constantinople</p> <p>No Liturgy  <b>Clergy Retreat</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Cor 1:23-2:5                      Matt 15:29-39</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      St. Patrick, C</p> <p>No Liturgy  <b>Clergy Retreat</b></p> <p>Fish Fry   11-6pm</p> <p><b>Fast</b>                      2 Cor 12:21-13:5                      Matt 9:27-35</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, C</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b>                      + Robert Wilson  <i>by the Joyce Carbonara Family</i></p> <p>2 Tim 4:9-19                      Mark 3:1-12</p>

# 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.**

## FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

<b>Sanctuary Light</b>	James & Ann Mullen	<i>by Family</i>
<b>Vigil Lights</b>	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	
<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

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin | Teresa Rogers | Aliya Davis | Loretta Joseph | Kimberly Steinmiller | Patty Benson | Joseph Faris, Jr. | Shirley Wolbert Leonard W. Neill II | Davey Rusko | Catherine Delgreco | Joan Mickey | Josette Shady Abi-Nader | Brooklyn Dennis | Rodie Gabriel | Melissa Chomiak Cookie Shady Benson | Tammy McKenzie | Kamberly George | Lorraine Guynn | Marion Bryson | Eileen Crutchman | Barb Howard Misiak | Richard George Amanda Gamble | Teresa Rogers | Helen Adams | Joanne John | Vince Komacko | Tanya Loring Kizner | John Mansberry | Monica Calvert | Duke George

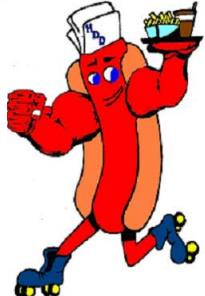
**"May the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of The Lord."**

In memory of the deceased members of the **Lebanese Club.**

By Mr. Arthur Gabriel  
من السيد أسعد زغيب

**pray for peace IN LEBANON**

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