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THE REVELATION TO JOSEPH | 17 DECEMBER 2023

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of the Gospel and living the richness of the Syriac
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Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour
Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

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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,

This Sunday we celebrate the Revelation to Joseph concerning the Incarnation of our Lord within the womb of the Mother of God. The *Sedro* for this feast prays:

Today we celebrate the feast of your Divine Revelation:
The Divine Revelation that Joseph received dispelling his fear.
The Divine Revelation that filled all believers with joy.
The Divine Revelation that removed every doubt from
Joseph regarding the Purest of Virgins.

This is the feast of the Revelation of the Lord not only to Joseph but to all mankind throughout salvation history. On this day, when Joseph received his Revelation from the Lord, all the previous prophecies, whispers, mysteries, and secrets of the Old Law concerning the coming of the Messiah were fulfilled. This is the last revelation of the Old Covenant. Everything that had been whispered by seers, prophets, and mystical teachers of old finds its purpose and apex in this revelation to a simple carpenter in Nazareth.

Let us also allow this Revelation of the Lord's Coming dispel the same doubts and fear that plague us through turbulent times of faith and doubt. Out of the impossible, the improbable, the mindboggling, and mysterious workings of God in our lives, the Lord works wonders among men to bring about our salvation. Let us respond like Joseph, who when confronted with the Revelation from the Lord, embraced it with devotion and zeal, dispelling his doubts and fears, and trusting in the mercy, salvation, and divine plan of God, even amid a trying situation.

"Do not fear, Son of David!" said the angel in a dream, "for the child Mary carries is the Son of God Most High."

Abouna Aaron

PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm
Sun | 8:30 am e³ 10:30 am
Tue | Vespers | 6:00 pm (var)
Tu - Fri | 8:30 am
Feasts | 7:00 pm



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 10 December 2023

1 st Collection	\$1,753.00
Electronic Giving	\$567.00
Candles	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$135.00
Feasts	\$199.00
Bulletin Ads	\$500.00
Second Collections	\$20.00

Received	\$3,274.00
Budget	\$3,500.00
Difference	-\$226.00

Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$181,635.00
Budget	\$164,500.00
Difference	\$17,135.00

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!

Christmas. Please note the **Christmas Liturgical Schedule** | 24 Dec Christmas Eve: Night Prayer (6:30pm) followed by 7:00pm Candlelight Liturgy | 25 Dec Christmas Day: 10:30am Liturgy. Please note for the obligation: The Liturgies of **Sunday Morning do not count for your Christmas Obligation.** You must attend two distinct liturgies on 23-24 Dec for the **Sunday Obligation** and 24-25 for the **Christmas Obligation.** There is no "twofer" for this year, sorry!

Christmas Flowers. Donations may be made In Memory or In Honor of your family members and friends. Please use the flower offering envelope or the form that is inserted in the bulletin. You may place them in the collection or send them to the parish office no later than **19 December.**

Children's Christmas Party. We will hold our annual **Christmas Party** for our children on **Sunday, 17 December at 11:30am.** All are welcome! A normal breakfast will also be held following the 8:30 Liturgy.

Christmas Novena. The Christmas Novena will be celebrated at **7:00pm on 15-23 December.** **Confessions** will be heard from **6:30-7:00pm** preceding the Novena. It is fitting and highly encouraged to make a good confession before the celebration of major feasts. Each evening all are invited to the Rectory following the Novena to share in some Christmas cheer and fellowship.

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

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!

Blood Drive. St. George will host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Friday, 12 January** from **11:30am-5:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

Collection Counters and Lectors. We are in need of volunteers for **collection counters** and **Old Testament Lectors** beginning in the New Year. Willing and interested parties are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Liturgy Intentions. Liturgy Intention scheduling for the new liturgical year can now be done by contacting the Parish Office or in the binder in the narthex. 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 specific or recurring monthly or yearly liturgy, please remember to send in your stipend **before** the liturgy is celebrated.

Bible Study. Our **Bible Study Program** meets twice monthly for Vespers at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm. The current study covers the **Book of Psalms.**

Faith Formation. All school age children are **expected** to be enrolled and regularly attending Faith Formation, participating in the MYO, serving the Liturgy (for boys), or in other roles during and outside the liturgy (for girls).

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. To be **eligible for any Parish Scholarships**, or to be recommended for any **NAM or Eparchial awards**, a child must be a **regular communicant** at Sunday and Festal liturgies and an **active participant** in the MYO/Faith Formation program.

PARISH LITURGICAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>17 Revelation to Joseph The Three Youth in the Furnace Liturgy 8:30am + Loretta M. Joseph <i>by Attorney c̄ Mrs. Dedola</i> Breakfast 9:30am Liturgy 10:30am + Jerome S. Toth Sr & Jerome S. Toth, Jr <i>by Family</i> Children's Breakfast c̄ Program 11:30am Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm Fast Is 7:10-16 Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25</p>	<p>18 Daniel the Prophet</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 10:14-21 John 7:1-10</p>	<p>19 St. Athenodorus, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 11:1-12 John 7:11-18</p>	<p>20 St. Ignatius of Antioch, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Thomas J. George <i>by Paula c̄ Mike George</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 8:31-39 John 12:23-30</p>	<p>21 St. Julian, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 11:25-36 John 7:31-36</p>	<p>22 St. Anastasia of the Balkans, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 12:1-8 John 7:37-44</p>	<p>23 St. Eugenia, M</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Kathy Unice</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 12:9-21 John 7:45-53</p>
<p>24 Genealogy Sunday Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" c̄ Amy George <i>by daughter Kathy</i> Liturgy 10:30am + Freda Kelly <i>by Woody c̄ Family</i> Night Prayer 6:30pm Candlelight Liturgy 7:00pm David Pierce c̄ Abigail Johnson <i>by Patricia Johnson</i> Fast Is 11:1-9 Rom 1:1-12 Matt 1:1-17</p>	<p>25 The Glorious Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p>Liturgy of Christmas Day 10:30am Intentions of Parishioners</p> <p>Is 8:23. 9:1-6 Heb 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20</p>	<p>26 Felicitations to the Mother of God</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Anthony c̄ Amelia George Lucas <i>by Denise c̄ Family</i></p> <p>Eph 1:3-14 Luke 1:46-55</p>	<p>27 St. Stephen, the First Martyr and First Deacon, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Dr. Mike c̄ Paula George</i></p> <p>2 Cir 11:1-9 Matt 23:29-24:2</p>	<p>28 The Adoration of the Magi St. Marina of Pisidia, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Rev 21:9-27 Matt 2:1-12</p>	<p>29 The Flight into Egypt The Massacre of the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Jerome S. Toth, Sr <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Heb 11:23-31 Matt 2:13-18</p>	<p>30 The Return from Egypt to Nazareth St. Anysia, M</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph <i>by Thad c̄ Helen Durka</i></p> <p>Acts 7:2, 30-34 Matt 2:19-21</p>
<p>31 Finding of Our Lord in the Temple St. Zoticus, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Pope Benedict XVI <i>One Year Memorial by Fr. Aaron</i></p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Deceased Children of St. George <i>by Sherry c̄ Family</i></p> <p>1 Kings 3:5-14 Heb 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52</p>	<p>01 Jan The Circumcision of Our Lord Sts. Basil c̄ Gregory, C</p> <p>Liturgy 7:00pm + Elizabeth "Libby" John <i>by Simon c̄ Sherry John</i></p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation Gen 21:1-5 Eph 2:11-22 Luke 2:21</p>	<p>02 Pope St. Silvester I, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Heb 7:1-10 Luke 2:22-24</p>	<p>03 Malachi the Prophet</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Heb 7:20-28 Luke 2:25-35</p>	<p>04 Pope St. Caius, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Heb 6:9-12 Luke 2:36-40</p>	<p>05 Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany St. Paul, the First Hermit, C</p> <p>Liturgy c̄ Blessing of Epiphany Water 7:00pm + Jayne Sandbothe <i>by Fr. Aaron c̄ Family</i></p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation Rom 5:1-11 Luke 3:1-14</p>	<p>06 Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph c̄ Family <i>by Joe T. Joseph</i></p> <p>Ezek 36:22-28 Tit 2:11-3:7 Luke 3:15-22</p>
<p>07 1st Sunday after Epiphany Praises of St. John the Baptist, M Liturgy 8:30am + Helen Unice Durka by Paula Toth c̄ Family MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + James c̄ Betty Mitchell <i>by Woody c̄ Family</i> Is 40:6-11 2 Cor 10:1-11 John 1:29-34</p>	<p>08 St. Carterius the Priest, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Col 2:1-7 Matt 3:13-17</p>	<p>09 St. Eustratius, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Compline 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm</p> <p>Gal 5:2-15 John 5:31-38</p>	<p>10 St. Gregory of Nyssa, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Gal 4:15-26 John 5:39-47</p>	<p>11 St. Theodosius of Antioch, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Gal 6:1-10 Matt 3:7-12</p>	<p>12 St. Tatiana, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Gal 6:11-18 Matt 11:11-15</p>	<p>13 St. Jacob of Nisibis, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Ann Gabriel <i>by Dr. Pete c̄ Mary Gabriel</i></p> <p>2 Cor 12:11-16 John 10:40-42</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.**

DECEMBER MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light
James & Ann Mullen
by Family

Altar Candles
Jerome S. Toth, Sr.
by Family

Altar Bread & Wine
Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly
by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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Kimberly Steinmiller | Patty
Benson | Leonard W. Neill II |
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Nader | Brooklynn Dennis | Gina
Michael | Cookie Shady Benson |
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