



# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF HOLY CROSS | 22 OCTOBER 2023

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.*

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### 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,

Each year we celebrate the Season of the Holy Cross – from the feast until the beginning of the new Church year (usually the first Sunday of November) is devoted to it. The cross is a central Christian symbol, but why do we Syrians give it a feast and an entire season?

St. Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine, built many churches in honor of our Lord in many important locations, spanning from Rome to Jerusalem. One of churches she built in Jerusalem is known as the Holy Sepulcher, which includes many important sites under one roof such as where Christ was crucified, died, was buried, and rose from the grave. In the same spot she had also found the cross of our Lord. The feast, 14 September, marks the consecration of the Holy Sepulcher, where the cross was found, in the year 335.

We venerate the cross, not as a historical object used to crucify Christ, but as the symbol that summarizes His entire worldly and heavenly actions towards us. The abundance of His mercies are innumerable and inexpressible, so He has given us a symbol to encapsulate all of them. The cross mystically represents everything He has done and continues to do on our behalf. As our prayers for the feast say, “The cross is the key to the door of paradise. The cross is the tree planted in the garden of joys.” The cross was both the instrument Jesus chose to redeem us and the instrument He has given us to continue nourishing us spiritually. He sanctified and redeemed us from sin, which Adam’s sin brought into the world, by His cross in His passion. But the cross was not used once only to become irrelevant, but after His life-giving passion, He gives us the same instrument in our own lives.

The cross encapsulates all of Christ’s saving dispensation on our behalf. As such He gives it to the priests of the Church to perfect the Mysteries [i.e. the sacraments]: “O you wood of the cross, how many mysteries are found in you! By your mark all the Mysteries of the Holy Church are performed. Without your holy power, none of them [i.e. the Mysteries] come to completion.” Priests do not perfect the Mysteries by their own power, but by the power that has saved us and continues to save us – the power of Jesus Christ. In each Mystery, the priest makes the sign of the cross because each Mystery draws on the power of the sacrifice of Christ.

The same power of the cross is made available to us. As the prayers of the feast say, “By it [i.e. the cross] we ascend to heaven and by it we are protected in every hour for it has been made for us a refuge day and night.” Each time we draw the sign of the cross upon ourselves, we not only remember the sacrifice of Christ, but we access the power of it. It protects us from harm and sanctifies us in our endeavors; it strengthens us and arms us against spiritual foes. The power of God – beyond comprehensible, expression or summary – is at our disposal simply by tracing it upon ourselves. All we need to do is make the sign of the cross in faith. It is a testament to God’s immense love and mercy towards us – both in that He has saved us and continues to avail His cross to us. For this, we not only celebrate the Holy Cross, but sign ourselves and the Mysteries with it each day. May the cross be our refuge and protection!

Abouna Aaron

# PARISH INFORMATION

## Parish Office

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## Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm

Sun | 8:30 am e<sup>3</sup> 10:30 am

Tue | Vespers | 6:00 pm (var)

Tu - Fri | 8:30 am

Feasts | 7:00 pm



# PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 15 October 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$1,515.00
Electronic Giving	\$788.00
Candles	\$65.00
Vigil Lights	\$40.00
Donation	\$500.00
Donation	\$3,082.00

*in memory of Ferris Antoon  
by his wife Deanna Antoon*

Received	\$5,990.00
Budget	\$3,500.00
Difference	\$2,490.00

## Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$160,158.00
Budget	\$136,500.00
Difference	\$23,658.00

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!

**Second Collection.** A second collection will be taken on **Sunday, 22 October** for **World Mission Sunday**. This collection supports **CNEWA** and the *Propaganda Fide*.

**Pro-Life Collection.** **Knights of Columbus Council 1275** will be having a Pro-Life collection after the liturgy at St. George the weekend of **21-22 October**. Please be thoughtful and generous for we can all "Protect and Save the Unborn Child".

**Trunk or Treat.** Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on **Saturday, 28 October at 5:00pm**. Donations for a small dinner would be greatly appreciated.

**MYO Canned Goods.** The MYO will be collecting **canned goods** for a food drive during the **Trunk or Treat on Saturday, 28 October**.

**Toys for Tots.** The **Uniontown Fire Department** is collecting donations (monetary or toys) for this year's **Toys for Tots**. Donations can be brought to the **Parish Office** or to the **Fire Department**.

**Ladies Guild Food Sale.** If you would like to make an order for the **Ladies Guild Holiday Food Sale** please pickup an **Order Form in the Narthex** and return it by **Monday, 13 November**. **Pickup** for orders will be on **Saturday, 18 November** from **12:00-3:00pm**.

**Bulletin Advertising.** If you wish to **continue (or add an advertisement)** in the Bulletin the yearly cost is **\$250**. **Thank you** to all who have advertised and patronized our businesses. This helps to defray the printing costs of the bulletin each year.

**Troops.** Collections will be taken for our armed service members from **20 October to 20 November**. Checks can be made payable to war veterans.

**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><b>22</b>  <b>6th Sunday of Holy Cross</b>                      Pope St. John Paul II  <b>Liturgy   8:30am</b>                      + Nassry <i>☩</i> Hassoun                      Amanwelle <i>☩</i> Nassry, Jr., Zina, Hala, Mary, <i>☩</i> Julat  <i>by the Paroda Kids</i>  <b>MCF   9:20am</b>  <b>Liturgy   10:30am</b>                      + Loretta Joseph  <i>by Joe ☩ Barbara George</i></p> <p>Prov 6:6-11                      Gal 6:1-10                      Matt 25:14-30</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>1 Cor 6:1-11                      Matt 13:1-9</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      Sts. Arethas <i>☩</i> His Companions, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p><b>Vespers   6:00pm</b>  <b>Bible Study   6:30</b></p> <p>1 Cor 6:12-20                      Matt 13:10-17</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      St. Chrysanthus <i>☩</i> His Wife Daria, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am                      +Palmar Sabatine, Jr  <i>by Mom, Dad, ☩ Aunt Jeanie</i></p> <p>1 Cor 7:1-24                      Matt 13:18-23</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      St. Demetrius, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>1 Cor 7:25-35                      Matt 13:24-30</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      St. Capitolina <i>☩</i> Eroteis of Cappadocia, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>1 Cor 9:13-18                      Matt 13:31-35</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      St. Terence <i>☩</i> His Companions, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b>                      + Joe <i>☩</i> Peggy Williams  <i>by the Williams Children</i></p> <p><b>Trunk or Treat   5:00pm</b></p> <p>1 Cor 9:19-27                      Matt 13:36-43</p>
<p><b>29</b>  <b>7th Sunday of Holy Cross</b>                      St. Anastasia of Rome, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b></p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b>                      + Tomasine Singo  <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Job 29:1-17                      Rom 12:9-21                      Matt 25:31-46</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      St. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>1 Cor 10:1-13                      Matt 13:44-46</p>	<p><b>31</b>                      St. Epimachus, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>1 Cor 10:14-24                      Matt 13:47-53</p>	<p><b>01 Nov</b>  <b>All Saints</b>                      Sts. Cosmas <i>☩</i> Damian, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   7:00pm</b>  <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b></p> <p>Heb 12:18-24                      Matt 5:1-12</p>	<p><b>02</b></p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>1 Cor 12:12-27                      Matt 22:15-22</p>	<p><b>03</b>                      Sts. Akepsimas, Joseph, <i>☩</i> Aithalas, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>1 Cor 13:1-13                      Matt 21:28-32</p>	<p><b>04</b>                      Sts. Vitalis <i>☩</i> Agricola, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b>                      + Loretta Joseph  <i>by Joe T. Joseph ☩ Marcie Lally</i></p> <p>1 Cor 14:1-26                      Matt 21:33-46</p>
<p><b>05</b>  <b>Consecration of the Church</b>                      St. Asya the Righteous, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b>                      + Harriet Williams Rafail  <i>by Family</i>  <b>MCF   9:20am</b>  <b>Liturgy   10:30am</b>                      + Janette Awkar Nagem  <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Is 54:1-10                      Heb 9:1-12                      Matt 16:13-20</p>	<p><b>06</b>                      St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Heb 10:11-18                      John 17:1-8</p>	<p><b>07</b>                      St. Hieron <i>☩</i> His Companions, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>Heb 10:19-25                      John 17:9-13</p>	<p><b>08</b>                      St. Michael the Archangel, An</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am</p> <p>Heb 1:13-2:5                      John 1:43-51</p>	<p><b>09</b>                      St. Matrona of Pamphylia, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Heb 10:32-39                      John 17:20-23</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      St. Maura, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Rom 8:18-26                      John 6:30-40</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      St. Mennas <i>☩</i> His Companions, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b>                      +Helen Unice Durka  <i>Forty Day Memorial</i></p> <p>2 Cor 2:12-17                      Luke 11:33-36</p>
<p><b>12</b>  <b>Renewal of the Church</b>                      St. Theodore, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b></p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b>  <i>Altar Rosary Society Memorial Liturgy</i></p> <p>2 Mac 10:1-8                      Heb 9:11-15                      John 10:22-43</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      St. John Chrysostom, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>1 Tim 2:1-10                      Matt 5:13-17</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      St. Phillip, Ap</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>2 Thes 2:13-3:5                      John 14:8-14</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Sts. Gurias, Samonas, <i>☩</i> Habib the Deacon, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Heb 9:15-23                      John 10:11-16</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>1 Tim 1:12-19                      Matt 9:9-13</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      St. Gregory the Wonderworker, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Heb 10:1-10                      Mark 2:18-22</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      St. Romanos, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b>                      + George GT George  <i>by Children ☩ Grandchildren</i></p> <p>Phil 1:12-21                      Luke 12:11-15</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.**

## OCTOBER MEMORIALS

### Sanctuary Light

James & Ann Mullen  
by Family

### Altar Candles

Joanne Marasky  
by Greg & Cindy Parsons

### Altar Bread & Wine

Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly  
by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families

## PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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