



# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS | 31 OCTOBER 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  
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striving for personal and communal holiness.*

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### PARISH CLERGY

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- Rev. Subdeacon T.R. George
- Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George
- Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Charles D. Machesky
- Rev. Subdeacon Charles J.R. Michael

**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,

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 and every day. May the cross be our refuge and protection!

Abouna Aaron

# PARISH INFORMATION

## Parish Office

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## Mrs. Paula Toth

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## Stay Connected

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## Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm

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

Tue e<sup>3</sup> Thu | 6:00 pm

Wed e<sup>3</sup> Fri | 8:30 am

# PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship

### Week of 24 October 2021

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | \$1,553.00 |
| Electronic Giving          | \$275.00   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection | \$405.00   |
| Bulletin Ads               | \$250.00   |
| Candles                    | \$129.00   |

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Received | \$2,612.00 |
| Budget   | \$3,200.00 |
| Deficit  | -\$588.00  |

## Stewardship | 2021 Year-to-Date

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| Received | \$149,859.00 |
| Budget   | \$134,400.00 |
| Surplus  | \$15,459.00  |

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| SAT 23 OCT 4:00PM  | 35  |
| SUN 24 OCT 8:30AM  | 80  |
| SUN 24 OCT 10:30AM | 50  |
| TOTAL              | 165 |

# 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!

Welcome! We welcome Msgr. Bill Bonczewski who will be with us for the next two weekends. Msgr. Bill recently retired from Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Church in Akron, OH.

Congratulations. We offer our congratulations to Douglas Sanner, Jr and Sydnie Kovacs & Jonathan Schultz and Chelsea Faris who celebrated the Mystery of Crowning last weekend.

St. John the Baptist Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration. Our neighbors at St. John the Baptist will be having a takeout ethnic food festival this Sunday, 31 October from Noon to 4:00pm. The menu is available in the narthex and more information can be found on their parish website or by calling 724.458.6027.

Daylight Savings Time. Please note that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, 7 November. Please remember to turn back your clocks one hour.

Adult Faith Formation. Our Adult Faith Formation program for 2021-2022 will meet on Wednesday, 10 November with Evening Prayer at 6:30pm followed by class at 7:00pm. Fr. Michael Shami will lead this class on Typologies of the Altar and the Cross.

Evening Prayer. We will pray Evening Prayer together in the Church on Wednesday, 10 November at 6:30pm. This is a short time of prayer, hymns, and scripture and a wonderful way to conclude one's day. Please join us!

Faith Formation. Youth Faith Formation will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The next class will be held on Sunday, 14 November at 9:30am.

MYO. 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.

Second Collection. A second collection will be taken on Sunday, 14 November for Maronite Patriarchal Charities. This collection support the Patriarch's charitable efforts in Lebanon and across the Middle East.

Liturgy Intentions. As we begin a new Church Year please schedule any liturgy intentions for the coming year. Liturgies can be offered for recurring memorials for the departed, remembrances for the departed, for the intentions of the living, or other appropriate intentions. We have many open intentions throughout the year so please contact the Parish Office to schedule these dates.

Altar Rosary Society Memorial Liturgy. The Altar Rosary Society will hold its annual Memorial Liturgy on Sunday, 14 November. Fr. Aaron will be the presenting at the luncheon following the Liturgy.

Trunk or Treat Photos. If you have any photos for the archives of our Trunk or Treat festivities last weekend please email Mary Macar at met195312@gmail.com.

Ladies Guild Food Sale. The Ladies Guild will be holding a food sale on 20 November. Orders are due by 15 November. Pickup time will be from 12noon to 3:00pm. Order forms will be available in the narthex.

Donations for Troops. Donations will be accepted for our armed service members through 12 December. Donations can be left in the narthex. A list of needed items is available on the bulletin board.

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

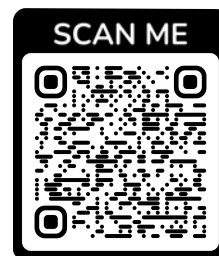
Fayette Gives. Is a community-wide day of giving hosted by the Community Foundation of Fayette County on Tuesday, 16 November from 8:00-8:00pm at [www.fayettegives.org](http://www.fayettegives.org). The St. Vincent de Paul Society is working with CFFC in this endeavor. Donations can be made directly through the website on 16 November or by check at any time.

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.

## St. George eBulletin Flocknote Mailing List

Keep up to date with parish news, events,  
and important communications and surveys!



# LITURGY INTENTIONS

| DAY | DATE   | TIME    | INTENTION   |
|-----|--------|---------|---|
| SAT | 30 OCT | 4:00PM  | + Peggy Williams<br><i>by the Williams Children</i>   |
| SUN | 31 OCT | 8:30AM  | + Steve Deli<br><i>by Bill &amp; Bobbi Ryan</i>   |
| SUN | 31 OCT | 10:30AM | + Thomas J. George<br><i>by Michelle Broadwater</i>   |
| SAT | 06 NOV | 4:00PM  | + Thomas J. George<br><i>by Phillip &amp; Dr. Mabel Howard &amp; sons Phillip &amp; Matthew</i> |
| SUN | 07 NOV | 8:30AM  | + Harriet Rafail<br><i>by Family</i>  |
| SUN | 07 NOV | 10:30AM | + Thomas J. George<br><i>by George &amp; Chris Satovich</i>                                     |
| TUE | 09 NOV | 6:00PM  | + Clinton R. Frangipani<br><i>by Barbara &amp; Thomas Michael</i>                               |
| WED | 10 NOV | 8:30AM  | + Mary Louise Chomiak<br><i>by Barbara &amp; Thomas Michael</i>                                 |
| THU | 11 NOV | 6:00PM  | + Thomas J. George<br><i>by Joseph &amp; Tamara Labuda &amp; Family</i>                         |
| FRI | 12 NOV | 8:30AM  | + John R. Joseph<br><i>by Bev &amp; Eli George</i>  |

# PARISH CALENDAR

| SUN  | MON  | TUE  | WED  | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| <b>31 Oct</b><br><b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross</b><br>St. Epimachus, M<br><br>Liturgy   8:50am<br>Liturgy   10:30am<br><br>Rom 12:9-21<br>Matt 25:31-46  | <b>01 Nov</b><br>Sts. Cosmas and Damian, M<br><br>No Liturgy                     | <b>02</b><br><br>No Liturgy  | <b>03</b><br>Sts. Akepsimas, Joseph & Aithalas, M<br><br>No Liturgy  | <b>04</b><br>Sts. Vitalis & Agricola, M<br><br>No Liturgy                         | <b>05</b><br>St. Asya the Righteous, C<br><br>No Liturgy             | <b>06</b><br>St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, C<br><br>Liturgy   4:00pm |
| <b>07 Nov</b><br><b>Consecration of the Church</b><br>St. Hieron & Companions, M<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Liturgy   10:30am<br><br>Rom 12:9-21<br>Matt 25:31-46  | <b>08</b><br>St. Michael the Archangel, An<br><br>No Liturgy                     | <b>09</b><br>St. Matrona of Pamphylia, C<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm     | <b>10</b><br>Sts. Maura, M<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Vespers   6:30pm<br>Adult Faith Formation   7:00pm                   | <b>11</b><br>Sts. Mennas & Companions, M<br>St. Martin, C<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm | <b>12</b><br>St. Theodore, C<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am                 | <b>13</b><br>St. John Chrysostom, C<br><br>Liturgy   4:00pm                   |
| <b>14 Nov</b><br><b>Announcement to Zechariah</b><br>St. Phillip, Ap<br><br>Liturgy   8:50am<br>Faith Formation   9:30am<br>Liturgy   10:50am<br>Rom 4:13-25<br>Luke 1:1-25                                      | <b>15</b><br>St. Gurias, Samonas, & Adib the Deacon, M<br><br>No Liturgy         | <b>16</b><br>St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm  | <b>17</b><br>St. Gregory the Wonderworker, C<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Vespers   6:30pm<br>Adult Faith Formation   7:00pm | <b>18</b><br>St. Romanos, M<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm                               | <b>19</b><br>Pope St. Pontian, M<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am             | <b>20</b><br>St. Gregory of the Decapolis, C<br><br>Liturgy   4:00pm          |
| <b>21 Nov</b><br><b>Announcement to the Mother of God</b><br>Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple<br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Liturgy   10:50am<br>Free Dinner   12noon<br><br>Gal 3:15-22<br>Luke 1:26-38 | <b>22</b><br>St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary, C<br><br>No Liturgy | <b>23</b><br>St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus, M<br><br>No Liturgy     | <b>24</b><br>St. Catherine of Alexandria, M<br><br>No Liturgy  | <b>25</b><br>Pope St. Clement, I<br><br>No Liturgy                                | <b>26</b><br>St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria, M<br><br>No Liturgy | <b>27</b><br>St. James Interciscus, M<br><br>Liturgy   4:00pm                 |
| <b>28 Nov</b><br><b>Visitation to Elizabeth</b><br>St. Stephen the Younger, M<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Faith Formation   9:30am<br>Liturgy   10:50am<br>Eph 1:1-14<br>Luke 1:39-45                             | <b>29</b><br>St. Saturninus and Sisinius, M<br><br>No Liturgy                    | <b>30</b><br>St. Andrew, Ap<br>St. Bishay, C<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm | <b>01 Dec</b><br>Nahum the Prophet<br><br>Liturgy   8:30am<br>Vespers   6:30pm<br>Adult Faith Formation   7:00pm           | <b>02</b><br>Habakkuk the Prophet<br><br>Liturgy   6:00pm                         | <b>03</b><br><br>Liturgy   8:30am                                    | <b>04</b><br>St. Barbara, M<br><br>Liturgy   4:00pm                           |
|  | Eph 1:15-23<br>Luke 1:46-56  | 1 Cor 1:26-31<br>Matt 4:18-23  | Eph 2:11-16<br>Luke 19:1-10  | Eph 2:17-22<br>John 4:39-42   | Eph 3:14-21<br>Mark 7:24-30  | Eph 4:1-7<br>Luke 5:27-32   |



# 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.

## NOVEMBER 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 C. George                   | <i>by Husband &amp; Family</i>                  |

## PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin | Teresa Rogers | David Gallo | Aliya Davis | Loretta Joseph | Kimberly Steinmiller | Shirley Sokol | Patty Benson  
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