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### PARISH CLERGY

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

**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,

Winter has arrived and with its advent - winter's sister, snow, will begin to make itself present to us in short order. The barrenness of winter, where the leaves have fallen, no fruit is produced, and the coldness of the air reminds us of the barrenness of Elizabeth's womb and the virginity of Mary's womb – where through God's wondrous miracle Life springs forth for the salvation of mankind! The Herald and the Messiah both come to us on earth and from their example and works the barrenness of our hearts is filled with the life and fruit of the Gospel. Let us celebrate the mystery of the birth of John the Forerunner with the joyful expectation of the Lord's coming birth!

As we prepare for Christmas, please take note of opportunities for prayer:

- The Christmas Novena will be celebrated at 7:00pm from 15-23 December with opportunities for Confession before the Novena. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Rectory following the Novena each evening. If you haven't made a good confession in a while, or have friends and family who might need to make a good confession, these evenings are perfect to get that taken care of and enjoy a brief moment of prayer in song in preparation for the glorious feast of Christmas!

Abouna Aaron



# PARISH INFORMATION

## Parish Office

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## Mrs. Paula Toth

### Administrative Assistant

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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 03 December 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$1,381.00
Electronic Giving	\$107.00
Candles	\$120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$510.00
Feasts	\$5.00
War Veterans	\$50.00
Altar Candles	\$40.00
SVDP	\$100.00
Patriarchal Charities	\$20.00

Received	\$2,333.00
Budget	\$3,500.00
Difference	-\$1,167.00

## Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$178,361.00
Budget	\$161,000.00
Difference	\$17,361.00

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 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!

**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 traditional Nativity Fast would begin this year on Wednesday, 15 November and you are encouraged to keep the ancient 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.

**Thanksgiving Dinner.** St. George wishes to **thank** all those who worked at the Thanksgiving Dinner or made a monetary contribution for it.

**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**.

**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.

**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.

**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>10</b> Nativity of St. John the Baptist Pope St. Militades, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Eli &amp; Bev George</i></p> <p><b>MCF   9:20am</b> <b>Rosary   10:00am</b> <b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Ellwood Kelly <i>by his Children</i></p> <p>1 Sam 1:9-23 Gal 4:21-5:1 Luke 1:57-66</p>	<p><b>11</b> St. Daniel the Stylite, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Rom 9:1-5 Luke 1:67-80</p>	<p><b>12</b> St. Spiridion the Wonderworker, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Roseann Nardozi <i>by Faye Lyons</i></p> <p><b>Vespers   6:00pm</b> <b>Bible Study   6:30pm</b></p> <p>Rom 9:6-13 Matt 11:11-15</p>	<p><b>13</b> St. Lucy, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Deanna Antoon</i></p> <p>Rom 9:14-18 Matt 17:9-13</p>	<p><b>14</b> St. Nemptallah El-Hardini, C</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Brian Campbell <i>by John &amp; Lisa Elias</i></p> <p>Rom 12:1-8 Matt 4:18-25</p>	<p><b>15</b> St. Eleutherius &amp; His Mother, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Decorating   6:00pm Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Rom 9:39-33 Matt 11:16-19</p>	<p><b>16</b> Haggai the Prophet, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + James &amp; Ann Mullen + John &amp; Josephine Marhefka <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Rom 10:1-13 John 5:31-36</p>
<p><b>17</b> Revelation to Joseph The Three Youth in the Furnace <b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Loretta M. Joseph <i>by Attorney &amp; Mrs. Dedola</i></p> <p><b>Breakfast   9:30am</b> <b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Jerome S. Toth Sr &amp; Jerome S. Toth, Jr <i>by Family</i></p> <p><b>Children's Breakfast &amp; Program   11:30am</b> Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Is 7:10-16 Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25</p>	<p><b>18</b> Daniel the Prophet</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Rom 10:14-21 John 7:1-10</p>	<p><b>19</b> St. Athenodorus, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Rom 11:1-12 John 7:11-18</p>	<p><b>20</b> St. Ignatius of Antioch, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am + Thomas J. George <i>by Paula &amp; Mike George</i></p> <p>Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Rom 8:31-39 John 12:23-30</p>	<p><b>21</b> St. Julian, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Rom 11:25-36 John 7:31-36</p>	<p><b>22</b> St. Anastasia of the Balkans, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Rom 12:1-8 John 7:37-44</p>	<p><b>23</b> St. Eugenia, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Kathy Unice</i></p> <p>Confessions   6:30pm <b>Novena   7:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Rom 12:9-21 John 7:45-53</p>
<p><b>24</b> Genealogy Sunday <b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" &amp; Amy George <i>by daughter Kathy</i></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Freda Kelly <i>by Woody &amp; Family</i></p> <p>Night Prayer   6:30pm <b>Candlelight Liturgy   7:00pm</b> <i>Available</i></p> <p><b>Fast</b> Is 11:1-9 Rom 1:1-12 Matt 1:1-17</p>	<p><b>25</b> The Glorious Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p><b>Liturgy of Christmas Day   10:30am</b> Intentions of Parishioners</p> <p>Is 8:23, 9:1-6 Heb 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20</p>	<p><b>26</b> Felicitations to the Mother of God</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Eph 1:3-14 Luke 1:46-55</p>	<p><b>27</b> St. Stephen, the First Martyr and First Deacon, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Dr. Mike &amp; Paula George</i></p> <p>2 Cir 11:1-9 Matt 23:29-24:2</p>	<p><b>28</b> 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><b>29</b> 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><b>30</b> The Return from Egypt to Nazareth St. Anysia, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Loretta M. Joseph <i>by Thad &amp; Helen Durka</i></p> <p>Acts 7:2, 30-34 Matt 2:19-21</p>
<p><b>31</b> Finding of Our Lord in the Temple St. Zoticus, M</p> <p><b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Pope Benedict XVI <i>One Year Memorial by Fr. Aaron</i></p> <p><b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Deceased Children of St. George <i>by Sherry &amp; Family</i></p> <p>1 Kings 3:5-14 Eph 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52</p>	<p><b>01 Jan</b> The Circumcision of Our Lord Sts. Basil &amp; Gregory, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   7:00pm</b> + Elizabeth "Libby" John <i>by Simon &amp; Sherry John</i></p> <p><b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> Gen 21:1-5 Eph 2:11-22 Luke 2:21</p>	<p><b>02</b> 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><b>03</b> Malachi the Prophet</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Heb 7:20-28 Luke 2:25-35</p>	<p><b>04</b> Pope St. Caius, M</p> <p>Liturgy   8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Heb 6:9-12 Luke 2:36-40</p>	<p><b>05</b> Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany St. Paul, the First Hermit, C</p> <p><b>Liturgy   7:00pm</b> + Jayne Sandbothe <i>by Fr. Aaron &amp; Family</i></p> <p><b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> Rom 5:1-11 Luke 3:1-14</p>	<p><b>06</b> Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</p> <p><b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Loretta M. Joseph &amp; Family <i>by Joe T. Joseph</i></p> <p>Ezek 36:22-28 Tit 2:11-3:7 Luke 3:15-22</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

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin |  
Teresa Rogers | Aliya Davis |  
Kimberly Steinmiller | Patty  
Benson | Leonard W. Neill II |  
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Nader | Brooklynn Dennis | Gina  
Michael | Cookie Shady Benson |  
Tammy McKenzie | Kamberly  
George | Lorraine Guynn | Marion  
Bryson | Eileen Crutchman | Barb  
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