



SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

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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.*

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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,

The liturgy for the feast of the Massabki Martyrs prays, “The greatness of your love, O Lord, has given martyrs strength and hope to follow you in pain and death. They looked to you and cried aloud: ‘Now let the blood we shed for you adorn your crown, O Son of God.’” As we celebrate their feast this week we pray that our own martyrdom, our witness, may also adorn the Lord’s Crown – His Holy Church.

The Massabki brothers were from a noble Christian family in Damascus in the nineteenth century and were known for their piety and generosity. The Massabki brothers were three of six children, Francis, Abdul Mooti, Raphael (the three martyrs) along with their siblings Abdullah (who later becomes a priest), Mariam and Martha. They lived in a time of great persecution of Christians by the Ottoman Turks. There was much political and religious tension for Maronites and other Christians in both Damascus and Mount Lebanon. On 9 July 1860 a fire broke out through the Christian area of Damascus. Many Maronite families took refuge in a Franciscan convent along with the Massabki brothers and the Franciscan Superior, Father Emmanuel. Father Emmanuel closed the monastery and called everyone to the church where they prayed and made their confession and received communion. While everyone took refuge on the roof, Francis remained prostrate in prayer in the monastery church. Moments later the church was attacked, and Father Emmanuel was captured and told the attackers that he would lead them to the treasure inside the church. He proceeded to the altar, where he lit the candles and took out the Eucharist from the tabernacle. Father Emmanuel was then martyred. The attackers then noticed Francis kneeling in prayer and recognized him. They told him that the sheik had sent them to save him and his family from death on the condition that you deny your faith and convert. Francis answered them, “Sheikh Abdullah can take my money, he can also take my life; but my faith no one can make me deny Christ. I am a Christian and on the faith of Christ, I will die.” Francis was then martyred. The attackers then confronted Abdul Mooti in the convent yard and also asked him to renounce his faith to escape death, He refused and was also martyred. Raphael was hiding inside the convent was offered the same as his brothers, but also refused and was also martyred. According to witnesses, the three Massabki brothers were buried in the convent along with the eight martyr priests and others who had sought refuge there. On 7 October 1926, Pope Pius XI beatified the three brothers. The Massabki brothers are great role models for Maronite families. Although they were rather wealthy they remained faithful and humble. We pray that these great Maronites will soon be recognized amongst our Maronite Saints. We ask for their intercession to help us live our lives as honest Christians, and we pray for all those who are undergoing persecution around the world because of their faith in Christ. May they find refuge and comfort in you Lord. Amen.

Abouna Aaron

PARISH INFORMATION

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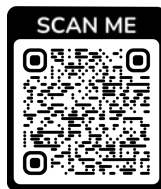
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Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm
Sun | 9:30 am
Tue & Thu | 6:00 pm
Wed & Fri | 8:30 am
Feasts | 6:00 pm



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 19-26 June 2022

1 st Collection	\$2,087.00
Electronic Giving	\$567.00
2 nd Collection	\$236.00
Candles	\$145.00
Received	\$3,035.00
Budget	\$6,600.00
Difference	-\$3,565.00

Stewardship | 2022 YTD

Received	\$76,611.00
Budget	\$84,800.00
Difference	-\$8,189.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

SAT 18 JUN 4:00PM	32
SUN 19 JUN 9:30AM	85
TOTAL	117
SAT 25 JUN 4:00PM	54
SUN 26 JUN 9:30AM	86
TOTAL	140

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!

Vacation Bible School. Join us on **21-22 July** for a celebration of families at our **Summer Bible School Program**. We will study lessons learned from **families** in the Bible, the life of St. Sharbel, and our own parish families to strengthen us and bring us closer to God. More information is available on Facebook, the Parish Website, and in the eBulletin. **Volunteers** are needed. Please call the Parish Office to **register** your family and/or **volunteer**.

Feast of St. Sharbel. We will celebrate the **Feast of St. Sharbel** on **Friday, 22 July** with **Liturgy at 6:00pm**. There will be a **veneration and blessing with the relics** of St. Sharbel and the Lebanese Saints and the **Anointing of the Sick**. Please invite your friends and family!

Summer Stewardship and Online Giving. Please remember St. George as you travel during the summer months. Our bills and expenses remain even as we enjoy our vacations and travels. Inflation and fuel prices are painful for us individually, but also as a parish as our fuel expenses and other regular utilities are also impacted by the current financial trends. **Online stewardship** is the easiest, most secure, and most reliable way of contributing to the financial stability and health of the 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 to St. George Church.

Sick Calls and Emergencies. In the event of an **emergency**, or for **regular** or **as needed** sick calls or communion calls, Fr. Aaron can be reached **directly** via **cell phone** or **email**. His cell phone number and email are on the front of the bulletin and on the back of the bulletin. Appointments for visits, confessions, or spiritual direction can also be made by **phoning or emailing the parish office**.

St. George Food Festival. The **26th Annual St. George Lebanese Food Festival** will be held on **Sunday, 7 August 2022**. Sponsorships, raffle opportunities, and volunteer signups will follow shortly along with other information!

Festival Baskets. **Barb Sisson** is coordinating the **gift basket raffle** for our festival on 7 August. If you are willing to **donate a basket or volunteer** to help, please contact Barb at 724.438.5673.

Festival Pre-Sale. The Ladies Guild will be accepting orders for certain bulk food items before the Food Festival. These orders must be **\$75 or more** and **must** be placed by **Saturday, 23 July 2022**. Orders can be placed by calling Mary Jo at 724.208.0617. Pickup for all orders will be on **Saturday, 6 August 2022** between **Noon and 3:00pm**.

Seeking Collection Counters. Financial **best practices** call for our parish to maintain a fresh and **revolving** team of counters to oversee our weekend stewardship. If you can serve as a counter, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for training and scheduling.

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.

PARISH LITURGICAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10 6th Sunday of Pentecost Massabki Martyrs Liturgy 9:30am +Simon, Franklin William, Elias, Andy, <i>ē</i> Michael <i>John Family Reunion</i> Ezek 3:1-12 1 Cor 12:12-30 Matt 10:16-25	11 St. Benedict, Abbot No Liturgy Acts 12:1-11 Matt 15:1-9	12 St. Ruffina and Secunda, M St. Susanna of Rome, M No Liturgy Acts 12:12-24 Matt 15:10-20	13 Joel the Prophet No Liturgy Acts 12:25-13:12 Matt 15:21-28	14 No Liturgy Acts 13:26-39 Matt 16:1-4	15 Sts. Cyriacus and His Mother Julitta No Liturgy Acts 13:44-52 Matt 16:5-12	16 Liturgy 4:00pm Health <i>ē</i> Welfare of the Chrash & Dimitroff Families Acts 11:19-30 John 3:31-36
17 7th Sunday of Pentecost St. Marina of Qannoubine, C Liturgy 9:30am +Joe <i>ē</i> Elizabeth Michael & Son Mike <i>by Woody Kelly <i>ē</i> Family</i> Num 11:16-29 Rom 8:28-39 Matt 13:36-43	18 St. Symphorosa & Her Seven Sons, M No Liturgy Acts 14:1-7 Luke 10:8-12	19 St. Margaret of Antioch, M Liturgy 6:00pm Acts 14:8-18 Luke 10:13-16	20 Elias the Prophet Liturgy 8:30am +Mary Louise Chomiak <i>by Charles Alice Yezbak</i> Rom 11:1-8 Luke 4:22-30	21 St. Simeon Salus & His Friend St. John VBS 2:00-5:00pm Liturgy 6:00pm +Connie Ferris <i>by Helen Unice <i>ē</i> Thad Durka</i> Acts 15:1-12 Luke 10:25-28	22 St. Sharbel (Vigil) St. Mary Magdalene St. Nohra, M VBS 4:00-8:00pm Liturgy 6:00pm Anointing of the Sick Blessing with Relics 2 Thes 1:1-10 Matt 11:1-6	23 St. Sharbel, C Liturgy 4:00pm +William John Family (Kingwood, WV) <i>by Joseph <i>ē</i> Beate Nassif</i> Rom 8:28-39 Matt 13:36-43
24 8th Sunday of Pentecost St. Christina of Tyre, M Liturgy 9:30am +Jesse <i>ē</i> Joanne Sulik Risha <i>by Joe <i>ē</i> Ronda Risha <i>ē</i> Family</i> Isaiah 42:1-9 Rom 8:1-11 Matt 12:14-21	25 St. Ann, Mother of the Virgin Mary, C No Liturgy Acts 15:36-16:10 Luke 11:1-4	26 St. Bridget of Sweden, C Liturgy 6:00pm Acts 16:11-23 Luke 11:5-8	27 St. Pantaleon (Asya), M Liturgy 8:30am 2 Cor 4:7-15 Matt 10:28-33	28 Constantinople III St. Anthonia, C Liturgy 6:00pm Acts 17:1-12 Luke 11:14-23	29 Ezekiel the Prophet St. Martha, the Sister of Lazarus, C Liturgy 8:30am Acts 17:16-34 Luke 11:24-26	30 St. Abdon and Sennen, M Liturgy 4:00pm +Connie Ferris <i>by Ladies Guild</i> Acts 18:1-11 Luke 11:27-32
31 9th Sunday of Pentecost The 350 Martyrs Liturgy 9:30am +Bernard (Beaver) John <i>by Simon John <i>ē</i> Family</i> Isaiah 61:1-11 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 Luke 4:14-21	01 Aug St. Shmooni and Her Sons, M No Liturgy 1 Cor 10:23-33 Luke 11:49-54	02 Translation of the Relics of St. Stephen the Protomartyr Liturgy 6:00pm Acts 19:1-10 Luke 11:33-36	03 David the Prophet Liturgy 8:30am + Connie Ferris <i>by Phillip <i>ē</i> Dr. Mabel Howard</i> Acts 19:11-22 Luke 11:42-46	04 Liturgy 6:00pm Acts 19:23-40 Luke 11:47-51	05 Moses the Prophet Liturgy 8:30am Acts 20:6-16 Luke 11:52-54	06 The Transfiguration of Our Lord Liturgy 4:00pm +James <i>ē</i> Tammer Gabriel <i>by Family</i> 2 Cor 3:7-17 Mark 9:1-7

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.**

JULY MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light	James & Ann Mullen	<i>by Family</i>
Vigil Lights	Available	
Altar Bread & Wine	Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly	<i>by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families</i>

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin | Teresa Rogers | David Gallo | Aliya Davis | Loretta Joseph | Kimberly Steinmiller | Patty Benson
 Leonard W. Neill II | Davey Rusko | Catherine Delgreco | Joan Mickey | Josette Shady Abi-Nader | Brooklynn Dennis | Rodie Gabriel
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