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UNIONTOWN, PA

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON | 07 MARCH 2021

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of the Gospel and living the richness of the Syriac
Maronite Tradition through worship, charity, and
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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,

“True Father, You received the Prodigal Son after he squandered Your possessions in debauchery and drunkenness. You took him by the neck and kissed him, slaughtered a fattened calf and received him – receive Your servants, O Compassionate One, who return and come to Your sheepfold while the angels and watchers rejoice in the hope there is for the repentant” (From Sunday Maronite Morning Prayer).

This week we commemorate the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The other Sundays of Great Lent commemorate specific miracles that Christ performed during his life – the transmutation of water into wine, granting sight to the blind, movement to the paralyzed, healing to the leprous, etc. However, this week we commemorate a miracle performed on the behalf of all mankind – the mercy shown by God to the repentant sinner.

The healings and miracles performed by Christ were demonstrations of His Divinity and Power. The parable we commemorate today demonstrates God’s strength through forbearance and His longsuffering mercy. God, as He did in the times of Noah, could punish the wicked with utter destruction, yet He promised mankind He would not do so ever again. Christ, at the urging of the angels surrounding the Cross, could have rained down lightning and might from Heaven to destroy those who were crucifying Him on Good Friday. Yet, He chose to submit to their unjust punishment. God has shown His might through choosing mercy for sinners rather than just judgment. Like the Prodigal Son, we have squandered the Gifts of God throughout our lives. But, also like the Prodigal Son if we return to God in sincere repentance He has already slaughtered the finest Offering on our behalf – His only-Begotten Son upon the Cross and is ready to welcome us home to the eternal banquet of Heaven.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm
Sun | 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Tue & Thu | 6:00 pm
Wed & Fri | 8:30 am

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship | Week of 28 February 2021

1 st Collection	\$1,679.00
Electronic Giving	\$476.00
Bishops Appeal	\$690.00
Candles	\$50.00
Feasts	\$2.00

Received	\$2,897.00
Budget	\$3,200.00
Deficit	-\$303.00

Stewardship | 2021 Year-to-Date

Received	\$29,048.00
Budget	\$28,800.00
Surplus	\$248.00

Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

Received	\$1,047.00
Goal	\$5,500.00
Balance	\$4,453.00

Electronic Giving

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.

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 your spiritual home**. We are happy to have you worshipping with us. While we cannot currently gather for hospitality please feel free to introduce yourself to the parish clergy. We hope you will soon make St. George's your spiritual home!

Confessions & Lenten Evening Prayer. We will celebrate **Evening Prayer** during the **Wednesdays of Great Lent**. **Confessions** will be heard at **5:30pm** followed by Evening Prayer at **6:00pm**.

Confessions & Lenten Devotions. During **Fridays of Great Lent** Confessions will be heard at **6:00pm** while Stations of the Cross or other devotions may take place.

Evening Prayer & Benediction of the Cross. During **Fridays of Great Lent** we will pray the Office of **Evening Prayer** at **6:30pm** followed by the **Benediction of the Cross**.

Lenten Fish Fry. We will be having Lenten Fish Fries during the **Fridays of Great Lent**. Lunch will be served from **11:00am-2:00pm** and Dinner from **4:00pm-6:00pm**. Preorders are available and **recommended**. More information will be available on our website and Facebook. We are also in need of **volunteers** to help work shifts. Please contact Mary Jo Rozgony to schedule workers: 724.208.0617.

Easter Flowers. The Easter Flower **form** or Easter Flower **envelope** is due by **31 March**. You may use **either** the form in the bulletin or the envelope that comes with your weekly contribution envelopes.

Eparchial Charities Appeal is the annual Bishop's Appeal that funds our **Seminary**, helps our **retired clergy**, and funds many initiatives throughout the Eparchy. For 2021 our parish has been **assessed a goal of \$5,500**. Thank you for your generosity to our Eparchy to further the Work of God in the United States.

CRS Rice Bowl. St. George Church is participating in the Catholic Relief Services **"Rice Bowl"** for the fourth year. We know how important it is to make this donation as a parish community. Once again, your support is very important and much appreciated. You may **write a check** payable to **St. George Church** (note CRS on your check memo line), **donate directly** to CRS online via: crsricebowl.org/give or **drop your loose change** into the **"Rice Bowls"** which you can **find in the narthex**. For further information, please contact Gina Michael at 724.366.4561.

Adult Faith Formation. Continuing Adult Faith Formation will be held on **Tuesday at 7:00pm** on 16 Mar.

Youth Faith Formation. Classes will meet on Sundays, 14 & 28 Mar.

COVID Practices. We ask that you kindly mind CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health best practices as much as is reasonably possible. In all things **Christian charity prevails!**

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.

First Confession & Communion. Our First Communion Class will make their First Confessions on **Sunday, 21 March** following the 8:30am Liturgy. First Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, 25 April** at the 10:30am Liturgy.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE TIME	INTENTION	
SAT	06 MAR 4:00PM	+ Amy George	<i>by Brandon & Catherine Bukovitz</i>
SUN	07 MAR 8:30AM	+ Elias Rafail	<i>by Family</i>
SUN	07 MAR 10:30AM	+ Mary Louise Chomiak	<i>by Rose Marie Hensch</i>
MON	08 MAR	No Liturgy	
TUE	09 MAR 6:00PM	+ Dewey & Mary John Michael	<i>by Connie Williams Evans & Family</i>
WED	10 MAR 8:30AM	+ Amy George	<i>by Arlene & Bob Wilson</i>
WED	10 MAR 6:00PM	Vespers Evening Prayer	
THU	11 MAR 6:00PM	+ Bonnie Nara Morley	<i>by the Horvath Family</i>
FRI	12 MAR 8:30AM	Healing Liturgy	<i>for Nina Napoleone</i>
FRI	12 MAR 6:30PM	Vespers & Benediction of the Cross	
SAT	13 MAR 4:00PM	+ Mary Louise Chomiak	<i>by Pam & Terry Miller</i>
SUN	14 MAR 8:30AM	+ Loretta Friend	<i>by Shirley & Donna Howard</i>
SUN	14 MAR 10:30AM	+ Christopher "Buffy" Kelly	<i>by Mother Sherry & Family</i>

PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
07 Parable of the Prodigal Son Liturgy 8:30am 3 rd Hour 10:15am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 13:5-13 Luke 15:11-32	08 St. Frances of Rome, C Fast No Liturgy 2 Cor 9:1a, 5-15 Luke 9L37-45	09 The Forty Martyrs NO FAST Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 4:11-18 Luke 6:20-23	10 St. Auxentius, C Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Rom 14:1-13 Luke 7:1-10	11 St. Sophronius, C Bishop of Jerusalem Fast Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 1:23-2:5 Matt 15:29-39	12 Pope St. Gregory the Great Fast Liturgy 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2:00pm Fish Fry 4-6:00pm Confessions 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:30pm 2 Cor 12:21:13:5 Matt 9:27-35	13 St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C Liturgy 4:00pm 2 Tim 4:9-19 Mark 3:1-12
14 Healing of the Paralytic Liturgy 8:30am Faith Formation 9:20am 3 rd Hour 10:15am Liturgy 10:30am Daylight Savings 1 Tim 5:24-6:5 Mark 2:1-12	15 St. Benedict Fast No Liturgy Eph 5:3-13 Mark 5:1-20	16 St. Pappas, M Fast Liturgy 6:00pm Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm 1 Tim 1:1-8 Mark 6:47-56	17 St. Patrick, C Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Eph 6:1-9 Luke 7:11-17	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem Fast Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Tim 1:6-14 Mark 4:33-41	19 St. Joseph [Fast Optional] Liturgy 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2:00pm Fish Fry 4-6:00pm Confessions 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:30pm	20 St. Photina of Samaria, C Liturgy 4:00pm Col 3:23-4:7 Mark 7:31-37
21 Healing of the Blind Man Liturgy 8:30am 3 rd Hour 10:15am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52	22 St. Sergius Paulus, C Fast No Liturgy Rom 15:25-33 John 7:32-36	23 St. Rafka, C Fast Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 1:1-7 Luke 10:38-42	24 St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia, C Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm 1 Thes 4:1-9 Luke 11:37-48	25 Annunciation to the Mother of God NO FAST Liturgy 6:00pm Gal 3:15-22 Luke 1:26-38	26 St. Gabriel Fast Liturgy 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2:00pm Fish Fry 4-6:00pm Confessions 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:30pm	27 Lazarus Saturday Liturgy 10:30am Liturgy 4:00pm 1 Thes 2:17-3:5 John 11:55-12:11
28 Hosanna Sunday Liturgy 8:30am 3 rd Hour 10:15am Liturgy 10:30am Arrival at the Harbor 7:00pm Phil 1:1-13 John 12:12-22	29 Monday of Passion Week Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 7:00pm Heb 6:1-9 Matt 21:17-27	30 Tuesday of Passion Week Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 7:00pm 1 Thes 2:13-17 Luke 13:22-30	31 Wednesday of Passion Week Fast Liturgy 8:30am Rite of the Lamp 7:00pm Heb 2:5-12 John 11:47-54	01 Apr Thursday of the Mysteries Fast Liturgy 7:00pm Foot Washing 8:00pm 1 Cor 11:23-32 Luke 22:1-23	02 Great Friday of the Crucifixion Fast Presanctified 8:30am Lentil Dinner 5-6:30pm Lecture 6:00pm Adoration of the Cross 7:00pm Heb 12:12-21 John 19:31-37	03 Great Saturday of the Light Fast Rite of Forgiveness 10:50am Liturgy 4:00pm Rite of Peace 7:00pm Liturgy 7:30pm Rom 5:1-11 Matt 27:62-66
04 Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection Liturgy 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Phil 2:1-11 Matt 28:1-10	05 Monday of White Week St. Robert, C No Liturgy 1 Cor 15:1-11 Mark 16:9-14	06 Tuesday of White Week St. Marcellinus, M Liturgy 6:00pm Rom 6:3-11 John 21:1-14	07 Wednesday of White Week Liturgy 6:00pm Col 3:1-11 John 21:15-25	08 Thursday of White Week St. Barlaam, M Liturgy 6:00pm Eph 2:1-10 Mark 16:15-18	09 Friday of White Week St. Hermas, M Liturgy 6:00pm Rom 10:4-12 Luke 24:36-45	10 Saturday of White Week Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut St. Agabus, C Liturgy 4:00pm Col 2:8-15 John 20:19-25

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.

MARCH MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light	James & Ann Mullen	<i>by Family</i>
Vigil Lights	Jerome S. Toth, Sr. & Jr.	<i>by Family</i>
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
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