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*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
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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,

One of the verses of the *mazmooro* for this feast prays:

The barren Elizabeth greets Mary,
the daughter of David, the Mother of our Lord:
Come in peace, for the Child in your womb
is the Creator of the world and its inhabitants.

Today we commemorate the visitation of Mary and Elizabeth and the visitation of Jesus to his herald, John the Baptist. This great meeting – between the Virgin and the Barren One, between the Word, and His Voice, is a marvel for us to ponder. In the hills of Judea, the Creator of the cosmos goes on a trip to meet the Forerunner, and the Mother of God, Mother and Virgin, goes to meet her cousin, the righteous Elizabeth, the Barren One with child.

This great day of contradictions, paradoxes, and miraculous visitations sets the tone for us for the rest of the Season of Announcement. We can never fully understand the importance of the events we commemorate this month. However, the joy that Elizabeth and Mary share together in this visit is the same joy that we experience every time we commemorate the Birth of Our Lord during the Christmas season. The Lord, out of His love for us, has come to visit us! Let us receive Him with joy!

Abouna Aaron

PARISH INFORMATION

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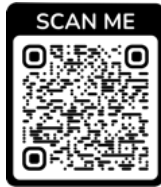
Sat | 4:00 pm

Sun | 8:30 am e³ 10:30 am

Tue | Vespers | 6:00 pm (var)

Tu - Fri | 8:30 am

Feasts | 7:00 pm



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 26 November 2023

1 st Collection	\$1,763.00
Electronic Giving	\$131.00
Candles	\$55.00
Christmas Flowers	\$280.00
Bulletin Advertising	\$500.00
Received	\$2,702.00
Budget	\$3,500.00
Difference	-\$798.00

Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$176,028.00
Budget	\$157,500.00
Difference	\$18,528.00

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**.

ARS-LG Christmas Party. Ladies attending the **Altar e³ Rosary-Ladies Guild Christmas Party** on 3 December are asked to **bring men's socks for St. Vincent DePaul**. Each pack of socks will receive a ticket to win a door prize. Bring as many as you like!

St. Barbara. In honor of the **Feast of St. Barbara**, youth in our **MCF program** are invited and **encouraged to dress as saints** (or bring another appropriate Halloween Costume out of storage) on **Sunday, 3 December**. St. Barbara treats will be available for the Children on this day!

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.

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**.

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>03 Announcement of the Virgin to Elizabeth Liturgy 8:30am +Suzanne <i>☪</i> Joseph Elardo <i>by daughters Mary ☪ Nancy ☪ Families</i> MCF 9:20am St. Barbara Party Liturgy 10:30am +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Sherry ☪ Family</i> LG/ARS Christmas Party 12:30pm 2 Sam 6:9-18 Eph 1:1-14 Luke 1:39-45</p>	<p>04 St. Barbara, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>1 Cor 7:36-40 Matt 25:1-13</p>	<p>05 St. Saba the Hermit, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + John Dimitroff <i>by Melany ☪ Greg Chrasb</i></p> <p>Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30</p> <p>Eph 2:1-10 Luke 10:38-42</p>	<p>06 St. Nicholas (Zakhia), C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Rosann Nardozi <i>by Rutbanne ☪ Palmar Sabatine</i></p> <p>Heb 13:7-17 Matt 25:14-30</p>	<p>07 St. Ambrose of Milan, C</p> <p>Vigil Liturgy 7:00pm + Amy George <i>by daughter Kathy</i></p> <p>[Holy Day of Obligation 7pm]</p> <p>Eph 2:17-22 John 4:39-42</p>	<p>08 The Conception of the Mother of God</p> <p>Liturgy 8:50am Living Members of the Ladies Guild</p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation 8:30am</p> <p>Heb 7:11-17 Luke 11:27-32</p>	<p>09 St. Francis of Paola, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph <i>by Joe Joseph</i></p> <p>Eph 4:1-7 Luke 5:27-32</p>
<p>10 Nativity of St. John the Baptist Pope St. Militades, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Eli ☪ Bev George</i></p> <p>MCF 9:20am Rosary 10:00am Liturgy 10:30am + 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>11 St. Daniel the Stylite, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Rom 9:1-5 Luke 1:67-80</p>	<p>12 St. Spiridion the Wonderworker, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Roseann Nardozi <i>by Faye Lyons</i></p> <p>Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30</p> <p>Rom 9:6-13 Matt 11:11-15</p>	<p>13 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>14 St. Nemtallah El-Hardini, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Brian Campbell <i>by John ☪ Lisa Elias</i></p> <p>Rom 12:1-8 Matt 4:18-25</p>	<p>15 St. Eleutherius ☪ His Mother, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Decorating 6:00pm Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 9:39-33 Matt 11:16-19</p>	<p>16 Haggai the Prophet, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + James ☪ Ann Mullen + John ☪ Josephine Marhefka <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 10:1-13 John 5:31-36</p>
<p>17 Revelation to Joseph The Three Youth in the Furnace Liturgy 8:50am + Loretta M. Joseph <i>by Attorney ☪ Mrs. Dedola</i> Breakfast 9:50am Liturgy 10:30am + Jerome S. Toth Sr & Jerome S. Toth, Jr <i>by Family</i> Children's Breakfast ☪ Program 11:30am Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm Fast Is 7:10-16 Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25</p>	<p>18 Daniel the Prophet</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 10:14-21 John 7:1-10</p>	<p>19 St. Athenodorus, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 11:1-12 John 7:11-18</p>	<p>20 St. Ignatius of Antioch, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Thomas J. George <i>by Paula ☪ Mike George</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 8:31-39 John 12:23-30</p>	<p>21 St. Julian, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 11:25-36 John 7:31-36</p>	<p>22 St. Anastasia of the Balkans, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am <i>Available</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 12:1-8 John 7:37-44</p>	<p>23 St. Eugenia, M</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Kathy Unice</i></p> <p>Confessions 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 12:9-21 John 7:45-53</p>
<p>24 Genealogy Sunday Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" ☪ Amy George <i>by daughter Kathy</i> Liturgy 10:30am + Freda Kelly <i>by Woody ☪ Family</i> Night Prayer 6:30pm Candlelight Liturgy 7:00pm <i>Available</i> Fast Is 11:1-9 Rom 1:1-12 Matt 1:1-17</p>	<p>25 The Glorious Birth of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p>Liturgy of Christmas Day 10:30am Intentions of Parishioners</p> <p>Is 8:23. 9:1-6 Heb 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20</p>	<p>26 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>27 St. Stephen, the First Martyr and First Deacon, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am +Helen Unice Durka <i>by Dr. Mike ☪ Paula George</i></p> <p>2 Cir 11:1-9 Matt 23:29-24:2</p>	<p>28 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>29 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>30 The Return from Egypt to Nazareth St. Anysia, M</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph <i>by Thad ☪ Helen Durka</i></p> <p>Acts 7:2, 30-34 Matt 2:19-21</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

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Benson | Leonard W. Neill II |
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