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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,

During the Liturgy we sing a beautiful hymn following the reception of Communion while the priest performs the ablutions. The text of this hymn comes from our funerary tradition and is sung during the *gnizo* celebrated before the burial. The text translates as:

Because I have consumed your Holy Body may the fire not consume me, and because I have touched it to my eyes, may they behold, O Lord, Your grace. Here, O Lord, I have not been a stranger to You, there may I not be an outcast. Do not set me among the goats, but make me worthy to praise You with the lambs at Your right hand.

You have given me, O Son of God, food for the journey, and when I was hungry I partook of Your Gift, O Savior of the World. May the fire shrink back from my members as the perfume of Your Body and Blood drives it from me. May Your Baptism be for me an unfailing ship to transport me from the region of fear to the place of the fullness of life.

While taken from the funeral rites, this hymn has traditionally played a recurring part in our communion rite at the Liturgy in the Maronite tradition. This is a profoundly beautiful reflection on the role the Eucharist has in our path from this World to the Next. This hymn reflects on the human condition – the reference to the senses (taste, smell, etc.) and on the spiritual condition (our proximity or estrangement from God). The Eucharist is described as *viaticum* or “food for the journey” that nourishes us not only in this life on earth but also in the journey from this life to Paradise. This hymn is also demonstrative of Syriac cosmology, where our tradition describes the afterlife as a journey over a lake of fire on the way to paradise. The fragrance of the Eucharist serves as a “shield” that fends off the flames and also prowling demons that seek to take a soul into Gehenna. Baptism serves as our boat across the fire with the Eucharist as our guide and guardian to the place “full of life.”

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgical Schedule

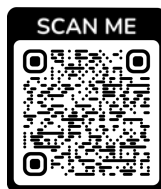
Sat | 4:00 pm

Sun | 8:30 am e³ 10:30 am

Wed | Vespers | 7:00 pm

Tu - Fri | 8:30 am

Feasts | 7:00 pm



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Week of 25 June 2023

1 st Collection	\$1,451.00
Electronic Giving	\$412.00

2 nd Collections	\$250.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$2,250.00
Candles	\$59.00

Received	\$4,422.00
Budget	\$3,500.00
Difference	\$922.00

Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$114,639.00
Budget	\$87,500.00
Difference	\$27,139.00

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!

Lebanese Food Festival. We will hold our annual Lebanese Food Festival on **Sunday 23, July**. Sponsorships, raffle opportunities, and volunteer signups will follow shortly along with other information!

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, 14 July**. Orders can be placed by calling Mary Jo at 724.208.0617. Pickup for all orders will be on **Saturday, 22 July** between **Noon and 3:00pm**.

Festival Bake Sale. Donations are appreciated for the **bake sale** for the festival. Contact Danita Jeffries (724.557.2547), Mary Gabriel, or Mary Macar with any questions. Items can be dropped off on **22 July** during the pre-sale pickup or the morning of the festival on **23 July**.

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

Feast of St. Sharbel. We will celebrate the **Feast of St. Sharbel** on **Sunday, 23 July** with **Liturgy at 10:30am**. 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 – and stay for the festival!

Bible Study. Our **Bible Study Program** meets twice monthly for Vespers at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm. The current study is on the **Gospel of St. John**.

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. **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.

SVDP. The **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** is in need of **food and/or monetary** donations. Monetary donations can be sent to the parish office. Food donations can be brought to the pantry directly or to the parish. Thank you for your support for the most in need in our community!

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
<p>02 6th Sunday of Pentecost</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Betty Marie Rafail <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am +Pete <i>cs</i> Elizabeth Molnar <i>cs</i> Carol Almasi DeGusipe <i>by Betse Strickler cs Family</i></p> <p>Ezek 3:1-12 1 Cor 12:12-30 Matt 10:16:-25</p>	<p>03 St. Jerome, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 12:1-11 Matt 15:1-9</p>	<p>04 St. Andrew the Hymnographer, Bishop of Crete, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 12:12-24 Matt 15:10-20</p>	<p>05 St. Macarius of the Cross, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 12:25-13:12 Matt 15:21-28</p>	<p>06</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 13:13-25 Matt 16:1-4</p>	<p>07 St. Thomas the Hermit, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 13:26-39 Matt 16:5-12</p>	<p>08 St. Procopius, M</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm John Family Reunion</p> <p>Acts 13:44-52 John 3:31-36</p>
<p>09 7th Sunday of Pentecost St. Pancras, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Rodie Gabriel <i>by Pam cs Terry Miller</i></p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Barbara cs Tom Michael</i></p> <p>Num 11:16-29 2 Cor 3:1-6 Luke 10:1-7</p>	<p>10 The Massabki Martyrs</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Heb 12:1-9 Luke 12:6-10</p>	<p>11 St. Benedict, Abbot</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>2 Thes 1:6-12 Matt 24:3-14</p>	<p>12 St. Ruffina <i>cs</i> Secunda, M St. Susanna of Rome, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 14:19-28 Luke 10:17-20</p>	<p>13 Joel the Prophet, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 15:1-12 Luke 10:25-28</p>	<p>14 St. Bonaventure, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 15:13-21 Luke 10:29-37</p>	<p>15 Sts. Cyriacus <i>cs</i> Julitta, His Mother, M</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Elsie David <i>by Putty, Rhonda, Brian, cs Kaycee David</i></p> <p>+ JoAnn Marazsky <i>Forty Day Memorial</i></p> <p>Eph 6:17-24 Matt 18:1-6</p>
<p>16 8th Sunday of Pentecost</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Rodie Gabriel <i>by the Altar Rosary Society</i></p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Sherry Pollick cs Family</i></p> <p>Is 42:1-9 Rom 8:1-11 Matt 12:14-21</p>	<p>17 St. Marina of Qannoubine, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>1 Cor 4:1-8 Matt 25:1-13</p>	<p>18 St. Symphorosa <i>cs</i> Her Seven Sons, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am Greg <i>cs</i> Melany Chrash <i>Anniversary</i></p> <p>Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm</p> <p>Acts 16:11-23 Luke 11:5-8</p>	<p>19 St. Margaret of Antioch, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Rose Marie Gabriel <i>by Eileen McCoy</i></p> <p>Acts 16:25-34 Luke 11:9-13</p>	<p>20 Elias the Prophet, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Jeanie cs Ed Lucas cs Family</i></p> <p>Rom 11:1-8 Luke 4:22-30</p>	<p>21 St. Simeon Salus <i>cs</i> His Friend St. John, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Taylor Marie French <i>by Joe cs Ronda Riaba cs Family</i></p> <p>Acts 17:16-34 Luke 11:24-26</p>	<p>22 St. Mary Magdalene, C St. Nohra, M</p> <p>Festival Pre-Sale Pickup 12-3pm</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Suzanne <i>cs</i> Joseph Elardo <i>by daughters Nancy cs Mary cs Family</i></p> <p>2 Thes 1:1-10 Matt 11:1-6</p>
<p>23 9th Sunday of Pentecost St. Sharbel, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John <i>by Rose Hensb cs Family</i></p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Rosemarie Gabriel <i>by Dr. cs Mrs. Michael George</i></p> <p>Festival 12-6pm</p> <p>Is 61:1-10 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 Luke 4:14-21</p>	<p>24 St. Christina of Tyre, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>1 Cor 7:36-40 John 15:9-16</p>	<p>25 St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Harriet cs Raymond Learn</i></p> <p>Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm</p> <p>Acts 19:1-10 Luke 11:37-41</p>	<p>26 St. Bridget of Sweden, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am In Thanksgiving <i>by Greg cs Melany Chrash</i></p> <p>Acts 19:11-22 Luke 11:42-46</p>	<p>27 St. Pantaleon (Asya), M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Paul Bena <i>by Paula cs Mike George</i></p> <p>2 Cor 4:7-15 Matt 10:28-33</p>	<p>28 St. Anthusa, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John <i>by Ed Berry</i></p> <p>Acts 20:6-16 Luke 11:52-54</p>	<p>29 Ezekiel the Prophet St. Martha, the Sister of Lazarus, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Rose M. Hensb</i></p> <p>Acts 20:17-35 Matt 23:1-12</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.

JULY MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light

James & Ann Mullen
by Family

Vigil Lights

Subdeacon Thomas & Amy George
by Alan & Marsha George & Family

Altar Bread & Wine

Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly
by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families

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