

# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

BULLETIN | 18 JULY 2021 | FEAST OF. ST SHARBEL



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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

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Sharbel. Before his death, on 16 December 1898 St. Sharbel was offering the *Qurbono* and suffered a stroke while praying the following prayer during the anaphora:

O Father of truth, behold Your Son, the well-pleasing sacrifice unto You,  
Accept Him Who died for me, and may I be forgiven through Him.  
Receive this offering from my hands and reconcile with me.  
And remember not the sins I committed before Your greatness.  
Behold His Blood is shed on Golgotha by the wicked, and it is pleading for me.  
For my sake, accept my petition.  
If you weigh how much my debts and how much Your mercy,  
Your compassion is heavier than the mountains that are weighed by You.  
Look, You, at the sins and look at the offering for them.  
The offering and the sacrifice are much greater than the debts.  
Because I sinned, Your beloved One endured the nails and the spear.  
Sufficient are His passions to reconcile You and by them shall I live.  
Glory be to the Father Who delivered His Son for our salvation,  
Adoration to the Son Who died on the Cross and gave life to all of us,  
Thanks be to the Spirit Who began and fulfilled the Mystery of our salvation,  
O Trinity, exalted, above all, have mercy on us all.

This prayer is a metrical hymn of St. Jacob of Serugh and is prayed during the fraction rite of the anaphora. It is beautiful to think of the intimate relationship between the Eucharistic sacrifice and the profound mercy and compassion of the Father. In his final days St. Sharbel united his own passion and suffering with that of the Son and offered his whole life to the Father, knowing that His “compassion is heavier than the mountains that are weighed by You.” May his prayers be with us.

Abouna Aaron

Alleluia, He who puts on the Armor of the Son of God and goes into battle will conquer the Evil One and his hosts. Saint George was clothed in his armor and defeated Satan. On the twenty-third of April Christ called to him, “Come, enter rest from your labor, faithful worker.” Alleluia! Our gifts, Lord, receive.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Liturgy Intention</u>
SAT	17 JULY	4:00PM	Fouad John by Corrine & Ernie Monaco
SUN	18 JULY	8:30AM	Maximus Julian by Steve Tancin & Henry Richard
SUN	18 JULY	10:30AM	Joe & Mary Michael & son Mike by Woody Kelly & Family
MON	19 JULY		NO LITURGY
TUE	20 JULY	6:00PM	NO LITURGY
WED	21 JULY	8:30AM	No Liturgy
THU	22 JULY	7:00PM	Fouad John by Virginia McVey
FRI	23 JULY	8:30AM	Joanne & Jessie Risha by Jessie Catherine Risha
SAT	24 JULY	4:00PM	Fouad John by Deni & Fran Napoleone
SUN	25 JULY	8:30AM	The Amanwell Girls Mary, Hala, Zina & Julat By The Paroda, Zamora, Agbay, Nicholson, & Ryan Families
SUN	25 JULY	10:30AM	ELIZABETH BARKETT SIMON BY WOODY KELLY & FAMILY

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## 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 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's your spiritual home!

**Vacation Bible School.** On Friday, 30 July, students entering grades 1-12 are invited to attend a very special one day Vacation Bible School, learning more about our Maronite traditions and celebrating our rich cultural heritage. Save the date for VBS 2021: "Faith, Food, and Family Fun." Please call the Parish Office to register your child or to volunteer to help.

Tentative Schedule:

**2:00 - Student Arrival - Parents can choose to drop off students or stay.**

**Students will travel through scheduled learning stations throughout the church:**

- 1) **Faith** - Maronite Lesson, Saint, Craft, and Song
- 2) **Food** - Various ethnic food stations - cultural ingredients and traditions - demonstrations and hands on experiences for students.
- 3) **Family Fun** - Families join together to visit the Archive Room, attend Liturgy, and eat dinner together.

**4:30 - Families return to the church to join students for evening events.**

**5:30 - Liturgy**

**6:30 - 7:30 Dinner**

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Festival.** Our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival is quickly approaching on **Sunday, 8 August 2021** from **Noon to 6:00pm**. We will be "*all hands on deck*" in need of volunteers, sponsorships, and your presence that weekend! More information is available on our Parish Website and social media!

**Festival Social Media.** Keep up to date and share our Food Festival **Social Media** accounts! **@stgeorgefoodfestival** on Instagram and **@uniontownlebanesefestival** on Facebook!

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP | 11 July 2021

Received \$4,246.00 | Needed \$3,100.00 | Surplus \$1,146.00