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UNIONTOWN, PA

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO GREAT LENT | 14 FEBRUARY 2021

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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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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,

“Lord, may we enter into your Kingdom, its Gates are opened through prayer and fasting.”

As we begin our yearly Lenten Fast let us ponder these words from our liturgy: the Gates of Paradise are opened through fasting. Indeed, the Gates of Paradise are thrown open by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ – but, also, through his other salvific works on our behalf – including all his works of fasting. We, ourselves, are called to enter the Gates of Paradise by fasting. As we begin another year’s great fast accompanied by the scourge of the ongoing pandemic let us recommit ourselves – as a parish, and as individuals, to the call of our Lord and His Church to truly embrace the spirit and discipline of the Fast of Great Lent.

It was through fasting that Nineveh avoided destruction, it was through fasting that Ezra bested Satan, it was through fasting that Samuel recovered the Ark of the Covenant, it was through fasting that Esther combatted evil, it was through fasting that Daniel achieved greatness in Persia, and on the list goes throughout the entirety of Scripture. It was through fasting that the power and mercy of God was made known to his people throughout salvation history. As we battle so much evil, sorrow, and desolation in our own days, let us do so through fasting.

In our Syriac Tradition the Lenten fast is traditionally practiced in the following manner: from the evening of Cana Sunday until dinner on the Eve of Easter no food or drink is to be taken until the afternoon (or midday at the least) excluding Saturdays and Sundays and certain great feasts. No meat, fish, shellfish, dairy, or alcohol is to be consumed during the fast. This is the traditional and ideal practice – let the perfect not be the enemy of the good, so tailor this fast to your physical and logistical capability. But, fasting is not supposed to be easy. It is supposed to be uncomfortable; it is a test of our spiritual and physical fitness. I am praying that our parish may truly enter through the Gates of Paradise this year through a renewed and fervent commitment to the beautiful gift of fasting and prayer that the Church has given us.

Abouna Aaron

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 07 February 2021

1 st Collection	\$2,444.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,112.00
2 nd Collection	\$156.00
Candles	\$80.00
Donation	\$150.00
Memorial	\$50.00
Received	\$3,992.00
Budget	\$3,200.00
Surplus	\$792.00

Stewardship | 2021 Year-to-Date

Received	\$21,048.00
Budget	\$19,200.00
Surplus	\$1,848.00

Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

Received	\$12.00
Goal	\$5,500.00
Balance	\$5,488.00

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!

Ash Monday. The Fast of **Great Lent** begins on **Monday, 15 February**. We will celebrate Liturgy at **6:00pm**. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at the liturgy on this day only.

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 **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** on: 16 Feb, 2 & 16 Mar.

Youth Faith Formation. Classes will meet on Sundays, 14 & 28 Feb, and 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	13 FEB	4:00PM	+ Husana Unice	<i>by Family</i>
SUN	14 FEB	8:30AM	+ Harriet & Elias Rafail	<i>by Family</i>
SUN	14 FEB	10:30AM	+ Martha Coogan	<i>by Daughter Corrine, Ernie, & Natalie Monaco</i>
MON	15 FEB	6:00PM	Blessing and Distribution of Ashes	
TUE	16 FEB	6:00PM	+ Mary Louise Chomiak	<i>by Chuck & Denise Bohr & Family</i>
WED	17 FEB	8:30AM	+ Amy George	<i>by Jenny Michael Murphy</i>
WED	17 FEB	6:00PM	Vespers Evening Prayer	
THU	18 FEB	6:00PM	+ George N. & Budra Williams	<i>by Connie Williams Evans & Family</i>
FRI	19 FEB	8:30AM	+ Amy George	<i>by Ron & Jane Bukovitz</i>
FRI	19 FEB	6:30PM	Vespers & Benediction of the Cross	
SAT	20 FEB	4:00PM	+ James Critz	<i>by Wife & Family</i>
SUN	21 FEB	8:30AM	+ Mary Louise Chomiak	<i>by Chuck & Denise Bohr & Family</i>
SUN	21 FEB	10:30AM	+ Martha "Zhoor" John George	<i>by Children & Grandchildren</i>

PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
14 Sunday of the Entrance into Great Lent Liturgy 8:30am Faith Formation 9:20am 3 rd Hour 10:15am Liturgy 10:30am Rom 14:14-23 John 2:1-11	15 Ash Monday Fast Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 5:20-6:7 Matt 6:16-21	16 St. Theodore of Tyre Fast Liturgy 6:00pm Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm Rom 15:1-13 Matt 6:5-15	17 St. Agapitus of Synnada, C Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Rom 15:14-21 Matt 6:1-4	18 Pope St. Leo the Great Fast Liturgy 6:00pm 1 Tim 6:6-12 Matt 6:25-34	19 The 500 Martyrs of Tyre Fast Liturgy 8:30am Confessions 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:30pm 2 Thes 3:6-14 Matt 7:13-27	20 St. James, Hermit of Cyrrhus, C Liturgy 4:00pm Heb 3:14-4:4 Luke 18:9-14
21 Healing of the Leper Liturgy 8:30am 3 rd Hour 10:15am Liturgy 10:30am Rom 6:12-23 Mark 1:35-45	22 Chair of St. Peter in Antioch Fast No Liturgy 1 Thes 3:6-13 Matt 6:22-24	23 St. Polycarp of Smyrna, M Fast Liturgy 6:00pm Gal 2:11-17 Matt 7:1-12	24 St. Margaret the Penitent, C Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Rom 3:19-27 Matt 12:38-45	25 Pope St. Felix II, C Fast Liturgy 6:00pm Phil 4:4-19 Luke 8:4-15	26 St. Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria Fast Liturgy 8:30am Confessions 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:30pm Rom 1:18-25 Matt 18:23-35	27 St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron, C Liturgy 4:00pm Heb 12:28-13:9 Mark 11:19-25
28 Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman Liturgy 8:30am Faith Formation 9:20am 3 rd Hour 10:15am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 7:4-11 Luke 8:40-56	01 Mar St. Domnina, C St. Afdokia of Baalbek Fast No Liturgy 1 Tim 4:9-16 John 8:21-27	02 St. John Maron, C Fast Liturgy 6:00pm Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm Phil 1:21-30 Matt 5:13-17	03 Fast Liturgy 8:30am Vespers 6:00pm Gal 2:1-7 Matt 17:10-13	04 St. Paul and His Sister, Juliana, M Fast Liturgy 6:00pm Gal 1:1-10 Luke 17:20-37	05 St. Albert the Great Fast Liturgy 8:30am Confessions 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:30pm Rom 3:1-7 Luke 12:16-21	06 St. Conan of Isauria, M Liturgy 4:00pm 2 Tim 3:1-9 Matt 12:1-14
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 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. Papas, 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 Confessions 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:30pm Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25	20 St. Photina of Samaria, C Liturgy 4:00pm Col 3:23-4:7 Mark 7:31-37

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.

FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light	James & Ann Mullen	<i>by Family</i>
Vigil Lights	Mary Mosako	<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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