



SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA

THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE | 03 JANUARY 2021

A CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
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.*

Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour
Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

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Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Charles D. Machesky
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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,

On 1 January we celebrate many events. It is the secular New Year. We have already begun a new year of grace with the liturgical “new year” in November but the secular new year still provides us with a sense of renewal of purpose and priorities.

We also celebrate the secular “World Day of Peace” which calls for common understanding, cooperation, and reconciliation between peoples. This is a laudable goal as we live in most uncertain times.

The First of January is also the feast day of Saints Basil and Gregory, two great men, two of the three great Cappadocian Fathers, who provided great influence in the development of monasticism and the battle against the heresy of Arianism.

We also celebrate the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord. Even though He was not subject to the Law, Christ underwent circumcision to show us the fulfillment of the Old Law and the New Law of Grace given to us in Baptism, the feast that we will celebrate on the 6th of January.

With so many things to remember it gives us an opportunity to reflect on various aspects of our faith and culture to see how the Light of Christ can be lived out in the religious and secular world. Using the examples of Basil and Gregory and the graces given to us in Holy Baptism, we are called to go out into the world to spread the Gospel of Christ to all peoples and nations!

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 27 December 2020

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| 1 st Collection | \$3,757.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$628.00 |
| Christmas | \$2,084.00 |
| Candles | \$30.00 |
| Memorials | \$125.00 |
| Feasts | \$120.00 |
| Received | \$6,744.00 |
| Budget | \$6,200.00 |
| Surplus | \$544.00 |

Stewardship | 2020 FINAL

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| Received | \$238,815.00 |
| Budget | \$164,300.00 |
| Surplus | \$74,515.00 |

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!

Thank You! Fr. Aaron would like to offer a very hearty **thank you** to anyone who gifted him for Christmas! May God reward you for your generosity and love!

Adult Faith Formation. Continuing Adult Faith Formation will be held on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** on: **5 Jan, 2 & 16 Feb, 2 & 16 Mar.**

Youth Faith Formation. Classes will meet on Sundays, **10 & 24 Jan, 14 & 28 Feb, and 14 & 28 Mar.**

FY2020. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our parish stewardship throughout the previous year. With the pandemic many of our routine fundraisers were curtailed or cancelled so we have relied almost **exclusively** on weekend **collections** and individual **contributions**. Despite the pandemic we have finished the year with a parish **surplus**. This is a **rare** event for a church, especially for a Maronite parish. May God continue to reward you for your devotion to His Holy Church!

Feast of the Epiphany. We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on **Tuesday, 5 January at 6:00pm**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. During this liturgy we will bless Epiphany Water. Please bring your **empty** bottles with you so you can take the blessed water home with you. If you would like to schedule a **Home Blessing during the Epiphany Season**, please email or call Fr. Aaron to schedule a visit.

COVID Practices. As cases are rising in our area and as vaccine distribution begins, 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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

| DAY | DATE | TIME | INTENTION |
|-----|--------|---------|--|
| SAT | 02 JAN | 4:00PM | Intentions of Parishioners |
| SUN | 03 JAN | 8:30AM | + Rose Swartz <i>by Daughters & Family</i> |
| SUN | 03 JAN | 10:30AM | + Mary Louise Chomiak <i>by Ladies Guild</i> |
| MON | 04 JAN | | No Liturgy |
| TUE | 05 JAN | 6:00PM | + Martha Nassif Nesser <i>by N. Joseph & Beate Nassif</i> |
| WED | 06 JAN | 8:30AM | + Amy George <i>by Sister Jenny Michael Murphy</i> |
| THU | 07 JAN | 6:00PM | Intentions of Parishioners |
| FRI | 08 JAN | 6:00PM | + Grace Nader <i>by Steve & Susan Tancin</i> |
| SAT | 09 JAN | 4:00PM | + Ann Gabriel <i>by Dr. Pete & Mary Gabriel</i> |
| SUN | 10 JAN | 8:30AM | Intentions of Parishioners |
| SUN | 10 JAN | 10:30AM | + Loretta Friend <i>by Ferris & Kamberly George</i> |

PARISH CALENDAR

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 03 The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am Heb 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52 | 04 No Liturgy Heb 6:9-12 Luke 2:36-40 | 05 Vigil of Epiphany St. Paul, the First Hermit Liturgy 6:00pm Adult Faith Formation 7:00pm Rom 5:1-11 Luke 3:1-6 | 06 Feast of the Glorious Epiphany Liturgy 8:30am Tit 2:11-3:7 Luke 3:15-22 | 07 Praises to John the Baptist Liturgy 6:00pm Col 1:24-29 Luke 7:18-30 | 08 Liturgy 8:30am Col 2:1-7 Matt 3:13-17 | 09 Liturgy 4:00pm Gal 5:2-15 John 5:31-38 |
| 10 1st Sunday after Epiphany Liturgy 8:30am Faith Formation 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 10:1-11 John 1:29-34 | 11 No Liturgy 2 Cor 10:12-18 Mark 1:1-8 | 12 Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 11:1-6 John 1:19-28 | 13 St. Jacob of Nisibis No Liturgy 2 Cor 11:7-15 John 3:22-30 | 14 No Liturgy 2 Cor 11:18, 22-30 John 3:31-36 | 15 Our Lady of the Seeds Liturgy 8:30am Col 1:9-17 Luke 11:27-32 | 16 St. Peter in Chains Liturgy 4:00pm 2 Cor 1:3-7 Matt 16:24-28 |
| 17 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am 2 Cor 4:5-15 John 1:35-42 | 18 St. Athanasius of Alexandria No Liturgy 2 Cor 1:1-11 John 1:43-51 | 19 St. Macarius the Egyptian, C Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 1:12-24 Luke 5:1-11 | 20 St. Euthymius the Great, C Liturgy 8:30am 2 Cor 2:1-11 Matt 4:18-25 | 21 Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Cor 2:12-17 Matt 9:9-13 | 22 St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap. Liturgy 8:30am 2 Cor 12:17-13:4 Matt 9:35-38 | 23 Pope St. Sergius I, C Liturgy 4:00pm 2 Cor 13:5-13 Matt 10:1-6 |
| 24 Commemoration of the Priests Liturgy 8:30am Faith Formation 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am 1 Tim 4:6-16 Luke 12:42-48 | 25 Conversion of St. Paul No Liturgy 2 Tim 1:1-11 Matt 16:24-28 | 26 St. Agnes, M Liturgy 6:00pm 2 Tim 2:1-13 Matt 18:1-5 | 27 St. Paula, C Liturgy 8:30am 2 Tim 2:14-26 Matt 20:20-28 | 28 St. Ephrem the Syrian Liturgy 6:00pm Heb 13:7-17 John 15:1-8 | 29 St. Hippolytus of Antioch, M Liturgy 8:30am 2 Tim 4:1-8 Luke 22:24-30 | 30 St. Maximus the Confessor Liturgy 4:00pm Tit 1:1-9 John 13:13-17 |
| 31 Commemoration of the Righteous and the Just Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am Heb 12:18-24 Matt 25:31-46 | 01 Feb St. Pionius and His Companions, M No Liturgy Heb 12:1-13 Matt 5:1-12 | 02 Presentation of Christ in the Temple Liturgy 6:00pm Rom 9:30-10:4 Luke 2:22-35 | 03 Sts. Simeon and Anna Liturgy 8:30am 2 Cor 1:8-14 Luke 2:36-41 | 04 St. Isidore of Pelusium, C Liturgy 6:00pm Heb 13:1-8 Matt 5:21-26 | 05 St. Agatha, M Liturgy 8:30am Heb 13:9-14 Matt 5:27-37 | 06 St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna, C Liturgy 4:00pm Heb 13:17-25 Matt 5:38-48 |

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.

JANUARY MEMORIALS

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| Sanctuary Light | James & Ann Mullen | <i>by Family</i> |
| Vigil Lights | Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly | <i>by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families</i> |
| Altar Bread & Wine | Magdalen & Joseph Williams | <i>by Valerie & Sam Cortis</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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