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7TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST | 9 JULY 2023

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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.*

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

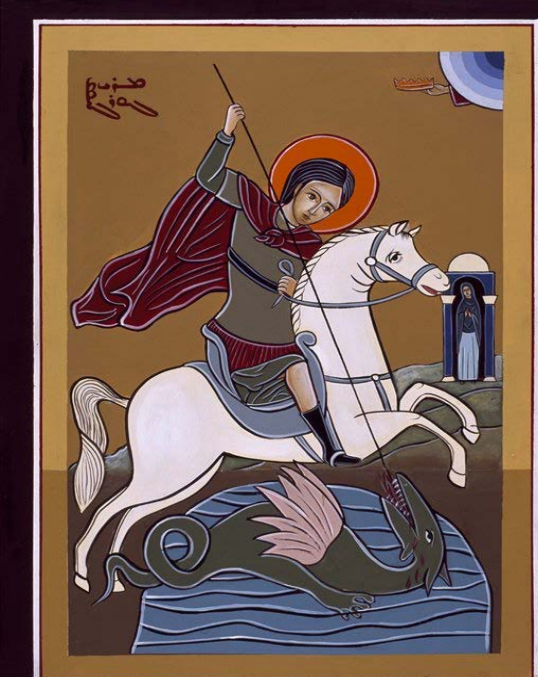
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New to St. George?

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,

The liturgy for the feast of the Massabki Martyrs prays, “The greatness of your love, O Lord, has given martyrs strength and hope to follow you in pain and death. They looked to you and cried aloud: ‘Now let the blood we shed for you adorn your crown, O Son of God.’” As we celebrate their feast this week we pray that our own martyrdom, our witness, may also adorn the Lord’s Crown – His Holy Church.

The Massabki brothers were from a noble Christian family in Damascus in the nineteenth century and were known for their piety and generosity. The Massabki brothers were three of six children, Francis, Abdul Mooti, Raphael (the three martyrs) along with their siblings Abdullah (who later becomes a priest), Mariam and Martha. They lived in a time of great persecution of Christians by the Ottoman Turks. There was much political and religious tension for Maronites and other Christians in both Damascus and Mount Lebanon. On 9 July 1860 a fire broke out through the Christian area of Damascus. Many Maronite families took refuge in a Franciscan convent along with the Massabki brothers and the Franciscan Superior, Father Emmanuel. Father Emmanuel closed the monastery and called everyone to the church where they prayed and made their confession and received communion. While everyone took refuge on the roof, Francis remained prostrate in prayer in the monastery church. Moments later the church was attacked, and Father Emmanuel was captured and told the attackers that he would lead them to the treasure inside the church. He proceeded to the altar, where he lit the candles and took out the Eucharist from the tabernacle. Father Emmanuel was then martyred. The attackers then noticed Francis kneeling in prayer and recognized him. They told him that the sheik had sent them to save him and his family from death on the condition that you deny your faith and convert. Francis answered them, “Sheikh Abdullah can take my money, he can also take my life; but my faith no one can make me deny Christ. I am a Christian and on the faith of Christ, I will die.” Francis was then martyred. The attackers then confronted Abdul Mooti in the convent yard and asked him to renounce his faith to escape death, He refused and was also martyred. Raphael was hiding inside the convent was offered the same as his brothers, but also refused and was also martyred. According to witnesses, the three Massabki brothers were buried in the convent along with the eight martyr priests and others who had sought refuge there. On 7 October 1926, Pope Pius XI beatified the three brothers. The Massabki brothers are great role models for Maronite families. Although they were rather wealthy they remained faithful and humble. We pray that these great Maronites will soon be recognized amongst our Maronite Saints. We ask for their intercession to help us live our lives as honest Christians, and we pray for all those who are undergoing persecution around the world because of their faith in Christ. May they find refuge and comfort in you Lord. Amen.

Abouna Aaron

PARISH INFORMATION

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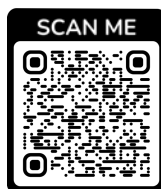
Sat | 4:00 pm

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 2 July 2023

1 st Collection	\$1,707.00
Electronic Giving	\$102.00

2 nd Collections	\$28.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$1,350.00
Candles	\$125.00
SVDP Food Pantry	\$300.00

Received	\$3,612.00
Budget	\$3,500.00
Difference	\$112.00

Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$118,251.00
Budget	\$91,000.00
Difference	\$27,251.00

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>09 7th Sunday of Pentecost St. Pancras, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Rodie Gabriel <i>by Pam & Terry Miller</i></p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Barbara & 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 & 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 & Julitta, His Mother, M</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Elsie David <i>by Putty, Rhonda, Brian, & 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 & 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 & Her Seven Sons, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am Greg & 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 & Ed Lucas & Family</i></p> <p>Rom 11:1-8 Luke 4:22-30</p>	<p>21 St. Simeon Salus & His Friend St. John, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Taylor Marie French <i>by Joe & Ronda Risha & 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 & Joseph Elardo <i>by daughters Nancy & Mary & 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 & Family</i></p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Rosemarie Gabriel <i>by Dr. & 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 & 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 & Melany Chrasb</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 & 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>
<p>30 10th Sunday of Pentecost Sts. Abdon & Sennen, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am</p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Bernard (Beaver) John <i>by Simon John & Family</i></p> <p>2 Kings 1:2-8 1 Cor 12:1-11 Matt 12:22-32</p>	<p>31 The 350 Martyrs</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Acts 21:1-14 Matt 23:13-15</p>	<p>01 Aug St. Shmouni & Her Sons, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Greg & Dee Hensb & Family</i></p> <p>Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm</p> <p>1 Cor 10:23-33 Matt 16:24-28</p>	<p>02 Translation of the Relics of St. Stephen, the First Martyr</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Rosemarie Gabriel <i>by Michele Marian</i></p> <p>Acts 21:27-40 Matt 23:23-26</p>	<p>03 David the Prophet, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John <i>by Bonita & Steve Nesser</i></p> <p>Acts 21:40:22:10 Luke 12:1-5</p>	<p>04</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George</p> <p>Acts 22:17-29 Luke 12:6-9</p>	<p>05 Moses the Prophet, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + James & Tammer Gabriel <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Acts 22:30-23:11 Luke 12:10-12</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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