

SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

Office of the Pastor



Faith Formation Program 2022-2023

29 August 2022

Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

Dear Parishioners & Parents,

As we begin to look forward to our Centenary Celebration as a parish we look back at our beautiful history, but we should also look forward to the years and decades that are to come and ask ourselves, do we want St. George to be here in 2027 or 2127? The only way that our parish will exist in a decade, a generation, or three generations is if our children are here, worshipping in Spirit and Truth, and being formed in the Faith of our ancestors. Similarly, the vitality and future of our parish depends on the vitality of our own faith as well. To that end, we will be dedicating our energy and time to reinvigorating our faith formation program for the coming year.

The secularism underpinning our modern culture cannot be overlooked. If we prioritize sports team practices, cub scouts, dance and music lessons, and school assignments for our children, we must find a way to prioritize our faith – worship and catechesis – for our children and ourselves. Our children watch, learn, and imitate our priorities and habits. If we do not prioritize attending liturgy and learning our faith, our children will not, and assuredly their children will have no exposure to the Church and the Faith. Conversely, when we have the habits of faith ourselves, our children learn those same habits, and hopefully will pass them on to their children!

For the upcoming academic year, our adult and youth faith formation will meet at the same time – giving parents an opportunity to enrich their own faith while their children learn. Our youth program consists of the following classes: Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade (First Communion Preparation), and 3rd-5th Grades. The Maronite Youth Organization provides faith formation and programming for youth in Grades 6-12. Our program for adults will take the form of a Bible Study examining the Old Testament Prophets and Prophecies.

The schedule published below will allow you to plan your calendars for the year in advance with these dates in mind. Regular attendance is essential for our faith formation to truly be formative for individuals and for the whole class, so please make every effort to guarantee regular attendance for students. Also, in fairness to our benefactors and to our applicants, eligibility for any parish scholarships and other programs requires youth to have regular attendance at Sunday and Feast Day Liturgies and Religious Education/MYO.

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Youth & Adult Formation

Pre-K | 1st Grade | 2nd Grade | 3-5th Grades | Adults

Tuesdays | 6:00pm - Daily Liturgy | 6:30pm - Faith Formation Classes

13 September	25 October	13 December	14 January	28 March
27 September	22 November	10 January	28 February	11 April
11 October	29 November	24 January	14 March	

Maronite Youth Organization

Grades 6-12th

+ Schedule to be determined with the program beginning in September.

Please return the registration form to the Parish Office, place it in the Sunday Collection, or give it to the student's catechist on the first day of class.

While **classes will begin on 13 September**, we will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday on 18 September** during the Sunday Liturgy with a **blessing for our Catechists and Students** and a **brief meeting with catechists and parents** following liturgy to go over the program for the year, planning, etc.

Thank you for your continued work in forming yourselves and your children in the faith of Christ's Church!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Father Aaron J. Sandbothe
Pastor

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2022-2023 Maronite Faith Formation Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Age _____

Current Grade Level (Circle One):

P K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Adult

Father _____

Mother _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____

Phone _____

Please list any medical conditions, allergies, or behavioral notes that we should be aware of:

Indicate all that apply to the student:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of St. George Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Liturgy Regularly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptized | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Vacation Bible School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chrismated (Confirmed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Boy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received Holy Communion | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend MYO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Catechism Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Member |

**TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION REGARDING FAITH FORMATION CLASSES, TEXT @SGFFP TO 84576.
TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING MYO ACTIVITIES, TEXT @myo202 TO 81010.**

Please return this form to the Parish Office, in the Collection Box, or to the Catechist on the First Day of Class.

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