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UNIONTOWN, PA

SUNDAY OF THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON | 12 MARCH 2023

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of the Gospel and living the richness of the Syriac
Maronite Tradition through worship, charity, and
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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,

“True Father, You received the Prodigal Son after he squandered Your possessions in debauchery and drunkenness. You took him by the neck and kissed him, slaughtered a fattened calf and received him – receive Your servants, O Compassionate One, who return and come to Your sheepfold while the angels and watchers rejoice in the hope there is for the repentant.”

(From Sunday Maronite Morning Prayer)

This week we commemorate the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The other Sundays of Great Lent commemorate specific miracles that Christ performed during his life – the transmutation of water into wine, granting sight to the blind, movement to the paralyzed, healing to the leprous, etc. However, this week we commemorate a miracle performed on the behalf of all mankind – the mercy shown by God to the repentant sinner.

The healings and miracles performed by Christ were demonstrations of His Divinity and Power. The parable we commemorate today demonstrates God’s strength through forbearance and His longsuffering mercy. God, as He did in the times of Noah, could punish the wicked with utter destruction, yet He promised mankind He would not do so ever again. Christ, at the urging of the angels surrounding the Cross, could have rained down lightning and might from Heaven to destroy those who were crucifying Him on Good Friday. Yet, He chose to submit to their unjust punishment. God has shown His might through choosing mercy for sinners rather than just judgment. Like the Prodigal Son, we have squandered the Gifts of God throughout our lives. But, also like the Prodigal Son if we return to God in sincere repentance, He has already slaughtered the finest Offering on our behalf – His only-Begotten Son upon the Cross and is ready to welcome us home to the eternal banquet of Heaven.

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Liturgical Schedule

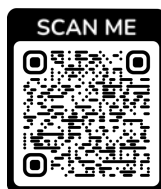
Sat | 4:00 pm

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 5 March 2023

1 st Collection	\$1,781.00
Electronic Giving	\$634.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$1,287.00
Candles	\$80.00
Fish Fry	\$3,184.00

Received	\$6,966.00
Budget	\$3,500.00
Difference	\$3,466.00

Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

Received	\$1,566.00
Goal	\$5,500.00
Balance	\$3,934.00

Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$32,784.00
Budget	\$31,500.00
Difference	\$1,284.00

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!

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 2023 our parish has been **assessed a goal of \$5,500**.

Clergy Retreat. Fr. Aaron will be away Monday to Friday for the annual **Clergy Retreat** in Lutz, FL. No daily liturgies or devotions will be celebrated from 13-17 March.

Condolences. We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends, and indeed to the entire parish, of **Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" R. George** who reposed in the Lord this past week. Subdeacon Duke served our parish faithfully for many years and his presence will be missed but his memory will be eternal!

Lenten Devotions. During **Wednesdays of Great Lent** we will pray the Office of **Evening Prayer at 7:00pm**. During **Fridays of Great Lent** we will celebrate **Benediction of the Cross at 7:00pm**.

Fish Fry. Our **Lenten Fish Fry** returns 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**. We are also in need of **volunteers** to help work the dinner shift.

CRS Rice Bowl. St. George Church is participating in the Catholic Relief Services **"Rice Bowl"** for the fifth year. You may **write a check** payable to **St. George Church** 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.

Easter Flowers. For those who would like to memorialize or offer flowers in honor of a loved one for Easter please note that 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.

NAM Lenten Retreat. NAM will host a regional retreat at **Our Lady of Victory Church** in Pittsburgh on **Saturday, 25 March** from 10:00am-12:30pm. Speaker Fr. Jason Charron will be presenting on the **Family as the Domestic Church**. To RSVP please contact the parish office at OLOV at 412.278.0841.

Lenten Afternoon of Reflection. The Ladies of Charity of the Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown, will hold a Sunday of Lenten Reflection on March 19, 2023, at 2:00 pm at St. Mary Nativity Church, Uniontown. Deacon Andrew Hamilton, will speak on "The Story of Queen Esther of the Old Testament-A Model of Feminine Virtue." For more information about Day of Reflection contact Bobbi, 724.366.1626.

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>12 Parable of the Prodigal Son Pope St. Gregory the Great</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Vince Komacko <i>by Subdeacon Chuck & Gina Michael</i></p> <p>MCF 9:30am Liturgy 10:30am + Christopher "Buffy" Kelly <i>by Mother Sherry & Family</i></p> <p>Zech 3:1-7 2 Cor 13:5-13 Luke 15:11-32</p>	<p>13 St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C</p> <p>No Liturgy Clergy Retreat</p> <p>Fast 2 Cor 9:1-15 Luke 9:37-45</p>	<p>14 St. Euphrasia, C</p> <p>No Liturgy Clergy Retreat</p> <p>Fast 1 Cor 16:15-24 Mark 8:22-26</p>	<p>15 St. Benedict, C</p> <p>No Liturgy Clergy Retreat</p> <p>Fast Rom 14:1-13 Luke 7:1-10</p>	<p>16 St. Papas, M The First Council of Constantinople</p> <p>No Liturgy Clergy Retreat</p> <p>Fast 2 Cor 1:23-2:5 Matt 15:29-39</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick, C</p> <p>No Liturgy Clergy Retreat</p> <p>Fish Fry 11-6pm</p> <p>Fast 2 Cor 12:21-13:5 Matt 9:27-35</p>	<p>18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Robert Wilson <i>by the Joyce Carbonara Family</i></p> <p>2 Tim 4:9-19 Mark 3:1-12</p>
<p>19 Healing of the Paralytic</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Elias Gabriel <i>Forty Day Memorial</i></p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Joe & Mary Michael & Son <i>by Woody Kelly & Families</i></p> <p>Is 35:1-10 1 Tim 5:24-6:5 Mark 2:1-12</p>	<p>20 St. Photina the Samaritan Woman, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Fast Eph 5:3-13 Mark 5:1-20</p>	<p>21 St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am</p> <p>Fast 1 Tim 1:1-8 Mark 6:47-56</p>	<p>22 St. Sergius Paulus, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Frank Kennedy <i>by John Yanik, Jr</i></p> <p>Confession 6:30pm Vespers 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Eph 6:1-9 Luke 7:11-17</p>	<p>23 St. Rafka, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am</p> <p>Fast 2 Cor 1:1-7 Luke 10:38-42</p>	<p>24 St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Esther Bena <i>by Paula George</i></p> <p>Fish Fry 11-6pm Confession 6:30pm Evening Prayer for the Annunciation 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Phil 2:12-19 Luke 4:31-44</p>	<p>25 The Annunciation to the Mother of God</p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Robert Wilson <i>by Paula Totb</i></p> <p>Gal 3:15-22 Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>26 Healing of the Blind Man Gabriel the Archangel</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Hassoun & Nassary Amanwell & Mary, Julat, Hala, Zina, Nassary Jr & Alex <i>by Paroda Family</i></p> <p>MCF 9:30am Liturgy 10:30am + Jerome S Toth Sr & Jerome S Toth Jr <i>by Family</i></p> <p>Is 42:6-18 2 Cor 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52</p>	<p>27 St. Matrona of Thessalonica, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Fast Rom 15:25-33 John 7:32-36</p>	<p>28 St. Synesius, Bishop of Philetus & His Wife St. Lydia, & their Children, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Eli Gabriel <i>by Bonita & Steve Newer</i></p> <p>Bible Study 6:30pm</p> <p>Fast Rom 8:12-18 John 7:1-13</p>	<p>29 St. Cyril of Baalbek, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am</p> <p>Confession 6:30pm Vespers 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast 1 Thes 4:1-9 Luke 11:37-48</p>	<p>30 St. John Climacus, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am</p> <p>Fast Tit 2:1-8 Luke 18:31-34</p>	<p>31 Temptation of Jesus Pope St. Lucius I, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am</p> <p>Fish Fry 11-6pm Confession 6:30pm Evening Prayer for Lazarus Saturday 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast 2 Thes 3:6-18 Luke 4:1-15</p>	<p>01 April Lazarus Saturday St. Mary of Egypt</p> <p>Lazarus Saturday Liturgy 10:30am</p> <p>Decorating 11:00am</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Frank Kennedy <i>by Helen Czuchan</i></p> <p>1 Thes 2:17-3:5 John 11:55-12:11</p>
<p>02 Hosanna Sunday</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am Health and Protection of Major Rachel Chrash <i>by Parents</i></p> <p>Breakfast 9:30am Liturgy 10:30am + Theresa Yezbak <i>by Corrine & Ernie Monaco</i></p> <p>Breakfast 11:30am Decorating 5:30pm Arrival at the Harbor 5:00pm</p> <p>Zech 9:9-17 Phil 1:1-13 John 12:12-22</p>	<p>03 Great Monday Isaiah & Ezekiel the Prophets, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <p>Vespers 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Heb 6:1-9 Matt 21:17-27</p>	<p>04 Great Tuesday Pope St. Anicetus, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Eli Gabriel <i>by Bonita & Steve Newer</i></p> <p>Vespers 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast 1 Thes 2:13-17 Luke 13:22-30</p>	<p>05 Great Wednesday St. Robert, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am</p> <p>Rite of the Lamp 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Heb 2:5-12 John 11:47-54</p>	<p>06 Thursday of the Mysteries St. Marcellinus, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am</p> <p>Liturgy & Washing of Feet 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast 1 Cor 11:23-32 Luke 22:1-23</p>	<p>07 Great Friday of the Crucifixion</p> <p>Signing of the Chalice 8:30am</p> <p>Adoration of the Cross 7:00pm</p> <p>Fast Is 53:7-12 Heb 4:14-16 Luke 23:33-4 John 19:17-30</p>	<p>08 Great Saturday of the Light</p> <p>Rite of Forgiveness 10:30am</p> <p>Decorating 11:00am</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Elizabeth "Libby" John <i>by Simon John</i></p> <p>Fast Rom 5:11-11 Matt 27:62-66</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.**

MARCH MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light	James & Ann Mullen	<i>by Family</i>
Vigil Lights	Jerome S. Toth, Sr. & Jerome S. Toth, Jr.	<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 | Aliya Davis | Loretta Joseph | Kimberly Steinmiller | Patty Benson | Shirley Wolbert | Melissa Chomiak | Leonard W. Neill II | Davey Rusko | Catherine Delgreco | Joan Mickey | Josette Shady Abi-Nader | Brooklyn Dennis | Rodie Gabriel | Cookie Shady Benson | Tammy McKenzie | Kamberly George | Lorraine Guynn | Marion Bryson | Eileen Crutchman | Barb Howard Misiak | Amanda Gamble | Teresa Rogers | Helen Adams | Joanne John | Tanya Loring Kizner | John Mansberry | Monica Calvert | Richard George

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