

SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

UNIONTOWN, PA THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS | 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

PARISH CLERGY

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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,

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross. This is one of the great feasts of the Church Year. The Feast of the Holy Cross stands out in the Syriac Churches as we dedicate an entire season to the commemoration of the Mystery of the Cross. For this feast during vespers the Church prays:

In the way of my paths they have hidden snares for me. I looked to the right and saw, and there was no one to advise me. A place of refuge was lost for me and there is no avenger for my soul. I have called out to You, Lord, and I said, "You are my hope and my portion in the land of the living." (Psalm 142)

Hallelujah! As Moses warred with his foes he depicted for us the great mystery of the saving cross. By it, he smote Amalek. By it, he conquered foes and clothed Israel in a fearsome might. Let us seek refuge in it in true faith for we shall receive from it life that will never die. Let us cry out together, "O Son crucified for us, hallelujah! guard us by Your cross."

This psalm and hymn verse teaches us of the power and victory that the Cross of Christ achieved for our sake. Just as the foreshadowing of the Cross allowed Moses to conquer Pharaoh, Amalek, and the many foes that stood against the Hebrew people, the Cross takes us from the solitude and hopelessness of the Psalmist to the beautiful joy and consolation of Paradise. We need not imagine what the reality of the Cross offers us: "we shall receive from it life that will never die." This is the glory of the Cross!

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 4:00 pm Sun | 8:30 am & 10:30 am Wed | Vespers | 7:00 pm Tu - Fri | 8:30 am Feasts | 7:00 pm



PARISH STEWARDSHIP Week of 3 September 2023

1 st Collection	\$1,208.00		
Electronic Giving	\$123.00		
Candles	\$90.00		
Catholic University	\$3.00		
Capital Campaign	\$5.00		
Received	\$1,429.00		
Budget	\$3,500.00		
Difference	-\$2,071.00		

Stewardship | 2023 YTD

Received	\$142,479.00
Budget	\$115,500.00
Difference	\$26,979.00

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!

First Responder's Liturgy. To commemorate the Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks and our Community's First Responders we will celebrate Liturgy for our First Responders at 4:00pm on Saturday, 9 September.

Second Collection. A second collection will be taken this weekend of 9 September for The Catholic University of America.

Bible Study. Our **Bible Study Program** meets twice monthly for Vespers at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm. The next study will be on the **Book of Psalms** on **12 September**.

Holy Cross Vespers. We will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross with Vespers, traditional bonfire, and potluck reception on Wednesday, 13 September at 6:00pm.

Breakfast. All are welcome for breakfast following the **8:30am Liturgy** on **Sunday**, **17 September**. There will be **no breakfast** following the 10:30am Liturgy this month due to the Rosary Walk. Donna George is this month's sponsor for the breakfast.

Catechetical Sunday. There will be a <u>mandatory</u> Parent-Catechist Meeting at 9:30am on Sunday, 17 September. Catechists and students will receive a blessing for the new academic year during the 10:30am Liturgy. Faith Formation classes begin on Sunday, 24 September. All school age children are expected to be enrolled and regularly attending Faith Formation, participating in the MYO, serving the Liturgy (for boys), or in other roles during and outside the liturgy (for girls).

Rosary Walk. The Annual Rosary Walk will be held on Sunday, 17 September at 2:00pm.

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.

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	FARISH MON	LITURGICA TUE	WED	THU	INDAR Fri	SAT
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
IU Exaltation of the Holy Cross St. Pulcheria the Queen, C	St. Theodora of Alexandraia, C	St. Cornelius the Centurion, M	St. Christopher, M	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St. Shaina, C St. Sassine, M	St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, M
Liturgy 8:30am +Matthew Ryan John by Family Liturgy 10:30am + Joanne John by ARS	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Ken Marcinko</i> Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Mary Schiffbauer</i> <i>Machesky</i> Holy Cross Vespers 6:00pm	Liturgy 8:30am + Bernard T. John by Simon & Sberry John	Liturgy 8:30am + Rodie Gabriel <i>by Rachel Caruso</i>	Liturgy 4:00pm + George Unice, Jr. <i>by Family</i>
Ex 17:8-15 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 12:20-32	Jas 3:13-18 Luke 18:15-17	Jas 4:1-10 Luke 18:18-23	Jas 4:11-17 Matt 18:1-5, 10	Ex 17:8-15 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 12:20-32	Rom 2:17-25 Luke 12:35-44	Phil 1:1-12 Luke 21:10-19
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
l st Sunday of Holy Cross St. Sophia and Her 3 Daughters, M	The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt	St. Janaurius, M	St. Eustatius & His Wife & Children, M	St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens, M	St. Phocas and His Companions, M	Jonah the Prophet, C
Liturgy 8:30am +Rose	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George <i>by Mike & Judy Deeb</i>	Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John <i>by Bonita & Steve</i> <i>Nesser</i>	Liturgy 8:30am	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George by Ron & Rosemary Jobnson & Family	Liturgy 4:00pm Newly Baptized Sofia Brosius, Ben George, Skylar Carbonara, Brody
Liturgy 10:30am + Richard Davidson & Agnes Almes <i>by Larry & Judy Unice</i>						Sanner by KofC Council 1275 Uniontown
MCF Meeting 11:30am Rosary Walk 2pm						
Deut 17:14-20 2 Tim 2:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Rev 1:1-8 Mark 8:34-9:1	Rev 1:9-20 Mark 9:33-37	Rev 2:1-7 Mark 9:38-50	Rev 2:8-11 Mark 10:17-27	2 Cor 13:5-13 Luke 21:10-19	Rev 2:18-29 Matt 20:1-16
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
2 nd Sunday of Holy Cross St. Thecla, the First Woman Martyr, M	St. Paphnutius the Confessor, C	St. John the Evangelist, Ap	St. Vincent de Paul, C	St. Chariton, C	St. Romanos the Cantor, C	St. Gregory the Illuminator, M
Liturgy 8:30am + Elias G. & Harriet Rafail <i>by Family</i> MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George by Phil & Richard Susa Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30	Liturgy 8:30am	Liturgy 8:30am	Liturgy 8:30am + Joanne John <i>by James ざ Kelly John</i>	Liturgy 4:00pm + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George by Eli & Bev George
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1 Cor 15:19-34 Matt 24:1-14	Rev 3:1-6 Matt 1:16-22	Rev 3:7-13 Matt 11:20-24	Rev 3:14-22 Matt 12:29-32	Rev 4:1-11 Matt 12:33-37	Rev 5:1-10 Matt 12:38-42	Rev 6:9-17 Matt 12:43-45
01 Oct ^{3nd} Sunday of Holy Cross	02 Sts. Cyprian <i>ප්</i> Justina, M	03 St. Dionysius the Areopagite, C	04 St. Francis of Assisi, C	05 St. Paul the Simple, C	06 St. Thomas the Apostle, Ap	07 Sts. Sarkis & Bacchus, M
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Liturgy 10:30am Living Members of the Altar Rosary Society		"Duke" George by Charles & Sally Calabrese	by Ladies Guild	by Ladies Guild	by Janine Schuessler	"Duke" & Amy George by Tom & Donna Kolencik
Dan 7:9-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Matt 24:23-31	Heb 10:32-39 Matt 24:3-14	Rev 10:1-11 Luke 6:20-26	Gal 6:11-18 Matt 11:25-30	Rev 12:1-12 Luke 21:34-38	Rev 13:1-18 John 5:17-23	2 Cor 4:7-15 Mark 13:9-13

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.

AUGUST 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

PRAYER LIST FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin Teresa Rogers | Aliya Davis Kimberly Steinmiller Patty Benson | Leonard W. Neill II | Davey Rusko | Jim Delgreco | Joan Mickey | Josette Shady Abi-Nader | Brooklynn Dennis | Gina Michael | Cookie Shady Benson | Tammy McKenzie | Kamberly George | Lorraine Guynn | Marion Bryson | Eileen Crutchman | Barb Howard Misiak | Helen Adams | Tanya Loring Kizner | John Mansberry | Richard George | Melissa Chomiak | Donald George | Mary Hicks

