### ST. GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

#### BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



### From the Desk of the Pastor

St. Ephrem the Syrian writes beautifully in his Hymn on Epiphany, No. 8 concerning the Baptism of our Lord. St. Ephrem views the baptism of Christ in the water as analogous to the divine presence in the womb of Mary and therefore as the means by which we are "divinized" or made to partake in the divine nature. Also, using Moses as an example, he claims that just as God in his mercy limited Himself in coming to Moses, He does the same for feeble human beings.

"God in His love stooped and came down, to mingle His love with the waters, and to unite the nature of His majesty with the weak bodies of humans. By means of the waters he found a way to come own and to dwell among us; like to the way of love He came down and dwelt in the womb. O the love of God Who seeks for Himself all occasions to dwell among us!

He stooped and came down to the cave in Horeb, and He extended His shadow of His majesty on Moses; He mixed His glorious splendor to a mortal. There was therein a figure of Baptism: For He came down to dwell in it, in the water he had tempered the might of His majesty, that He may dwell among the infirm. On Moses dwelt the Breath, and on you the plentitude of Christ. That might then none could endure; not Moses chief of deliverers, nor Elijah chief of zealots; and the Seraphim too veil their faces, for it is the might that subdues all. His love mingled gentleness in the water and the oil; that humanity in its weakness might be able to stand before Him when covered by the water and the oil."

May Christ, baptized by John, renew our hearts and minds as we commemorate the sanctification of water and oil by which we receive Holy Baptism and Chrismation.



#### 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**

#### Rev. Father Aaron J. Sandbothe Pastor

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Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Charles D. Machesky Rev. Subdeacon Charles J.R. Michael

#### 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.

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# Parish Information

### Parish Office

6 Lebanon Terrace | Uniontown, PA 15401 Phone | 724.437.5589 Fax | 724.437.3819 Email | info@stgeorgeuniontown.org

### Mrs. Paula Toth | Administrative Assistant

Office Hours | Mon-Thu | 1 pm - 4 pm **Mr. Roger Bricker | Sexton** 724.366.1858 **Mr. Damien Zsiros | Organist** dzsiros@atlanticbb.net

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# Parish Stewardship

### Week of 05 Jan 2024

1st Collection	\$2098.00
Electronic Giving	\$378.00
2nd Collections	\$160.00
Candles	\$87.00
Received	\$2,723.00
Budget	\$3,700.00
Difference	-\$977.00

# Stewardship | 2025 YTD Received \$2,723.00 Budget \$3,700.00 Difference -\$977.00

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.

### **Liturgical Schedule**

Sat | 4:00 pm Sun | 8:30 am & 10:30 am Tue | Vespers | 6:00 pm (var) Mon - Thu | 8:30 am Feasts | 7:00 pm

# This Week @ St. George

**Sat | 11 Jan | 4:00pm** St. Theodosius of Antioch, C + Ann Gabriel *by Dr. Pete & Mary Gabriel* 

Sun | 12 Jan | 8:30am St. Tatiana of Rome, M + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George by daughter Kathy

> Sun | 12 Jan | 10:30am + Adam Morris & Kay Burkholder Yearly Memorial by Putty & Rhonda David

**Mon | 13 Jan | 8:30am** St. Jacob of Nisibis, C Fred "Hawk" David by Charlotte & Chesler StoleImyer

> Tue | 14 Jan | 8:30am St. Hilary of Poitiers, C Intention Available

Wed | 15 Jan | 8:30am St. John Calybites, C Intention Available

**Thu | 16 Jan | 8:30am** Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter, Ap Intention Available

**Sat | 18 Jan | 4:00pm** Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome St. Athanasius of Alexandria, C St. Cyril of Alexandria, C + Philip Michael *by Jack & Pam Snyder* 

	PARISH CALENDAR					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 First Sunday after Epiphany St. Tatiana of Rome, M Liturgy   8:30am + Tom "Duke" George MCF   9:20am Rosary   10:00am Liturgy   10:30am + Adam Morris &	<b>]3</b> St. Jacob of Nisibis, C Liturgy   8:30am + Fred "Hawk" David	<b>14</b> St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, C Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	<b>15</b> Our Lady of the Sowing St. John Calybites, C Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	<b>16</b> Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter Ap Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	<b>17</b> St. Anthony the Great, C	18 Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome St. Athanasius of Alexandria, C St. Cyril of Alexandria, C Liturgy   4:00pm + Philip Michael
Kay Burkholder Isaiah 40:6-11 2 Cor 10:1-11 John 1:29-34	2 Cor 10:12-19 Mark 1:1-8	2 Cor 11:1-6 John 1:19-28	Col 1:9-17 Luke 11:27-32	2 Cor 1:3-7 Matt 16:24-28	Eph 6:10-18 Mark 10:28-31	2 Cor 12:11-16 John 10:40-42
79 Second Sunday after Epiphany St. Macarius of Egypt, C	<b>20</b> St. Euthymius the Great, C	<b>21</b> St. Sebastian, M	22 St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap	<b>23</b> Pope St. Sergius I, C	24	<b>25</b> Conversion of St. Paul, Ap
<b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + John C. Myers + Roger Jeffries	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am + Daniel Landini	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available		<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Mary Unice Rozgony
MCF   9:20am Rosary   10:00am Liturgy   10:30am + Duke George		Vespers   6:00pm Bible Study   6:30pm				+ Elias " Eli" George Forty Day Memorial
Jer 1:4-10 2 Cor 4:5-15 John 1:35-42	2 Cor 1:1-11 John 1:43-51	2 Cor 1:12-24 Luke 5:1-11	2 Cor 2:1-11 Matt 4:18-25	2 Tim 2:14-19 Matt 24:45-51	2 Cor 12:17-13:4 Matt 9:35-38	Gal 1:11-17 Matt 20:1-16
26 Third Sunday after Epiphany St. Agnes, V, M	<b>27</b> St. Paula, C	<b>28</b> St. Ephrem the Syrian, C	<b>29</b> St. Hippolytus of Antioch, M	<b>30</b> St. Maximus the Confessor, C	31	<b>O1 FEB</b> St. Pionius & His Companions, M
Liturgy   8:30am + Philip Michael MCF   9:20am Rosary   10:00am Liturgy   10:30am	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available		Liturgy   4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph & Family Cocktail Hour   6pm Hafli   7:00pm
+ Fred "Hawk" David  Num 21:4-9 Gal 3:23-29 John 3:1-16	2 Cor 4:16-5:10 John 5:1-16	Heb 13:7-17 John 15:1-8	2 Cor 6:1-13 John 9:13-25	2 Cor 6:14-7:1 John 9:26-41	2 Cor 7:2-10 John 7:40-52	2 Cor 7:11-16 John 19:38-42
O2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple Liturgy   8:30am + Thomas J. George MCF   9:20am Blessing of	O3 St. Simeon the Elder & St. Anna the Prophetess Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	04 St. Isidore of Pelusium, C Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	05 St. Agatha, V, M Liturgy   8:30am + Goldie Faris Birthday Memorial	06 St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna, C Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	08 Pope St. Anterus I, M	08 Zechariah the Prophet Liturgy   4:00pm + Philip Michael
Candles   10:00am Liturgy   10:30am + Fred "Hawk" David  Mal 3:1-4 Rom 9:30-10:4 Luke 2:22-35	 2 Cor 1:8-14 Luke 2:36-41	Rom 7:7-13 John 4:39-42	Acts 8:4-13 Luke 9:41-56	Acts 8:14-25 Luke 17:11-19	2 Cor 3:1-6 John 7:37-39	2 Cor 3:7-14 John 19:28-37

### **PARISH EVENTS, HAPPENINGS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### 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!

### Thank You

As Paula returns to the Parish Office we wish to **offer our thanks** to **Abby Rozgony** who did a wonderful job as our Administrative Assistant.

### Parish Office Hours

Beginning this week, **13 January** our **Parish Office will be open Monday to Thursday from 1:00-4:00pm**. The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays, Holy Days of Obligation, and most civil holidays.

### Hafli

Save the Date! We will be having a *Hafli* on Saturday, 1 February 2025. For ticket and contact information please see the flyers below in the bulletin! Tickets can be purchased online at www.stgeorgemaronitechurch.square.site

### Hafli Sponsorships

Events like Haflis and Galas are only successful through the *gracious support of sponsors* who help defray the costs of food and entertainment. If you are able to sponsor this year's Hafli please **contact Neeley** using the information in the flyer below. Also, please let the parish office know if you would like a sponsor letter/form to bring to any businesses or people you might know! The deadline for sponsorships is **17 January 2025**. We are accepting raffle donations for the Chinese Auction at the Hafli. If you are able to contribute please contact Neeley or Kelly! Thank you!

### Ladies Appreciation Brunch

Our Ladies Appreciation Brunch will be held on Sunday, 9 February at 12:00pm. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by 29 January.

### Ephiphany Home Blessings

If you would like a Home Blessing during the Epiphany Season, please let me know and I would be happy to bless your homes and businesses! Epiphany Blessings will be available 6 January - 2 February.

### Second Collection

We wish a **warm welcome** to all our visitors and to A **Second Collection** will be taken on **Sunday, 26** those who already call St. George home. We are **January** for the **USCCB World Charities**.

### **Bible Study**

Our Bible Study Program meets twice monthly for Vespers at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm. Our new Bible Study Program will continue on Tuesday, 21 Jan and will cover the Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation.

### Daily Liturgies

Beginning this week, **13 January** our **Daily Liturgy Schedule** will be **Monday to Thursday at 8:30am**. Liturgies for Holy Days of Obligation and Great Feasts will be offered at 7:00pm either the night before or the night of a feast depending on the weekly schedule. These will always be published in the parish calendar.

### Blessing of Candles

On the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple on Sunday, 2 February we will have the Blessing of Candles at 10:00am preceding the 10:30am Liturgy. If you would like have any candles blessed please bring them to Church before 10:00am on that Sunday. Also, blessed candles will be distributed to those present.

### Great Lent

The Fast of **Great Lent** begins on **Monday, 3 March**. We will celebrate Liturgy at **8:30am and 7:00pm**. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at the liturgies on this day only. A lenten **meager meal** will be offered in the Parish Hall **preceding** the 7:00pm Liturgy at **6:00pm**.

### Lenten Prayers

Evening Prayer will be prayed at 6:00pm on the Tuesdays of Great Lent. Confessions will be available from 6:00-6:30pm Fridays of Great Lent. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:00pm on Fridays with Benediction of the Cross at 6:30pm.

### Fish Fry

Our Lenten Fish Fry returns during the **Fridays of Great Lent (and also on Latin Ash Wednesday).** Lunch will be served from 11:00am-2:00pm and Dinner from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Preorders are available and recommended. More information will be available on our website and Facebook. We are also in need of volunteers to help work shifts.

# PRAYER LIST

Michelle Sante | Lynda Handlin | Teresa Rogers | Aliya Davis | Kimberly Steinmiller | Patty Benson | Leonard W. Neill II | Davey Rusko | Jim Delgreco | for a living or deceased loved one or any other Joan Mickey | Josette Shady Abi-Nader | Brooklynn Dennis | Gina Michael | Cookie Shady Benson | Tammy McKenzie | Kamberly George | Lorraine Guynn | Eileen Crutchman | Barb Howard Misiak | Helen Adams | Tanya Loring Kizner | John Mansberry | Donald George | Larry Hicks | Subdeacon Mallard George | Joe Joseph | Gerry Dawson | Jodi Zelina Paul | Paula Toth Michelle Loring | Ethel Frangipani | Annie Joseph Luke Bota | Betse Strickler | Wayne Brown

# MEMORIALS

### Sanctuary Light

James & Ann Mullen by Family

### **Altar Candles**

Subdeacon Thomas & Amy George & Nephew Philip Michael by Alan & Marsha George

### **Altar Bread & Wine**

Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families

### Liturgy Intentions

Liturgy Intention scheduling can be made by contacting the Parish Office or in the binder in the narthex. If you would like to schedule a liturgy intention, please contact the parish office, send a note via mail or collection basket, or email. If you have already scheduled a specific or recurring monthly or yearly liturgy, please remember to send in your stipend before the liturgy is celebrated.

### Stewardship

The Eparchy has raised our monthly parochial assessment and our annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal. Please prayerfully consider how you can help our parish to continue meeting our obligations to the Bishop and the Eparchy. Scripture tells us that ten percent of everything we have should be used for the glory of God and the benefit of others, and we suggest that 5% of your tithe be given to the parish in your offertory donations, 1% be given to the Eparchy in the Lenten Appeal, and the remaining 4% be given to charities of your choice including our capital campaigns and building fund.

We are in need of volunteers for collection counters and Old Testament Lectors, and substitutes as well. Willing and interested parties are asked to contact the Parish Office.

### 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.

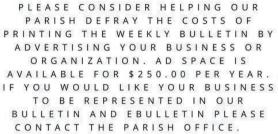
### Confessions

Confessions are held on Saturday from 3:30-3:55pm or by appointment.

# **AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**







### Faith Formation

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).

### The Bible Timeline



The Story of Salvation

#### St. George Church Bible Study Schedule

Date	Session (Video Times)				
3 Sept 2024	Introduction				
17 Sept 2024	1. Finding the Story in Scripture				
1 Oct 2024	2. Early World – Part 1 Genesis 1–11				
15 Oct 2024	3. Early World – Part 2 Genesis 1–11				
12 Nov 2024	4. Patriarchs – Part 1 Genesis 12–50				
19 Nov 2024	5. Patriarchs – Part 2 Genesis 12–50				
3 Dec 2024	6. Egypt and Exodus – Part 1 Exodus				
17 Dec 2024	7. Egypt and Exodus – Part 2 Exodus				
7 Jan 2025	8. Desert Wanderings - Numbers				
21 Jan 2025	9. Conquest and Judges – Part 1 Joshua; Judges				
4 Feb 2025	10. Conquest and Judges - Part 2 Joshua; Judges				
18 Feb 2025	11. Royal Kingdom – Part 1 1 Samuel; 2 Samuel; 1 Kings 1–11				
4 Mar 2025	12. Royal Kingdom – Part 2 1 Samuel; 2 Samuel; 1 Kings 1–11				
8 Mar 2025	13. Divided Kingdom – Part 1 1 Kings 12–22; 2 Kings 1–17				
1 Ap 2025	14. Divided Kingdom – Part 2 1 Kings 12–22; 2 Kings 1–16				
8 Apr 2025	15. Exile – 2 Kings 17–25				
6 May 2025	16. Return – Ezra; Nehemiah				
20 May 2025	17. Maccabean Revolt – 1 Maccabees				
3 Jun 2025	18. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 1 Luke				
17 Jun 2025	19. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 2 Luke				
1 Jul 2025	20. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 3 Luke				
15 Jul 2025	21. The Church – Part 1 Acts				
5 Aug 2025	22. The Church - Part 2 Acts				
19 Aug 2025	025 23. The Church – Part 3 Acts				

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### 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. To be eligible for any Parish Scholarships, or to be recommended for any NAM or Eparchial awards, a child must be a regular communicant at Sunday and Festal liturgies and an active participant in the MYO/Faith Formation program.

### Order of St. Sharbel

The Order of St. Sharbel is vitally important in providing **spiritual and financial support** for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have **four men preparing for the priesthood** for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order.



In memory of the deceased members of the Lebanese Club.



By Mr. Arthur Gabriel من المبتد أسعد زغيب



## **MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES**



# SPONSORHIP / MEMORIAL OPPORTUNTIES

### 🧥 Platinum 🛛 \$1,000

Reserved table for 8 guests, premium placement on banners, signs, digital/social media and printed in program

Gold \$750

4 tickets, placement on banners, signs, digital/social media and printed in program

### Silver \$500

2 tickets, placement on banners, signs, digital/social media and printed in program

### Bronze \$250

Placement on banners, signs, digital/social media and printed in program

All memorial donations will be printed in the evening's program.

Reach out to Neeley 724-322-6406 or Kelly 412-691-4873 to become a sponsor or make a memorial donation. DEADLINE: JANUARY 17, 2025



#### Stuffed Grape Leaves rolled grape leaves stuffed with rice and seasoned around beet

Fried Kibbeh fried round sirloin, combined with

Pita Bread

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Spinach Pie

St. George Church Ladies Guild 6 Lebanon Ter

\$4

Order Deadline Fri 28 March Pickup Sat 12 Apr | 12-3pm



Table Sponsorship \$600

Traditional Food and Music

Tickets

\$80/ea. or \$150 per couple

Raffles and 50/50

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February 1, 2025

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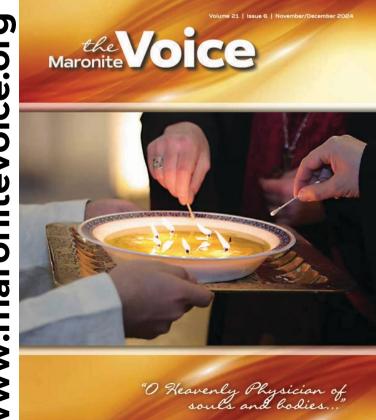
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1 p.m. - Dinner

Pancing to follow

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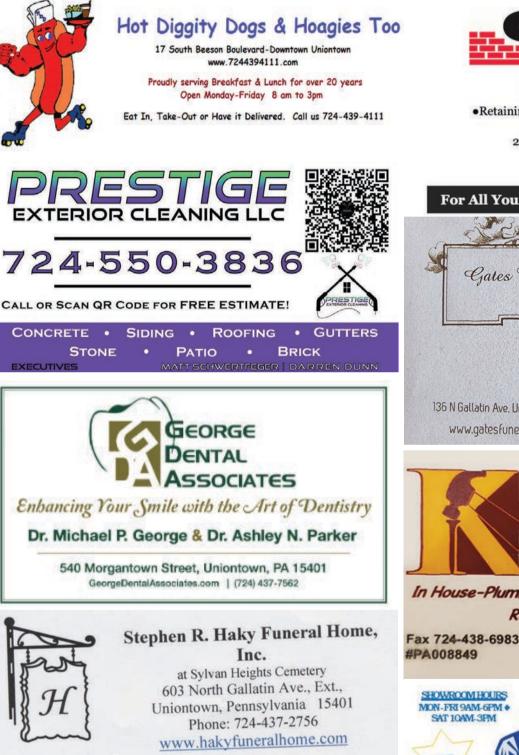
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