ST. GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

BULLETIN

THE ANNOUCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH



From the Desk of the Pastor

The *mazmooro* of this Sunday prays,

المَحْمَ رَحْمَنُا حَتَّكَ مَعْبُا . وَحَكَ خَصْمَ حَصْمَ عَقُوهًا . مَاسَبُه أَهؤًا هوَقُصُبًا . صَحْهً حَهْبُه وَحَصَّبَاً *

Zechariah was awestruck by the words of the watcher speaking to him in the sanctuary, and wonder and astonishment seised him because of the pregnancy of the barren one [sc. Elizabeth, Zechariah's wife].

The Season of Announcements is a time of revelations and surprises but, also a time of new life. The revelations given to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph tell us of God revealing His plan of salvation to three people who were not expecting to bear children, let alone a Prophet or Messiah. is our reaction Announcement determines how is enacted in o us always str coworkers with plan!

We ask ourselves must during this holy season of preparation: how do we receive God's plan for us? question Do we and counter with resistance? Do we stick to our own preconceived notions and plans? Or do we, like Mary, accept God's will for us and participate fully and wholeheartedly?

God announces Himself in various ways - some subtle, some less so. In any case, it is our reaction to that Announcement that determines how God's plan is enacted in our lives. Let us always strive to be coworkers with God in His plan!



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

ajsandbothe@gmail.com | 315.790.0059

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.

GLORY BE TO THE ONE WHO CHOSE HIM [SC. JOHN THE BAPTIST] TO BE THE HERALD OF HIS [SC. JESUS CHRIST] COMING AND TO BRING BACK NATIONS AND PEOPLES FROM THE PATHLESS DESERT TO THE PATH OF LIFE.

Parish Information

Parish Office

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

Ms. Abby Rozgony | Administrative Assistant

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

Stay Connected

Website | www.stgeorgeuniontown.org Facebook | @stgeorgeuniontown Instagram | @stgeorgeuniontown Remind | http://rmd.me/b?rid=58399870 MYO Remind | myo202 to 81010 Flocknote | stgeorgeuniontown.flocknote.com

Parish Stewardship

Week of 10 Nov 2024

1st Collection	\$2,168.00
Electronic Giving	\$693.00
2nd Collections	\$70.00
Donation	\$110.0C
Candles	\$53.00
Hall Rental	\$150.00

\$3,244.00

\$3,500.00

-\$256.00

Received

Budget Difference

Stewardship | 2024 YTD

 Received
 \$189,962.00

 Budget
 \$157,500.00

 Difference
 \$32,462.00

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) Tu - Fri | 8:30 am Feasts | 7:00 pm

This Week @ St. George

Sat | 16 Nov | 4:00pm St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap + Helen & Bob Fetsko *by Bob & Bobbi Fetsko*

Sun | 17 Nov | 8:30am St. Gregory the Wonderworker, C + Barbara Unice *by Michael Unice*

> Sun | 17 Nov | 10:30am + George Mansour by St. George Parish

Tue | 19 Nov | 8:30am Pope St. Pontian, M Intention Available

Wed | 20 Nov | 8:30am St. Gregory of the Decapolis, C + Sylvia Rogers *by Damien Zsiros*

Thu | 21 Nov | 8:30am Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple + Kherestine Risha *by Phil & Sue Thomas*

> Fri | 22 Nov | 8:30am Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary + Fred "Hawk" David by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Richey

Sat | 23 Nov | 4:00pm

St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus, M + George GT George by Children & Grandchildren

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Announcement to Zechariah St. Gregory the Wonderworker, C	18 St. Romanos, M	19 Pope St. Pontian, M	20 St. Gregory of the Decapolis, C	21 Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple	22 Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady, the Vigin Mary	23 St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus, M
Liturgy 8:30am + Barbara Unice MCF 9:20am Breakfast 9:30am Liturgy 10:30am + George Mansour		Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am + Sylvia Rogers	Liturgy 8:30am + Kherestine Risha	Liturgy 8:30am + Fred "Hawk" David St. Sharbel Liturgy @ St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center 6:30pm	Liturgy 4:00pm + George GT George
Gen 17:15-22 Rom 4:13-25 Luke 1:1-25	Rom 4:1-12 John 8:31-37	Rom 2:1-8 John 8:38-40	Rom 2:9-16 John 8:41-45	Heb 2:14-3:6 Luke 11:27-32	Rom 3:1-12 John 8:56-59	Rom 3:21-31 John 8:56-59
24 Announcement to the Mother of God St. Catherine of Alexandria, M	25 Pope St. Clement I, M	26 St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria, M	27 St. James Intercissus, M	28 St. Stephen the Younger, M	29 Sts. Saturninus & Sisinius, M	30 St. Andrew, Ap St. Bishoy, C
Liturgy 8:30am + Jenny Michael Murphy Liturgy 10:30am + Philip Michael Thanksgiving Lunch 11am-4pm		No Liturgy	No Liturgy	No Liturgy Happy Thanksgiving!	No Liturgy	Liturgy 4:00pm + Suzanne & Joseph Elardo Kids Movie Night 5:00-10:00pm
2 Sam 7:8-17 Gal 3:15-22 Luke 1:26-38	Gal 3:1-6 Luke 11:27-32	Gal 3:7-14 Matt 11:25-30	2 Tim 2:8-16 Matt 10:28-33	Gal 4:1-7 Matt 12:46-50	Gal 4:8-12 John 6:40-44	
O1 DEC Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth Nahum the Prophet, C	02 Habakkuk the Prophet, C	03	04 St. Barbara, M	05 St. Saba the Hermit, C	06 St. Nicholas (Zakhia), C	O7 St. Ambrose of Milan, C
Liturgy 8:30am + Fred "Hawk" David MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + Kherestine Risha		Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Marriage Enrichment Day 9:30-3:00pm Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph & Family
2 Sam 6:9-18 Eph 1:1-14 Luke 1:39-45	Eph 1:15-23 Luke 1:46-56	Eph 2:1-10 Luke 10:38-42	1 Cor 7:36-40 Matt 25:1-13	Eph 2:17-22 John 4:39-42	Heb 13:7-17 Matt 25:14-30	Eph 4:1-7 Luke 5:27-32
O8 Birth of John the Baptist Conception of the Mother of God Liturgy 8:30am + Amy George MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am Living Members of the Ladies Guild	09	10 Pope St. Militates, C Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	11 St. Daniel the Stylite, C Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	12 St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, C Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	13 St. Lucy, M Liturgy 8:30am + Fred "Hawk" David	14 St. Nemtallah El- Hardini, C Children's Christmas Breakfast 10-12pm Liturgy 4:00pm + John R. Joseph
1 Sam 1:9-22 Gal 4:21-5:1 Luke 1:57-66	Rom 9:1-5 Luke 1:67-80	Rom 9:6-13 Matt 11:11-15	Rom 9:14-18 Matt 17:9-13	Rom 9:19-29 Matt 21:23-27	Rom 9:30-33 Matt 11:16-19	Rom 12:1-8 Matt 4:18-25

PARISH EVENTS, HAPPENINGS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

We wish a warm welcome to all our visitors and to A donation box will be placed in the Narthex until 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!

A free Thanksgiving Lunch will be offered in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 24 November from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Eat in or Take Out. More information is available in the Narthex.

Kids Movie Niaht

If you are a parent who needs a date night or an evening to do some shopping we can help! On Saturday, 30 Nov from 5-10pm we will have a Movie Night for our kiddos! \$10 per child or \$5 if they are dressed as a saint for St. Barbara's Feast!

ristmas Flowers

Donations may be made In Memory or In Honor of your family members and friends. Please use the flower offering envelope or the form in the narthex. You may place them in the collection or send them to the parish office no later than 17 December.

Bible Stud

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, 19 Nov and will cover the Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation.

Nativitv

The traditional **Nativity Fast** begins this year on Friday, 15 November and you are encouraged to keep the ancient fast. The Nativity Fast prescribed for our Eparchy begins on Monday, 16 December and continues through to Christmas Eve. The typical fasting proscriptions are to be observed.

hristmas Novena & Deco

The Novena in preparation for Christmas begins on Sunday, 15 December. Confessions will be available at 5:30pm. Evening Prayer and the Novena will be prayed at 6:00pm. We will decorate the Church for Christmas following the Novena. All are welcome!

7 December for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Any donations, monetary or material are most appreciated to support the neediest in our community.

Tovs for Tots

The Uniontown Fire Department is collecting donations (monetary or toys) for this year's **Toys** for Tots. Donations can be brought to the Narthex or to the Fire Department.

Children's Christmas Breakfa

We will have a Christmas Breakfast for the Children of our Parish on Saturday, 14 December from 10am-12pm. Crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit with Santa and other activities will be available!

Blood Drive

FOR COUPLES OF ALL ACES

We will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in the parish hall on Friday. 22 Nov from 11:30-5:00pm.

Marriage Enrichment Day

Our Parish will host a Marriage Enrichment Day for couples of all ages on Saturday, 7 Dec from 9:30am-3:00pm facilitated by Vivian Akel. This is open to the whole community. RSVP information is found below in the bulletin.

Multi parish **Marriage Enrichment Day** Reflection & Prayer

Hosted by St. George Parish & **Eparchy of St. Maron Marriage Ministry**

DEC 7, 9:30AM-3PM

6 Lebanon Terrace Uniontown PA, 15401

COST \$30 PER COUPLE

RSVP HERE: https://forms.gle/mcEYNX FTVfPz2gNy8

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 | Elias (Eli) George | Betse Strickler

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light James & Ann Mullen by Family

Altar Candles

Loretta M. Joseph by Joe T. Joseph

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





PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUR PARISH DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PRINTING THE WEEKLY BULLETIN BY ADVERTISING YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION. AD SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR \$250.00 PER YEAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BUSINESS TO BE REPRESENTED IN OUR BULLETIN AND EBULLETIN PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

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

PAL PAR

St. George Church Bible Study Schedule

Date	Session (Video Times)				
8 Sept 2024					
7 Sept 2024	1. Finding the Story in Scripture				
1 Oct 2024	2. Early World – Part 1 Genesis 1–11				
5 Oct 2024	3. Early World – Part 2 Genesis 1–11				
2 Nov 2024	4. Patriarchs – Part 1 Genesis 12–50				
9 Nov 2024	5. Patriarchs – Part 2 Genesis 12–50				
3 Dec 2024	6. Egypt and Exodus – Part 1 Exodus				
7 Dec 2024	7. Egypt and Exodus – Part 2 Exodus				
7 Jan 2025	8. Desert Wanderings - Numbers				
1 Jan 2025	9. Conquest and Judges – Part 1 Joshua; Judges				
4 Feb 2025	10. Conquest and Judges - Part 2 Joshua; Judges				
8 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				
0 May 2025	17. Maccabean Revolt – 1 Maccabees				
3 Jun 2025	18. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 1 Luke				
7 Jun 2025	19. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 2 Luke				
1 Jul 2025	20. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 3 Luke				
5 Jul 2025	21. The Church – Part 1 Acts				
Aug 2025	22. The Church – Part 2 Acts				
Aug 2025	23. The Church – Part 3 Acts				

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 **three men preparing for the priesthood** for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order.

JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

Support Maronite Seminarians and retired priests and help build the future of the Maronite Church



Enroll online at orderstsharbel.org or in your Parish

For more information, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel President, Charlene Hiffa at info@orderstsharbel.org or call 718-237-9913 or consult your Parish Priest, you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Father Dominique Hanna, Vocations Director at (718) 624-7228 or cathrectory@verizon.net

> "May the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of The Lord."

In memory of the deceased members of the Lebanese Club.



By Mr. Arthur Gabrie من الميدَد أسعد زُغْيب



MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES



February 1, 2025 St. George Parish Hall 6 p.m. - Mezze hous discurres 1 p.m. - Dinner bancing to follow

Table Sponsorship \$600

Raffles and 50/50

📥 Sponsorships Available

Tickets

Dancing

Reach out to Neeley 724-322-6406 or Kelly 412-691-4873 to secure your seat, table or become a sponsor. Raffle donations are also being accepted.

6 Lebanon Terrace Uniontown

Friday, November 22 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Maximbs your blood denation, Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, cansider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCross8 lood.org and enter: STGEORGE to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RepidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

www.maronitevoice.org

21 | Issue 5 | September/October 2024

He placed in their hands the keys of Heaven.



anita@garysautosales.com www.garysautosales.com 724.626.8080

.

PATIO

PRESTIGE EXTERIOR CLEANING LLC

ANDREW D. FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORIES, INC.

866.439.2577 724.439.2577 | Fax 724.4390277 80 Morgantown St. Uniontown PA 15401 www.adferguson.com | andrew@adferguson.com



Areas largest showroom of Brick
 Stone Veneer
 Pavers Retaining Walls
 Outdoor Fire Pits
 Landscape

> 214 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown (724) 437-8877 www.ottobrick.com

For All Your Masonry and Landscaping Needs!



Funeral Director/Owner 136 N Gallatin Ave, Uniontown, PA 15401 ricky@gatesfuneralservices.com www.gatesfuneralservices.com Telephone: 724-434-8040



In House-Plumbing- Electrical-Heating-Refrigeration-Air Conditioning Technicians

Fax 724-438-6983 **#PA008849**

email: kellyconstruction@verizon.n





Hot Diggity Dogs & Hoagies Too

BRICK

GUTTERS

17 South Beeson Boulevard-Downtown Uniontown www.7244394111.com

ROOFING

•

Proudly serving Breakfast & Lunch for over 20 years Open Monday-Friday 8 am to 3pm

Eat In, Take-Out or Have it Delivered. Call us 724-439-4111



Enhancing Your Smile with the Art of Dentistry

Dr. Michael P. George & Dr. Ashley N. Parker

540 Morgantown Street, Uniontown, PA 15401 GeorgeDentalAssociates.com | (724) 437-7562



Stephen R. Haky Funeral Home, Inc.

at Sylvan Heights Cemetery 603 North Gallatin Ave., Ext., Uniontown, Pennsylvania 15401 Phone: 724-437-2756 www.hakyfuneralhome.com

Stephanie Haky Georgiana, FD, Licensed Supervisor William A. Bautz, Licensed Funeral Director