NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



From the Desk of the Pastor

Winter has arrived and with its advent - winter's sister. snow, will begin to make itself present to us in short order. The barrenness of winter, where the leaves have fallen, no fruit is produced, and the coldness of the air reminds us of the barrenness of Elizabeth's womb and the virginity of Mary's womb - where through God's wondrous miracle Life springs forth for the salvation mankind! The Herald and the Messiah both come to us on earth and from their example and works the barrenness of our hearts is filled with the life and fruit of the Gospel. Let celebrate the mystery of the birth of John the Forerunner with the joyful expectation of the Lord's coming birth!

As we prepare for Christmas, please take note of opportunities for prayer:

- The Christmas Novena will be celebrated at 6:00pm from 15-23 December with opportunities for Confession before the Novena. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Rectory following the Novena each evening. If you haven't made a good confession in a while, or have friends and family who might need to make a good confession, these evenings are perfect to get that taken care of and enjoy a brief moment of prayer in song in preparation for the glorious feast of Christmas!
- We will do the first round of decorating for Christmas on Sunday, 15 December following the Novena. Any and all help will be appreciated and all are invited to join in refreshments following.
- We will have our Rectory Open House/Christmas Party on Sunday
 December following the Novena. All are invited and warmly welcome!



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Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

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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.

ZECHARIAH REJOICED, AND THE BARREN ONE, EXULTED, THE MOUNTAIN OF JUDEA REJOICED WITH THEM, AND ALSO THE CHURCH SINGS GLORY BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF THE FORERUNNER OF THE TRUTH.

Parish Information

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Parish Stewardship

Week of 01 Dec 2024

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Electronic Giving \$131.00

2nd Collections \$15.00 Candles \$80.00

SVDP \$1,200.00

Altar Rosary Society \$675.00

Movie Night \$70.00

Received \$3,252.00

Budget \$3,500.00

Difference -\$248.00

Stewardship | 2024 YTD

Received \$203,020.00

Budget \$168,000.00

Difference \$35,020.00

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 | 07 Dec | 8:30am

St. Ambrose of Milan, C + Loretta M. Joseph & Family by Joe T. Joseph

Sun | 08 Dec | 8:30am Conception of the Mother of God

> + Amy George by Ed & Jamie George

Sun | 08 Dec | 10:30am Living Members of the Ladies Guild

Tue | 10 Dec | 8:30am

Pope St. Militates, C + Paula David by Sarah Jane Russo

Wed | 11 Dec | 8:30am

St. Daniel the Stylite, C Intention Available

Thu | 12 Dec | 8:30am

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, C Intention Available

Fri | 13 Dec | 8:30am

St. Lucy, M + Fred "Hawk" David

by Paul & Evelyn Hensh & Dorothy Shaffer

Sat | 14 Dec | 8:30am

St. Nemtallah El-Hardini, C + John R. Joseph by the Joseph Family

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
08 Birth of John the Baptist Conception of the	09	10 Pope St. Militates, C]] St. Daniel the Stylite, C	12 St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, C	13 St. Lucy, M	14 St. Nemtallah El- Hardini, C
Mother of God Liturgy 8:30am + Amy George		Liturgy 8:30am + Paula David	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 8:30am + Fred "Hawk" David	Children's Christmas Breakfast 10-12pm
MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am Living Members of the Ladies Guild						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
75 Revelation to Joseph St. Eleutherius & His Mother, M	16 Haggai the Prophet	17 The Three Youth in the Furnace: Ananias, Azarias, & Misael, C	18 Daniel the Prophet	19 St. Athenodorus, M	20 St. Ignatius of Antioch, M	21 St. Julian, M
Liturgy 8:30am + James & Ann Mullen & John & Josephine Marhefka		Liturgy 8:30am + Jerome S. Toth Sr. + Jerome S. Toth Jr.	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph
Liturgy 10:30am + Philip Michael Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:30pm Decorating 6:30pm	Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:00pm	Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:00pm	Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:00pm	Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:00pm	Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:00p <i>m</i>
Isaiah 7:10-15 Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25	Nativity Fast Rom 10:14-21 John 7:1-10	Nativity Fast Rom 11:1-12 John 7:11-18	Nativity Fast Rom 11:13-24 John 7:25-30	Nativity Fast Rom 11:25-36 John 7:31-36	Nativity Fast Rom 8:31-39 John 12:23-30	Nativity Fast Rom 12:9-21 John 7:45-53
22 Genealogy Sunday St. Anastasia of the Balkans, M	23 St. Eugenia, M	24 Vigil of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord	25 The Glorious Birth of Our Lord	26 Felicitations to the Mother of God	27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr, M	28 Adoration of the Magi St. Marina in Pisidia, M
Liturgy 8:30am + Thomas J. George Liturgy 10:30am + Philip Michael Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:00pm	Confessions 5:30pm Novena 6:00pm	Christmas Evening Prayer 6:00pm Liturgy 7:00pm Intention Available	Liturgy 10:00am Parishioners of St. George	Liturgy 8:30am Stephen Tancin	Liturgy 8:30am + Jerome S. Toth Sr.	Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph & Family
Rectory Open House 6:30pm Isaiah 11:1-9 Rom 1:1-12 Matt 1:1-17	Nativity Fast Heb 11:1-6 John 8:1-11	Nativity Fast Heb 11:7-10 John 8:12-20	Holy Day of Obligation Isaiah 8:23-9:5 Heb 1:1-12 Luke 2:1-20	Eph 1:3-14 Luke 1:46-55	2 Cor 11:1-9 Matt 23:29-24:2	Rev 21:9-27 Matt 2:1-12
29 Sunday after the Glorious Birth of Our Lord The Massacre of the	30 St. Anysia, V, M	3] St. Zoticus, M	O1 JAN 2025 The Circumcision of Our Lord Sts. Basil and Gregory, C	O2 Pope St. Silvester I, C	03 Malachi the Prophet	04 Pope St. Caius, M
Children of Bethlehem Liturgy 8:30am + Kherestine Risha Liturgy 10:30am + Departed Children of St. George		Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 7:00pm + Elizabeth "Libby" John	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph & Family + Christopher Sleighter
Church Isaiah 11:1-9 Heb 11:23-31 Matt 2:13-18	Acts 7:2-37 Matt 2:19-23	Jer 23:5-8 Col 1:9-20 John 1:1-19	Holy Day of Obligation Gen 21:1-5 Eph 2:11-22 Luke 2:21	Heb 7:1-10 Luke 2:22-24	Heb 7:20-28 Luke 2:25-35	Heb 6:9-12 Luke 2:36-40

Parish Events, Happenings, & Announcements

Welcome!

We wish a warm welcome to all our visitors and to Join us for the Christmas Novena on Sunday, 22 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!

Bible Study

Our Bible Study Program meets twice monthly for Please note our Christmas Liturgical Schedule this Vespers at 6:00pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm. Our new Bible Study Program will continue on **Tuesday, 17 Dec** and will cover the Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation.

Christmas 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.

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!

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.

Children's Christmas Breakfast

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

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.

Rectory Christmas Open House

December at 6:00pm followed by an Open House Christmas Party in the Parish Rectory at 6:30pm! All are welcome! Bring something sweet, savory, or a drink to share as we enjoy some festive cheer befroe the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord!

Christmas Liturgies

year:

Tue | 24 Dec | Christmas Eve 6:00pm | Evening Prayer of Christmas 7:00pm | Candlelight Vigil Liturgy of Christmas

Wed | 25 Dec | Christmas Day 10:00am | Liturgy of Christmas Day

NB: There is only one Liturgy on Christmas Day.

Feast of the Circumcision

We will celebrate the Feast of the Circumcision on Wednesday, 1 January at 7:00pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Feast of the Glorious Epiphan

We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on Monday, 6 January at 7:00pm. During the Liturgy we will bless Epiphany Water. Please bring your empty bottles with you so you can take the blessed water home with you. This is a **Holy Day** of Obligation.

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.

2025 Liturgy Intentions

Ilf you would like to schedule any Liturgy Intentions for 2025 there are still a few weekends open. There are many daily liturgies with no intentions yet, including many **feast days**. Please consider scheduling recurring daily and festal intentions for both the living and deceased or any other personal intentions.

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

Jerome S. Toth Sr. & Jerome S. Toth Jr. by Family

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.

Collection Counters & Lectors

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

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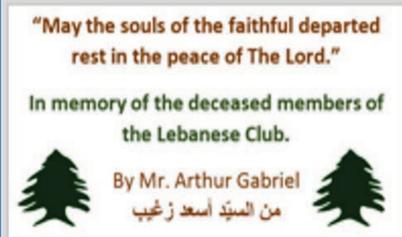
Maronite Youth Organization

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. Sharbe

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.





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).



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				
18 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	23. The Church – Part 3 Acts				

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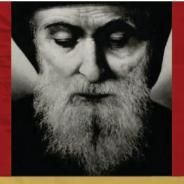
St. george Parish Hall 6 p.m. - Mezze hous dioenwies 1 p.m. - Dinner Bancing to follow

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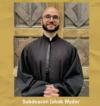
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