BULLETIN

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE LEPER



From the Desk of the Pastor

The following prayer is taken from the Evening Office of the Sunday of the Healing of the Leper:

O Good and Kind Lord, in Your goodness You healed the leper who approached You. In Your and compassion Your abundant mercy heal our bodies and souls, we who are sinners and Your servants who have become leprous with sin and by the abundance of our transgressions. Purify us in Your mercy and with Your hyssop wash Your worshippers, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

Throughout the body of prayers from our Syriac Maronite tradition we find a repeated image - that of Christ as a physician. Our Lord Jesus Christ is both the Creator of souls and bodies and also the Heavenly Physician who heals the wounds caused to our souls and bodies by sin and death.

Last week, Christ manifested His Divinity by transforming the water at Cana into wine (also transforming the family's shame and humiliation into joy and divine praises) and, this week, He manifests His Divinity again by cleansing the leper of his ailment. We see in this miracle a healing of body (the physical result of his leprous state) and soul (the estrangement from the community as a result of his unclean status). The miracles we commemorate throughout the Season of Great Lent continually demonstrate to us the medicinal power of Christ's compassion and mercy. The physical miracles of Christ always contain a metaphysical miracle as well.

Throughout our lives we all experience physical ailments - be they leprosy, paralysis, blindness, or anything else. We also suffer from spiritual ailments as well – the leprosy of jealousy, the paralysis of fear, the blindness of pride or anger, etc. If we will bring ourselves to an earthly doctor for medical care let us also remind ourselves to approach the Heavenly Physician who heals wounds far greater than our own physical ailments.

Let us make this holy Fast a time to examine our own spiritual infirmities and approach the Heavenly Physician – we have no need to repay Him for His services, as He heals us only out of His ineffable compassion, mercy, and love for mankind.

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

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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.

MOSES DEPICTED THE TYPE AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE HEBREWS: WHEN A MAN BECOMES LEPROUS WITHIN THE ENCAMPMENT HE IS DRIVEN FROM ITS MIDST AND CAST OUTSIDE; WHILE IF HE SLOUGHS OFF HIS LEPROSY AND MAKES SUPPLICATION, THE PRIEST PURIFIES HIM WITH HYSSOP, BLOOD, AND WATER, AND HE RETURNS TO HIS FORMER ABODE AND ENTERS INTO HIS INHERITANCE.

Parish Information

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Parish Stewardship

Week of 11 February 20241st Collection\$1,928.00Electronic Giving\$698.00Candles\$126.00Feasts\$96.002nd Collections.\$30.00

Received

Budget

Difference

Stewardship | 2024 YTD

-\$6,255.00
\$21,000.00
\$14,745.00

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 | 17 Feb | 4:00pm St. Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada, C +Husanna Unice *by Family*

> Sun | 18 Feb | 8:30am Pope St. Felix II, C + Elias G. & Harriet Rafail *by Family* Sun | 18 Feb | 10:30am

+ Martha Zoor John by Family

Tue | 20 Feb | 8:30am St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus, C + Faithful Departed

Wed | 21 Feb | 8:30am St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch, C + Faithful Departed

\$2,878.00
 \$3,500.00
 -\$622.00
 Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch
 + Mary Thomas Mosako
 by Family

Fri | 23 Feb | 8:30am St. Polycarp of Smyrna, M + Patrina Marinelli Ross by Barbara & Joe George

Sat | 24 Feb | 4:00pm St. Margaret the Penitent, C + James Critz by Wife & Family

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 Healing of the Leper Pope St. Leo the Great. C	19 The 500 Martyrs of Tyre, M	20 St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus, C	21 St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch, C	22 Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch	23 St. Polycarp of Smyrna, M Liturgy 8:30am	24 St. Margaret the Penitent, C
Liturgy 8:30am + Elias G. & Harriet Rafail MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + Martha Zoor John	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am + Faithful Departed Confessions 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am + Faithful Departed	Liturgy 8:30am + Mary Thomas Mosako	+ Patrina Marinelli Ross FishFry 11-6pm Confessions 6:00pm Devotions 6:00pm	Liturgy 4:00pm + James Critz
2 Kings 5:1-14 Rom 6:12-23 Mark 1:35-45	Fast 1 Thes 4:13-18 Luke 12:1-7	Fast Eph 6:10-18 Luke 12:22-34	Fast Rom 3:19-27 Matt 12:38-45	Fast Phil 4:4-10 Luke 8:4-15	Fast Rom 1:18-25 Matt 18:23-35	Heb 12:28-13::9 Mark 11:19-25
25 Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman Pope St. Felix II, C	26 St. Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, C	27 St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St. Maron, C	28 Sts. Koura & Marana, Disciples of St. Maron, C	29 Pope St. Leo the Great, C	OI MAR St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron, C St. Afdokia of Baalbek, C	O2 St. John Maron, C
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Num 15:37-41 2 Cor 7:4-11 Luke 8:40-56	Fast 1 Tim 4:9-16 John 8:21-27	Fast 2 Cor 8:1-9 Matt 23:1-12	Fast Gal 2:1-7 Matt 17:10-13	Fast Gal 1:1-10 Luke 17:20-37	Fast Rom 3:1-7 Luke 12:6-21	Phil 1:21-30 Matt 5:13-17
03 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Liturgy 8:30am + Shmooni "Mimi" Rafail + Gerald Ray Solomon II Forty Day Memorial MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am	04 St. Paul & His Sister, St. Juliana, M No Liturgy	O5 St. Albert the Great, C Liturgy 8:30am Sherri Sandbothe Confessions 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	06 St. Conan of Isauria, M Liturgy 8:30am + Charlotte Tancin	O7 The Seven Young Men of Ephesus, M Liturgy 8:30am Sam Sandbothe	08 St. Frances of Rome, C Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available FishFry 11-6pm Confessions 6:00pm Devotions 6:00pm	09 The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, M Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta Joseph & Family
+ Richard Elias George, Sr. Zech 3:1-7 2 Cor 13:5-13 Luke 15:11-32	Fast 2 Cor 9:1-15 Luke 9:37-45	Fast 1 Cor 16:15-24 Mark 8:22-26	Fast Rom 14:1-13 Luke 7:1-10	Fast 2 Cor 1:23-2:5 Matt 15:29-39	Fast 2 Cor 12:21-13:5 Matt 9:27-35	2 Cor 4:11-18 Luke 6:20-23
10 Healing of the Paralytic St. Auxentius, C Liturgy 8:30am + Elias G. Rafail MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + Debbie Kino Forty Day Memorial + Christopher]] St. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, C No Liturgy Clergy Retreat	12 Pope St. Gregory the Great, C No Liturgy Clergy Retreat]3 St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C No Liturgy Clergy Retreat]4 St. Euphrasia, C No Liturgy Clergy Retreat	75 St. Benedict, C No Liturgy Clergy Retreat FishFry 11-6pm Confessions 6:00pm Devotions 6:00pm	16 Constantinople I St. Papas, M Liturgy 4:00pm + Helen Fetsko
"Buffy" Kelly Isaiah 35:1-10 1 Tim 5:24-6:5 Mark 2:1-12	Fast Eph 5:3-13 Mark 5:1-20	Fast 1 Tim 1:1-8 Mark 6:47-56	Fast Eph 6:1-9 Luke 7:11-17	Fast 2 Tim 1:6-14 Mark 4:33-41	Fast Phil 2:12-19 Luke 4:31-44	2Col 3:23-4:7 Mark 7:31-37

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!

Bible Study & Evening Prayer

During Tuesdays of Great Lent, we will pray Evening Prayer at 6:00pm followed by a dedicated Bible Study - No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion at 6:30pm .

Fridays of Great Lent

During Fridays of Great Lent, Confessions will be heard from 6:00-6:30pm. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:00pm followed by Benediction of the Cross at 6:30pm.

Eparchial Charities Appeal

The 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 2024 our parish has been assessed a goal of \$7,500. The Lenten Offering is for the parish to allow us to participate in charitable efforts as a parish during the Lenten season.



Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who memorialized a loved for Christmas through a gift of flowers, the Holy of Holies was beautifully decorated for the feast. For those who would like to do the same for Easter please note that the **Easter Flower form or Easter Flower envelope is due by 26 March**. You may use either the form in the bulletin or the envelope that comes with your weekly contribution envelopes. 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. More information will be available on our website and Facebook. We are also in need of volunteers to help work shifts.

Fasting

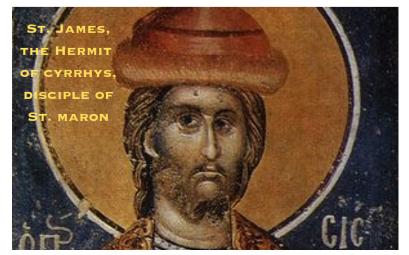
Fasting in the **Syriac Maronite tradition** consists of **abstaining from all meat, dairy products, and alcohol** from **Midnight until Noon Monday-Friday of Great Lent**. A light meal may be taken in the afternoon but without meat, dairy, or alcohol. Traditionally, fish is also excluded during Great Lent. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from the Lenten Fast.

Easter Bourbon Raffle

We will host a **Bourbon Raffle** on Sunday, 31 March. **Tickets are \$25** and **only 250 tickets** will be sold. Tickets can be purchased through the **Parish Office** and **During the Lenten Fish Fry.** We are also **accepting donations** of bottles of Bourbon and Scotch for the Raffle!

CRS Rice Bow

St. George Church is participating in the Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl" for the fifth year. Once again, your support is very important and much appreciated. You may write a check payable to St. George Church (note CRS on your check memo line), 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.



PRAYER LIST

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 | Donald George | Larry Hicks | Subdeacon Mallard George | Kherestine Risha

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light

James & Ann Mullen by Family

Altar Candles

Mary Thomas Mosako 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 for a living or deceased 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 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. 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

Overnight Silent Retreat for Women

February 23-24, 2024: beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday the 23rd until after lunch on Saturday the 24th at the Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer with Sister Carol, OSBM. Offering \$40. Registration due February 19th. Call (724)438- 7149 or email: hpmsm@verizon.net.

Men's Evening of Recollection

Thursday, **February 29th** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer. Presenter TBA. Offering \$35. Registration due February 26th. Call (724)438-7149 or email: hpmsm@verizon.net.

Volunteer Needed

Alternatives Yes Pregnancy Center located in the St. Mary Parish Center is looking for a **volunteer** to cover the front desk and provide general office assistance on **Thursdays from 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.** Contact Andrea for more information by calling 724.628.5555 x3, or email apritts@altyes.org.

Monastic Led Pilgrimage

St. Vincent Archabbey's Retreat Office is going abroad with monastic-led pilgrimages. The pilgrimage will follow the **Footsteps of St. Patrick** across the **Emerald Isle of Ireland** by private coach. Pilgrims will be accompanied by Benedictine **Fr. Phillip Kanfush** from **21-29 July**. For more information, contact the retreat office at **svaretreats@gmail.com**.

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.

Fast of Great Lent

12 February - 22 March 2024

"The gates of paradise are opened through fasting, and the ones who fast enter and inherit the kingdom. The bridal chamber and kingdom are reserved for the ones who fast, and those in the truth fast sincerely. Our Savior, may our fast be pleasing to You, and our prayer an acceptable offering."

Traditional Lenten Fasting One meal is to be taken in the evening, or at least no food is to be taken from Midnight to Noon. Fasting is to be observed Monday to Friday, Saturday Fasting is only permitted on Great Saturday. No meat, meat products, dairy, or alcohol is to be taken. A vegan diet is to be observed.

Minimum Fasting Observance Ash Monday, the Fridays of Lent, Great Friday of the Crucifixion

Egg Decorating Class

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main Street, Uniontown, will be offering **Pysanky (Slavik, Eastern Europe, and Ukrainian**

style egg decorating) classes on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m., starting 12 February through 18 March. If interested or want more information, please call 724.438.1382 (leave your name and phone number).

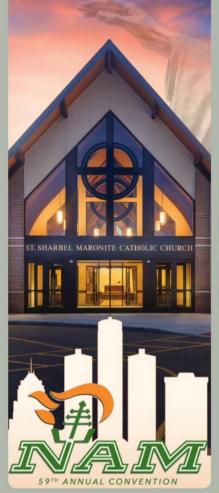
Catholic Men's Retreat

"Into The Wild, Catholic Men's Retreat" will be held **16-19 May** and is sponsored by "The King's Men". This is a fantastic experiential retreat for men. Contact Mike Aesoph for details 724.812.6191.

Lenten Morning of Recollection

Saturday, March 9th from 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Presenter: Fr. Andrew Hamilton. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered along with a Conference, Reflection, Prayer Service, and Lunch. Offering \$40. **Registration Due: March 4th**. Call Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer 724.438.7149; hpmsm@verizon.net.

MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES









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SAINT GEORGE CHURCH

2024 LENTEN FISH FRY

COMBOS | \$15 INCLUDES 2 SIDES | ADDITIONAL SIDES \$3 FISH DINNER FISH SANDWICH SHRIMP DINNER FALAFEL WRAP* VEGAN

SIDES

COLESLAW FRENCH FRIES MAC & CHEESE CABBAGE & NOODLES PIEROGIS

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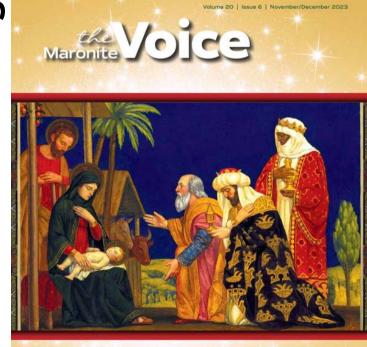
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