BULLETIN

THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE



From the Desk of the Pastor

This week we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. I would like to draw your attention to a beautiful prayer composed by Mar Philoxenus of Mabbug, and recorded by Dionysius Bar Salibi, two great Syriac writers. Dionysius records this prayer of Christ as a response to the question: "What was the prayer of our Lord upon his Baptism?"

May Christ, baptized by John upon this day, renew our hearts and minds as we commemorate the revelation of His Divinity and the new birth we receive through Holy Baptism.



"Father, I became man according to Your will. And since my birth until now. I fulfilled what belongs to the human nature. I have kept and accomplished the commandments, the symbols and figures of the Law. Now I am baptized and I prepared baptism as a spiritual womb to beget man anew. And as John was the last priest of the Law. likewise I appeared as the first priest of the Gospel. O Father, through my prayer, open up heaven and send your Holy Spirit over this womb of baptism. And as He descended and formed me in the womb of the Virgin, likewise, let Him descend and sanctify the womb of baptism to form man, to bring forth from it new sons, by making them your sons, my brothers and heirs of the kingdom. Let the priests of the New Covenant of whom I am, through this prayer, the head and the First, achieve what the priests of the Law, from Aaron to John, have failed to accomplish. Send the Holy Spirit on their baptism, each time they baptize and petition You. The visible appearance of the Holy Spirit in my Baptism is a proof that He will also descend in an invisible way in their baptism to perform through them the service of the New Covenant for which I became man..."

- St. Philoxenus of Mabbug

THE ROYAL IMAGE IS PAINTED WITH VISIBLE COLORS. WITH VISIBLE OIL IS PAINTED THE HIDDEN IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE KING. BAPTISM HAS CONCEIVED IN ITS WOMB THOSE WHO ARE SIGNED. IT CREATES A NEW IMAGE IN PLACE OF THE IMAGE CORRUPTED BY THE FIRST ADAM. - ST. EPHREM



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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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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.

Parish Information

Parish Office

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Parish Stewardship

Week of 29 Dec 2024

Difference

| 1st Collection | \$1,555.00 | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| Christmas | \$1,430.00 | |
| Electronic Giving | \$192.00 | |
| 2nd Collections | \$241.00 | |
| Candles | \$111.00 | |
| Poor Fund | \$14.00 | |
| Donation | \$1,000.00 | |
| Received | \$4,543.00 | |
| Budget | \$7,000.00 | |
| Difference | -\$2,457.00 | |
| Stewardship 2024 FINAL | | |
| Received | \$219,208.00 | |
| Budget \$185,500.0 | | |
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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.

\$33,708.00

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 | 04 Jan | 4:00pm Pope St. Caius, M + Loretta M. Joseph & Family *by Joe T. Joseph* + Christopher Sleighter *by Richard Brower & Marie George*

Sun | 05 Jan | 8:30am St. Paul the First Hermit, C + Philip Michael *by Karen & Jim Nickman*

Sun | 05 Jan | 10:30am + Fred "Hawk" David by Dr. Pete & Mary Gabriel

> Mon | 06 Jan | 7:00pm The Glorious Epiphany of Our Lord Intention Available

Tue | 07 Jan | 8:30am Praises of St. John the Baptist, M Intention Available

> **Wed | 08 Jan | 8:30am** St. Carterius the Priest, M Intention Available

Thu | 09 Jan | 8:30am St. Eustratius the Wonderworker, C Intention Available

> **Fri | 10 Jan | 8:30am** St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, C Intention Available

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

| | PARISH CALENDAR | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
| 05 The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple St. Paul, the First Hermit, C | 06 Feast of the Clorious Epiphany | O7 Praises of St. John the Baptist, M | 08 St. Carterius the Priest, M | 09 St. Eustratius the Wonderworker, C | 10 St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, C |]] St. Theodosius of Antioch, C | |
| Liturgy 8:30am + Philip Michael MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + Fred "Hawk" David | Liturgy 7:00pm Blessing of Water Intention Available Holy Day of | 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 | Liturgy 4:00pm + Ann Gabriel | |
| 1 Kings 3:5-14 Heb 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52 | Obligation Ezek 36:22-29 Tit 2:11-3:7 Luke 3:15-22 | Col 1:24-29 Luke 7:18-30 | Col 2:1-7 Matt 3:13-17 | Gal 5:2-15 John 5:31-38 | Gal 5:16-26 John 5:39-47 | Gal 6:1-10 Matt 3:7-12 | |
| 12 First Sunday after Epiphany St. Tatiana of Rome, M Liturgy 8:30am | 13 St. Jacob of Nisibis, C | 14 St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, C | 15 Our Lady of the Sowing St. John Calybites, C | 16 Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter Ap | 17 St. Anthony the Great, C | 18 Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome St. Athanasius of | |
| + Tom "Duke" George MCF 9:20am Rosary 10:00am | | Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available | Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available | Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available | Liturgy 8:30am + Fred "Hawk" David | Alexandria, C St. Cyril of Alexandria, C Liturgy 4:00pm + Philip Michael | |
| Liturgy 10:30am + Adam Morris & 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 | |
| 19 Second Sunday after Epiphany | 20 St. Euthymius the Great, C | 21 St. Sebastian, M | 22 St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap | 23 Pope St. Sergius I, C | 24 | 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Ap | |
| St. Macarius of Egypt, C Liturgy 8:30am + John C. Myers + Roger Jeffries | | Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available | Liturgy 8:30am + Daniel Landini | Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available | Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available | Liturgy 4:00pm + Mary Unice Rozgony | |
| MCF 9:20am Rosary 10:00am + Duke George | | Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm | | | | | |
| 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 | 27 St. Paula, C | 28 St. Ephrem the Syrian, C | 29 St. Hippolytus of Antioch, M | 30 St. Maximus the Confessor, C | 31 | O1 FEB St. Pionius & His Companions, M | |
| Liturgy 8:30am + Philip Michael MCF 9:20am Rosary 10:00am | | 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 | |
| Liturgy 10:30am + Fred "Hawk" David | 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 | |

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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!

Merry Christmas! Fr. Aaron would like to offer a **very hearty thank you** to anyone who gifted him for Christmas! Also, thank you to everyone who donated for the Christmas Poinsettias this year!

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, 7 Jan and will cover the Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation.

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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**. Thank you!

Hafli Raffle Donations

We are accepting **raffle donations** for the Chinese Auction at the **Hafli**. If tou are able to contribute please contact Neeley or Kelly! Thank you!

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.

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

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**. Zlabia and Coffee will be served at the end of Liturgy.





BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

ZLABIA AND COFFEE FOLLOWING THE LITURGY st george church 6 lebanon terrace uniontown pa 15401

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 | Betse Strickler

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.

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.

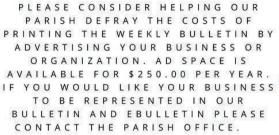
Confessions

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

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS







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**



| Date | Session (Video Times) | | | | |
|------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| ept 2024 | Introduction | | | | |
| Sept 2024 | 1. Finding the Story in Scripture | | | | |
| Oct 2024 | 2. Early World - Part 1 Genesis 1-11 | | | | |
| Oct 2024 | 3. Early World - Part 2 Genesis 1-11 | | | | |
| Nov 2024 | 4. Patriarchs – Part 1 Genesis 12–50 | | | | |
| Nov 2024 | 5. Patriarchs – Part 2 Genesis 12–50 | | | | |
| Dec 2024 | 6. Egypt and Exodus – Part 1 Exodus | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |
| Ap 2025 | 14. Divided Kingdom – Part 2 1 Kings 12–22; 2 Kings 1–16 | | | | |
| 3 Apr 2025 | 15. Exile – 2 Kings 17–25 | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |
| I 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 | | | | |

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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



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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

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

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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

Fried Kibbeh

cracked wheat, onion, and a vari of spices

Pita Bread Lebanese flat bread, most Middle Eastern food is meant to be eaten by hand pita is the

savory Lebanese pastry fill with minced beef, toma ck garlic onion green pepper

Spinach Pie

Hummus

\$12

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St. George Church Ladies Guild 6 Lebanon Ter Uniontown PA 15401

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



you are condially invited to the

St. George Maronite

6 p.m. - Mezze hous d'oeuvries 1 p.m. - Dinner bancing to follow

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

Table Sponsorship \$600

Traditional Food and Music

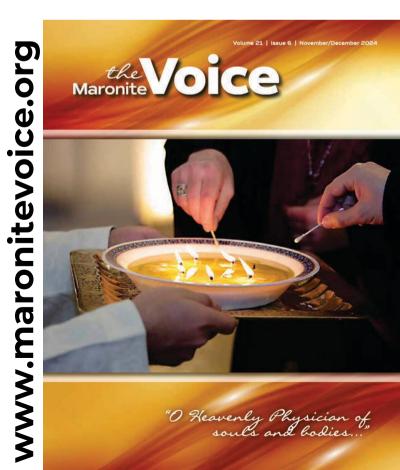
Raffles and 50/50

Sponsorships Available

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