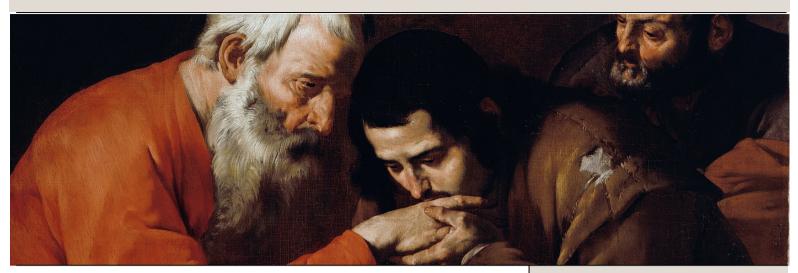
ST. GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY OF THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON



From the Desk of the Pastor

"True Father, You received the Prodigal Son after squandered Your possessions in debauchery and drunkenness. You took him by the neck and kissed him, slaughtered fattened calf and received him receive Your servants. Compassionate One, who return and come to Your sheepfold while the angels and watchers rejoice in the hope there is for the repentant."

(From Sunday Maronite Morning Prayer)

This week we commemorate the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The other Sundays of Great Lent commemorate specific miracles that Christ performed during his life the transmutation of water into wine, granting sight to the blind, movement paralyzed, healing the leprous, etc. However, this week we commemorate a miracle performed on the behalf of all mankind - the mercy shown by God to the repentant sinner.

The healings and miracles performed bν Christ were demonstrations of His Divinity and Power. The parable we commemorate today demonstrates God's strength through forbearance and His longsuffering mercy. God, as He did in the times of Noah, could punish the wicked with utter destruction. yet He promised mankind He would not do so ever again. Christ, at the urging of the angels surrounding the Cross, could have rained down lightning and might from Heaven to destroy those who were crucifying Him on Good Friday. Yet, He chose to submit to their unjust punishment. God has shown His might through choosing mercy for sinners rather than just judgment. Like the Prodigal Son, we have squandered the Gifts of God throughout our lives. But, also like the Prodigal Son if we return to God in sincere repentance, He has already slaughtered the finest Offering on our behalf – His only-Begotten Son upon the Cross and is ready to welcome us home to the eternal banquet of Heaven.

THE YOUNGER BROTHER SAID TO HIS FATHER: "I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND AGAINST YOU. FATHER, MY HEART REPROVES ME, BUT YOU ARE GREATER THAN MY HEART."



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

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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 Stewardship

Week of 25 February 2024

1st Collection \$1,687.00

Electronic Giving \$313.00

\$90.00 Candles

Eparchial Lenten Appeal \$270.00

\$4,018.00 Fish Fry

\$6,378.00 Received

\$3,500.00 Budget

\$2,878.00 Difference

Stewardship | 2024 YTD

Church.

\$29,262.00 Received

\$28,000.00 Budget

Difference \$1,262.00

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 **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 | 02 Mar | 4:00pm St. John Maron, C

+ Agnes "Aggie" Almes & Richard "Rick" Davidson by Larry & Judy Unice

Sun | 03 Mar | 8:30am

+ Shmooni "Mimi" Rafail by Family

Sun | 03 Mar | 10:30am

+ Richard Elias George, Sr. by Denise Gillen-Carall

> Tue | 05 Mar | 8:30am St. Albert the Great, C

Sherri Sandbothe | Birthday by Fr. Aaron

Wed | 06 Mar | 8:30am

St. Conan of Isauria, M + Charlotte Tancin by Stephen & Susan Tancin

Thu | 07 Mar | 8:30am The Seven Young Men of Ephesus, M Sam Sandbothe | Birthday by Fr. Aaron

Fri | 08 Mar | 8:30am St. Frances of Rome, C + Helen Unice Durka

by Jean & Andrew Federinko

Sat | 09 Mar | 4:00pm

The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste + Loretta Joseph & Family by Joe T. Joseph + Gerald Ray Solomon II Forty Day Memorial by Joe & Barbara George

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
03 Sunday of the Prodigal Son	04 St. Paul & His Sister, St. Juliana, M	O5 St. Albert the Great, C	O6 St. Conan of Isauria, M	07 The Seven Young Men of Ephesus, M	08 St. Frances of Rome,	09 The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, M
Liturgy 8:30am + Shmooni "Mimi" Rafail MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + Richard Elias George, Sr.	No Liturgy	Liturgy 8:30am Sherri Sandbothe Confessions 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am + Charlotte Tancin	Liturgy 8:30am Sam Sandbothe	Liturgy 8:30am + Helen Unice Durka FishFry 11-6pm Confessions 6:00pm Devotions 6:00pm	Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta Joseph & Family
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	The st. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, C	12 Pope St. Gregory the Great, C No Liturgy	13 St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C No Liturgy	14 St. Euphrasia, C No Liturgy	15 St. Benedict, C No Liturgy Clergy Retreat	16 Constantinople I St. Papas, M Liturgy 4:00pm
+ Elias G. Rafail MCF 9:20am Rosary 10:00am Liturgy 10:30am + Debbie Kino Forty Day Memorial + Christopher "Buffy" Kelly	Clergy Retreat	Clergy Retreat	Clergy Retreat	Clergy Retreat	FishFry 11-6pm Confessions 6:00pm Devotions 6:00pm	+ Helen Fetsko
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	2 Col 3:23-4:7 Mark 7:31-37
17 Healing of the Blind Man St. Patrick, C Liturgy 8:30am + Joseph & Suzanne Elardo MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + Barbara Unice	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, C Confessions 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm]9 St. Joseph, C Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	20 St. Photina the Samaritan Woman, C Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	21 St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais, C Liturgy 8:30am + Helen Unice Durka	22 Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness St. Sergius, Paulus, C Liturgy 8:30am + Richard Elias George, Sr. FishFry 11-6pm Confessions 6:00pm Devotions 6:00pm	23 Lazarus Saturday St. Rafka, C First Confession 9:45am Liturgy 10:30am Intention Available Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta Joseph &
Isaiah 42:6-18 2 Cor 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52	Fast Rom 15:25-33 John 7:32-36	Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25	Fast 1 Thes 4:1-9 Luke 11:37-48	Fast Tit 2:1-8 Luke 18:31-34	Fast 2 Thes 3:6-18 Luke 4:1-13	Family 1 Thes 2:17-3:5 John 11:55-12:11
24 Hosanna Sunday St. Artemon, C Liturgy 8:30am + Shanini George Breakfast 9:30am Liturgy 10:30am + Esther Bena Breakfast 11:30am Vespers & Arrival to the Harbor 7:00pm	25 Announcement to the Mother of God Great Monday Annunciation Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available Vespers 7:00pm	26 Great Tuesday St. Cabriel the Archangel Liturgy 8:30am + Ronald Sandbothe Vespers 7:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm	27 Great Wednesday St. Matrona of Thessaloniki, M Liturgy 8:30am + Jerome S. Toth Sr. & Jerome S. Toth Jr. Rite of the Lamp 7:00pm	28 Thursday of the Mysteries St. Philetus & His Wife St. Lydia, & their Children, M Chrism Mass 10am @ Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Greensburg, PA Liturgy 7:00pm Washing of Feet + Departed Priests of St. George Church	29 Great Friday of the Crucifixion St. Cyril of Baalbek, M Signing of the Chalice 8:30am Adoration of the Cross 7:00pm	30 Great Saturday of the Light St. John Climacus, C Rite of Forgiveness 10:30am Vigil Liturgy of Easter 4:00pm + Barbara Unice Fast Jer 13:31-35 Zech 1:1-6
Zech 9:9-17 Phil 1:1-13 John 12:12-22	 Gal 3:15-22 Luke 1:26-38	Fast 1 Thes 2:13-17 Luke 13:22-30	Fast Heb 2:5-12 John 11:47-54	Fast 1 Cor 11:23-32 John 13:1-20	Isaiah 53:7-12 Heb 4:14-16 Luke 23:33-47 John 19:17-30	2 Cor 5:16-21 Matt 18:15-22

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.

<u>Eparchial Charities Appeal</u>

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.

Lenten Fish Frv

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

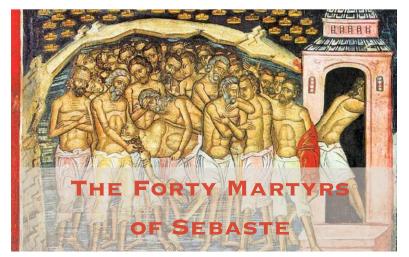
Fasting in the **Syriac Maronite tradition** consists of **abstaining from all meat, dairy products, and alcohol** from **Midnight until Noon Monday-Friday of Great Lent**. A light meal may be taken in the afternoon but without meat, dairy, or alcohol. Traditionally, fish is also excluded during Great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

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

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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 | Joe Joseph

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 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

Clergy Retreat

Fr. Aaron will be away next week **Monday to Friday** for the annual **Clergy Retreat in Lutz, FL**.

No daily liturgies or devotions will be celebrated from 11-15 March. Confessions and Stations will be held as normal on Friday, 15 March.

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.

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**.

SVDP Night at the Races

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will be hosting a **Night at the Races** at the Polish Club on **Friday, 5 April 2024**. Doors open at 5:00pm and Races start at 6:00pm. Proceeds Benefit SVDP.

St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

The Grand Opening of the **Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center** in Pittsburgh will take place on
Saturday, **13 April 2024**. To register online for the
Open House, Dedication, or to purchase tickets for
the Dinner & Concert (\$50 pp), please visit
www.saintsharbelcenter.org

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.



Egg Decorating Class

St. John the Baptist Byzantine 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).

Eggstravaganza!

Sunday, 17 March from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church. There will be egg artists displaying, demonstrating and selling their unique styles of decorated eggs; children's craft corner; items for the traditional Easter basket blessing including embroidered basket blessing covers, lamb butter molds, decorated candles and egg wraps; cookbooks; bake sale; raffles; Lenten lunch menu; and much more! Handicapped accessibility. Admission is free!

MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES







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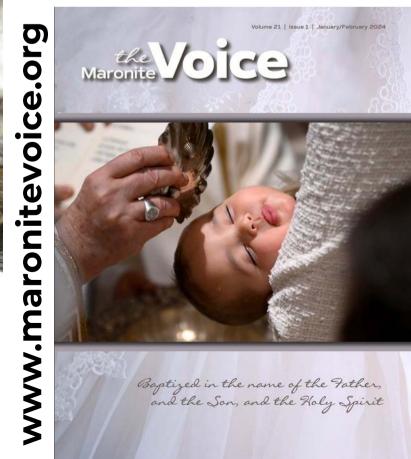
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