BULLETIN

SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO GREAT LENT



From the Desk of the Pastor

"Lord, may we enter into your Kingdom, its Gates are opened through prayer and fasting."

As we begin our yearly Lenten Fast let us ponder these words from our liturgy: the Gates of Paradise are opened through fasting. Indeed, the Gates of Paradise are thrown open by the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ – but, also, through his other salvific works on our behalf - including all his works of fasting. We. ourselves, are called to enter the Gates of Paradise by fasting. As we begin another year's great fast let us recommit ourselves - as a parish, and as individuals, to the call of our Lord and His Church to truly embrace the spirit and discipline of the Fast of Great Lent.

It was through fasting that Nineveh avoided destruction, it was through fasting that Ezra bested Satan, it was through fasting that Samuel recovered the Ark of the Covenant, it was through fasting that Esther combatted evil, it was through fasting that Daniel achieved greatness in Persia, and on the list goes throughout the entirety of Scripture. It was through fasting that the power and mercy of God was made known to his people throughout salvation history. As we battle so much evil, sorrow, and desolation in our own days, let us do so through fasting.

In our Syriac Tradition the Lenten fast is traditionally practiced in the following manner: from the evening of Cana Sunday until dinner on the Eve of Easter no food or drink is to be taken until the afternoon (or midday at the least) excluding Saturdays and Sundays and certain great feasts. No meat, fish, shellfish, dairy, or alcohol is to be consumed during the fast. This is the traditional and ideal practice let the perfect not be the enemy of the good, so tailor this fast to your physical and logistical capability. But, fasting is not supposed to be easy. It is supposed to be uncomfortable; it is a test of our spiritual and physical fitness. I am praying that our parish may truly enter through the Gates of Paradise this year through a renewed and fervent commitment to the beautiful gift of fasting and prayer that the Church has given us.

Tu fille ne

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

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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.

CHRIST, WHO CAME AND TRANSFORMED WATER INTO A GOOD WINE, TRANSFORM OUR LIVES FROM VICE TO VIRTUE. MAY CHRIST COME AND TRANSFORM OUR LIVES FROM VICE TO VIRTUE THE WAY HE TRANSFORMED THE WATER INTO A GOOD WINE.

Parish Information

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Parish Stewardship

Week of 04 February 2024

lst Collection	\$2,290.00
Electronic Giving	\$107.00
Candles	\$125.00
Feasts	\$25.00
2nd Collections.	\$52.00

\$2,599.00

\$3,500.00

-\$901.00

Received

Budget

Difference

Stewardship | 2024 YTD

Difference	-\$5,633.00
Budget	\$17,500.00
Received	\$11,867.00

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 | 10 Feb | 4:00pm St. Apollonia, M + Loretta M. Joseph & Family *by Joe T. Joseph* Sun | 11 Feb | 8:30am

St. Charalampus, M + Helen Unice Durka *by Joseph E. George*

Sun | 11 Feb | 10:30am

+ Martha Coogan by daughter Corrine, Ernie, & Natalie

Mon | 12 Feb | 7:00pm

St. Meletius of Antioch + Faithful Departed

Tue | 13 Feb | 8:30am

+ Faithful Departed

Wed | 14 Feb | 8:30am

Sts. Cyril & Methodius, C | St. Valentine, Priest, M + Faithful Departed

Thu | 15 Feb | 8:30am

Sts. Faustinus & Jovita, M + Thomas "Duke" George *by Jim Michael & Family*

Fri | 16 Feb | 8:30am

St. Theodore the Soldier, M + Richard Elias George by Bev & Eli George

Sat | 17 Feb | 4:00pm

St. Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada, C +Husanna Unice *by Family*

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
]] The Miracle at Cana in Galilee St. Charalampus, M	12 Ash Monday St. Meletius of Antioch, M Meager Meal J	13	14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius, C St. Valentine the Priest, M	15 Sts. Faustinus and Jovita, M	16 St. Theodore the Soldier, M Liturgy 8:30am + Richard Elias	17 St. Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada, C
Liturgy 8:30am + Helen Unice Durka MCF 9:20am Rosary 10:00am Liturgy 10:30am + Martha Coogan	S:30pm Liturgy 7:00pm + Faithful Departed	Liturgy 8:30am + Faithful Departed Confessions 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	Liturgy 8:30am + Faithful Departed	Liturgy 8:30am + Thomas "Duke" George	FishFry 11-6pm Confessions 6:00pm Devotions 6:00pm	Liturgy 4:00pm + Husanna Unice
Brunch 12:00pm saiah 55:1-13 Rom 14:14-23 John 2:1-11	Fast 2 Cor 5:20-6:7 Matt 6:16-21	Fast Rom 15:1-13 Matt 6:5-15	Fast Rom 15:14-21 Matt 6:1-4	Fast 1 Tim 6:6-12 Matt 6:25-34	Fast 2 Thes 3:6-14 Matt 7:13-27	Heb 3:14-4:4 Luke 18:9-14
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 + Patrina Marinelli	24 St. Margaret the Penitent, C
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+ Martha Zoor John 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	Ol MAR St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron, C St. Afdokia of Baalbek, C	O2 St. John Maron, C
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+ Barbara Unice 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	04 St. Paul & His Sister, St. Juliana, M	O5 St. Albert the Great, C	O6 St. Conan of Isauria, M	O7 The Seven Young Men of Ephesus, M	08 St. Frances of Rome, C	09 The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, M
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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!

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.

Great Lent

The Fast of Great Lent begins on Monday, 12 February. We will celebrate Liturgy at 7:00pm. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at the liturgy on this day only. NAM will sponsor a Lenten Meager Meal at 5:30pm before the Liturgy.

Fasting

As a reminder, 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

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 Volunteer Need

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.

Lenten Fish Fry

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.

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.

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.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. On a **Retrouvaille Weekend**, you don't share your problems with others, you **work on your relationship.** For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on 16 February 2024, please contact Retrouvaille at 412.277.3434. More information is available at helpourmarriage.org.

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).

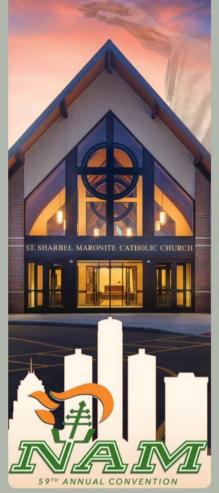
Catholic Men's Retreat

"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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2024 LENTEN FISH FRY

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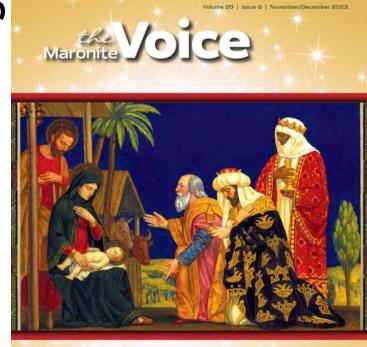
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