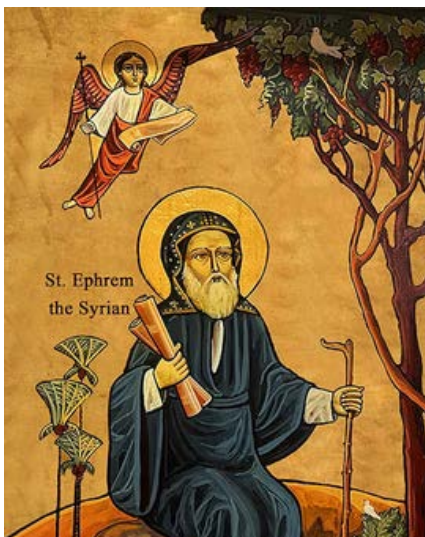


THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



From the Desk of the Pastor

St. Ephrem the Syrian writes beautifully in his Hymn on Epiphany, No. 8 concerning the Baptism of our Lord. St. Ephrem views the baptism of Christ in the water as analogous to the divine presence in the womb of Mary and therefore as the means by which we are "divinized" or made to partake in the divine nature. Also, using Moses as an example, he claims that just as God in his mercy limited Himself in coming to Moses, He does the same for feeble human beings.



"God in His love stooped and came down, to mingle His love with the waters, and to unite the nature of His majesty with the weak bodies of humans. By means of the waters he found a way to come own and to dwell among us; like to the way of love He came down and dwelt in the womb. O the love of God Who seeks for Himself all occasions to dwell among us!

He stooped and came down to the cave in Horeb, and He extended His shadow of His majesty on Moses; He mixed His glorious splendor to a mortal. There was therein a figure of Baptism: For He came down to dwell in it, in the water he had tempered the might of His majesty, that He may dwell among the infirm. On Moses dwelt the Breath, and on you the plentitude of Christ.

That might then none could endure; not Moses chief of deliverers, nor Elijah chief of zealots; and the Seraphim too veil their faces, for it is the might that subdues all. His love mingled gentleness in the water and the oil; that humanity in its weakness might be able to stand before Him when covered by the water and the oil."
- St. Ephrem



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Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn

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Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Charles D. Machesky
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New to St. George?

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Parish Stewardship

Week of 07 January 2024

1st Collection	\$1,708.00
Electronic Giving	\$393.00
Candles	\$130.00
Feasts	\$281.00
Bulletin Ad	\$250.00

Received \$2,762.00

Budget \$3,500.00

Difference -\$738.00

Stewardship | 2024 YTD

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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.

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 | 13 Jan | 4:00pm

St. Jacob of Nisibis, C

+ Ann Gabriel

by Dr. Pete & Mary Gabriel

Sun | 14 Jan | 8:30am

St. Hilary, C

+ Roger Jeffries

by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren

Sun | 14 Jan | 10:30am

+ Adam Morris & Kay Burkholder

by Putty & Rhonda David

Sat | 20 Jan | 4:00pm

St. Euthymius the Great, C

+ Loretta M. Joseph & Family

by Joe T. Joseph

Sun | 21 Jan | 8:30am

St. Sebastian, C

+ John C. Myers

by Pam Miller

Sun | 21 Jan | 10:30am

+ Anthony & Amelia George Lucas

by Family

+ Silvio Poli

Forty Day Memorial

by Barbara & Joe George

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany St. Hilary, C Liturgy 8:30am + Roger Jeffries</p> <p>MCF 9:20am Rosary 10:00am</p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am + Adam Morris & Kay Burkholder</p> <hr/> <p>Jer 1:4-10 2 Cor 4:5-15 John 1:35-42</p>	<p>15 Our Lady of the Sowing St. John Calybitis, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Col 1:9-17 Luke 11:27-32</p>	<p>16 Memorial of the Chains of St. Peter, Ap</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 1:3-7 Matt 16:24-28</p>	<p>17 St. Anthony the Great, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Eph 6:10-18 Mark 10:28-31</p>	<p>18 Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome St. Athanasius of Alexandria, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 2:12-17 Matt 9:9-13</p>	<p>19 St. Macarius of Egypt, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 12:17-13:4 Matt 9:35-38</p>	<p>20 St. Euthymius the Great, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph & Family</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 13:5-13 Matt 10:1-6</p>
<p>21 Sunday of the Priests St. Sebastian, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + John C. Myers MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + Anthony & Amelia George Lucas + Silvio Poli <i>Forty Day Memorial</i></p> <hr/> <p>Mal 2:1-9 1 Tim 4:6-16 Luke 12:42-48</p>	<p>22 St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Nineveh Fast 2 Tim 1:1-11 Matt 16:24-28</p>	<p>23 Pope St. Sergius, I, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Nineveh Fast 2 Tim 2:1-13 Matt 18:1-5</p>	<p>24 St. Fracis de Sales, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Nineveh Fast 2 Tim 2:14-16 Matt 20:20-28</p>	<p>25 Conversion of St. Paul, Ap</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Gal 1:11-17 Matt 20:1-16</p>	<p>26 St. Agnes, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>2 Tim 4:1-8 Luke 22:24-30</p>	<p>27 St. Paula, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Mary Unice Rozgony</p> <hr/> <p>Tit 1:1-9 Luke 13:13-17</p>
<p>28 Sunday of the Righteous and the Just St. Ephrem, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am Thanksgiving for the Servers and Supporters of the Thanksgiving Dinner</p> <p>MCF 9:20am</p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am Thanksgiving for the Servers and Supporters of the Thanksgiving Dinner</p> <hr/> <p>Wis 5:1-16 Heb 12:18-24 Matt 25:31-46</p>	<p>29 St. Hippolytus of Antioch, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Heb 12:1-13 Matt 5:1-12</p>	<p>30 St. Maximus the Confessor, C</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Heb 12:14-17 Matt 5:13-16</p>	<p>31</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Heb 12:25-29 Matt 5:17-20</p>	<p>01 FEB St. Pionius and His Companions, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>Heb 13:1-8 Matt 5:21-26</p>	<p>02 Presentation of Christ in the Temple</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am Blessing of Candles Intention Available</p> <hr/> <p>Rom 9:30:10:4 Luke 2:22-35</p>	<p>03 St. Simeon the Elder & St. Anna the Prophetess, C</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Helen Unice Durka</p> <hr/> <p>2 Cor 1:18-14 Luke 2:36-41</p>
<p>04 Sunday of the Faithful Departed St. Isidore of Pelusium, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Rose Brower</p> <p>MCF 9:20am</p> <p>Liturgy 10:30am Richard Elias George Sr. <i>Forty Day Memorial</i></p> <hr/> <p>Ezek 31:1-10 1 Thes 5:1-11 Luke 16:19-31</p>	<p>05 St. Agatha, M</p> <p>No Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>1 Thes 4:13-18 Luke 12:1-7</p>	<p>06 St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available</p> <p>Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>2 Thes 1:1-12 Luke 12:8-12</p>	<p>07 Pope St. Anterus I, M</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available</p> <hr/> <p>2 Thes 2:1-12 Luke 12:13-21</p>	<p>08 Zechariah the Prophet, C</p> <p>Vespers 6:30pm Liturgy 7:00pm Intention Available</p> <p>Khamis El Sakara Cocktail Hour 8:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Holy Day of Obligation 2 Thes 2:13-3:5 Luke 12:22-32</p>	<p>09 St. Maron, C</p> <p>Liturgy 8:30am + Patrina Ross</p> <hr/> <p>Holy Day of Obligation 2 Tim 3:10-17 John 12:23-30</p>	<p>10 St. Apollonia, M</p> <p>Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph & Family</p> <hr/> <p>1 Cor 15:51-58 Luke 12:49-59</p>

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!

Nineveh Fast

The ancient and traditional three day **Nineveh Fast** or *Supplication of the Ninevites* begins on **Monday 22 Jan at Midnight and ends at Noon on Wednesday 24 January**. This strict fast commemorates the three days the Prophet Jonah spent in the belly of the sea beast and the subsequent repentance of the people of the city of Nineveh.

Feast of the Presentation

We will celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple** on **Friday, 2 February at 8:30am** with the **Blessing of Candles**. Please bring any candles for your use throughout the year to liturgy this day for a blessing.

Second Collection

A second collection will be taken the weekend of **28 January** for the **USCCB Worldwide Charities**.

Stewardship

As outlined in the Letter from the Chancery that was included in the bulletin a few weeks ago, the **Eparchy is raising 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.

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 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.

Bible Study

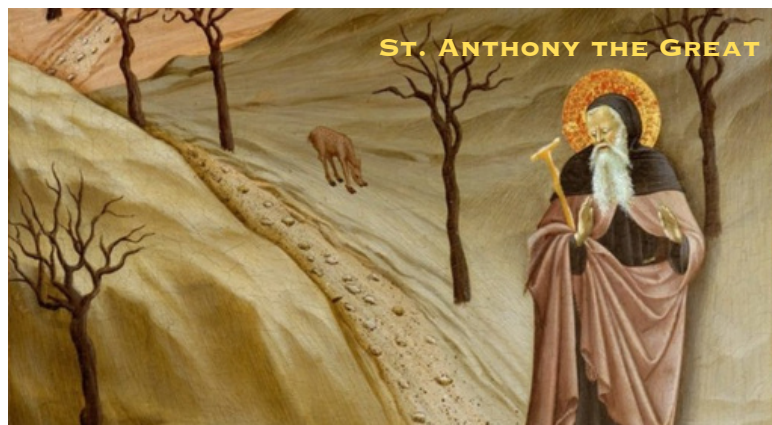
Our Bible Study Program meets twice monthly for **Vespers at 6:00pm** followed by **Bible Study at 6:30pm**. The current study covers the **Book of Psalms**. The **next** Bible Study **during Great Lent** will be on the events of the **Passion of Our Lord**.

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).

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.



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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

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Light

James & Ann Mullen

by Family

Altar Candles

Eli & Rodie Gabriel

by Sherry Pollick & Family

Altar Bread & Wine

Ellwood, Freda, & Michael Kelly

by Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families

Feast of St. Maron

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Maron with **Evening Prayer and Liturgy at 6:30pm** on **Thursday, 8 February** followed by a 'BYOB' *Khamis El Sakara* - "Drunkard's Thursday" **Cocktail Hour** before the Fast of Great Lent. Liturgy will also be celebrated at **8:30am on Friday, 9 February**. This is the Patronal Feast of our Maronite Church and a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Ladies Appreciation Brunch

We will have an appreciation brunch for the **Ladies of the Parish** on **Sunday, 11 February**. We will gather for a Social Hour at 12:00pm and then enjoy brunch at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Reservations can be made by calling the Parish Office. Please RSVP by 4 February.

Memorials for the Departed

Your envelope packet will include a **memorial envelope for the Faithful Departed**. Please write the names of your beloved departed on them and return it in the collection. These names will be remembered during the **liturgies all of February**.

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.

Respect for Life Day

The Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown will be having a **Respect of Life** Eucharistic Adoration Day from Noon - 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. This will occur **Friday, 19 January**, the same day as the March for Life. The Rosary will be prayed at the top of each hour, followed by quiet prayer with adoration. Please take the time to pray for human life.

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.

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**.

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Mardi Gras

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FEAST OF ST. MARON

THURSDAY | 8 FEBRUARY 2024
EVENING PRAYER | 6:30PM
DIVINE LITURGY | 7:00PM

Followed by 'BYOB'
Khamis El Sakara Cocktail Hour
Think "Lebanese Mardi Gras"

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MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES



Save The Date!

July 4-7,
2024



JAN 18-21 WASHINGTON D.C.

Thursday January 18

5:00 PM Evening vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

Friday January 19

11:00 AM Meet at Starbucks for the March
6:00 PM Dinner at the Seminary Library
Talk/Q&A with Father Rudolph
TBD Social Outing

Saturday January 20

10:30 AM Mass in the Byzantine Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.
TBD Social Outing

Sunday January 21

11:00 AM Liturgy at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church and Seminary
Reception to follow in church hall

*Schedule is subject to change

Questions? Contact mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com
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(MATTHEW 2:1)



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