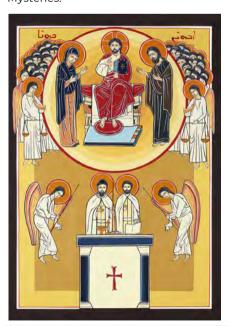
#### ST. GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE PRIESTS



#### From the Desk of the Pastor

In one of the concluding prayers of the Anaphora of St. Mark the Church prays: "Bless and forgive the priests who are the stewards of your people and of your holy Church. Forgive the deacons of your Divine Mysteries and all the faithful who have shared in this sacrifice." The Church prays that God should not only bless but forgive her priests and deacons. This is not only because these men are weak and sinful just as all humanity is weak and sinful, but also because the ordained clergy of the Church have been entrusted with the stewardship of the Father's Treasure House of Mysteries.



When a priest fails it is not only his own salvation that is risked. but the souls of all those under his stewardship and the sanctity of the sacred things he has been entrusted. Therefore, we not only pray for vocations to the priesthood, but we pray for our bishops, priests, and deacons to be preserved in true faith and holiness all the days of their lives, and we pray for our departed priests who struggled to live up to the dignity to which they had been called. We pray for all the dead, but we pray especially for our priests who have served at our altars.

We pray to God that "priests, who changed bread and wine into Your Flesh and Blood, now hold branches of praise as they meet You."

O SON OF GOD, IF I HAVE SINNED AND OFFENDED YOU, MAY MY DEBTS BE CANCELED THROUGH YOUR BODY AND BLOOD WHICH I SOLEMBLY CARRIED. DO NOT LET THE FURY OF THE FIRE ATTACK ME, FOR DAILY I MEDITATED ON YOUR WORDS OF HOPE. WHEN YOU APPEAR IN MAJESTY, AND YOUR BOOKS ARE OPEN, MAY I AND THE CHILDREN YOU ENTRUSTED TO ME SING YOU THANKS AND PRAISE! - FUNERAL OF A PRIEST



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

#### **Parish Clergy**

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Pastor

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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.

# Parish Information

#### **Parish Office**

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# Parish Stewardship

## Week of 14 January 2024

Candles

IST C	ollect	ion	\$1,084.00

Electronic Giving \$350.00 \$50.00

Feasts & Second Collections \$325.00

**Memorials** \$480.00

\$200.00 Blue Mass

\$2,489.00 Received

Budget \$3,500.00

-\$1,011.00 Difference

## Stewardship | 2024 YTD

\$5,251.00 Received

\$3,500.00 Budget

-\$1,749.00 Difference

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 | 20 Jan | 4:00pm St. Euthymius the Great, C

+ Loretta M. Joseph & Family by Joe T. Joseph

> Sun | 21 Jan | 8:30am St. Sebastian, M

> > + 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

Sat | 27 Jan | 4:00pm St. Paula, C

+ Mary Unice Rozgony by Joe T. Joseph

Sun | 28 Jan | 8:30am St. Ephrem the Syrian, C

In Thanks for the Servers and Supporters of the Thanksgiving Dinner

Sun | 28 Jan | 10:30am

In Thanks for the Servers and Supporters of the Thanksgiving Dinner

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2] Sunday of the Priests St. Sebastian, M	22 St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap	23 Pope St. Sergius, I, C	24 St. Fracis de Sales, C	25 Conversion of St. Paul, Ap	26 St. Agnes, M	<b>27</b> St. Paula, C
Liturgy   8:30am + John C. Myers MCF   9:20am Liturgy   10:30am + Anthony & Amelia George Lucas + Silvio Poli	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Mary Unice Rozgony
Forty Day Memorial ——— Mal 2:1-9 1 Tim 4:6-16 Luke 12:42-48	Nineveh Fast 2 Tim 1:1-11 Matt 16:24-28	Nineveh Fast 2 Tim 2:1-13 Matt 18:1-5	Nineveh Fast 2 Tim 2:14-16 Matt 20:20-28	Gal 1:11-17 Matt 20:1-16	2 Tim 4:1-8 Luke 22:24-30	Tit 1:1-9 Luke 13:13-17
28 Sunday of the Righteous and the Just St. Ephrem, C	29 St. Hippolytus of Antioch, M	30 St. Maximus the Confessor, C	31	O1 FEB St. Pionius and His Companions, M	<b>02</b> Presentation of  Christ in the  Temple	O3 St. Simeon the Elder & St. Anna the Prophetess, C
Liturgy   8:30am Thanksgiving for the Servers and Supporters of the Thanksgiving Dinner MCF   9:20am Liturgy   10:30am Thanksgiving for the Servers and Supporters of the	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	Liturgy   8:30am Blessing of Candles Intention Available	<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Helen Unice Durka
Thanksgiving Dinner —— Wis 5:1-16 Heb 12:18-24 Matt 25:31-46	Heb 12:1-13 Matt 5:1-12	Heb 12:14-17 Matt 5:13-16	Heb 12:25-29 Matt 5:17-20	Heb 13:1-8 Matt 5:21-26	Rom 9:30:10:4 Luke 2:22-35	2 Cor 1:18-14 Luke 2:36-41
04 Sunday of the Faithful Departed St. Isidore of Pelusium, C	05 St. Agatha, M	06 St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna, C	07 Pope St. Anterus I, M	08 Zechariah the Prophet, C	<b>09</b> St. Maron, C	10 St. Apollonia, M
<b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Rose Brower	No Liturgy	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Vespers   6:30pm Liturgy   7:00pm Intention Available	<b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Patrina Ross	<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Loretta M. Joseph & Family
MCF   9:20am  Liturgy   10:30am  Richard Elias George Sr. Forty Day Memorial		Vespers   6:30pm Bible Study   6:30pm		Khamis El Sakara Cocktail Hour   8:00pm		
Ezek 31:1-10 1 Thes 5:1-111 Luke 16:19-31	1 Thes 4:13-18 Luke 12:1-7	2 Thes 1:1-12 Luke 12:8-12	2 Thes 2:1-12 Luke 12:13-21	Holy Day of Obligation 2 Thes 2:13-3:5 Luke 12:22-32	Holy Day of Obligation 2 Tim 3:10-17 John 12:23-30	1 Cor 15:51-58 Luke 12:49-59
]] The Miracle at Cana in Galilee St. Charalampus, M	12 <b>Ash Monday</b> St. Meletius of Antioch, M	13	14 St. Cyril and Methodius, C St. Valentine the Priest, M	15 Sts. Faustinus and Jovita, M	16 St. Theodore the Soldier, M Liturgy   8:30am	17 St. Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada, C
Liturgy   8:30am + Helen Unice Durka MCF   9:20am	<b>Liturgy   7:00pm</b> Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	+ Richard Elias George FishFry   11-6pm	<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Husanna Unice
Rosary   10:00am Liturgy   10:30am + Martha Coogan		Vespers   6:00pm Bible Study   6:30pm			Confessions   6:00pm Devotions   6:00pm	
Brunch   12:00pm 	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	Fast Heb 3:14-4:4 Luke 18:9-14
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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!

#### 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 Presentatior

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.

## 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**.

## 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.

#### 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.

## Second Collection

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

## Bible Study

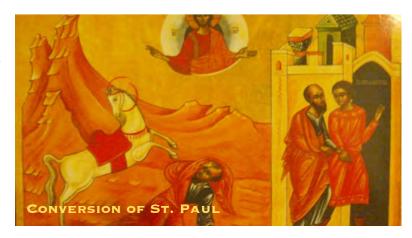
Our Bible Study Program meets twice monthly for **Vespers at 6:00pm** followed by **Bible Study at 6:30pm**. The current study covers the **Book of Psalms.** 

## 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, During the Lenten Fish Fry, or on the Fish Fry Website.** We are also **accepting donations** of bottles of Bourbon and Scotch for the Raffle!

## 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.



## 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

## 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

## **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 & 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.

## **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.

## 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.

## 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.

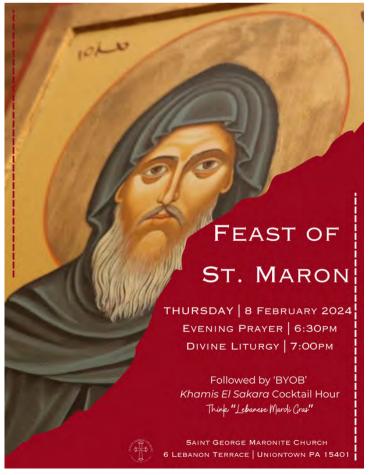
## Monastic Led Pilgrimage

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

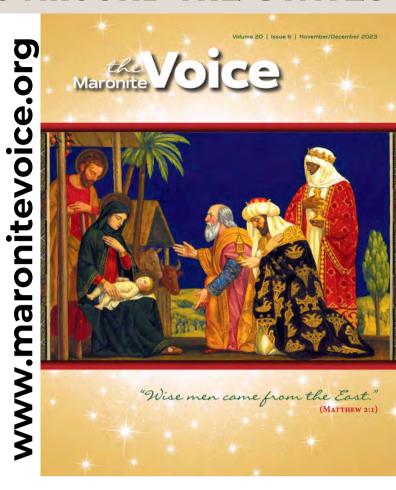
All youth in **Grades 6-12** are encouraged to sign up for MYO. Please call or text Subdeacon Chuck Michael at 724.323.4653. Also, please sign up on Remind to keep up to date with any MYO events and announcements by texting @myo202 to 81010. To be eligible for any Parish Scholarships, or to be recommended 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.





## MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES







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