#### THE VISITATION TO ELIZABETH



#### From the Desk of the Pastor

One of the verses of the mazmooro for this feast prays:

The barren Elizabeth greets Mary,

the daughter of David, the Mother of our Lord:

Come in peace, for the Child in your womb

is the Creator of the world and its inhabitants.

Today we commemorate the visitation of Marv Elizabeth and the visitation of Jesus to his herald, John the This areat Baptist. meeting - between the Virgin and the Barren One, between the Word, and His Voice, is a marvel for us to ponder. In the hills of Judea, the Creator of the cosmos goes on a trip to meet the Forerunner, and the Mother of God, Mother and Virgin, goes to meet her cousin, the righteous Elizabeth, the Barren One with child.

This great day of contradictions, paradoxes, and miraculous visitations sets the tone for us for the rest of the Season of Announcement. We can never fully understand the importance of the events we commemorate and this month. However, the iov that Elizabeth and Mary share together in this visit is the same joy that we experience every time we commemorate the Birth of Our Lord during the Christmas season. The Lord, out of His love for us, has come to visit us! Let us receive Him with joy!

THE LORD, SITTING UPON THE CHERUBIM, DWELT IN THE WOMB OF THE BLESSED ONE, ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE OF HIS SERVANTS, AND BAPTIZED IN THE WOMB THE SON OF THE BARREN ONES.



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#### **Parish Clergy**

#### Rev. Father Aaron J. Sandbothe

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 24 Nov 2024

1st Collection	\$1,386.00
Electronic Giving	\$136.00
2nd Collections	\$10.00
Candles	\$30.00

Received \$1,562.00

Budget \$3,500.00

-\$1,938.00 Difference

#### Stewardship | 2024 YTD

Received \$199,768.0d

Budget \$164,500.00

Difference \$35,268.00

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 | 30 Nov | 4:00pm

St. Andrew, Ap St. Bishoy, C

+ Suzanne & Joseph Elardo by Daughters Mary & Nancy & Families

#### Sun | 01 Dec | 8:30am

Nahum the Prophet, C + Fred "Hawk" David by Joe & Barb George

#### Sun | 01 Dec | 10:30am

+ Kherestine Risha by Subdeacon Mallard & Donna George

#### Tue | 03 Dec | 8:30am

+ George Mansour by Pete & Mary Gabriel

#### Wed | 04 Dec | 8:30am

St. Barbara, M + Philip Michael

by Pete & Mary Gabriel

#### Thu | 05 Dec | 8:30am

St. Saba the Hermit. C + Gloria Mansour

by Pete & Mary Gabriel

#### Fri | 06 Dec | 8:30am

St. Nicholas (Zakhia), C Intention Available

#### Sat | 07 Dec | 8:30am

St. Ambrose of Milan, C + Loretta M. Joseph & Family by Joe T. Joseph

#### PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
O1 DEC  Visitation of the  Virgin to Elizabeth  Nahum the Prophet, C	O2 Habakkuk the Prophet, C	03	04 St. Barbara, M	<b>05</b> St. Saba the Hermit, C	06 St. Nicholas (Zakhia), C	<b>07</b> St. Ambrose of Milan, C
<b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Fred "Hawk" David		Liturgy   8:30am + George Mansour	Liturgy   8:30am + Philip Michael	Liturgy   8:30am + Gloria Mansour	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Marriage Enrichment Day   9:30-3:00pm
MCF   9:20am Liturgy   10:30am + Kherestine Risha		Vespers   6:00pm Bible Study   6:30pm				<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Loretta M. Joseph & Family
2 Sam 6:9-18 Eph 1:1-14 Luke 1:39-45	Eph 1:15-23 Luke 1:46-56	Eph 2:1-10 Luke 10:38-42	1 Cor 7:36-40 Matt 25:1-13	Eph 2:17-22 John 4:39-42	Heb 13:7-17 Matt 25:14-30	Eph 4:1-7 Luke 5:27-32
08 Birth of John the Baptist Conception of the	09	10 Pope St. Militates, C	]] St. Daniel the Stylite, C	12 St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, C	13 St. Lucy, M	<b>14</b> St. Nemtallah El- Hardini, C
Mother of God <b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Amy George		Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am + Fred "Hawk" David	Children's Christmas Breakfast   10-12pm
MCF   9:20am  Liturgy   10:30am  Living Members of the Ladies Guild						<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + John R. Joseph
1 Sam 1:9-22 Gal 4:21-5:1 Luke 1:57-66	Rom 9:1-5 Luke 1:67-80	Rom 9:6-13 Matt 11:11-15	Rom 9:14-18 Matt 17:9-13	Rom 9:19-29 Matt 21:23-27	Rom 9:30-33 Matt 11:16-19	Rom 12:1-8 Matt 4:18-25
75 Revelation to Joseph	16 Haggai the Prophet	17 The Three Youth in	18 Daniel the Prophet	<b>19</b> St. Athenodorus, M	20 St. Ignatius of	21 St. Julian, M
St. Eleutherius & His Mother, M		the Furnace: Ananias, Azarias, & Misael, C			Antioch, M	St. Sunari, M
St. Eleutherius & His Mother, M <b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + James & Ann Mullen & John &		Ananias, Azarias, &	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available		<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Loretta M. Joseph
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#### Parish Events, Happenings, & Announcements

#### Welcome!

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

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, 3 Dec and will cover the Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation.

Ladies attending the Altar & Rosary-Ladies Guild Christmas Party on 8 December are asked to bring men's socks, hats, and/or gloves for St. Vincent DePaul. Each pack of socks will receive a ticket to win a door prize. Bring as many as you like!

#### hristmas Flowers

Donations may be made In Memory or In Honor of your family members and friends. Please use the flower offering envelope or the form in the narthex. You may place them in the collection or send them to the parish office no later than 17 December.

#### Christmas Novena & Decorating

The Novena in preparation for Christmas begins on Sunday, 15 December. Confessions will be available at **5:30pm**. Evening Prayer and the Novena will be prayed at **6:00pm**. We will decorate the Church for Christmas following the Novena. All are welcome!

The traditional **Nativity Fast** begins this year on Friday, 15 November and you are encouraged to keep the ancient fast. The Nativity Fast prescribed for our Eparchy begins on Monday, 16 December and continues through to Christmas Eve. The typical fasting proscriptions are to be observed.

We wish a warm welcome to all our visitors and to A donation box will be placed in the Narthex until 7 December for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Any donations, monetary or material are most appreciated to support the neediest in our community.

#### Tovs for Tots

The Uniontown Fire Department is collecting donations (monetary or toys) for this year's **Toys** for Tots. Donations can be brought to the Narthex or to the Fire Department.

#### Children's Christmas Breakfas

We will have a Christmas Breakfast for the Children of our Parish on Saturday, 14 December from 10am-12pm. Crafts, cookie decorating, and a visit with Santa and other activities will be available!

#### Marriage Enrichment Day

Our Parish will host a Marriage Enrichment Day for couples of all ages on Saturday, 7 Dec from 9:30am-3:00pm facilitated by Vivian Akel. This is open to the whole community. RSVP information is found below in the bulletin.

#### Rectory Christmas Open House

Join us for the Christmas Novena on Sunday, 22 December at 6:00pm followed by an Open House Christmas Party in the Parish Rectory at 6:30pm! All are welcome! Bring something sweet, savory, or a drink to share as we enjoy some festive cheer befroe the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord!

#### Christmas Liturgies

Please note our Christmas Liturgical Schedule this year:

#### Tue | 24 Dec | Christmas Eve 6:00pm | Evening Prayer of Christmas 7:00pm | Candlelight Vigil Liturgy of Christmas

Wed | 25 Dec | Christmas Day 10:00am | Liturgy of Christmas Day

NB: There is only one Liturgy on Christmas Day.

## 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 | Elias (Eli) George | Betse Strickler

### 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 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.

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**

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#### 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).



#### St. George Church Bible Study Schedule

Date	Session (Video Times)			
3 Sept 2024	Introduction			
17 Sept 2024	Finding the Story in Scripture			
1 Oct 2024	2. Early World - Part 1 Genesis 1-11			
15 Oct 2024	3. Early World - Part 2 Genesis 1-11			
12 Nov 2024	4. Patriarchs - Part 1 Genesis 12-50			
19 Nov 2024	5. Patriarchs - Part 2 Genesis 12-50			
3 Dec 2024	6. Egypt and Exodus – Part 1 Exodus			
17 Dec 2024	7. Egypt and Exodus – Part 2 Exodus			
7 Jan 2025	8. Desert Wanderings – Numbers			
21 Jan 2025	9. Conquest and Judges – Part 1 Joshua; Judges			
4 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			
4 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			
1 Ap 2025	14. Divided Kingdom – Part 2 1 Kings 12–22; 2 Kings 1–16			
8 Apr 2025	15. Exile – 2 Kings 17–25			
6 May 2025	16. Return – Ezra; Nehemiah			
20 May 2025	17. Maccabean Revolt – 1 Maccabees			
3 Jun 2025	18. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 1 Luke			
17 Jun 2025	19. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 2 Luke			
1 Jul 2025	20. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 3 Luke			
15 Jul 2025	21. The Church – Part 1 Acts			
5 Aug 2025	22. The Church – Part 2 Acts			
19 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. Sharbe

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 **three men preparing for the priesthood** for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order.





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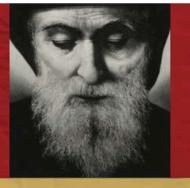
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- Dancing

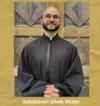
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Raffle donations are also being accepted.

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