ST. GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN



From the Desk of the Pastor

This week we reflect upon sight - in one respect we reflect upon natural sight and our relation to the created world around us. We are called to praise God along with all the created order - and we join that realm of creation through our senses. When we see the majesty of the mountains or the vastness of the sea, we approach the mystery of the magnitude of God. When smell the we fragrance of flowers and the calls hear songbirds, we approach the mystery of the beauty of God, etc. When our senses are impaired our participation the in created order is limited.

By Christ restoring the sight of Bartimaeus, he restores to him a participation in the worship of God offered by all of creation.

The second respect of sight is of course an internal one - the "eye of the mind" and the "eye of the heart" spoken of so often by our Syriac Fathers. It is through our spiritual sightedness or our spiritual blindness that we either see or fail to see God, ourselves, and our own sinfulness. This blindness, is however. often selfinflicted and it requires effort on our part to open these internal eyes to gaze upon the Mystery of God once again.



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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.

SINCE I WAS BORN I HAVE BEEN WITHOUT SIGHT, IN BLINDNESS, DEPRIVED OF LIGHT.

O WISE ARCHITECT RESTORE WINDOWS TO THE HOUSE THAT YOU HAVE BUILT!

Parish Information

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Parish Stewardship

Week of 10 March 2024

1st Collection \$1,979.00

Electronic Giving \$698.00

Candles \$50.00

Eparchial Lenten Appeal \$130.00

Fish Fry \$4,032.00

Easter Flowers \$300.00

Memorials \$140.00

Misc. \$14.00

Received \$7,343.00

Budget \$3,500.00

Difference \$3,843.00

Stewardship | 2024 YTD

Received \$44,103.00

Budget \$35,000.00

Difference \$9,103.00

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 | 16 Mar | 4:00pm

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Constantinople

St. Papas, M

+ Helen Fetsko by Simon & Sherry John

Sun | 17 Mar | 8:30am

St. Patrick, C

+ Joseph & Suzanne Elardo by Daughters Nancy & Mary

Sun | 17 Mar | 10:30am

+ Barbara Unice by Barbara & Joe George

Tue | 19 Mar | 8:30am

St. Joseph

+ Jess & Joanne Risha by Joe & Ronda Risha & Family

Wed | 20 Mar | 8:30am

St. Photina, the Samaritan Woman, C

+ Robert Wilson by Arleen Wilson & Family

Thu | 21 Mar | 8:30am

St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais, C +Helen Unice Durka *by Michael Zavatchen, Sr. & Jr.*

Fri 22 | Mar | 8:30am

Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness

St. Sergius Paulus, C

+Richard Elias George, Sr. by Barbara & Tom Michael

Sat | 23 Mar | 10:30am Lazarus Saturday

St. Rafka, C

Intention Available

Sat | 23 Mar | 4:00pm Hosanna Sunday

+Loretta Joseph & Family by Joe T. Joseph

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Healing of the Blind Man St. Patrick, C Liturgy 8:30am + Joseph & Suzanne Elardo MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am + Barbara Unice Isaiah 42:6-18 2 Cor 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, C Confessions 5:30pm Vespers 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Fast Rom 15:25-33 John 7:32-36	19 St. Joseph, C Liturgy 8:30am + Jess & Joanne Risha Eph 3:1-13 Matt 1:18-25	20 St. Photina the Samaritan Woman, C Liturgy 8:30am + Robert Wilson Fast 1 Thes 4:1-9 Luke 11:37-48	21 St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais, C Liturgy 8:30am + Helen Unice Durka Fast Tit 2:1-8 Luke 18:31-34	Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness St. Sergius Paulus, C Liturgy 8:30am + Richard Elias George, Sr. Fish Fry 11-6pm Confessions 6:00pm Devotions 6:00pm Fast 2 Thes 3:6-18 Luke 4:1-13	23 Lazarus Saturday St. Rafka, C First Confession 9:45am Liturgy 10:30am Intention Available Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta Joseph & 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 + Esther Bena Breakfast 11:30am Vespers & Arrival to the Harbor 7:00pm Zech 9:9-17 Phil 1:1-13 John 12:12-22	25 Announcement to the Mother of God Great Monday Annunciation Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available Confessions 6:30pm Vespers 7:00pm	26 Creat Tuesday St. Gabriel the Archangel Liturgy 8:30am + Ronald Sandbothe Confessions 6:30pm Vespers 7:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Fast 1 Thes 2:13-17 Luke 13:22-30	27 Creat Wednesday St. Matrona of Thessaloniki, M Liturgy 8:30am + Jerome S. Toth Sr. & Jerome S. Toth Jr. Rite of the Lamp 7:00pm Fast Heb 2:5-12 John 11:47-54	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 Fast 1 Cor 11:23-32 John 13:1-20	Creat Friday of the Crucifixion St. Cyril of Baalbek, M Signing of the Chalice 8:30am Fish Fry 11-2pm Adoration of the Cross 7:00pm Fast Heb 12:12-21 John 19:31-37 Isaiah 53:7-12 Heb 4:14-16 Luke 23:33-47 John 19:17-30	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 2 Cor 5:16-21 Matt 18:15-22
THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Pope St. Lucius I, M Liturgy of Easter Sunday 10:00am Intentions of	O1 APR White Monday St. Mary of Egypt, C	O2 White Tuesday St. Aphian & His Brother St. Aedesius, M Liturgy 8:30am + Jackie Burleson	O3 White Wednesday Isaiah and Ezekiel the Prophets, C Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	O4 White Thursday Pope St. Anicetus, M Liturgy 8:30am + Patrina Marinelli	O5 White Friday St. Robert, C Liturgy 8:30am Intention Available	O6 White Saturday St. Marcellinus, M Liturgy 4:00pm + Helen Fetsko
Parishioners Easter Egg Hunt & Fellowship 11:30am Jonah 2:1-11 1 Cor 15:12-26 Mark 16:1-8	1 Cor 15:1-11 Mark 16:9-14	Rom 6:3-11 John 21:1-14	Col 3:1-11 John 21:15-25	Eph 2:1-10 Mark 16:15-18	Rom 10:4-12 Luke 24:36-45	Col 2:8-15 John 20:19-25
O7 New Sunday Liturgy 8:30am + Nina Napoleone MCF 9:20am Liturgy 10:30am Gina Michael & Family & Wellbeing	08 Nicaea II St. Barlaam, M	O9 St. Hermas, M Liturgy 8:30am + Richard Elias George Sr.	10 The Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut St. Agabus, C No Liturgy	11 St. Antipas, M No Liturgy	12 Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus, M Liturgy 8:30am + Joe Faris	13 St. Zosimas, C Liturgy 4:00pm + Loretta M. Joseph & Family
Isaiah 42:7-12 2 Cor 5:11-21 John 20:26-31	1 Pet 1:1-9 John 20:1-10	1 Pet 1:10-16 John 20:11-18	1 Pet 1:17-21 Matt 28:11-15	1 Pet 1:22-25 Matt 28:16-20	1 Pet 2:1-10 John 2:13-25	1 Pet 2:11-17 Matt 22:41-46

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!

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**.



Easter Flowers

For those who would like to do memorialize a loved one 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.

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.

Lenten Fish Fry

Our Lenten Fish Fry continues 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. We

are also in need of volunteers to help work shifts.

Feast of St. Joseph

All are invited for a **Solemn Mass** for the **Feast of St. Joseph** on **Tuesday, 19 March** at **St. John's University Parish** in Morgantown at **5:15pm** followed by a **Procession** and **Reception in the Parish Hall**

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.**

Lazarus Saturday

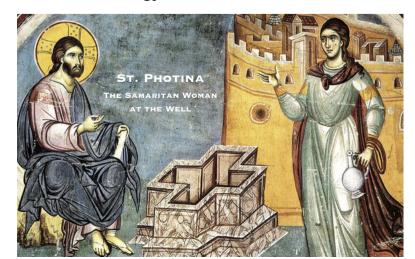
First Confessions will be heard at 9:45am on Lazarus Saturday, 23 March. The parents of our First Communicants are *invited* to show a good example for their children and to go to confession as well. All of the children of the parish are invited to attend the 10:30am Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday followed by the Blessing of Easter Eggs.

Hosanna Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast will be served after **both Liturgies** on **Hosanna Sunday, 24 March**. Breakfast for the Children of the Parish will follow the **10:30am** Liturgy.

Hosanna Sunday

Palm and Olive Branches will be blessed during all liturgies for Hosanna Sunday. The Procession for Hosanna Sunday will be during the 10:30am Liturgy only. Children are warmly invited to decorate candles to be carried during the Procession. Breakfast for the children will follow the 10:30am Liturgy.



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
| Joe Joseph | Gerry Dawson

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

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

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!

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**.

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.



- « الْمُعَكِمُ وِلْنَهُ : لَعُنْ وِكَلِمُهُ : لَهُ إِنْهُ لِمُعَلِّمُ الْمُوْمِ لَهُ وَمُ
- "The gates of paradise are opened through fasting, and the ones who fast enter and inherit the kingdom. The bridal chamber and kingdom are reserved for the ones who fast, and those in the truth fast sincerely. Our Savior, may our fast be pleasing to You, and our prayer an acceptable offering."

Traditional Lenten Fasting

One meal is to be taken in the evening, or at least no food is to be taken from Midnight to Noon. Fasting is to be observed Monday to Friday. Saturday Fasting is only permitted on Great Saturday. No meat, meat products, dairy, or alcohol is to be taken. A vegan diet is to be observed.

Minimum Fasting Observance

Ash Monday, the Fridays of Lent, Great Friday of the Crucifixion

Confession

Please note the following opportunities for confession before Easter:

Sunday, 17 March | 3:00pm

St. Joan of Arc Church | Farmington

Monday, 18 March | 5:30pm

St. George Church | Uniontown

Monday, 18 March | 6:00pm

St. Joseph Church | Uniontown

Thursday, 21 March | 6:00pm

St. Therese Church | Uniontown

Monday, 25 March | 6:30pm

St. George Church | Uniontown

Tuesday, 26 March | 6:30pm

St. George Church | Uniontown

Saturday, 30 March | 10:30am Rite of Forgiveness | Communal Penance

St. George Church | Uniontown

MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES







COMBOS | \$15
INCLUDES 2 SIDES | ADDITIONAL SIDES \$3
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FISH SANDWICH
SHRIMP DINNER
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MAC & CHEESE
CABBAGE & NOODLES
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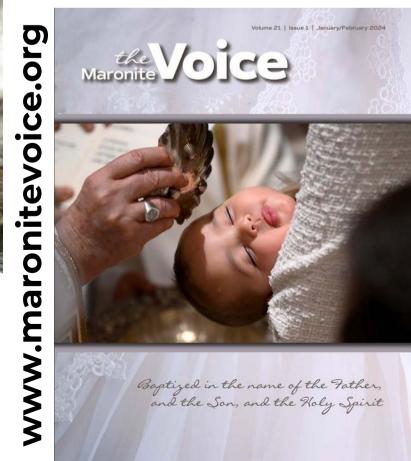
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