#### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



#### 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."

May Christ, baptized by John, renew our hearts and minds as we commemorate the sanctification of water and oil by which we receive Holy Baptism and Chrismation.

THE ROYAL IMAGE IS PAINTED WITH VISIBLE COLORS. WITH VISIBLE OIL IS PAINTED THE HIDDEN IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE KING. BAPTISM HAS CONCEIVED IN ITS WOMB THOSE WHO ARE SIGNED. IT CREATES A NEW IMAGE IN PLACE OF THE IMAGE CORRUPTED BY THE FIRST ADAM. - ST. EPHREM



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#### **Parish Clergy**

#### Rev. Father Aaron J. Sandbothe

Pastor

ajsandbothe@gmail.com | 315.790.0059

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 12 Jan 2024

1st Collection	\$2.098.00
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13t Collection	JZ.030.00

Electronic Giving \$421.00

2nd Collections \$160.00

Candles \$87.00

#### Received \$2,766.00

Budget \$3,700.00

Difference -\$934.00

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#### Stewardship | 2025 YTD

Received \$5,489.00

Budget \$7,400.00

Difference -\$1,911.00

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) Mon - Thu | 8:30 am

Feasts | 7:00 pm

## This Week @ St. George

#### Sat | 18 Jan | 4:00pm

Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome St. Athanasius of Alexandria, C | St. Cyril of Alexandria, C + Philip Michael by Jack & Pam Snyder

#### Sun | 19 Jan | 8:30am St. Macarius of Egypt, C

+ John C. Myers by Mother Pam Miller + Roger Jeffries by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren

#### Sun | 19 Jan | 10:30am

+ Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George by Ed & Jamie George

#### Mon | 20 Jan | 8:30am

St. Euthymius the Great, C Intention Available

#### Tue | 21 Jan | 8:30am

St. Sebastian, M Intention Available

#### Wed | 22 Jan | 8:30am

St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap + Daniel Landini by Steven & Susan Tancin

#### Thu | 23 Jan | 8:30am

Pope St. Sergius I, C Intention Available

#### Sat | 25 Jan | 4:00pm

Conversion of St. Paul, Ap
+ Mary Unice Rozgony
by Children
+ Elias "Eli" George
Forty Day Memorial

#### PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
79 Second Sunday after Epiphany St. Macarius of Egypt, C	20 St. Euthymius the Great, C	21 St. Sebastian, M	22 St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap	23 Pope St. Sergius I, C	24	25 Conversion of St. Paul, Ap
<b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + John C. Myers + Roger Jeffries	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am + Daniel Landini	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Red Cross Blood Drive   11:30am-5pm	<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Mary Unice Rozgony
MCF   9:20am Rosary   10:00am		Vespers   6:00pm Bible Study   6:30pm				+ Elias " Eli" George Forty Day Memorial
<b>Liturgy   10:30am</b> + Subdeacon Thomas "Duke" George						
Jer 1:4-10 2 Cor 4:5-15 John 1:35-42	John 1:43-51	Luke 5:1-11	2 Cof 2.1-11 Matt 4:18-25	Matt 24:45-51	Matt 9:35-38	Odl 1.11-17 Matt 20:1-16
26 Third Sunday after Epiphany St. Agnes, V, M	27 St. Paula, C	28 St. Ephrem the Syrian, C	29 St. Hippolytus of Antioch, M	30 St. Maximus the Confessor, C	31	O1 FEB St. Pionius & His Companions, M
Liturgy   8:30am + Philip Michael MCF   9:20am	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available		<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Loretta M. Joseph & Family
Rosary   10:00am						Cocktail Hour   6pm
Liturgy   10:30am + Fred "Hawk" David						Hafli   7:00pm
Num 21:4-9 Gal 3:23-29 John 3:1-16	2 Cor 4:16-5:10 John 5:1-16	Heb 13:7-17 John 15:1-8	2 Cor 6:1-13 John 9:13-25	2 Cor 6:14-7:1 John 9:26-41	2 Cor 7:2-10 John 7:40-52	2 Cor 7:11-16 John 19:38-42
02 Presentation of Christ in the Temple	03 St. Simeon the Elder & St. Anna the Prophetess	04 St. Isidore of Pelusium, C	O5 St. Agatha, V, M	O6 St. Proclus, Bishop of Smyrna, C	08 Pope St. Anterus I, M	08 Zechariah the Prophet
<b>Liturgy   8:30am</b> + Thomas J. George	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am + Goldie Faris	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available		<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Philip Michael
MCF   9:20am Blessing of Candles   10:00am Liturgy   10:30am + Fred "Hawk" David		Vespers   6:00pm Bible Study   6:30pm	Birthday Memorial			
Mal 3:1-4 Rom 9:30-10:4 Luke 2:22-35	2 Cor 1:8-14 Luke 2:36-41	Rom 7:7-13 John 4:39-42	Acts 8:4-13 Luke 9:41-56	Acts 8:14-25 Luke 17:11-19	2 Cor 3:1-6 John 7:37-39	2 Cor 3:7-14 John 19:28-37
09 St. Maron Sunday of the Priests	10 St. Apollonia, V, M	]] St. Charalampus, M	12 St. Meletius of Antioch, C	13	74 Sts. Cyril & Methodius, C St. Valentine the	15 Sts. Faustinus & Jovita, M The 21 Coptic
Liturgy   8:30am + Philip Michael MCF   9:20am Liturgy   10:30am + Martha Zour John	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Priest, M	Martyrs of Libya, M  Liturgy   4:00pm  + Husanna Unice
Ladies Brunch   12pm						
Mal 2:1-9 2 Tim 3:10-17 John 12:23-30	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 2:14-26 Matt 20:20-28	2 Tim 3:10-17 Luke 17:7-10	2 Tim 41-8 Luke 22:24-30	Tit 1:1-9 John 13:13-17

#### 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!

#### Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office will be open Monday to Thursday from 1:00-4:00pm. The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays, Holy Days of Obligation, and most civil holidays.

#### Second Collection

A Second Collection will be taken on Sunday, 26 January for the USCCB World Charities.

#### Hafli

Save the Date! We will be having a *Hafli* on **Saturday, 1 February 2025**. For ticket and contact information please see the flyers below in the bulletin! Tickets can be purchased online at **www.stgeorgemaronitechurch.square.site** 

#### Ladies Appreciation Brunch

Our Ladies Appreciation Brunch will be held on Sunday, 9 February at 12:00pm. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by 29 January.

#### Ephiphany Home Blessings

If you would like a Home Blessing during the Epiphany Season, please let me know and I would be happy to bless your homes and businesses!

Epiphany Blessings will be available 6

January - 2 February.

#### **Blessing of Candles**

On the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple on Sunday, 2 February we will have the Blessing of Candles at 10:00am preceding the 10:30am Liturgy. If you would like have any candles blessed please bring them to Church before 10:00am on that Sunday. Also, blessed candles will be distributed to those present.

#### <u>Bible Study</u>

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, 21 Jan and will cover the Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation.

#### Red Cross Blood Drive

We will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Friday, 24 January from 11:30am to 5:00pm**. Further information can be found below in the bulletin.

#### 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**.

Join us for the 4th Annual Blessing of Water in honor of the Feast of Theophany!

> Sunday, January 26 | 3:15 p.m. | Cheat Lake Trail (end of Morgan's Run Rd.)

The blessing of the waters signifies the sanctification of nature & is a reminder of the participation of all creation in the redeeming act of Christ's Baptism.

Mankind & all of creation were created to be filled with the sanctifying presence of GOD.

Brave souls are invited to jump into the Jordan Waters (Cheat Lake) to receive a special blessing!



#### **Great Lent**

The Fast of **Great Lent** begins on **Monday, 3 March**. We will celebrate Liturgy at **8:30am and 7:00pm**. The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place at the liturgies on this day only. A lenten **meager meal** will be offered in the Parish Hall **preceding** the 7:00pm Liturgy at **6:00pm**.

#### Lenten Prayers

Evening Prayer will be prayed at 6:00pm on the Tuesdays of Great Lent. Confessions will be available from 6:00-6:30pm Fridays of Great Lent. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:00pm on Fridays with Benediction of the Cross at 6:30pm.

#### Fish Fry

Our Lenten Fish Fry returns during the **Fridays of Great Lent (and also on Latin Ash Wednesday).**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.

#### 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 | Larry Hicks | Subdeacon Mallard George | Joe Joseph | Gerry Dawson | Jodi Zelina Paul | Michelle Loring Ethel Frangipani | Annie Joseph Luke Bota Betse Strickler | Wayne Brown

#### MEMORIALS

#### **Sanctuary Light**

James & Ann Mullen by Family

#### **Altar Candles**

Subdeacon Thomas & Amy George & Nephew Philip Michael by Alan & Marsha George

#### **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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# 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.

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

Maronite Youth Organization

#### 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)				
Sept 2024	Introduction				
7 Sept 2024	1. Finding the Story in Scripture				
Oct 2024	2. Early World - Part 1 Genesis 1-11				
5 Oct 2024	3. Early World – Part 2 Genesis 1–11				
2 Nov 2024	4. Patriarchs – Part 1 Genesis 12–50				
9 Nov 2024	5. Patriarchs - Part 2 Genesis 12-50				
3 Dec 2024	6. Egypt and Exodus – Part 1 Exodus				
7 Dec 2024	7. Egypt and Exodus – Part 2 Exodus				
7 Jan 2025	8. Desert Wanderings – Numbers				
1 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				
May 2025	16. Return – Ezra; Nehemiah				
0 May 2025	17. Maccabean Revolt – 1 Maccabees				
3 Jun 2025	18. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 1 Luke				
7 Jun 2025	19. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 2 Luke				
1 Jul 2025	20. Messianic Fulfillment – Part 3 Luke				
5 Jul 2025	21. The Church – Part 1 Acts				
5 Aug 2025	22. The Church – Part 2 Acts				
9 Aug 2025	23. The Church – Part 3 Acts				

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"May the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of The Lord."

In memory of the deceased members of the Lebanese Club.

By Mr. Arthur Gabriel

#### MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES





Community of Giving

#### **Blood Drive**

Uniontown Community St. George Church

> Parish Hall 6 Lebanon Terrace Uniontown

Friday, January 24 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.

If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.

Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

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Come give Jan. 1-26 to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you & a guest to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans: Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities & more? Terms apply; visit RedCrossBiood.org/SuperBowl.

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