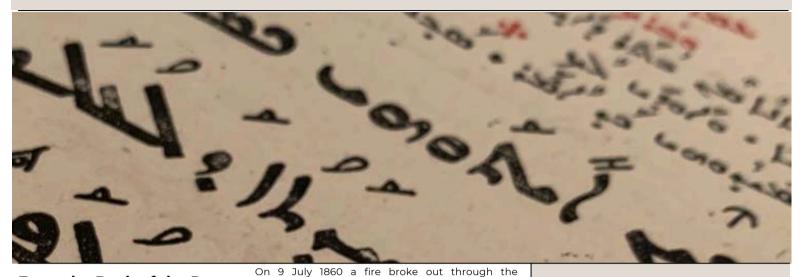
#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF HOLY CROSS



#### From the Desk of the Pastor

The liturgy for the feast of the Massabki Martyrs prays, "The greatness of your love, O Lord, has given martyrs strength and hope to follow you in pain and death. They looked to you and cried aloud: 'Now let the blood we shed for you adorn your crown, O Son of God.'" As we celebrate their canonization this weekend, we pray that our own martyrdom, our witness, may also adorn the Lord's Crown – His Holy Church.

The Massabki brothers were from a noble Christian family in Damascus in the nineteenth century and were known for their pietv and aenerosity. Massabki brothers were three of six children, Francis, Abdul Mooti, Raphael (the three martyrs) along with their siblings Abdullah (who later becomes a priest), Mariam and Martha. They lived in a time of great persecution of Christians by the Ottoman Turks. There was much political and religious tension for Maronites and other Christians in both Damascus and Mount Lebanon.

Christian area of Damascus. Many Maronite families took refuge in a Franciscan convent along with the Massabki brothers and the Franciscan Superior, Father Emmanuel. Father Emmanuel closed the monastery and called everyone to the church where they prayed and made their confession and received communion. While everyone took refuge on the roof. Francis remained prostrate in prayer in the monastery church. Moments later the church was attacked, and Father Emmanuel was captured and told the attackers that he would lead them to the treasure inside the church. He proceeded to the altar, where he lit the candles and took out the Eucharist from the tabernacle. Father Emmanuel was then martyred. The attackers then noticed Francis kneeling in prayer and recognized him. They told him that the sheik had sent them to save him and his family from death on the condition that you deny your faith and convert. Francis answered them, "Sheikh Abdullah can take my money, he can also take my life; but my faith no one can make me deny Christ. I am a Christian and on the faith of Christ, I will die." Francis was then martyred. The attackers then confronted Abdul Mooti in the convent yard and asked him to renounce his faith to escape death, He refused and was also martyred. Raphael was hiding inside the convent was offered the same as his brothers, but also refused and was also martyred. According to witnesses, the three Massabki brothers were buried in the convent along with the eight martyr priests and others who had sought refuge there. On 7 October 1926, Pope Pius XI beatified the three brothers. The Massabki brothers are great role models for Maronite families. Although they were rather wealthy they remained faithful and humble. We rejoice that these courageous and faithful Maronite martyrs are now venerated properly by the entire Church as saints. We ask for their intercession to help us live our lives as honest Christians, and we pray for all those who are undergoing persecution around the world because of their faith in Christ. May they find refuge and comfort in you Lord. Amen.

O YOU, THRICE-BLEST TREE UPON WHOM WAS STRETCHED OUT THE LORD OF AGES, OLD ADAM WAS MADE NEW BY YOU FOR SECOND ADAM HANGED ON YOU... THE SNAKE MISLED EVE IN EDEN AND GAVE HER THE FRUIT FULL OF DEATH. THEN, FROM MARY, DAUGHTER OF EVE, GREW FOR US THE FRUIT FULL OF LIFE. BY THAT TREE ADAM HAD FALLEN; ON THAT TREE ADAM'S LORD WAS HANGED.



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

#### **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

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# Parish Stewardship

#### Week of 13 October 2024

1st Collection \$1,673.00

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Second Collections \$5.00

Community Foundation Donation \$500.00

\$500.00 Memorials

**Bread Orders** \$204.00

Received \$3,592.00

\$3,500.00 Budget

\$92.00 Difference

#### Stewardship | 2024 YTD

Received \$180,623.00

\$143,500.00 Budget

Difference \$37,123.00

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 | 19 Oct | 4:00pm

St. Aaron of Antioch + John R. Joseph by Wife & Daughters + Nancy Faris

Forty Day Memorial

#### Sun | 20 Oct | 8:30am

St. Shallita, M + Philip Michael

by Subdeacon Mallard & Donna George

#### Sun | 20 Oct | 10:30am

+ Kherestine Risha by Rose Marie Hensh + George Mansour by Art Gabriel Forty Day Memorial

#### Tue | 22 Oct | 8:30am

Pope St. John Paul II, C + Nancy Faris by Arleen Wilson

Wed | 23 Oct | 8:30am

St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople, C + Palmar Sabatine, Jr. by Mom, Dad, & Aunt Jeanie

Sat | 26 Oct | 4:00pm

St. Demetrius, M + Joe & Peggy Williams by Williams' Children

#### Sun | 27 Oct | 8:30am

Sts. Capitolina & Eroteis of Cappadocia, M + Mary & Son Alex Agbay by the Agbay, Paroda, & Zamora Families

#### Sun | 27 Oct | 10:30am

+ Christopher Sleighter by Subdeacon Mallard & Donna George

#### PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>20</b> 6th Sunday of Holy Cross St. Shallita, M	21 St. Hilarion of Tabatha, C	22 Pope St. John Paul II, C	23 St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople, C	24 St. Arethas & His Companions, M	25 St. Chrysanthus & His Wife Daria, M	26 St. Demetrius, M
Liturgy   8:30am + Philip Michael MCF   9:20am Liturgy   10:30am		Liturgy   8:30am + Nancy Faris	Liturgy   8:30am +Palmar Sabatine Jr.	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Joe & Peggy Williams
+ Kherestine Risha + George Mansour Forty Day Memorial Prov 6:1-11 Gal 6:1-10 Matt 25:14-30	1 Cor 6:1-11 Matt 13:1-9	1 Cor 6:12-20 Matt 13:10-17	1 Cor 7:1-24 Matt 13:18-23	1 Cor 7:25-35 Matt 13:24-30	1 Cor 9:13-18 Matt 13:31-35	1 Cor 9:19-27 Matt 13:36-43
27 7th Sunday of Holy Cross Sts. Capitolina & Eroteis of Cappadocia, M	28 St. Terence & His Companions, M	29 St. Anastasia of Rome, M	30 St. Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem, C	31 St. Epimachus, M	Ol Nov Sts. Cosmas & Damian, M	02
Liturgy   8:30am + Mary & Son Alex MCF   9:20am Liturgy   10:30am + Christopher		No Liturgy	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	No Liturgy	NO LITURGY
Sleighter Job 29:1-16 Rom 12:9-21 Matt 25:31-46	1 Cor 10:1-13 Matt 13:44-46	1 Cor 10:14-24 Matt 13:47-53	1 Cor 12:1-11 Matt 18:23-35	1 Cor 12:1-11 Matt 22:15-22	Heb 12:18-24 Matt 5:1-12	1 Cor 14:1-26 Matt 21:33-46
Consecration of the Church Sts. Akepsimas, Joseph, & Aithalas, M Liturgy   8:30am	04 Sts. Vitalis & Agricola, M	O5 St. Asya the Righteous, C	06 St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, M	07 St. Hieron & His Companions, M	08 St. Michael the Archangel, An	O9 St. Matrona of Pamphylia, C
+ Kherestine Risha MCF   9:20am Liturgy   10:30am + Kathryn Deeds + Thelma David Forty Day Memorial + Goldie Faris Forty Day Memorial		Liturgy   8:30am + George Mansour	Liturgy   8:30am + Loretta M. Joseph & Family	Liturgy   8:30am Sam & Sherri Sandbothe	Liturgy   8:30am + Fred "Hawk" David	Liturgy   4:00pm + Joanne McDonald + Mike Zavatchen Forty Day Memorial
Isaiah 54:1-10 Heb 9:1-12 Matt 16:13-20	Heb 10:11-18 John 17:1-8	1 Cor 9:24-27 Matt 8:14-22	Heb 10:26-31 John 17:14-19	Heb 10:32-39 John 17:20-23	Heb 1:13-2:5 John 1:43-51	Rom 5:17-21 John 15:15-21
Renewal of the Church St. Maura, M	]] St. Mennas & His Companions, M St. Martin, C	12 St. Theodore the Studite, C	13 St. John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople, M	<b>]4</b> St. Philip, Ap	15 Sts. Gurias, Samonas, & Habib the Deacon, M	16 St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap
+ Harriet Williams Rafail  MCF   9:20am  Liturgy   10:30am  + Altar Rosary		Liturgy   8:30am + Kherestine Risha Vespers   6:00pm Bible Study   6:30pm	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	Liturgy   8:30am + George Mansour	Liturgy   8:30am Intention Available	<b>Liturgy   4:00pm</b> + Helen & Bob Fetsko
Society  2 Mac 10:1-8  Heb 9:11-15  John 10:22-42	Heb 8:1-6 John 10:1-6	Heb 8:7-13 John 10:7-10	1 Tim 2:1-10 Matt 5:13-17	Heb 9:24-28 John 10:17-21	Heb 10:1-10 Mark 2:18-22	1 Tim 1:12-19 Matt 9:9-13

#### 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!

#### Massabki Martyrs Luncheon

In celebration of the Massabki Brothers

Canonization we will have a luncheon at 11:30am on 20 October in the Parish Hall.

#### Second Collection

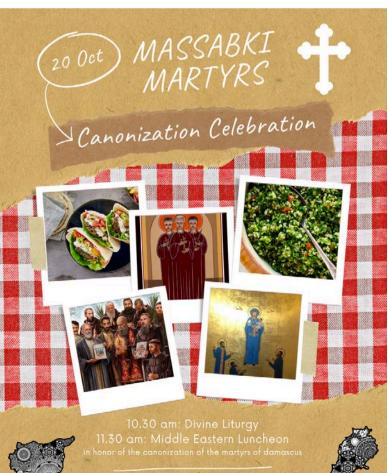
A second collection will be taken on Sunday, **20 October** for **World Mission Sunday**. This collection supports **CNEWA** and the *Propaganda Fide*.

#### Saturday Liturgy

There will be no 4pm Saturday Liturgy on 2 Nov.

#### Special Olympics Collection

**KofC Council 1275** will be having a collection after the liturgy at St. George the weekend of **26-27 Oct** to benefit the **Special Olympics** of Fayette County.



#### 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, 12 Nov and will cover the Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation.

#### Kids Movie Night

If you are a parent who needs a date night or an evening to do some shopping we can help! On **Saturday, 30 Nov** from 5-10pm we will have a **Movie Night** for our kiddos! \$10 per child or \$5 if they are dressed as a saint for St. Barbara's Feast!

#### 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.



# 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

## MEMORIALS

#### **Sanctuary Light**

James & Ann Mullen by Family

#### **Altar Candles**

Subdeacon Tom & Amy George by Alan & Marsha George & 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).

# The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation



#### St. George Church Bible Study Schedule

Date	Session (Video Times)			
8 Sept 2024	Introduction			
7 Sept 2024	1. Finding the Story in Scripture			
1 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			
Feb 2025	10. Conquest and Judges – Part 2 Joshua; Judges			
3 Feb 2025	11. Royal Kingdom – Part 1 1 Samuel; 2 Samuel; 1 Kings 1–11			
Mar 2025	12. Royal Kingdom – Part 2 1 Samuel; 2 Samuel; 1 Kings 1–11			
3 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			
3 Apr 2025	15. Exile – 2 Kings 17–25			
May 2025	16. Return – Ezra; Nehemiah			
0 May 2025	2025 17. Maccabean Revolt – 1 Maccabees			
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			
Aug 2025	22. The Church – Part 2 Acts			
9 Aug 2025	23. The Church – Part 3 Acts			

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#### Maronite Youth Organization

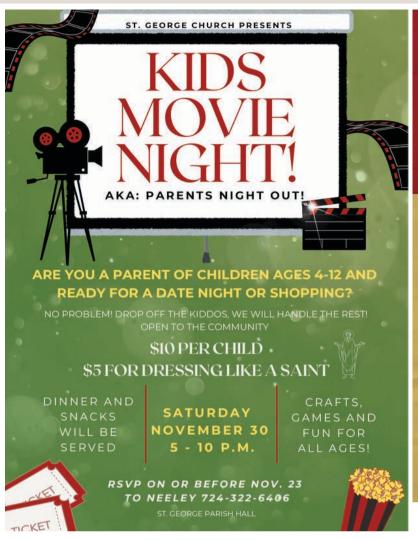
All youth in **Grades 6-12** are encouraged to sign up for MYO. Please call or text Subdeacon Chuck Michael at 724.323.4653. Also, please sign up on Remind to keep up to date with any MYO events and announcements by texting @myo202 to 81010. To be eligible for any Parish Scholarships, or to be recommended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

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. You may enroll online at **www.orderstsharbel.org** or ask Abouna for more information.



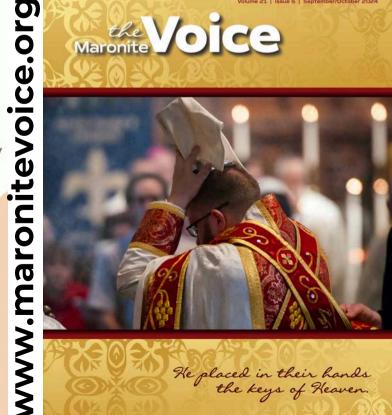
### MARONITE HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATES





# Multi parish **Marriage Enrichment Day** Reflection & Prayer





He placed in their hands the keys of Heaven.

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By Mr. Arthur Gabriel





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