



The Healing of the Blind Man | Sunday, 29 March 2020

Saint George Maronite Church

**A Catholic Parish of the
Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church**

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St. George Church is committed to sharing the fullness of the Gospel and living the richness of the Syriac Maronite Tradition through worship, charity, and striving for personal and communal holiness.



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Liturgical Schedule

Sat | 5:00 pm

Sun | 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Tue & Thu | 6:00 pm

Wed & Fri | 8:30 am

Feasts | 6:00 pm

New to St. George's?

Welcome! We are happy to have you worshipping with us!

We hope that you will soon call our parish your home!

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Letter from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the liturgies and rites of Passion Week we commemorate the salvific and life-giving mysteries of our redemption. These sacred dramas draw us deeper into the saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord. On the Thursday of the Mysteries one of the hymns of the evening liturgy sings:

- ❖ By God's command Moses slaughtered the lamb, then sprinkled blood on the doorposts of all. They were saved from the final plague and from death in the Pharaoh's land. Christ fulfilled this great sign as the true Paschal Lamb.
- ❖ On this great Feast sacrifices have ceased since Our Lord came as the true Lamb of God. For the blood shed by lambs and calves could not save people from their sins. Yet the Blood of Our Lord has forgiven us all.

Throughout our liturgies we recall the types and figures of the Old Covenant that have been fulfilled during these sacred days in Jerusalem. Yet, the events in the Upper Room, Pilate's Court, Golgotha, and the Tomb were not isolated events that have come and gone. Rather, these sacred acts are perpetuated throughout salvation history to this very moment in our liturgical commemorations and in the Life-Giving Mysteries of the Church. While the bloodied sacrifices of the Old Covenant were incapable of redeeming the People, the Life-Giving Blood of Jesus Christ poured forth on the altars of the Church redeem us from slavery to Sin and Death and restore our relationship to God.

It is said often in our Syriac tradition that humanity's *raison d'être* is worship. Adam was created as the first priest leading all of creation in worship of the One True God. Christ's Incarnation and Saving Passion and Resurrection restored that vocation for mankind. Where Adam failed in his duty, Christ has restored and elevated us. We now participate in the heavenly worship of the angels and saints. The most sacred, beautiful, and solemn rites of the Church's liturgical year occur each Passion Week. The festive processions of Hosanna Sunday give way to the solemn and austere hours of prayer during the week. The ritual performance of washings, anointings, and burials allow us to use all of the senses God has endowed us with to come to worship Him in beauty and in truth.

This year it may be difficult for us as a parish to join together physically for all of these beautiful expressions of worship. We will continue to live-stream the liturgical life of our parish through our Facebook and YouTube for those who cannot attend in person. Whether you are participating from near or afar please take the time to prayerfully and fruitfully engage in the rites of Passion Week – it is what you were created to do! Amidst times of great uncertainty, the Church remains a steadfast refuge for sinners seeking healing of soul and body. Our only response to this healing is to *“Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving, and His Courts with Praise! Give thanks to Him, Bless His Name!”* (Psalm 100:4).

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Liturgy Intention</u>
SAT	28 MAR	5:00PM	Intentions of Parishioners
SUN	29 MAR	8:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners
SUN	29 MAR	10:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners
TUE	31 MAR	6:00PM	Intentions of Parishioners
WED	01 APR	8:30AM	+ Sondra Paczini
THU	02 APR	6:00PM	Intentions of Parishioners
FRI	03 APR	8:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners
SAT	04 APR	10:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners
SAT	04 APR	5:00PM	+ Martha Toth
SUN	05 APR	8:30AM	Intentions of Parishioners
SUN	05 APR	10:30AM	+ T.R. Unice

by Subdeacon Tom & Amy George

by Connie & Lisa Ferris

by Dee & Family

LITURGICAL READINGS

SUN	29 MAR	EPISTLE 2 COR 10:1-7	GOSPEL MARK 10:46-52
MON	30 MAR	EPISTLE ROM 15:25-33	GOSPEL JOHN 7:32-36
TUE	31 MAR	EPISTLE ROM 8:12-18	GOSPEL JOHN 7:1-13
WED	01 APR	EPISTLE 1 THES 4:1-9	GOSPEL LUKE 11:37-48
THU	02 APR	EPISTLE TIT 2:1-8	GOSPEL LUKE 18:31-34
FRI	03 APR	EPISTLE 2 THES 3:6-18	GOSPEL LUKE 4:1-13
SAT	04 APR	EPISTLE 1 THES 2:17-3:5	GOSPEL JOHN 11:55-12:11
SUN	05 APR	EPISTLE PHIL 1:1-13	GOSPEL JOHN 12:12-22



Bulletin Deadline

If you would like anything published in the parish bulletin, you must submit it no later than 1PM Monday, 5 days before publication via email at info@stgeorgeuniontown.org. Thank you!



PRAYERS FOR THE

SICK

and the homebound

Heal all Your servants, who are sick or troubled, O Lord, and send them help and comfort from Your Holy Place. Look upon them with the eyes of Your Mercy; comfort them with a sense of Your Goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the Enemy; and give them patience that they may have their trust in Your Love.

Michelle Sante | Kimberly Steinmiller | Josette Shady Abi-Nader | Lynda Handlin
Leonard W. Neill II | Ron David | Teresa Rogers | Davey Rusko
Cookie Shady Benson | David Gallo | Rick Frazee | Patty Benson
Aliya Davis | Catherine Delgreco | Tammy McKenzie | Loretta Joseph
Joan Mickey | Devona Unice

As well as all other Parishioners who are sick and in of prayer.

If a loved one is hospitalized, ill, or homebound, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Events and Points of Interest

Passion Week & Easter Schedule. The schedule for the rites and liturgies of Passion Week are available **online** and will be **mailed** to each home. At the moment our liturgies remain celebrated **publicly**. There will be some **modifications** to the rites to accommodate for the guidelines issued by the **Congregation for Oriental Churches** and by the **Eparchy** during the COVID-19 Crisis. You are welcome to participate **in person** or through **livestream** at your discretion.

Staying Connected. During these difficult, and ever-changing times, it is important that we be able to communicate **quickly** and **efficiently**. I ask you, if you haven't already, to sign up for our **email list**, subscribe to our **Remind** text message service, and follow St. George Church on our **social media**.

Stewardship. If you are unable to physically attend liturgies you may drop off your weekly stewardship offering at the **Parish Office** or **mail-in** your offering. Alternatively, I **encourage you to enroll in electronic giving** via our parish website. Electronic giving is the most secure and reliable form of stewardship, especially in uncertain times like these. **Thank you for your continued generous support for St. George Church.**

Easter Flowers. The Easter Flower **form** or Easter Flower **envelope** is due by **31 March**. You may use **either** the form in the bulletin or the envelope that comes with your weekly contribution envelopes.

Food Sale. Pick up date is **4 April** between **11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** **Curbside pickup only.** Place orders by **31 March**. Forms are in the narthex of the church. Call Jerri Dawson, 724.438.4244 or you can text or message Mary Jo, 724.208.0617 with your order. You may also drop the form in the collection basket or take it to the Parish Office.

MYA. We encourage **all young adults** in the parish (ages 18-35) to join the Maronite Young Adults Organization. For additional information, contact Noah Michael at 724. 322.1084 to coordinate a date and time for our first meeting.

CRS Rice Bowl. You may write a check payable to **St. George Church** (note CRS on your check memo line), **donate directly** to CRS online via: crsricebowl.org/give or **drop your loose change** into the **"Rice Bowls"** which you can **find in the narthex**. For further information, please contact Gina Michael at 724.366.4561.

LIVE STREAMING

All of our Liturgies during the Novel Coronavirus crisis are being live streamed on our parish Facebook and archived on YouTube.

Facebook | @stgeorgeuniontown



April Memorials

Sanctuary Light

James & Ann Mullen

By Family

Vigil Lights

Christopher "Buffy" Kelly

By Mother & Family

Altar Bread & Wine

Ellwood, Freda, and Michael Kelly

By Sherry, Ellwood, Mary, & Families

Parish Stewardship

Stewardship for the
Week of 22 March 2020

1 st Collection	\$775.00
E-Giving	\$205.00

Candles	\$14.50
Hosanna Sunday	\$5.00

Received	\$999.00
Budget	\$3,100.00
Difference	-\$2,101.00

Stewardship Year to Date

Received	\$49,569.00
Budget	\$37,200.00
Difference	\$12,369.00

Annual Lenten Bishop's Appeal

Goal	\$5,500.00
Received	\$4,484.00
Balance	\$1,016.00

Electronic Giving

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.

Parish Calendar

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Healing of the Blind Man Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am	30 [Fast] St. John Climacus	31 [Fast] Liturgy 6:00pm	1 [Fast] St. Mary the Egyptian Liturgy 8:30am	2 [Fast] Liturgy 6:00pm	3 [Fast] The Triumph of Christ over Satan in the Desert Sts. Isaiah and Ezekiel the Prophets Liturgy 8:30am	4 Lazarus Saturday Liturgy 10:30am followed by Church Decorating Liturgy 5:00pm
5 Hosanna Sunday Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am with Procession Arrival at the Harbor 7:00pm	6 [Fast] Monday in Passion Week Vespers 6:00pm Liturgy 7:00pm	7 [Fast] Tuesday in Passion Week Vespers 6:00pm Liturgy 7:00pm	8 [Fast] Tuesday in Passion Week Liturgy 8:30am Rite of the Lamp 7:00pm	9 [Fast] Thursday of the Mysteries Liturgy 7:00pm The Church will remain open for silent prayer until 10:00pm	10 Fast Great Friday of the Crucifixion Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice 8:30am Rite of the Adoration of the Cross 7:00pm	11 Great Saturday of the Light Rite of Forgiveness 10:30am Vigil Liturgy of Easter 5:00pm
12 The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am and Rite of Peace	13 Monday in White Week Liturgy 6:00pm	14 Tuesday in White Week Liturgy 6:00pm	15 Wednesday in White Week Liturgy 6:00pm	16 Thursday in White Week Liturgy 6:00pm	17 Friday in White Week Liturgy 6:00pm	18 Liturgy 5:00pm
19 New Sunday Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am	20 No Liturgy	21 St. Anselm No Liturgy	22 No Liturgy	23 St. George Liturgy 6:00pm	24 St. Saba the Commander Liturgy 8:30am	25 St. Mark the Evangelist Liturgy 5:00pm
26 3rd Sunday of the Resurrection Liturgy 8:30am Liturgy 10:30am	27 St. Simon, Brother of the Lord	28 St. John, One of the 72 Disciples Liturgy 6:00pm	29 St. Catherine of Siena Liturgy 8:30am	30		

Parish Meetings

Parish Council | TBA
 Men's Group | TBA
 MYO | TBA
 ARS | TBA
 Ladies Guild | TBA
 MYA | TBA

Reader Schedule

28 Mar | 5:00pm | Mr. Eli George
 29 Mar | 8:30am | Mrs. Barbara George
 29 Mar | 10:30am | Mr. Simon John
 04 Apr | 5:00pm | Dr. Mabel George Howard
 05 Apr | 8:30am | Mr. Richard Brower
 05 Apr | 10:30am | MYO Sunday

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 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

Bulletin Advertising. Please consider helping our parish defray the costs of printing the weekly bulletin by advertising your business or organization. Ad space is available for \$250.00 per year. If you would like your business to be represented in our Bulletin and eBulletin please contact the Parish Office.



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