

St. George Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Christ is in our Midst!

He is and ever shall be!

Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Services. If you are a first-time visitor, please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you after liturgy, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship! Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion for Orthodox Christians: Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command *to eat His Body and drink His Blood*. In order to be properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should fast (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and striving to always love God and their neighbor. Frequent communion and regular confession are recommended for all faithful Orthodox Christians.

For other Christians: We welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately, we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (*antidoron*) which will be given when coming forward to venerate (kiss) the Holy Cross and receive the final blessing from the priest. Again, welcome!

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open for all parishioners and visitors. If you cannot attend, please pray with us through our livestream which can be seen on our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintGeorgeOrthodoxChurchFlintMI>

If you have a smart TV, you actually have a web browser and YouTube app built in. All you have to do is start the browser app for YouTube and put the link in the address bar.

Youth (Teen SOYO) Month Greeters/Ushers:

Zayna Andoni and Joelle Sababa

Epistle Reader: Natalia Awwad (English)

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

- Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Cindy** Victorson (40 day, friend of Fr. Joe).
- The Hawkins and Shahin Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of the departed members of the **Brackett, Ojile, Hawkins, Rhinehart, Moore, Shadeed, and Shahin Families**.
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita and family for the health of their family especially son **Majd** on the occasion of his birthday ~ *May God grant him many years!*
- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially son **Salam** on the occasion of his birthday ~ *May God grant him many years!*
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Deborah** Salim (+September 7th), **Kamal** Bathish (+September 8th, brother-in-law of Hiam Bathish), **Joseph** Boufaissal (+September 9th, husband of Shefaa), and **Luceille** Nassar (+September 10th, wife of Basem) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our **Bishop Anthony, Sahar** Abdallah, **Reader Fouad** and **Soad** Abuaita, **Philip** and **Janett** Abuaita, **Rasha** Abuaita, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Georgette** Abueita, **Iliyana** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Youssif** Abousamra, **Mariam** Al-Khoury, **William** Alsaouri, **Naila** Banna, **Vera** Daoud, **Said** Farah, **Elias** Gantos, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad** Gantous, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Karen** Mortensen, **Laura** Nassar, **Adam** Odeh, **Rahmeh** Rashmawi, **Elaine** Shaheen, and **Michael** Silpoch; **Jason** Dine who is under instruction catechism to become Orthodox; **Laith**, **Dina**, and newborn **Liam** Maymoun (September 4th); **Mousa**, **Amanda**, and newborn **Nicholas** Rishmawi (September 19th); **Maroun**, **Julia**, and newborn **Mariella Noelle** Alatrash (September 23rd).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Ambur** (daughter of Joseph Haddad) and **Matt** Allison, **Gabriella** (daughter of Joseph and Mary Jo Ghattas) and **David** Ayyash, **Renea** and **Rakan** Bayouk, Drs. **Lindsey** and **Ryan** Brunner, **Casandra** and **Danial** Burbar, **Dania** and **Subdeacon Salim** Hanna, **Andrea** (Haddad) and **Josh** Jones, **Christine** (daughter of Ayman and Wafaa Elias) and Dr. **Matthew** Krinock, **Kari** (daughter of John and Theresa Farah) and **Panagiotis** Mikroudis, & **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita) and **John** Timm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *JoAnn Hawkins and Ric Shahin*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 22nd, November 19th, and 26th ~ sign-up poster

and hosting information is in the Lounge. Hosting includes bringing whatever you wish to serve, setting up, and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$30. **For more information**, contact Manal Abuaita. *During the Nativity Fast (November 15th - December -24th) no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are to be served.*



St. Nicholas in Burton is hosting a “Trunk or Treat” on October 21st after their Great Vespers (5pm). If you come to our Great Vespers (4pm), you can then go to St. Nicholas. It does not matter where you go! Decorate your trunks and bring treats! This is open to the community / all of our Orthodox Churches.

PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS CONCERTS FROM 1992 AND 1993 These videos have recently been found and we would like to put them on DVDs. A signup sheet for pre-ordering is on the Lounge Bulletin Board (outside of the offices). The cost will be no more than \$15 for each DVD. Please signup as soon as possible!



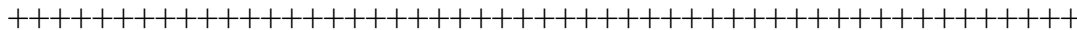
Thank you and God bless...

... all of those who donated to our **2023 Banquet Center Renovation**. The *Giving Tree* of donors has been installed in the foyer. Thank you, again, to our BCR Committee who did an outstanding job ~ **it couldn't have happened without all of you!**

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.

TODAY	2nd Grade Class with Fr. Joe
Monday	Bible Study: <i>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans</i> 1:30-3:30pm
Tuesday	Altar Society Dinner Meeting ~ for more information, see Theresa Farah 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic Bible Study: <i>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans</i> 12:30-2pm
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm
Friday	Koshaba Chrismations 5:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm



Why Attend Church?

~ Can God's Temple Be Duplicated At Home?

by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

Over the years I have met people who have chosen not to join a church, choosing, rather, to “worship” at home. Some have convinced themselves church is a waste of

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time, and feel they can be close to God while staying home on a Sunday morning. Others believe none of the churches teach the bible according to their own interpretation, and choosing to worship in the privacy of their own home, assure themselves they won't have to hear any false teachings.

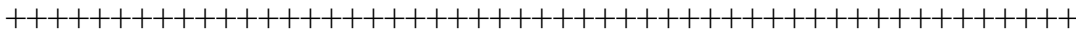
Some people have chosen to stay away from church because of past conflict with a clergyman, or perhaps got tired of hearing pleas for money, and have convinced themselves that giving to a charity is money better spent (in reality, church goes tend to outspend non-church goes in charitable giving).

In truth, God has given us the Church as the very place wherein we can grow spiritually, while enjoying the protection, and the blessings, of being in weekly contact with other believers. Just like an earthly family, we don't always enjoy the presence of other members, but it is often those difficult and uncomfortable moments that help us grow the most. As well, there are blessings that would never be experienced, should we remain apart from fellow Christians.

In Luke 4:16, we read that Our Lord Jesus Christ was regularly in the temple, for *"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom."* It was Christ's regular practice to go to church, *"As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place."* If our Lord Jesus made it a priority to meet together with other believers, how can we excuse ourselves from doing the same?

Perhaps the most important reason for weekly church attendance lies in the fact that it is only in the church where we can receive Holy Communion, for Our Lord went so far as to say that unless we eat of His flesh, and drink of His blood, we will have no life in us (John 6:53). It is in the reception of Holy Communion where we receive the grace needed to grow spiritually, and where we are empowered to live in all holiness and truth.

Finally, the neglect of corporate worship grieves the Holy Spirit who lives within the individual believer and the Church as a whole, *"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."* (Ephesians 4:30).



Chair-ity
Event 2023

Get Your Tickets!

Thursday, October 26, 2023
The Newly Renovated Catholic Charities' Venue!
St. Michael's Conference Center
609 E 5th Ave, Flint, MI 48503

The evening will be filled with food, fun and all the feels! The spotlight will be trained on unique chairs designed and created by local artists and volunteers.

 **Scan the QR code to purchase tickets and start bidding on our auction items!**
OR visit www.ccsgec.org/chair-ity



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TEEN SOYO

meeting



OCTOBER 15

FOLLOWING CHURCH SCHOOL,
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASSROOM



We will be discussing the
Canton Basketball
Tournament & Fall
Harvest Parish
Thanksgiving.

