

St. George Orthodox Church

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March 10, 2024

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

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.

March is ... Antiochian Women's Month!

Greeters/Ushers: Areen Bathish, Amira Hanna, Kelly Sanderson, & Cam Takach

Epistle Readers: Wafaa Elias (Arabic) and Kh. Pam Bassett (English)

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

- Iman David for the health of her family and in loving memory of cousin **Khawleh** David (3/9 day) and aunt **Yusra Al-Qassis** (9 day).
- Nabeel and Jackleen David for the health of their family especially **Nabeel, Jackleen, Issa, Joseph, Nina, Nicholas**, and their families and in loving memory of **Khawleh** David (3/9 day), **Issa, Aziza, Fyaz, Samia, Nawal, Nadera, Nader, Nuha**, and **Jamie**.
- Fouad and Ghaydaa Abuaita and Andrew and Hiba Bannoura for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Hanna** Bannoura (3/9 day, Fouad and Hiba's uncle).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Archbishop Nathaniel** (Romanian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America), our **Bishop Anthony, Sahar Abdallah, Abeer** Abuaita, **Reader Fouad** and **Soad** Abuaita, **Philip** and **Janett** Abuaita, **Rasha** Abuaita, **Sami** and **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **George** Abueita, **Georgette** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Mary** Abueita, **Youssif** Abousamra, **William** Alsahouri, **Naila** Banna, **Vera** Daoud, **Said** Farah, **Joseph** Gagne, **Elias** Gantos, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad** Gantous, **Phyllis** Good, **Daisy** Isaac, **John** Joseph, **Danny** Mortensen, **Karen** Mortensen, **Laura** Nassar, **Jeanette** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Rahmeh** Rashmawi, **Elaine** Shaheen, and **Michael** Silpoch; **Abdulla, Amira**, and newborn **Yasmine** Farah (January 10th); Drs. **Ryan, Lindsey**, and newborn **Cassandra Carri** Brunner (February 25th), and **Panagiotis, Kari** (*daughter of John & Theresa Farah*), and newborn **Jacob Michael** Mikroudis (February 25th).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Nellie** Makhloof, (+February 4th, sister of Gisele Farah), **Housam** Abousamra (+February 13th), and **Nage** Qumseya (+February 15th, cousin of Jeries Qumseya) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Casandra** and **Danial** Burbar, **Andrea** and **Josh** Jones, & **Vera** and **Luay** Sababa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Fouad and Ghaydaa Awad*.

⇒ SPECIAL CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH An all St. George Family Special "DAIRY" Potluck Coffee Fellowship! Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dairy item to share! A Sign-Up Sheet is available on the Lounge Table. Come & join us in celebrating the last day to eat eggs, cheese, dairy items until Pascha on May 5th!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: April 7th, 14th, and 21st ~ sign-up poster and hosting information are 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**, please contact our coordinator Manal Abuaita 810-577-9870. *Cheese-Fare Sunday is March 17th (no meat) and during the Great Fast (March 18th – May 4th) no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are to be served.*

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT Saturday, April 6th at St Mary Magdalene Church welcoming *Father Andrew Stephen Damick* of the Lord of Spirits podcast on Ancient Faith Radio. Register and see more information on the flier the March VOICE. There is also a sign-up sheet on the Narthex Table. Please take the time during the great forty days' fast to be spiritually renewed through our annual pan-Orthodox retreat. Livestreaming will be available for those who register. The deadline to register is Friday, March 29 at 3 pm.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be \$7,588 to meet our 2024 Budget. On Sunday, March 3rd, our offerings were \$2,840; we were short \$4,748 😊 **Please keep up with your offerings!** If you have not already, fill out your *2024 Offering Form*: put it in Sunday's Offering Tray or send it to the church (5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507). Thank you for supporting St. George and offering as God wants for our spiritual health!



Our stewardship, offerings, and donations are needed. PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer your gifts! If you cannot come to church, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line (or use the QR code to the left) or you can bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507. As always, THANK YOU for your generosity and love of our St. George!

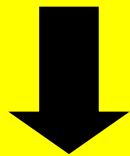
CAMP ST. GEORGE SUMMER CAMP Like the program at the Antiochian Village, Camp St. George serves young people ages 9-17 who come from parishes throughout our Midwest Diocese (mostly the western part). After not meeting last year, they are hoping to bring Camp St. George back in 2024. But they need help. The most critical component in making it happen is sufficient staffing, particularly counselors. Will you consider being a candidate? Applicants should be at least 18 years old, have a solid grounding in the Orthodox Faith, and be regular in Church attendance. They also need to exhibit patience while leading children in a faith-based, natural environment. Staff applications will be available at CSGlowa.org soon. Some details: Camp St. George meets June 30-July 6, 2024 at Camp Ewalu near Strawberry Point, Iowa. Staff arrive two days prior for training. For more information or questions, contact Camp Director Fr. Fred Shaheen at shaheenf@hotmail.com.

COMING EVENTS

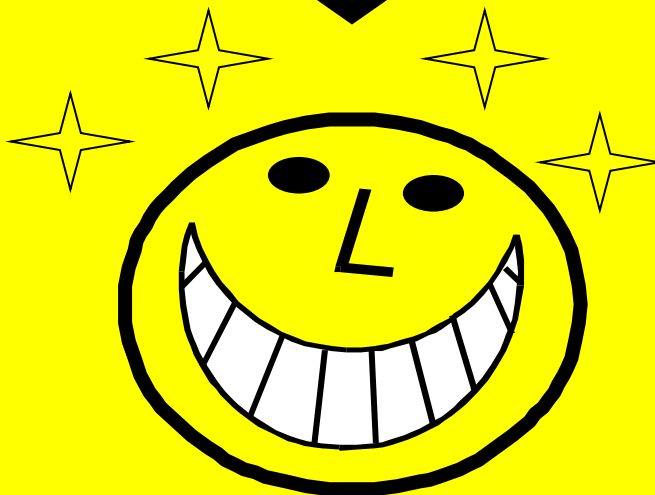
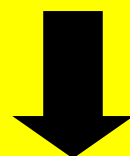
Fasting Discipline Today is **Meat-Fare Sunday** (March 10th) and is the last day we eat *meat, poultry, and their by-products* until Pascha (May 5th). The traditional fasting discipline during this Cheese-Fare Week (*no red or white meat and poultry*) is observed on all days meaning *eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil and their by-products* may be consumed on all days.

TODAY	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting <i>after Church School</i>
Tuesday	Altar Society Dinner Meeting 6pm
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm

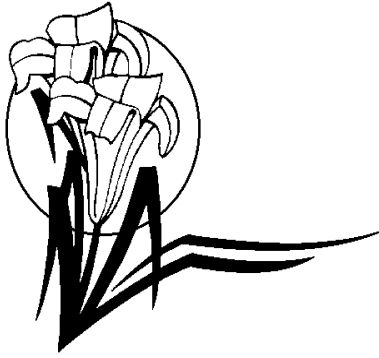
**I Didn't Go to Forgiveness
Vespers**



I Did GO!



**Next Sunday
Forgiveness Vespers
at 12:30PM**



Decorations for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha

As of March 10, 2024

5 Icon Flowers for the Madayeh/Akathist

\$40 each

- March 22nd
- March 29th
- April 5th
- April 12th
- April 19th

2 Icon Flowers (Lazarus Saturday/Palm Sunday) \$40 each

- One Icon
- One Icon

4 Icon Flowers for Holy Week \$40 each

- One Icon
- One Icon
- One Icon
- One Icon

2 pounds of Incense \$70 each (All Taken)

- One Pound
- One Pound

Flowers and Decorations for the Tomb (Taken)

Rose Water / Bay Leaves for Holy Saturday (Taken)

Carnations for the Holy Cross (Taken)

\$340

Palms (Taken)

\$275

Donations toward Pascha Flowers

- \$35 each
- \$35 each
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- \$35 each

Fern Arrangements - Palm Sunday/Holy Week

\$45 each

- One Arrangement
- One Arrangement
- One Arrangement
- One Arrangement

2 Icon Flowers for the Resurrection \$40 each

- One Icon
- One Icon

3 Paschal Candles \$110 each

- One Candle
- One Candle
- One Candle

Please print clearly

Your name: _____

For the health of:

In loving memory of:

The Living and Departed will be remembered at the service for which the item will be used the first time.

Please fill out this form, put in an envelope (with check made out to "St. George" memo: "Decorations"), and drop it in the Sunday Offering Tray or send it to the church office.



SACRED ALASKA

SCREENING AT ST. DEMETRIOS
SATURDAY - MARCH 16TH - 3:00 PM
IN THE PARISH HALL

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8.00/person

REGISTER / DONATE ONLINE AT:

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VIEW THE TRAILER AT:

[HTTPS://SACREDALASKAFILM.COM](https://sacredalaskafilm.com)

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