

*The First Resurrection on Holy Saturday*

*Our Lord's Descent into Hades to Raise the Old Testament Righteous*



*The Second Resurrection on Pascha*

*The Myrrh-bearing Women witnessing our Lord's Empty Tomb*



**Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!***

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# St. George Orthodox Church

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April 16, 2023

**Our Lord's Great and Holy Pascha (Passover): the  
Glorious Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ**

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### 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.

**Welcome to St. George!** Thank you for attending today's Paschal Services celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord! We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from a light lunch), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Everyone is invited to the final blessing and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

### Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)

- **Khaled** and **Sally** Abuaita for the health of their family especially children **Watan**, **Karim**, **Ayham**, and **Majd** and in loving memory of grandmother **Rahma**, aunt **Mary**, **Androlla** Abuaita and friend **Sahar** Abuaita.
- **Janet** Abueita for the health of her family especially **Anwar** on the occasion of his Name's Day, children and grandchildren **Tony**, **Chrissy**, **Haleena**, **Maliyah**, **Anthony**, **Michael**, **Iliyana**, **Jacqueline**, **John**, **Leah**, **Jenny**, **Tony**, **Matthew**, and **Lukas** ~ *May God grant them many years!*
- **Hiam** Bathish for the health of her **children**, **grandchildren**, and **great-grandchildren** and in loving memory of husband **Emil**, **Jose** Ramirez, **Dannie** Jones, **Yacoub** and **Marie** Farah, **Naif** and **Julia** Bathish.
- Elaine Salim and family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Ellis** (Al).

## **BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS**

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

♦ **Joelle Odeh** ~ April 19<sup>th</sup>

*May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. (Baptismal Service)*

- This morning we also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Gregory Nicola** (+March 16<sup>th</sup>, nephew of Kh. Leslee Abud), **Thelma Yuelle** (+March 26<sup>th</sup>, friend of Daisy Isaac), and **Laura Nichols** (+April 8<sup>th</sup>, former office secretary) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners, their family, and friends who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our **father and Metropolitan Saba**, our **Bishop Anthony, Fr. Angelo Artemas** (friend of Fr. Joe), **Subdeacon George Gantous**, **Sahar Abdallah**, **Reader Fouad Abuaita**, **Philip** and **Janett Abuaita**, **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Laila Abud**, **George** and **Georgette Abueita** and **Kristo** (brother, mother, and friend of Anwar), **Jane Abueita**, **Youssif Abousamra**, **Danial Alghanim** (father of Dania Hanna), **William Alsahouri**, **Sanaa Alqassis** (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Walid Andoni** (brother of Vera Daoud), **Issa Awad** (father of Amal Abuaita), **Sharon Ballreich** (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Naila Banna**, **Vera Daoud**, **Valland Frangi** (sister of Ron Haddad), **Elias Gantos**, **Denise Ghattas**, **Phyllis Good**, **Ronald Haddad**, **Nadia Ibrahim** (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy Isaac**, **Loretta Karpelenia** (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Nejma Khair** (mother of Esperanza Abuaita), **Michael Khal**, **Scott Allen**, **Antonia Molina**, and **Reuben Reyes** (friends of Areen Bathish), **Laura Nassar**, **Deborah Salim**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Michael Silpoch**, **Kameel Srouji** (son-in-law of Hiam Bathish), **Laura Teunion-Smith** (granddaughter of Bob Teunion), **Christa Whitehead**, and **Samantha Zerka** (cousin of Lauren Zerka/Goddaughter & niece of Victoria Zerka); **Jeffrey, Taylor**, and newborn **Noa Hanna Tipton** (March 23<sup>rd</sup>) and **Gary, Katrina**, and newborn **Joseph Anton Gagne** (March 27<sup>th</sup>).
- Remember in your prayers those who are with child: **Rania** and **Raed AbuAita**, **Jessica** and **Mejhdy Abu Aitah**, **Julia** and **Maroun Alatrash**, **Aziza** and **Basheer Hawwash**, **Dina** and **Laith Maymoun**, **Amanda** and **Mousa Rishmawi**, and **Narmeen** and **Deeb Shamshoum**.

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## **Announcements**

- For the next forty days, until the Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on May 25<sup>th</sup>, we greet each other with **Christ is Risen!** and respond **Indeed He is Risen!**
- Our Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to pick up a **Paschal Egg** and **Sandwich** immediately following the Paschal Liturgy. Thank you ladies!
- **Vespers of Love (Baa'ooth or Agape Vespers) and Egg Hunt** This afternoon on Pascha, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This service, along with our Bright Week Liturgies, are a continuation of our celebration of Pascha. *If your children did not come this morning, then you NEED to come to this service so our children can sing "Christ is Risen", process with candles, etc. like we did.* At the service, the Gospel is read in different languages (English, Arabic, Spanish, Ukrainian, German, French, etc). If you would like to read, come to church by 12:45pm. Also, please have your children bring a basket to collect their goodies at the Egg Hunt.

- **Thank you to all parishioners** who baked, bought, donated, setup/cleanup, and gave their support to our Church School Program! The *Palm Sunday Bake Sale* was a great success and made over \$2,400!
- The national **Food For Hungry People** program during the Great Fast is now over. Please bring your and your children's boxes or empty them and send your donations to the church or with a check or online at our website: <https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>.
- **Thank you** to our regular *Chanters* (**Anwar, Janet, and Elias** Abueita, **Sally** Abueita, **Kh. Pam** Bassett, **Hiam** Bathish, and **Aida** Nassar) and *Choir members*; our other Parish Ministries: Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Holy Bread Bakers, and Ushers; **Vera** Daoud for polishing all of our silver church items and making Palm Crosses; **Kelly** Dotson (our office manager) and **Munther** Al-Kahush; for all of their hard work which enabled everything to be as beautiful as possible for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha!

| <u>Bright Week – No Fasting</u> |  |
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| Pascha-Sunday                   | <i>Vespers of Love</i> { <i>Baa'ooth</i> or <i>Agape Vespers</i> } 1pm           |
| Monday                          | <b>Bright Monday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton</i> 10am |
| Tuesday                         | <b>Bright Tuesday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>St. Nicholas in Burton</i> 10am      |
| Wednesday                       | <b>Bright Wednesday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>St. George</i> 6pm                 |
| Thursday                        | <b>Parish Council Dinner Meeting</b> 6:15pm                                      |
| Friday                          | <b>Bright Friday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>Assumption in Grand Blanc</i> 10am    |
| Saturday                        | <b>Great Vespers</b> 5pm   |

## Paschal Greeting and Response

*Until our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Pascha (May 25<sup>th</sup>)*

**English:** Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

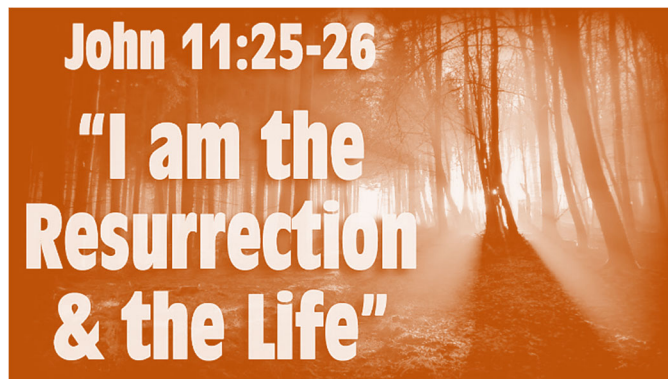
**Arabic:** Al-Maseeh Qam! *Haqqan Qam!*

**Greek:** Christos Aneste! *Alethos Aneste!*

**Slavonic:** Christos Voskrese! *Voistinu Voskrese!*

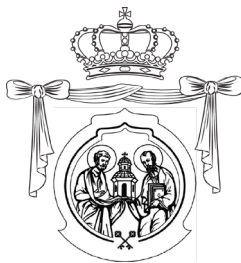
**Ukrainian:** Христос Воскрес! *Воістину Воскрес!*

**Romanian:** Christos a Inviaht! *Adevarat a Inviaht!*



His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan Saba

The Right Reverend  
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

Diocese of Toledo and  
The Midwest

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

*Great and Holy Pascha 2023: the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord*

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Midwest Diocese,

**Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!***

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*This is the Day of Resurrection, be illumined, people; Pascha, the Lord's Pascha! From death unto life, from the earth to Heaven, hath Christ our God led us; singing the song of victory!*

From the 1<sup>st</sup> Ode of the Paschal Canon

Today the clouds of darkness in this world, the booming thunder of tank canons cease, and the scream of jet engines looming of the lands move on. The brilliance of the never-ending day of Christ's Kingdom pours out of Heaven because Christ Himself, with raised hands at the crucifixion and then in His raised resurrected body, shines brighter than the sun.

Perhaps, as we enter the church flooded with Paschal Light, those flaming candles and burning chandeliers on walls and ceilings which reveal the Kingdom to us, cannot endure the full Glory of His Love. But even if we cannot take in the whole *New Day*, even if we cannot stay out in the sunshine at high-noon, even if in the frailty of our humanity, we need to put sunglasses on ~ still we are bathed in the brightness and the beauty of the resurrected world. And our faces glow with a robust tan of a never-fading youth.

May the Light of His Empty Tomb always shine in our minds and hearts.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

*+ Bishop Anthony*

+Bishop ANTHONY  
Bishop of Toledo  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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# Donations for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ALL OF OUR DONORS!

## Akathist/Madayeh Fridays:

- **Ayman and Wafaa** Elias for the health of their family especially **Christine, Dr. Matthew, John, Mariah, Jasmine, and Eddie** and in loving memory of **Elias, Joselyn, Ibrahim, Thouriah, Salim, and Badia**.
- **Hiam** Bathish for the health of her **children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren** and in loving memory of husband **Emil, Jose Ramirez, Dannie Jones, Yacoub** and **Marie Farah, Naif and Julia** Bathish.
- **Najwa** Joubran for the health of her family especially the **Jennifer, Martin, Emma, and Ava**, and the **Hanna, Elias, Joubran, and Khoshaba** Families and in loving memory of her **departed family members**.
- **Jamal and Manal** Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Philip, Janett**, children **Dr. Tamer, Samir, Mariann, Dr. Yara and Samah** and in loving memory of **Mariam and Mounir**.
- **Fares and Sahar** Abdallah for the health of their family especially children **Dr. Laila, Crystal, and Nicholas** and in loving memory of **Hilda and Yacoub** Zureikat.

## Carnations for the Holy and Life-giving Cross (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast):

- Drs. **Ron** Shaheen and **Kathy** Kudrey for the health of their family especially grandchildren **Emily** and **Evelyn** and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth**.

## 2 pounds of Incense:

- **Issa and Lina** Burbar for the health of the **Burbar, Damouni, Rizk, Kassis, Abu-Diwan, Hannoush, Gantos, Deek, Haddad, Shehadeh, and Hayek** Families and in loving memory of **Abdallah, Amal, Kareemeh, Diab, Maria, Said, Elias, Joseph, Jad, Josephine, Bishara, Malaki, Baseem, Hanna, Lawrence, Sadie, Marie, Michael, and George**.
- **Dr. David and May** Gantos and Family for the health of the **Gantos, Damouni, Farah, Kassis, Burbar, Haddad** Families and in loving memory of **Laura and Shane** Gantos, **Elias, Mary, Jad, Bishara, and Josephine** Damouni, **Diab, Kareemeh, John, George, Said and Laurence** Rizk, **Baseem** Kassis.

## Palms and Fern Arrangements:

- *The Palms* are offered by **Amer** and **Dr. Melissa** Bathish for the health of **Hiam, Madison, Emil, Julia, and Lindsey** and in loving memory of parents **Emil** Bathish and **Jim and Carolyn** Gorr.
- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **Fares and Sahar** Abdallah for the health of their family especially children **Dr. Laila, Crystal, and Nicholas** and in loving memory of **Hilda and Yacoub** Zureikat.
- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **Khaled and Sally** Abuaita for the health of their children **Watan, Karim, Ayham, and Majd** in loving memory of grandmother **Rahma**, aunt **Mary, Androlla** Abuaita, and **Sahar** Abuaita.
- (2) *Fern Arrangements* offered by **Anonymous**.

### Flowers for Palm Sunday Icons:

- *Flowers for the Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday Icons* offered by **Ayman** and **Wafaa** Elias for the health of their family especially **Christine**, **Dr. Matthew**, **John**, **Mariah**, **Jasmine**, and **Eddie** and in loving memory of **Elias**, **Joselyn**, **Ibrahim**, **Thouriah**, **Salim**, and **Badia**.

### Flowers for Holy Week Icons:

- *Flowers for the Bridegroom Icon* offered by **Jamal** and **Manal** Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Philip**, **Janett**, children **Dr. Tamer**, **Samir**, **Mariann**, **Dr. Yara** and **Samah** and in loving memory of **Mariam** and **Mounir**.
- *Flowers for Crucifixion and Un-Nailing of Jesus from the Cross Icons* offered by **Hiam** Bathish for the health of her **children**, **grandchildren**, and **great-grandchildren** and in loving memory of husband **Emil**, **Jose** Ramirez, **Dannie** Jones, **Yacoub** and **Marie** Farah, **Naif** and **Julia** Bathish.
- *Flowers for the Entombment Icon* offered by **Martin** and **Jennifer** Koshaba for the health of the **Khoshaba**, **Joubran**, **Hanna**, **Elias**, and **Krinock** Families.
- *Crown of Thorns* offered by Drs. **Ronald** Shaheen and **Kathy** Kudray for the health of their family especially grandchildren **Emily** and **Evelyn** and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth**.
- *Flowers for the Tomb of Christ* offered by the **Ghattas Family** for the health of the **Ghattas** and **Khouri** Families and in loving memory of **George**, **Lucy**, **Salwa**, **Edward**, **Diane**, **Yousif**, **Freda**, **Elia**, **Ajaeb**, **Eskander**, **Daad**, **Kamelia**, **Fouad**, and **Samira**.

### Bay Leaves:

- **Father Michael** and **Khouriya Pam** Bassett for the health of their family especially sons **Christopher** and **Jonathan**.

### Paschal Icons:

- **Hiam** Bathish for the health of her **children**, **grandchildren**, and **great grandchildren** and in loving memory of **Emil**, **Dannie**, **Jose**, **Yacoub**, **Marie**, **Naif**, and **Julia**.
- **Richard** Shaheen for the health of his family and in loving memory of parents **Fred** and **Mamie** Shaheen, sister **Patricia** and **Harry** Haddad, and niece **JoAnn** Merrelli.

### Paschal Candles:

- **Khader** and **Lucy** Abuaita for the health of their family and in loving memory of uncle **Khalil** Ibrahim.
- **Khaled** and **Sally** Abuaita for the health of their children **Watan**, **Karim**, **Ayham**, and **Majd** in loving memory of grandmother **Rahma**, aunt **Mary**, **Androlla** Abuaita, and **Sahar** Abuaita.
- **John** and **Dr. Lauren Zerka** for the health of their family especially **Daniel** and **Nazera** Czerniak, **Lindsay** and **Korey** Lester, **Milad & Georgette** Zerka, **Danny** and **Asmahan** Zerka, **Joyce** and **Ryan** Schlee, **Kameel** and **Jackie** Ansara, and **Donna** Meyer and their families and in loving memory of **Leonard** and **Evelyn** Czerniak, **Andrew** and **Jeanette** Cassis, **Antoine** and **Layla** Nehme, **George** and **Nazera** Zerka, **Laurie** Crisp, **Michael** Zerka, and **Kenneth** Kujawa.

### Paschal Flowers:

- **Issa** and **Esperanza** Abuaita for the health of **Nejma**, **Sandy**, **Josalien**, **Nougod**, and their families and in loving memory of **George**, **Wadeha**, **Georgette**, **Micahle**, **Gattass**, and **Nejma**.

- (2) **Janet** Abueita for the health of her family especially husband **Anwar** on the occasion of his Name's Day and children and grandchildren **Tony, Chrissy, Haleena, Maliyah, Anthony, Michael, Iliyana, Jacqueline, John, Leah, Jenny, Tony, Matthew, and Lukas** and in loving memory of **Peter, Alice, Asmahan, Nasim, Basim, and Yacoub**.
- **Hiam** Bathish for the health of her **children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren** and in loving memory of husband **Emil, Jose Ramirez, Dannie Jones, Yacoub** and **Marie Farah, Naif and Julia** Bathish.
- **Douglas** Coone for the health of his family especially mother **Georgia** and in loving memory of father **Richard** and daughter **Jenny**.
- (3) **Ayman** and **Wafaa** Elias for the health of their family especially **Christine, Dr. Matthew, John, Mariah, Jasmine, and Eddie** and in loving memory of **Elias, Joselyn, Ibrahim, Thouriah, Salim, and Badia**
- (2) **George** and **Hiam** Ishaq for the health of their family especially **Nusta, Nida, Nidal, and Samer** and in loving memory of **George** Howari.
- **Andrea** Jones for the health of her family especially mother **Carol** Haddad and in loving memory of father **Nasri** Haddad.
- **Edward** and **Feryl** Joubran for the health of their family especially children **Jasmine** and **Eddie** and **Alberta** Kelush and in loving memory of **Frank** and **Joyce** Joubran.
- **Jennifer** Koshaba for the health of her family especially **Martin, Emma, Ava, Fareda, and Najwa** and in loving memory of her **departed family members**.
- **Karam** and **Aida** Nassar for the health of their family especially **Fred, Salam, Omar, and Sarah** and in loving memory of **Rasmia** and **Nichola**.
- **Victoria** Nassar for the health of her family especially children **Heather** and **Alexandra** and in loving memory of husband **Jamil**.
- **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif for the health of the **Nassif, Farah, Abdella, and Saseen** Families and in loving memory of son **Paul**.
- (4) **Elaine** Salim for the health her family and in loving memory of husband **Ellis (Al)**.
- (2) **Richard** Shaheen for the health of his family and in loving memory of parents **Fred** and **Mamie** Shaheen, sister **Patricia** and **Harry** Haddad, and niece **JoAnn** Merrelli.
- **Doug** and **Sandy** Thomas for the health of their family especially **Landon, Jordan, Morgan, and Laney** and in loving memory of **Alex** and **Jean** Khouri, **Marvin, Virginia, and Ken** Thomas.

### *Paschal Eggs:*

- **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita for the health of their **children** and **grandchildren** and in loving memory of **Issa, Nahil, and Hanna**.

### *Paschal Floral Arrangements and White Bows:*

- **Timothy** Beers and **Victoria** Zerka for the health of their families especially Godchildren **Branden, Tanner, and Sofie** and **Vicky's** mother **Shirley** and in loving memory of **George, Lourice, Sam, Sadie, Handoumi, Harry, Louise, and Fred**.