

St. George Orthodox Church

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Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

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. 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. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, and being at peace with others. Everyone else, including visitors, are invited to receive the final blessing of the priest and Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy. 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.

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

- Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Fr. Angelo** Artemas (3 day, friend) and **Gregory** Nicola (40 day, nephew of Kh. Leslee Abud).
- St. George Parish Council for the health of all of the **Faithful of St. George** on the occasion of our patron saint's day of the Great Martyr George the Trophy-bearer ~ *May God grant them many years!*

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

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

- **Gisel Awad** ~ April 24th
- **Romanos and Rubina Abueita** ~ April 29th

May they be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Thelma** Yuelle (+March 26th, friend of Daisy Isaac), **Laura** Nichols (+April 8th, former office secretary), **Hilda** Ibrahim (Abufarha) (+April 12th, relative of the Abufarha family), **Beverly** Bardwell (+April 15th, aunt of Dr. Lauren Zerka), and **Issa** Awad (+April 19th, father of Amal Abuaita and Walaa Al-Qassis) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners and their friends who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our **father and Metropolitan Saba**, our **Bishop Anthony**, **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), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Naila** Banna, **Areen** Bathish, **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 23rd) and **Gary**, **Katrina**, and newborn **Joseph Anton** Gagne (March 27th).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *our Parish Council*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 14th and 28th ~ 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 our coordinator Manal Abuaita.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE 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/>.

BE A PART OF HISTORY!

OUR GALA IS MAY 12TH!

The excitement is building and the end of our Banquet Center renovations is near and looks brand new! To celebrate the end of the renovation, we are having a **Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala** on Friday, May 12th (during the 40 day Paschal season, we do not need to fast!). Information is on the Narthex Table and online at our St. George Website (saintgeorgeflint.org) ~ you can also purchase tickets online on our website at this same link. Tickets are also available from any of our Gala Committee members: *Raghad Farah, Tony Daoud, Rula Alkazaha, Areen Bathish, Aida Nassar, Jeanette Nassif, Evette Rishmawi*, or in our church office. For more information about being a sponsor, please speak with one of our committee members.

▶▶ We are looking for major sponsors/benefactors. Our committee is dedicated to raise as much funds as possible to start paying off our \$450,000 loan. This is our house and we need everyone to step up, especially those who are capable! Please look at the sponsorship levels and be one of our benefactors with a sacrificial offering. Over 50 years ago, our St. George ancestors stepped up to build our beautiful church and complex at a cost just under \$1,000,000 (in today's dollars, \$7,872,599)! They did it because of their love of God, the love of their children, and the love of all future generations...yes, US!



Now is the time for us to show our love of God, our children, and future generations. Be a part of this major event. I'm excited and you should be too! May God continue to bless our St. George Family and enable us to produce fruit like those who built our church in 1971 did! Love, Fr. Joe

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline Per our Patriarchate of Antioch, there is no fasting during the Paschal Season which ends on the *Ascension of our Lord into Heaven on the 40th day of Pascha* which this year is May 25th.

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 4pm

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Paschal Greeting and Response

Until our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40th day after Pascha (May 25th)

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! *Воїстину Воскрес!*

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

St. George Orthodox Church Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala ~ May 12, 2023

Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors ~ As of April 20, \$379,450 Money Raised for the Banquet Center Fund

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In Loving Memory of George Farah Sr.

- St. George Ladies Auxiliary Graciously Donating \$15,000
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