

# St. George Orthodox Church

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April 30, 2023

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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 especially son **Nicholas** on the occasion of his birthday ~ *may God grant him many years!* and in loving memory of **Fr. Angelo** Artemas (9 day, friend).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Thelma** Yuelle (+March 26<sup>th</sup>, friend of Daisy Isaac), **Laura** Nichols (+April 8<sup>th</sup>, former office secretary), **Hilda** Ibrahim (+April 12<sup>th</sup>,

grandmother of Rafat and Ihsan Abufarha), and **Beverly** Bardwell (+April 15<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Dr. Lauren Zerka).  
~ *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**, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Reader Fouad** Abuaita, **Philip** and **Janett** Abuaita, **Shafiq**a 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, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad** Gantous, **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 who will be brought back into the life of our parish through the *Prayers of Churching*; **Gary**, **Katrina**, and newborn **Joseph Anton** Gagne (March 27<sup>th</sup>) and **Mejhdy**, **Jessica**, and newborn **Levi** Abu-Aitah (April 21<sup>st</sup>); **Suha** Abueita and **Anirudh** Nath who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Rania** and **Raed** AbuAita, **Julia** and **Maroun** Alatrash, **Renea** and **Rakan** Bayouk, **Dania** and **Salim** Hanna, **Aziza** and **Basheer** Hawwash, **Dina** and **Laith** Maymoun, **Amanda** and **Mousa** Rishmawi, and **Narmeen** and **Deeb** Shamshoum.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs ~ thanks!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

**RENOVATION GALA INFORMATION** Sponsors, if you have not told a committee member how many tickets you will be using and the names of those people attending, do so ASAP. Further, everyone attending the GALA is invited to the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, part 1 which will take place at 6pm that evening. Ribbon-Cutting, part 2 will take place on May 14<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy for all of our faithful!

**NAMES OF THE LIVING** Beginning next week, May 7<sup>th</sup>, names of non-parishioners which are presently on our prayer list (see above) will only be listed in our monthly newsletter, The VOICE. They will be prayed for on a daily basis as all of the names in The VOICE are. This is only for the living non-parishioners, those who have falling asleep will be prayed for as normal.

*Thank you and God bless...*

... (4 lilies) offered by **Mousa** and **Amanda** Rishmawi for the health of their family.

# 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. Per our Patriarchate of Antioch, some do not fast during the Paschal Season which ends on the *Ascension of our Lord into Heaven on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Pascha* which this year is May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Monday **Bible Study:** *1<sup>st</sup> book of the Bible, Genesis* 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** 6pm

Wednesday **Arabic-English Bible Study:** *1<sup>st</sup> book of the Bible, Genesis* 12-2pm

Saturday **Diocesan Women's Zoom Spring Meeting** 11am

All women are invited by using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83254607561?pwd=N09ET0dSdW80VGxFRjJkZ0dwSjV3dz09>

**Great Vespers** and **First Confessions of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class** 5pm

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## 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! *Воїстину Воскрес!*

## **The Heart ~ Heavenly Worship Must Enter Into The Heart**

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

*"Strive as well as you can to enter deeply with the heart into the church reading and singing and to imprint these on the tablets of the heart."* (Abbot Nazarius)

The beauty of Orthodox worship is meant to lift us up, and connect us to the Heavenly Worship that is eternally taking place at the Throne of God. The very description of Heavenly Worship found in the Book of Revelation is clearly an image of our Divine Liturgy. The vision granted to St. John revealed the connection between the Eucharistic service we celebrate here on earth, and the Heavenly Banquet that awaits us in Eternity. The beauty of our Orthodox Divine Liturgy is a foretaste of what awaits us.

When we stand in worship, it is important to take in the words, making them our own. Merely observing the services is not worship, for we must enter into Divine Worship with our hearts, giving attention to the Word of God that permeates the whole of the services. We must breathe in the Word of God, letting the action of the Word take root in our hearts. The Word of God is a Living Word, imparting God's grace. The Word, whether read formally from the readings of the Epistle and the Gospel, or prayed in the liturgical texts, is meant to transform us, and make us a holy people. The Word must enter into the heart, for it is then that regeneration takes place.

# 2023 Vacation Church School



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School Day Camp**

**Saturday, August 12, 2023**

**ALL DAY EVENT**

**Great Vespers 5:00pm**

**St. George Orthodox Church**

**(5191 Lennon Rd | Flint, MI 48507)**

**Details & Registration TBD**

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St. George Orthodox Church  
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St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox  
Church  
(2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
(2143 S Center Rd Burton, MI)

