

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)

- Amal Abuaita and Walaa Al-Qassis and their families for the health of their families and in loving memory of their father and grandfather **Issa** Awad (40 day).
- Tawfiq, Midhat, and Nida Abu Aita and Family for the health of their families and in loving memory of son and brother **Saher** (1 year) and wife and mother **Androlla** Abu Aita.
- St. George Parish for the health of our **Church School Education Program, the Staff, Teachers, and Students** as we end a wonderful and fruitful year ~ *May God grant them many years!*

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

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

- **Julianos** Awad ~ May 23rd

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: **Hilda** Ibrahim (+April 12th, grandmother of Rafat and Ihsan Abufarha), **Beverly** Bardwell (+April 15th, aunt of Dr. Lauren Zerka), **Fr. Angelo** Artemas (+April 20th, friend of Fr. Joe), **Sami** Alsahouri (+April 27th), and **Michael** Khal (+May 11th) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners 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, **Georgette** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Youssif** Abousamra, **William** Alsahouri, **Naila** Banna, **Areen** Bathish, **Vera** Daoud, **Evelyn** Delbridge, **Elias** Gantos, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad** Gantous, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Tatiana** Hanna, **Karen** Hargreaves, **Daisy** Isaac, **Laura** Nassar, **Adam** Odeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Sandy** Thomas, and **Christa** Whitehead; **Mejhdy**, **Jessica**, and newborn **Levi** Abu-Aitah (April 21st); **Isabelle** Brushaber (daughter of William and Dr. Olga) who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and First Communion.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Rania** and **Raed** AbuAita, **Julia** and **Maroun** Alatrash, **Renea** and **Rakan** Bayouk, **Dania** and **Salim** Hanna, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Aziza** and **Basheer** Hawwash, **Dina** and **Laith** Maymoun, **Amanda** and **Mousa** Rishmawi, and **Narmeen** and **Deeb** Shamshoum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL END-OF-THE-YEAR BREAKFAST is hosted by Amal Abu-Aita and Walaa Al-Qassis in loving memory of their father **Issa** and in honor of our Church School staff, teachers, and students.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 11th and 18th ~ 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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS



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!

E-MEMO'S If you would like to be added to our Parishioner Email List and receive our weekly *St. George E-Memo*, please send your e-mail address to saintgeorgeflint@gmail.com.

Midwest Diocesan 2023 Parish Life Conference

Bishop Anthony and our host parish St. Mary-Palos Heights, Illinois invite you to our Annual **Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference** June 28th-July 2nd. Hotel, Conference Registration, and all forms are available at their website: <http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html>. Bishop Anthony and Fr. Joe encourage all of our parishioners to attend! God willing we will have parishioners in the **Bible Bowl** (Thursday night, June 29th) and **Senior Presentation** (Saturday night, July 1st) ~ come and cheer them on! Please take note of deadlines and make your reservations as soon as possible! We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will participate.

- **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PRESENTATION** will be held at the **Grand Banquet** on Saturday, July 1st. This annual event is when seniors from all the churches in our Diocese are presented by their parents to His Grace Bishop Anthony. Forms are in the Lounge with a deadline of June 4th.

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on 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 40th day of Pascha* which this year is this coming Thursday, May 25th.

Monday	Bible Study: <i>1st book of the Bible, Genesis</i> 1:30-3:30pm
Tuesday	Men's Fellowship 6pm
Thursday	Combined Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord at St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton) 10am
Saturday	Brushaber Baptism 11am Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

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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!*

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"Hell can't be made attractive, so the devil makes attractive the road that leads there." + St Basil the Great

"Even in conversations, we must be careful, because sometimes they begin as spiritual conversations and end up as gossip. And it is not only that we are wasting our time; we are also wasting our souls when condemning someone else, for we have no right to judge other people or other situations." + St Paisios of the Holy Mountain (Mount Athos in Greece)



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Hagan



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Mother
Gabriella



Keynote
Speaker:
Fr. Jeremy
Davis



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Speakers:
Cynthia Damaskos
Molly Sabourin



Christian Ed.
Speaker:
Bob
Snyder