

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*)

- Fares and Sahar Abdallah and Dr. George and Cindy Zureikat and families for the health of their families and in loving memory of Sahar and Dr. George's parents **Hilda** Zureikat (8 year) and **Yacoub** Zureikat (3 year).

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:

● **Zain Hawwash** ~ May 7th

● **Joy Abuaita and Liam Cooper** ~ May 10th

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: **Laura** Nichols (+April 8th, former office secretary), **Hilda** Ibrahim (+April 12th, grandmother of Rafat and Ihsan Abufarha), **Beverly** Bardwell (+April 15th, aunt of Dr. Lauren Zerka), **Issa** Awad (+April 19th, father of Amal Abuaita and Walaa Al-Qassis), **Fr. Angelo** Artemas (+April 20th, friend of Fr. Joe), and **Sami** Alsahouri (+April 27th) ~ *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, **Jane** Abueita, **Youssif** Abousamra, **William** Alsahouri, **Naila** Banna, **Areen** Bathish, **Vera** Daoud, **Elias** Gantos, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad** Gantous, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Karen** Hargreaves, **Daisy** Isaac, **Michael** Khal, **Laura** Nassar, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Sandy** Thomas, and **Christa** Whitehead; **Gary**, **Katrina**, and newborn **Joseph Anton** Gagne (March 27th) and **Mejhdy**, **Jessica**, and newborn **Levi** Abu-Aitah (April 21st); **Anirudh** and **Suha** (Abueita) Nath who were 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 hosted by *Fares and Sahar Abdallah*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 4th, 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.

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, please do so as soon as possible. Further, everyone attending the GALA on May 12th is invited to the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (part 1) which will take place at 6pm that evening. Ribbon-Cutting (part 2) will take place next Sunday, May 14th after Divine Liturgy for all of our faithful!

NAMES OF THE LIVING Beginning today, May 7th, names of non-parishioners which had been on our above prayer list will only be listed in our monthly newsletter, The VOICE. They will still 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 fallen asleep will be prayed for as normal. Please email frjoeabud@gmail.com with names of friends and family who are not parishioners to be added to The VOICE ~ thanks!

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 40th day of Pascha* which this year is May 25th.

Monday **Bible Study:** *1st book of the Bible, Genesis* 1:30-3:30pm
Wednesday **Arabic-English Bible Study:** *1st book of the Bible, Genesis* 12-2pm
Friday **Renovation GALA** Gala Ribbon Cutting, part 1 6pm
Saturday **Burbar Baptism** 5pm
No Great Vespers
Next Sunday **Ribbon Cutting, Part 2** *following Divine Liturgy* for all of our St. George Family!

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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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"Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I died with Him; today I am made alive with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him; today I am raised up with Him. Let us offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for us... ourselves, the possession most precious to God and most proper. Let us become like Christ, since Christ became like us. Let us become Divine for His sake, since for us He became Man. He assumed the worse that He might give us the better. He became poor that by His poverty we might become rich. He accepted the form of a servant that we might win back our freedom. He came down that we might be lifted up. He was tempted that through Him we might conquer. He was dishonored that He might glorify us. He died that He might save us. He ascended that He might draw to Himself us, who were thrown down through the fall of sin. Let us give all, offer all, to Him who gave Himself a Ransom and Reconciliation for us. We needed an incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live. We were put to death together with Him that we might be cleansed. We rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him. We were glorified with Him because we rose again with Him. A few drops of Blood recreated the whole of creation!"

+ St. Gregory the Theologian 329-390 AD

St. Gregory is remembered on January 25th along with the Three Holy Hierarchs (Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom) on January 30th

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

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- Mr. George & Mrs. Reem Ghanem

In-kind Door Prize

- Mr. Michel & Mrs. Nadia Hamati ~ (Diamond Bracelete (value of \$2,500))

Thank you to all of our Generous Sponsors who raised \$390,250 as of May 5th

May God bless all of you for your love of our house!

Sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house, glorify them by Thy divine power. (from the Prayer behind the Ambon during St. John Chrysostom's Divine Liturgy)