

St. George Orthodox Church

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June 25, 2023

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

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. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion for Orthodox Christians: Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command *to eat His Body and drink His Blood*. In order to be properly prepare to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should fast (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and striving to always love God and their neighbor. Frequent communion and regular confession are recommended for all faithful Orthodox Christians.

For other Christians: We welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately, we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (*antidoron*) which will be given when coming forward to venerate (kiss) the Holy Cross and receive the final blessing from the priest. 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*)

- William and Wafa Alsahouri and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Samer** Alsahouri (40 day, brother of William).
- Reem Bathish for the health of her family and in loving memory of **Jose** Ramirez (1 year).
- Adam and Kristina Cooper for the health of their family especially son **Levi** on the occasion of his birthday ~ *may God grant him 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:

• **Isabella** Ibrahim and **Christina** Rishmawi ~ June 20th

Yasmeen Mitri ~ June 29th

Matthew Hayek ~ July 1st

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: **Michael** Khal (40 day), **Mikhail** Albaba (+May 20th, brother of Wadia Albaba), **Kh. Martha** Lynch (+May 24th, Godchild of Kh. Leslee Abud), **Antonia** Molina (+June 2nd, friend of Areen Bathish), **Evelyn** Delbridge (+June 3rd), **Ghais** Al-Khouri (+June 3rd, cousin of Khaled Al-Khouri), **John** Guest (+June 13th, friend of Kelly Sanderson), and **Emil** Joseph (+June 17th) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our **Bishop Anthony**, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Reader Fouad** Abuaita, **Philip** and **Janett** Abuaita, **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Georgette** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Youssif** Abousamra, **William** Alsahouri, **Naila** Banna, **Vera** Daoud, **Elias** Gantos, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad** Gantous, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Laura** Nassar, **Adam** Odeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Sandy** Thomas, and **Christa** Whitehead; **Alexander**, **Raghda** (Ishaq), and newborn **Iliana Marina** Wayne (May 30th); **Elizabeth** and **Natalie** Abousamra who are to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and their First Communion; **Fadi** and **Miar** Odeh whose marriage crowns will be removed today.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Rania** and **Raed** AbuAita, **Julia** and **Maroun** Alatrash, **Renea** and **Rakan** Bayouk, **Dania** and **Subdeacon Salim** Hanna, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Aziza** and **Basheer** Hawwash, **Letizia** and **Branden** Jones, **Christine** and **Matthew** Krinock (daughter of Ayman and Wafaa Elias), **Dina** and **Laith** Maymoun, **Amanda** and **Mousa** Rishmawi, & **Narmeen** and **Deeb** Shamshoum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BANQUET CENTER RENTAL Our Center is rented today. Please be respectful to our renters and their guests by not disturbing their event ~ Thank You!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and hosted by *Adam and Kristina Cooper*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: July 23rd, 30th, August 6th, 13th, and 20th ~ 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. *During the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Fast (August 1st-14th) no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are to be served.*

Combined Pan-Orthodox

Vacation Church School

Hosted by St. George on Saturday, August 12th

Fliers and Registration Forms on the Narthex Table or see

our St. George website (see link on the top of page 1). We are in need of volunteers to help! Please see Janet Abueita for information or to volunteer!

July 30th is the Deadline to Register!

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!

SPECIAL PARISH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN ON BEING HERE ON

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

OUR PARISH ASSEMBLY WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

THE ONLY TOPIC IS THE VENUE (PAVILION) AT ST. GEORGE!

As you have seen over the last 6-7 months, our "pavilion" is looking great. However, we have a ways to go to make it beautiful and useful for us and potential renters. This meeting will address all of this and looking for the "OK" to move forward ~ please plan on attending ~ thanks!

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline The **Apostles' Fast** (sometimes called the Peter and Paul Fast) continues. During this Fast, we observe the traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, meat by-products, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with *fish, wine, and olive oil* allowed on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday until the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul this Thursday, June 29th.

Wednesday Combined Pan-Orthodox ***Vespertal Divine Liturgy*** at *St. Nicholas* for the feast of **Saints Peter and Paul** (2143 South Center Road, 1/2 mile south of Lippincott Burton) 6pm

Weds-Sun. **2023 Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference** in *Palos Heights, IL*

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 4pm

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Igniting the Soul ~ Without Me you can do nothing (John 15:5)

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

If we are to be true to our calling as the children of God, we must live in imitation of Christ. We must imitate His meekness and humility. We must love others just as did He. We must be willing to be transformed, and made whole, that others can see in us, the Light of Christ. To do this, we must pray and fast, seeking the help that only Christ can give us. That which is impossible with us, is possible with the help of Christ. Only Christ can ignite our soul for love of God, but we must cooperate by making our hearts open to Him.

We must not allow ourselves to be complacent in our journey into the Heart of God. Our Christian faith demands that we take heaven violently, storming heaven as it were. Only when we are ruthless towards ourselves, and quick to condemn ourselves as the worst of sinners, will we truly be flooded with the grace needed to be transformed and made whole. Like the Holy Apostle Paul, we must see ourselves as the worst of sinners, and like Paul must see that any good we do, is Christ in us.

Just as we light candles before holy icons, symbolizing the Light of Christ, so too must we struggle each and every day to let the Light of Christ shine forth in us. If we live our Christian faith with little effort, the Light will be dim, and neither the angels in heaven nor those who come in contact with us, will notice anything different from the unbeliever. We are, as Christians, called to be a holy people, living "not of this world", but ever in the Kingdom that is to come.

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PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME

Sunday, July 9, 2023
3:00pm



Drinks and Food provided
for questions call
St. Nicholas -Host
810-744-0070

or contact your parish coordinator

GAME LOCATION

St. Pius X Catholic School
Baseball Field

(3139 Hogarth Ave
Flint, MI 48532)



*The Pan-Orthodox Churches
of Genesee County*

Holy Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
(2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI)

St. George Orthodox Church
(5191 Lennon Rd Flint, MI)

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

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

