

St. George Orthodox Church

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Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Father Michael Bassett, Assistant

July 16, 2023

Christ is in our Midst! *He is and ever shall be!*

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*)

- Roger and Sandy Isaac, Stephanie and Brian Silpoch, and their families for the health of their families and in loving memory of mother and grandmother **Evelyn** Delbridge (40 day).
- Laila Abud and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of daughter **Vicki** (1 year), husband **Joseph** (17 year), parents **Thomas** and **Julia** Shehab, brother **Roy**, and all the departed members of the **Abud, Abraham, Housey, and Shehab** Families.

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:

• **Nour** Ishak and **Julia** Rishmawi ~ July 17th

Julian Alkazaha, **Nasri** Abdallah, and **Liliana** Abufarha ~ July 19th

Maria AbuAita and **Tanas** Khoury ~ July 20th

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: **John** Guest (+June 13th, friend of Kelly Sanderson), **Emil** Joseph (+June 17th), and **Elizabeth** (Farah) Shammass (+July 6th, former parishioner) ~ *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** and **Soad** Abuaita, **Philip** and **Janett** Abuaita, **Rasha** Abuaita, **Shafiq**a 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, **Rahmeh** Rashmawi, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Sandy** Thomas, and **Christa** Whitehead; **Alexander**, **Raghda**, and newborn **Iliana** Wayne who will be brought back into the life of our parish through the *Prayers of Churching*; **Noa Hanna** Tipton who was 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 **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.

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 *Roger and Sandy Isaac and Brian and Stephanie Silpoch*.

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 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). Please see Janet Abueita for information! THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help!

July 30th is the Deadline to Register!

NEEDY FAMILIES OF ST. GEORGE For years, our Ladies Auxiliary and parishioners have been so generous at Christmas and Pascha donating for needy families in our parish which Fr. Joe distributes to them confidentially. Between those two feasts, the needy families still struggle to make ends meet and there are no more funds to help. If you would like to donate, you can send a check to St. George with "needy families" as a memo. If you give cash, please put it in an envelope with your name and "needy families". Thank you and may God always bless your generosity!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN TOTE BAG SALE These beautiful, usable, and practical bags are being sold for \$20 each. Please see Hiam Bathish, our Ladies Auxiliary President, to purchase or for more information.



ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC

September 23rd at Flushing Valley Golf Club.

Mark your calendars!



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!

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.

Thursday **Parish Council** Dinner Meeting 6:15pm

Saturday Combined Pan-Orthodox **Great Vespers** for the **Transfiguration of our Lord**
at *St. Mary Magdalene 2439 S Long Lake Road in Fenton* 5pm (note time!)

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The Church Calendar ~ Spiritual Maturation and the Church Calendar

by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery

on Vashon Island, Washington

One of the most spiritually profitable discoveries for me, personally, was when I started, as a new Orthodox Christian, the observance of the liturgical calendar. Each day of the year I was carried along with the cycle of commemorations that brought to life various events in the life of Christ. The calendar provided me with daily scripture readings that quenched my thirst. The historical memory of the Church, lived out in the various periods of fasts and feasts, allowed me to experience a Christianity that was vibrant and meaningful.

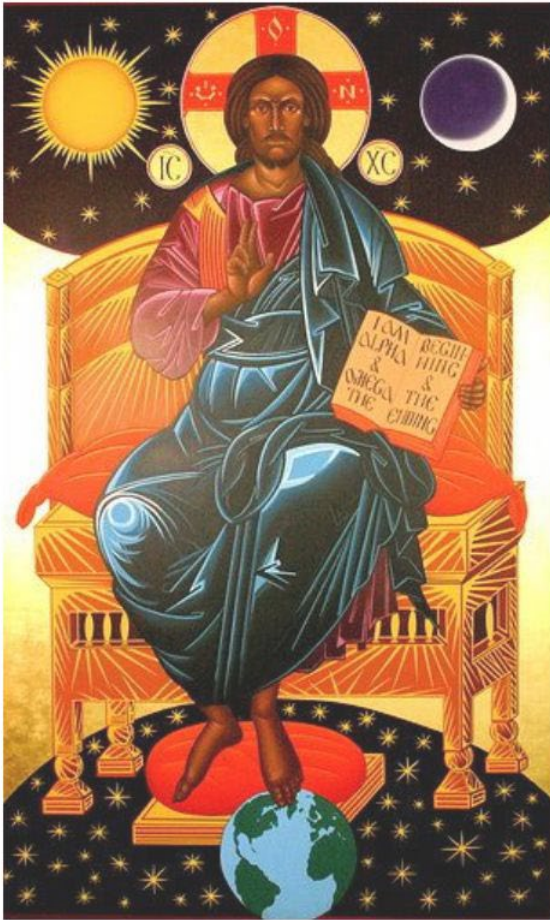
An important element in the calendar, I discovered, was the daily commemorations of Christian saints and martyrs. These saints came alive with each day's offering, allowing me a chance to emulate in my own life the lives of those who'd already won the battle, acquiring holiness in the Lord. It was the daily commemoration of the saints that allowed me to remember the mystical connection between the Church Militant (those living) here on earth and the Church Triumphant (those who have passed) in heaven.

Just as a general of the army studies the military maneuvers of past generals in preparation for leading his men into battle, so can I study the saints who've triumphed in spiritual warfare. If I want to struggle more faithfully in my own spiritual quest to deepen my love for God, I need look no further than the lives of the saints to find inspiration.

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St. George is hosting!

Please contact Janet Abueita, our Church School Director, for more information or questions (cooeita@aol.com or 810-691-0956) ~
TODAY!



THE PAN-ORTHODOX
CHURCHES OF GENESEE COUNTY
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Saturday, August 12
10:00am -5:00pm

FOLLOWED BY PAN-ORTHODOX
VESPERS 5:00PM

HOSTED AT
ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH
5191 LENNON RD | FLINT 48507

"REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF THE SON"

-Exploring the Transfiguration and the Dormition-

The Pan – Orthodox Churches of Genesee County
presents
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2023

Hosted by St. George

August 12th

Who: All children ages 4 through 11

What: “Reflecting the Light of the Son” - Exploring the Transfiguration and Dormition

Where: St. George Orthodox Church (5191 Lennon Rd, Flint, MI 48507)

When: August 12th — Registration 10:00am —VCS 10:30am to Vespers 5pm

Why: As Orthodox Christians we celebrate the major feast days of the Church.
It is imperative that our children understand the ‘Why’ behind the celebration.

How: Fill out a registration form for each child that will be attending and turn it into your parish representative or sign-up online.

Parish Representatives:

Holy Assumption: Fr. Peter

St. George: Janet Abueita

St. Nicholas: Michelle Gerzevske

St. Mary Magdalene: Terri Oginsky

Registration closes July 30th

Tentative Itinerary

10:00am—10:30am Arrive & Register
10:30am –11:00am Morning Prayers & Expectations
11:00am– 1:00pm Morning Sessions on the Transfiguration
1:00pm—2:00pm Lunch
2:00pm—2:30pm All Group Activity
2:30pm—4:30pm Afternoon Sessions on Holy Dormition
4:30pm—5:00pm Snack & Parent Pick-up
5:00pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers

Groups:

Group A: Ages 4, 5, & 6

Group B: Ages 7, 8, & 9

Group C: Ages 10 & 11

Children 12 years and older can sign-up to be student helpers.

Scan this code to register online



✚ For additional information please contact your parish representative (listed above)

✚ There is no fee for a child to participate in VCS, however please consider a free-will offering to the Pan-Orthodox Fund to help cover the cost of the event.

2023 Vacation Church School Registration Form

(Please fill out one form for each child attending)

Child's Name: _____

Child's Patron Saint/ Baptismal Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Name of Home Parish: _____

Any Allergies or important information:

Please Check this Box if you DO NOT want us to use sunscreen or bug spray on your child

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Cell Number: _____ Additional Number: _____

Parents: will you be staying with your child? YES NO

Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Salad, Raw Veggies, Fruit & Juice

Snack: Popsicles and Popcorn

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact 1: _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact 2: _____ Phone _____

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✦ Please return this completed form (1 per child) to your parish representative by **Sunday, July 30th.**