

St. George Orthodox Church

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July 2, 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*)

- Fuad and Wadia Albaba for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Mykael** Albaba (40 day, brother of Wadia), **Mousa**, son **Elias**, parents **Shaheen**, **Zani**, **Elias**, and **Souriya**, **Georgette** Hayder (sister of Wadia), **Lourice** Matta, and **Georgette** Yusef.
- Jamal and Manal Abuaita for the health of their family especially newly married son **Samer** and **Marianne** and in loving memory of **Mariam** Ghanim (6 month, mother of Manal).
- Majdi and Rula Alkazaha, and Maher and Susan Qazaha for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Issa** Ishaq (1 year, cousin of Majdi and Maher).
- Najwa Joubran for the health of her family and in loving memory of husband **Emil** (12 year), niece **Joselyn** Elias (9 year), and brother-in-law **Tony** (3 year).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Kh. Martha** Lynch (+May 24th, Godchild of Kh. Leslee Abud), **Antonia** Molina (+June 2nd, friend of Areen Bathish), **Evelyn** Delbridge (+June 3rd), **Ghais** Al-Khoury (+June 3rd, cousin of Khaled Al-Khoury), **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 were brought into the Orthodox Faith; **Jack** Burch and **Sophia** Rishmawi who are 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 **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 *Majdi Alkazaha and Maher Qazaha*.

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!

PROXIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH BY JULY 15TH TO BE VALID. PROXIES ARE FOR VOTING MEMBERS WHO CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING BECAUSE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT OR ILLNESS, THOSE CONFINED TO THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE, OR THOSE TRAVELING AND ARE GIVEN TO A VOTING MEMBER.

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 traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.

Mon.-Tues. Office Closed

Saturday **Burch Baptism** 11am

Rishmawi Baptism 4pm

No Great Vespers

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The Garden ~ Tending the Garden of the Heart

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

Both my grandfathers, and my mother, were avid gardeners, so I grew up surrounded by the beauty of plants and flowers. The cottage garden is a distinct style of garden that is certainly my favorite. The use of traditional materials, in an informal design, together with dense plantings, and a mixture of ornamental and edible plants, is identified the world over as English in origin. The grandeur and formal structure, found in classical English estate gardens, has surrendered to homie and functional gardens that are filled with grace and charm.

The massive plantings of perennials, annuals, vegetables, and plants and flowers of every size and color, display like nothing else, the variety of beauty that shows God's creation. These gardens remind me of people, coming, as we do, in every size and color, all beautiful in our own special way. Some are like climbing roses, reaching to the heavens, and God's glory. Others are like creepers, hugging the ground, and covering large areas like a carpet of green. Some are like cacti, needing little water, while able to live in the remote splendor of an Egyptian desert. Others, like water lilies, display beautiful blooms, even while floating in dirty water.

Like plants, we need watering and tending. For Christians, the Waters of Life can be found in baptism, where we are immersed in the Living Waters that bring us into life, standing us before the Creator, Who, like the gardener, tends to our needs, that we may grow and bloom to all our potential.

As we tend to our own heart, we must make sure we have guarded ourselves against the weeds that would strangle us, and smother our full potential as children of God. We must make sure we avail ourselves to the life-sustaining food and water that comes from God as His Uncreated Grace. And, as the Body of Christ, the Church, (*"neither male nor female, Greek nor Jew"*) we will flower together, making up a garden of beautiful souls, basking in the Light of the Son of Righteousness.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

connect
orthodox young adult conference

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2023

THEME: REFUGE

MATTHEW 11:28

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 17



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)

