

# St. George Orthodox Church

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August 20, 2023

## BLESSINGS ON THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE VIRGIN MARY!

**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 prepared 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*)

- Michael and Nancy Silpoch for the health of their family and in loving memory of Nancy's parents **Frank** (21 year) and **Mary Salim** (5 year) and Michael's parents **Rudolph** (35 year) and **Mildred** (31 year) Silpoch ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- Issa and Jane Abu-Eita for the health of their family especially son **Christopher** on the occasion of his birthday ~ *may God grant him many years!*
- Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud and Family for the health of their family especially **Laila** Abud on the occasion of her birthday ~ *may God grant her many years!* ~ and in loving memory of **Elizabeth** [Farah] Shammass (40 day, former parishioner).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Sunita** Nath (+July 13<sup>th</sup>, mother of Anirudh [Suha Abueita-Nath's husband]), **Nick** Saseen (+August 4<sup>th</sup>), **Mother Nektaria** (+August 9<sup>th</sup>), and **Khouriya Helen** White (+August 10<sup>th</sup>, friend of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee) ~ *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, **Said** Farah, **Elias** Gantos, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad** Gantous, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Karen** Mortensen, **Laura** Nassar, **Adam** Odeh, **Rahmeh** Rashmawi, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, and **Christa** Whitehead; **Basheer**, **Aziza**, and newborn **Salma** Hawwash (July 10<sup>th</sup>); the **staff** and **summer campers** at our **Antiochian Village** especially our parishioner **Lana** Abuaita.
- 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, **Letizia** and **Branden** Jones, **Christine** and **Matthew** Krinock (daughter of Ayman and Wafaa Elias), **Dina** and **Laith** Maymoun, **Amanda** and **Mousa** Rishmawi, & **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita) and **John** Timm.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and hosted by *Issa and Jane Abu-Eita*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

## MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY **DINE IN!** LUNCH AND BAKE SALE

This is for our community, family, and friends on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am-2pm. Take-out or delivered (8 meals or more) are available. Tickets are available from any member. Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries, see Tony Daoud. For more information, please contact Manal Abuaita (810-577-0028) or Anaam Abueita (810-962-1033). This week they are baking *Kaak* on Friday at 10am. If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, contact Sally Abuaita (810-965-1046). **Donations are welcomed to offset our costs.**

# ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC



## September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Flushing Valley Golf Club.

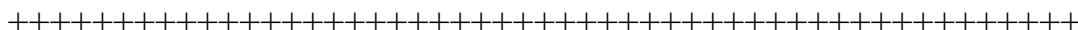
The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and to raise money for our church. Hole Sponsorships are needed, which is great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity for a business for only \$125 (see flier on Narthex Table). Donations of prizes, gift cards and/or money to buy gifts are also needed ~ you do not need to be a golfer to support this wonderful event. If you are interested or need more information, contact chairman Tony Daoud 810-730-1011 or the church 810-732-0720.

**OUT-OF-TOWN** Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee will be on vacation next week ~ to see Julian! ~ and return the following week. Fr. Joe will be back in the office on September 1<sup>st</sup>. **For emergencies** while Fr. Joe is away, please call first *Fr. Michael Bassett* (St. George, 989-627-9580), then *Fr. Peter Bistolarides* (Assumption, 810-771-4611) or *Fr. Matthew Butrie* (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for Fr. Joe's and Kh. Leslee's safe travels.

### 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.

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 4pm



## The Holy Dormition of the Mother of God

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

According to the teachings of the Orthodox Church, Mary, having spent her life after Pentecost supporting and serving the growing Church, was living in the house of the Apostle John, in Jerusalem, when the Archangel Gabriel revealed to her that her repose would occur three days later.

The apostles, scattered throughout the world, are said to have been miraculously transported to be at her side when she died. The sole exception was Thomas, who had been delayed. He arrived three days after her death and is said to have seen her body leaving to heaven. He asked her *"Where are you going, O Holy One?"* and then she took off her girdle (belt) and gave it to him and said *"Receive this my friend"* then she disappeared.

Thomas was taken to his fellow Apostles and asked to see her grave so that he could bid her goodbye. Mary had been buried in Gethsemane, according to her request. When they arrived at the grave, her body was gone, leaving a sweet fragrance. A vision is said to have confirmed Christ had taken her body to heaven after three days to be reunited with her soul.

The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary died a natural death, like any human being; that her soul was received by Christ upon death; and that her body was resurrected on the third day after her repose, at which time she was taken up, bodily only, into heaven. Her tomb was found empty on the third day because she had already undergone the bodily resurrection which all will experience at the Second Coming.

# St. George Parish Picnic @

*Davison Township Parks and Recreation (Lake Callis)*

*1152 North Gale Road, Davison, MI 48423*

*Admission: when driving in, tell them you are with "St. George"*

## Parish Picnic



## Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

### 12 Noon to 8pm

Immediately after Divine Liturgy

A free will (*voluntary*) offering  
will be available.

- Food and Drinks are provided. Per park rules, no alcohol or hookah allowed.
- Splash Pad, Soccer, Volleyball, Euchre, Backgammon, and more!
- Fun and Games for the whole family and a great way to meet and have fellowship with our St. George Family!



- For more information or to help out, please contact chairman:  
Subdeacon Salim Hanna (810-875-3127/ [salimh91@gmail.com](mailto:salimh91@gmail.com))

# St. George Orthodox Church

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic



Flushing Valley Golf Club  
1124 E Main Street  
Flushing, MI 48433

### SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Saturday, September 23, 2023

- 10am SHOTGUN START
- HOT DOG LUNCH AT TURN
- DINNER/AWARDS AT FINISH
- RAFFLES
- GIVE AWAYS
- ALL ARE WELCOME

#### \$150 – Individual Hole Sponsor

*Sponsorship tee sign*

#### \$600 – Foursome/Hole Sponsor

*Four golfers plus a sponsorship tee sign*

#### \$1,000 – Beverage Cart Sponsor

*Sponsorship banner, tee sign, and a 'Thank You' plaque*

#### \$1,250 – Dinner Sponsor

*Four golfers, sponsorship tee sign & banner*

#### \$2,000 – Silver Sponsor

*Four golfers, sponsorship tee sign & banner, and a 3-month advertisement in The VOICE of St. George monthly newsletter*

#### \$3,000 – Gold Sponsor

*Four golfers, two sponsorship tee signs, table cards, sponsorship banner, and a 6-month advertisement in The VOICE of St. George monthly newsletter*

#### \$5,000 – Benefactor & Friends

*2 Foursomes, two sponsorship tee signs, sponsorship banner, 1-year advertisement in The VOICE of St. George monthly newsletter, and a sponsorship plaque displayed at St. George*

Please make all checks payable to: **St. George Orthodox Church** (memo: *Golf Classic*)

Mail to: **5191 Lennon Road \* Flint, MI 48507**

For more information on the Classic, sponsorships, and/or reserving a spot, please contact:



Scan to  
Pay!

Tony Daoud: 810-730-1011 or Church Office: 810-732-0720  
email: [SaintGeorgeGolfClassic@gmail.com](mailto:SaintGeorgeGolfClassic@gmail.com)

**Please submit all entries by September 10, 2023**



Scan to  
register  
online

Golf Team Information - <i>\$125 per golfer</i>		
Golfer #1 (Captain's name):		
Address:		
Phone #:		e-mail:
Golfer #2 (name):	e-mail:	
Golfer #3 (name):	e-mail:	
Golfer #4 (name):	e-mail:	
Division (circle one):		
Men	MIXED- Any combination of men/women/or 4 women	Total Enclosed - \$ _____

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**Saturday, September 23, 2023**  
*10am Shotgun Start*

**Flushing Valley Golf Club**  
**1124 E Main Street \* Flushing, MI 48433**

## ***Hole Sponsorship Information*** **\$125 per Individual Hole Sponsor**

Your Sponsorship (*Tee Box Sign*) will be displayed on one of the 18 Tee Box areas. Please fill out your sign information below as you would like to see your sign appear (or attach a business card).

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If you would like to donate golf items, table prizes, merchandise, gift or dinner certificates, door prizes and/or money to purchase door prizes, please list your donation and its value.

Gift Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_

Door Prize(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Money: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**St. George Orthodox Church** (memo: *Golf Classic*)  
**5191 Lennon Road \* Flint, MI 48507**

**All sponsorship information, with payment, must be completed by September 10, 2023.**

**Any questions, please contact:**  
**Tony Daoud: 810-730-1011, Church Office: 810-732-0720**  
Email: [SaintGeorgeGolfClassic@gmail.com](mailto:SaintGeorgeGolfClassic@gmail.com)