

St. George Orthodox Church

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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 in our Banquet Center! 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*)

- Andrew and Rachel [Abuaita] Sackllah for the health of their family and in loving memory of Andrew's father **Charles** Sackllah (9 day).

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:

- **George** Alqazaha ~ January 25th

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: **Samir** Helal (+December 31st, cousin of Asmahan Helal), **Dannie** Jones (+January 3rd), **Mariam** Ghanim (+January 4th, mother of Manal Abuaita), **Connie** Molina (+January 5th, friend of Areen Bathish), **Despina** “Diana” Petropoulos (+January 10th, mother of former parishioner Shamassy Lia Blomgren), **George** Thabit (+January 12th, relative of Fr. Michael), and **Habib** Skafi (+January 13th).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our local hierarch **Bishop Anthony**, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Reader Fouad** Abuaita, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **Youssif** Abousamra, **Danial** Alghanim (father of Dania Hanna), **William** Alsaouri, **Sanaa** Alqassis (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Walid** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Valland** Frangi (sister of Ron Haddad), **Elias** Gantos, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Nadia** Ibrahim (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy** Isaac, **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Judy** Mikhail, **Antonia** Molina (friend of Areen Bathish), **Karam** Nassar, **Laura** Nassar, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Christa** Whitehead, and **Samantha** Zerka (cousin of Lauren Zerka and Goddaughter and niece of Victoria Zerka).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Rania** and **Raed** AbuAita, **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khoury, **Katrina** and **Gary** Gagne, and **Taylor** and **Jeffrey** Tipton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs ~ thanks!

⇒ Our **Banquet Center Renovation** is underway! We still want, and need, to have time to be with each other and have fellowship! Coffee Fellowship will take place in the Lounge.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: February 19th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th ~ 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 [Tony Daoud](#) as our coordinator Manal Abuaita is overseas. *Cheesefare Sunday is February 26th, no meat products are to be served. During the Great Fast (February 27th - April 16th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are served.*

GODPARENT SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH Invitations for Godchildren to send to their Godparents (and *vice-versa*) are available on the narthex table. Please pick up an invitation to send to your Godchild (or Godparents). It will be a wonderful day and we want everyone to be here! Godchildren may bring their Godparents to their Church School class. When you know who will be attending, please RSVP to Janet Abueita at cooeita@aol.com by February 5th.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ...

... **ALL** who donated and participated in our Pan-Orthodox *Winter Dinner* to raise funds for the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI last Thursday at Assumption Church in Grand Blanc. Fr. Michael and his committee did an outstanding job! Special thanks to our **Ladies Auxiliary** for another delicious dinner!

MATINS We celebrate **Resurrection Matins on Sunday mornings at 8:50am** in Arabic and English. Make it a point to come as often as you can to this beautiful service that "sings" the resurrection of Christ into our lives. Start by committing to both Saturday Vespers (4pm) and Matins on a once a month basis. As always, when we make an effort, God will bless it!

PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB The Book Club will be reading *Great Lent* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann for our last two meetings prior to the Great Fast. This would be an excellent opportunity to deepen your participation in this most significant season in the life of the Church. We will meet twice to discuss the book via both ZOOM and LIVE formats at St. George as follows:

January

- ZOOM: Sunday evening, 1/29 @ 7pm
- LIVE: Monday evening, 1/30 @ 6pm

February

- ZOOM: Sunday evening, 2/19 @ 7pm
- LIVE: Monday evening 2/20 @ 6pm

Notes:

1. The book can be ordered via [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or through any number of online used book sellers for a reasonable price. (we also have a couple of copies in our St. George Library!)
2. To register for either the ZOOM or LIVE meetings OR if you need help ordering a book please contact Fr. Michael at frdmike@gmail.com or 989-627-9580

All are invited to join! Any questions or if you would like more information, contact Father Michael Bassett frdmike@gmail.com or 989-627-9580.

BOOKS ON THE DIVINE LITURGY Our St. George Library has a number of books to learn more about the Divine Liturgy: *A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy, An Introduction to the Divine Liturgy, Living the Liturgy, Let Us Attend-A Journey through the Orthodox Divine Liturgy, The Melody of Prayer: How to Personally Experience the Divine Liturgy, Meditations on the Divine Liturgy*, and more. Check one out TODAY!



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!

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CHURCH CALENDARS Please pick up yours (and other family members and friends) so we do not have to mail them! If your name is not listed, let Fr. Joe know. All envelopes are now here. The calendars (*please take 1 per family*) are a gift from our Ladies Auxiliary ~ thank you, Ladies! Our children will receive their envelopes in Church School. **Parents**, please make sure your children get their *Offering Envelopes*!

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.

Monday **Bible Study:** *1st book of the Bible, Genesis* 1:30-3:30pm

SOYO Monday "Ice Cream Night" bring your favorite toppings! 6-8pm

Tuesday **Visitation in our Lounge** *on the falling asleep of Manal Abuaita's mother* 5-7pm

Wednesday **Arabic-English Bible Study:** *1st book of the Bible, Genesis* 12-2pm

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

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 4pm (note time change until further notice!)

Monasteries ~ Monasteries are Centers for Spiritual Healing

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

Monastics are an integral part of the Church and should not be seen as independent of the Church Universal. Monks are bound by the same Gospel as other Christians and need to avail themselves to the missionary and pastoral needs of the Church, as needed. Although a primary role of monasticism is to be found in worship and contemplative prayer, monks also have a long history as missionaries.

Many of the great monasteries of Russia, as an example, were founded in remote places but became centers of pilgrimage, attracting countless people. Whole cities often formed around monasteries, precisely because the monks had reached out with the Gospel and worked among the people. Where there was a need, monks responded with charity and evangelical witness.

In these difficult times where people are suffering economic hardship, loss of jobs and foreclosure on homes, monks can bring a different perspective that can give hope to those who've lost all hope. Monasteries are centers for spiritual healing and empowerment. People who've been struggling to find meaning in their lives can walk away with a new vision, gained through the interior work of the monks who have availed themselves as therapists to those who are hurting.

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The closest monastery to our Orthodox churches in Genesee County is the **Dormition of the Mother of God** Monastery in Rives Junction, MI (about an hour and fifteen minutes from us). Over the years, many of our Orthodox faithful from our 4 churches have gone to the monastery for a day or two to refresh their lives in the most important thing needed ~ our spiritual aspect, our relationship with God. Anyone is welcome to go to the monastery ~ you just need to contact them 2 weeks in advance. Please see more information at:

<https://www.dormitionmonastery.org/hospitality> and
https://www.dormitionmonastery.org/visitor_guidelines.

Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery
PO Box 128
Rives Junction, MI 49277
517-569-2873



GODPARENT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 12TH

We are excited to announce our
Annual **Godparent Sunday**
sponsored by our Church
School.

This day will allow our Godparents and Godchildren to “reconnect” with each other and help us understand the joy and beauty of that special relationship! Please make note of the following:

2022-23 Church School Theme

- ❖ *Children (or parents) INVITE your Godparents to Divine Liturgy as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents INVITE your Godchildren to Divine Liturgy as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents and Godchildren should prepare themselves with Confession before February 12th so they can participate in Holy Communion together!*

⇒ An **Invitation** (to be sent by Godparents to Godchildren or Godchildren to Godparents) is on the previous page!



***This is an exciting day for Godparents, Godchildren, and our
WHOLE parish Family!***

~~ Plan on Attending!!! ~~