

St. George Orthodox Church

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1ST PRE-LENTEN SUNDAY: PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN الإنجيل لأحد الفريسي والعشار

Tone 1 1st Matins Gospel {Matthew 28:16-20}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, 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, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud to Thee, O giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1 (*same as above*)

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ. قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أُيُّهَا الْمَخْلُصَ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قَوَاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَّفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ. الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمَلِكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِكَ.

Troparion for St. George—Tone 4

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion of the Publican and the Pharisee—Tone 4

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to

our Savior, have mercy on us, O only merciful One!

Kontakion for the Meeting of Christ in the Temple—Tone 1

Thou sanctified a virgin womb by Thy birth and rightly blessed the hands of Simeon. Thou hast come, O Christ our God, and on this day hast saved us! Give peace and strength to the Orthodox people whom Thou has loved, O only lover of mankind.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بَمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعِ الْبَتُولِي، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيْ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لاقَ، وَأَذْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصَنَا. إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنْتَ وَخَدَّكَ مُجَبُّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 {1st Pre-Lenten Sunday: Pharisee and Publican}

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:10-14 {1st Pre-Lenten Sunday: Pharisee and Publican}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family especially son **Jonathan** and Godson **Robert Teunion** and Aunt **Rose Christian** on the occasion of their birthdays -- *May God grant them many years!* -- and in loving memory of father **Farris Bassett** (18 years) and **Mary Beard** (11 years).
- Betty Froberg for the health of her family and in loving memory of husband **David** (25 years).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Marcella Moorman** (+December 24th, from St. Mary Magdalene), **Michel Qumseya** (+December 31st, uncle of Jeries Qumseya), and **Deacon David Lazar** (+January 6th, husband of the late Norma Lee [Salim]).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Sahar Abdallah**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Shafiq Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Maher Alatrash**, **Cesar and Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Alex Deligorges**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Elaine Gejoff**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Salwa Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **Nakhleh**, **Nicola**, and **Saba Khoury**, **Danny Mortensen**, **George and Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Dunyia Abufarha** (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman) and **Ghaida Awad**.

Communion Hymn (for the Lord's Day)

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reception of Holy Communion

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion. *"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Rodny and Amira-Amy Helal*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: February 4th, 18th, and 25th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge and includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. For more information, please see Manal Abuaita. *Cheesefare Sunday is February 18th, no meat products are to be served. During the Great Fast (February 19th – April 7th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are served.*

GODPARENT SUNDAY & BREAKFAST IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH Invitations for Godchildren to send to their Godparents (and *vice-versa*) are available in Church School or in the Lounge. 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 class. When you know who will be attending, please RSVP in the Church School office.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CHURCH CALENDARS Please pick yours up (and other family members and friends) so we do not have to mail them! If your name isn't listed, call the church office. The calendars (please take 1 per family) are a gift from our Ladies Auxiliary, THANK YOU, LADIES! Our children received their envelopes in Church School.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On January 21st, our offerings were \$2,040, so we were short \$3,590 ☹ If you haven't already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support God's work at St. George!

MAINTENANCE FUND As everyone was reminded at our recent 2017 Parish General Assembly, all of our families are asked to give \$100 a year ~ above and beyond their regular offerings ~ to help with the constant cost of fixing and repairing things around our complex. This is different than the Improvement Fund envelope. If you used the envelope and put \$100 or more, it was applied to the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We can make donations and purchases by Credit or Debit Card. This can be done by coming to the office during normal Office Hours (see below) or calling.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm
Tuesday	Pan-Orthodox Book Club at St. George 6-8pm
Wednesday	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12:30-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Thursday	Combined Pan-Orthodox Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple at Assumption (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, 810-771-4611) 6pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

JANUARY 28TH ~ PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN

The Sunday after Zacchaeus Sunday is devoted to the Pharisee and the Publican. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

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- **OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.
- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.
- If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.

The 12 Great Feasts of the Church:

Feasts of our Lord

- Exaltation of the Cross (September 14)
- Nativity of our Lord (Christmas - December 25)
- Theophany or Epiphany (January 6)
- The Meeting of our Lord (February 2)
- Palm Sunday (one week before Pascha)
- Ascension of our Lord (40 days after Pascha)
- Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (50 days after Pascha)
- Transfiguration (August 6)

Feasts of the Mother of God:

- Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8)
- Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple (November 21)
- Annunciation (March 25)
- Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15)

Valentine's Day
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Party

SAT., FEBRUARY 10, 2018

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH
BANQUET CENTER**

5191 LENNON ROAD ~ FLINT

**7:00PM TO 1:00AM
TICKETS \$50**

- ★ *CATERED BY LA MARSA MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE*
- ★ *DJ AL-JABALI SPINNING ARAB & AMERICAN MUSIC*
- ★ *BRING YOUR OWN SPIRITS! MIXERS PROVIDED.*

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

ST. GEORGE OFFICE: 810-732-0720 ~ RULA ALKAZAHA: 810-955-2792 ~ KATRINA KHOURI: 810-252-4475

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2018

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week JANUARY 28th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 4th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 11th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgment Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 18th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25th	 <i>GREAT FAST BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Reading: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 4th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 11th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9: 1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 18th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Reading: Hebrews: 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent MARCH 25th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 & Heb 2:11-18 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45 & LK 1:24-38	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! April 1st GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 6th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet, & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 8th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!