

St. George Orthodox Church

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Father Michael Bassett, Attached

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Youth Month Greeters/Ushers:

Cezar Abuaita and Marcos Abuaita

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.

Youth Month Epistle Reader: **Qusai Bannoura** (Arabic)

Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)

- Yvette Ghantous for the health of her family and in loving memory of father **Jamil** (40 day) and mother **Hasna** (6 month) Ghantous.

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Margaret** Abuaita (+September 29th, sister-in-law of Fouad Abuaita), **Marjorie** Sadd (+September 30th, aunt of Kh. Leslee), and **George** Frangi (+October 16th, brother-in-law of Ron Haddad).
- 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, **Sally** Abuaita, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Khader** AbuAita, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Emil** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **Youssif** Abousamra, **Danial** Alghanim (father of Dania Hanna), **William** Alsahouri, **Sanaa** Alqassis (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Walid** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Kh. Pam** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Victor** David, **Valland** Frangi (sister of Ron Haddad), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Nadia** Ibrahim (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy** Isaac, **Dannie** Jones, **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Judy** Mikhail, **Laura** Nassar, **Issa** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Norman** Thomas (friend of Steve and Kelly Sanderson).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Waad** and **Mike** Abdallah, **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khouri, and **Taylor** and **Jeffrey** Tipton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Yvette Ghantous*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: November 6th and 27th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge. Hosting includes bringing whatever you wish to serve, setting up, and then cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. **For more information, contact Tony Daoud** (810-730-1011) while Manal Abuaita is overseas. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are served.*

OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe is attending the *Midwest Diocesan Antiochian Women's Meeting* at the **Fall Family Gathering** in Indianapolis, IN. Fr. Joe will be back in the office on October 24th. **For emergencies only** while he is away, please call first *Fr. Michael Bassett* (St. George, 989-627-9580), then *Fr. Gabriel Bilas* (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or *Fr. Matthew Butrie* (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for his safe travels.

Our combined, **PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB** is in the process of ordering their next book "*Shepherd of Souls: The Life and Teachings of Elder Cleopa, Master of Inner Prayer and Spiritual Father of Romania (1912 - 1998)*". If you are interested in obtaining a copy (whether you plan on joining the book club meetings or not), please contact Fr. Michael Bassett (frdmike@gmail.com / 989-627-9580). Books will be ordered this week. After books are obtained, each person will read the book on their own for about 4-6 weeks. The date / time of a "meet in person" discussion and also a "zoom" discussion will be coordinated with all readers. We anticipate our next meeting will be at the end of November or beginning of December.

HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION) If you are 7 years or older, have been away from the Church, or have not had Confession in the last 2 months and desire to come back and receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, please remember you must offer a confession of your

sins first. Fr. Joe is not the only Orthodox priest in the area, or at St. George, and if you would prefer to go to Fr. Michael or one of the other local priests, feel free to do so (*please just let Fr. Joe know*): Fr. Gabriel Bilas from St. Mary Magdalene (810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie from St. Nicholas Church (810-744-0070). **Let everyone in our St. George Family prepare and partake of our Lord in Holy Communion.** The important thing is not who hears your confession, but that you participate in this Holy Sacrament on a regular basis. **Blessed are those who wash their (*baptismal*) robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life (*which is Christ*).** Revelation 22:14

PLAYGROUND IN COURTYARD PARENTS: This can only be used by children younger than 12 years old **AND MUST** be supervised by their PARENTS. PLEASE REMEMBER, children cannot be in the courtyard by themselves ~ it is too dangerous and we do not want any accidents!



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 (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday	Bible Study: <i>1st book of the bible, Genesis</i> 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm
Tuesday	Arab-American Heritage Council <i>Ensure the Legacy Banquet</i> 5:30pm
Wednesday	Arabic-English Bible Study: <i>1st book of the bible, Genesis</i> 12-2pm
Thursday	Parish Council Nominee Seminar 7pm
Friday	Trunk or Treat (<i>see flier</i>) 5pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

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Little By Little ~ Change Comes Little By Little

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

We often become frustrated with ourselves, wanting to change bad behavior, but seemingly incapable of making the changes we desire. Each week we confess the same sins over and over. We know the priest has heard the same confession, week after week, and we are aware he could probably say our confession for us, having heard it that often. What we don't seem to know is that there is a simple reason for our repetition. These bad behaviors only seem to be unchangeable because we don't really struggle with the passions in a way that will bring about successful change.

For the person who always flies off the handle in anger, there is the matter of habit. Their temper flares up because of what the other person has done, so

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the outburst is really not about them, but about the other person. Change, therefore, becomes almost impossible. The person who is always stretching the truth is aware of their sin, but the habit is so strongly held, they find themselves lying before even realizing their confessed sin is being repeated. The overeater makes a commitment to lose weight, but makes no attempt to empty the refrigerator of the very leftover cake that was a temptation the night before. So, while watching television, the thought comes into their mind there is that one piece of cake remaining, and they rush forth that final consumption. Almost like magic, there is another cake sitting on the counter by the next afternoon.

We all have had moments like this, when we seemingly can't stop the bad behavior we confess over and over, almost like a litany. Our captivity to this bad behavior seems permanent, and change impossible. Yet if we make a concerted effort to change, little by little, we will find we really can master those stubborn behaviors that seem so insurmountable. Instead of beating ourselves up each time we fall, we take those little baby steps, and little by little, we make progress. That cake we consumed becomes our last piece, because this time we don't go near the row in the grocery store where we know the bakery goods are displayed. We manage to curb our temper because we made a commitment to get through just two hours around that person in the office who pushes our buttons, and when the two hours pass, we have reason to pat ourselves on the back. We pass half a day without inventing a new story about ourselves, and before long, we are no longer confessing that sin. Little by little, we find we can change bad behavior.

"A man cannot correct himself all of a sudden, but it is like pulling a barge – pull, pull, and let go, let go! Not all at once, but little by little. Do you know the mast on a ship? There is a pole to which is tied all of the ship's lines. If you pull on it, then everything gradually pulls. But if you take it all at once, you will ruin everything." (St. Ambrose of Optina)



Little by little a little
becomes a lot

Tanzanian Proverb

ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL

2ND ANNUAL



COSTUME
PARADE &
PRIZES

BOUNCE
HOUSE &
SMORES

PIZZA &
CARDS

CAR
DECORATING
CONTEST &
CORNHOLE

OCTOBER 28th

5:00PM

ARRIVAL OF DECORATED VEHICLES &
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES BEGIN

6:00PM-6:30PM

TRICK OR TREATING

6:30PM

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
(GAMES AND PIZZA IN THE HALL)

****PLEASE NO SCARY COSTUMES****



Monastery Work Day

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Divine Liturgy at 8 AM

Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Questions?
Contact Fr. Michael Bassett
989.627.9580

~ Work Day following Liturgy & Breakfast until 4pm ~

Youth and Adults are welcome!

*Bring garden tools and gloves and RSVP the Monastery at
517.569.2873*



Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery
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PARISH FEAST DAY
THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. DEMETRIOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

JOIN US AND HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF DETROIT
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF
SAINT DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMER!

SCHEDULE

Sunday - October 23rd

Orthros: 8:50 am

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

With His Eminence
Metropolitan Nicholas
*Feastday Glendi
after the Liturgy*

Tuesday - October 25th

Festal Vespers: 6:00 pm

With His Eminence
Metropolitan Nicholas
and the clergy of the Metropolis
Reception to follow

Wednesday - October 26th

Orthros: 9:00 am

Festal Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Reception to follow

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THIS GREAT SAINT
AND THE FEAST DAY OF OUR CHURCH!**