

St. George Orthodox Church

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October 30, 2022

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Christ is in our Midst!

He is and ever shall be!

Youth Month Greeters/Ushers:

Cezar Abuaita, Marcos Abuaita, and Peter Dubon

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: **Cezar Abuaita** (English)

Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)

- Daisy Isaac and Family for the health of her family and in loving memory of **Michael, Helen, Tommy, Toufic, Eddie, Freddie, Woody, Charlie, Gloria, Louie Sr., Louie Jr., George, Helen, Pauline, Matthew, Emily, Gary, Norma, Debbie, Joel, Jim, Fouzie, Joe, John, James, and Leland.**

- Seham Helal for the health of her family especially her twin grandchildren **Eli** and **Juliana**.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Margaret** Abuaita (+Sept. 29th, sister-in-law of Fouad Abuaita), **Marjorie** Sadd (+Sept. 30th, aunt of Kh. Leslee), **George** Frangi (+October 16th, brother-in-law of Ron Haddad), and **Chrysoula** Bastounis (+October 19th, friend of parishioners).
- 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), and **Christa** Whitehead; **Jalal** Abuaita and **Mirna** Abufarha who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Waad** and **Mike** Abdallah, **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khour, and **Taylor** and **Jeffrey** Tipton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Daisy Isaac*.

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.*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 6th. Before going to bed on Saturday, November 5th, please remember to set your clocks **BACK** ("fall back") one hour.



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 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



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 (*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* 3-5pm
 Wednesday **Arabic-English Bible Study:** *1st book of the bible, Genesis* 12-2pm
 Saturday **Concert for Ukraine (*see flier*)** 3pm
 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

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The Proof of Love

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

The very moment faith enters the soul is the moment when we turn toward God in repentance and recognize we cannot live without Him. As we grow in our faith we come to realize we must remain in a continual state of repentance, for grace abounds in the heart of the man who is repenting. We come to see the truth that the saints were those who never ceased to call upon the Lord in repentance. Never did they think themselves worthy of anything but God’s wrath, and their continued plea was for mercy.

This humility spawned God’s love in the hearts of these saints, and works of love and mercy grew out of God’s indwelling love within their hearts. Their works showed forth that their love and good works came out of that deep state of repentance, and their love was the proof of God’s indwelling Spirit in their hearts. Saint Gregory the Great said, *“The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.”*

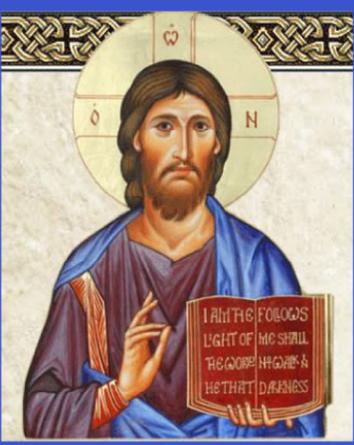
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If we do not do good works, love does not dwell in our heart, and we have no faith. *“But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith”* (James 2:18) The Liturgy reminds us, only those with faith and love may draw near to receive the Holy Mysteries. Our participation in the Body and Blood of the Lord provides each of us with the opportunity to be Christ-bearers in the world in which we live, and others will know we belong to Christ, *“by our love”* (John 13:35).

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Get your bibles, find the New Testament, and then the Letter (epistle) of St. James right after St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. Find chapter 2 and read about what St. James says about holding the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ (chapter 2, verse 1). Continue reading the rest of chapter 2 and you will find that faith without doing good works is not right! Love, FJ



Saint George Orthodox Church and Helping Hands for Ukraine



November 5, 2022, 3pm

invite you to join us for the performance of

UKRAINIAN ENSEMBLE



You will have an opportunity to learn about struggle of Ukrainian people and how you can make a difference in their lives.

We will be taking a "Free-will offering" to go towards humanitarian aid.

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