

St. George Orthodox Church

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October 31, 2021

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Youth Month Greeters/Ushers: **Nadine Khoury** and **Christina Rishmawi**

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.

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!

Youth Month Epistle Reader

Lukas Cooper

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

- Ayman and Wafaa Elias for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Najeh** Elias (9 day, brother of Ayman).

- Daisy Isaac 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**.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Salwa** Abu-Aitah (September 26th), **Samantha** Farah (+September 27th, daughter of Sam and Tracy), **Ty** Gorbutt (+October 1st, friend of Mariann Hayek) and **Georgette** Hayder (+October 21st, sister of Wadia Albaba).
- 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, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Jennifer** Craft and **Brionna** Gorbutt (friends of Mariann Hayek), **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Ranna** Esho (friend of Batoul Burbar), **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Gracy**n Haskins and Dr. **Michelle** Borg (granddaughter /daughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nicola** Khoury, **Lan** Kiley (niece of Raji and Sue Salomon), **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Juliette** Qumseya, **Roger** Saadeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** and **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, and **Michael** Silpoch; **Tamer** [son of Khader and Lucy], **Mirna**, and newborn **Mila** Abuaita (September 15th); **Andrew**, **Rachel**, [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita] and newborn **Dalia Nahil** Sackllah (September 22nd); **Benan**, **Haneen**, and newborn **Giovanni** Burbar (September 27th); **Jarrett**, **Elise** [daughter of Habeeb & Denise Ghattas and Jill Smith], and newborn **James Michael** Lane (October 26th).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khouri, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Kari** and **Panagiotis** Mikroudis [daughter of John and Theresa Farah], and **Yara** and **Mudaffer** Rishmawi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Daisy Isaac*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: November 21st and 28th ~ 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. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are served.*

YOUTH MONTH All of the members of our Teen SOYO are encouraged to participate in the Sacraments of Repentance and Communion during this month. If you do not do so on a regular basis, confessions are heard as usual on Saturdays after Great Vespers, Sunday mornings before 9:30am, or by appointment during the week. **PARENTS**, encourage your teens!

ARE YOU VACCINATED? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND NEED ANSWERS? We are blessed to have many medical professionals in our parish and they all want you to get a Covid-19 vaccine. There is lots of wrong information on TV and social media. Don't be fooled; it could cost you, your family, or friends in a sad way! If you have any questions or need truthful information, please contact Dr. Lindsey (Farah) Brunner: text ONLY please at 810-908-9213. If you or someone you know needs help to make an appointment or be driven to one, please call the office 810-732-0720.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS!

Our annual **Church School Parish Thanksgiving Dinner** is on Saturday, **November 6th**. High School children need to be at the church at 2pm. Kindergarten-8th Graders need to be dropped off at the church by 3pm to prepare their part of the meal, set tables, and do activities. This year we are not collecting \$5 per child as in the past, but if you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the food, it is very much appreciated. We also need 5 turkeys (cooked and sliced) brought to the Banquet Center before 5pm that day. Contact me for more details. Students (parents!) need to RSVP by October 31st to their teacher for planning purposes. Besides meals for all of our parishioners, we will cook more to give to the Soup Kitchen in Owosso as our service project. We want to teach our children how important it is to help feed the needy. Masks must be worn for this indoor event in the Banquet Center by everyone.

Thank you, again and always for all you do! May God bless you and your children as we work with you for your children's growth in their life in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Janet Abueita, Director

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

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.
TODAY	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting after Church School 7th and 8th Grade Class with Fr. Joe
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic-English Bible Study Gospel of St. Matthew 12-2pm
Saturday	Church School preparing Thanksgiving Dinner Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm Parish Thanksgiving Dinner ~ ALL invited!

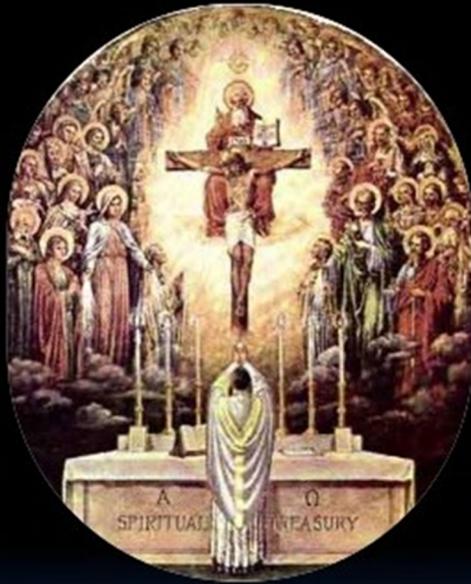
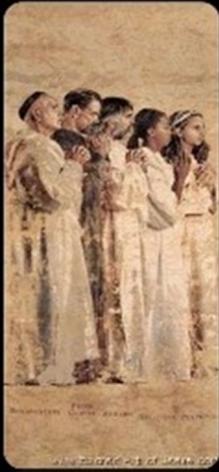
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THE HEART ~ Heavenly Worship Must Enter the Heart

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

The beauty of Orthodox worship is meant to lift us up, and connect us to the Heavenly Worship that is eternally taking place before the Throne of God. The very description of Heavenly Worship as found in the Book of Revelation is clearly an image of the Divine Liturgy. The heavenly vision granted to Saint John revealed the connection between the Eucharistic service we celebrate here on earth, and the Heavenly Banquet that awaits us in Eternity. The beauty of our Orthodox Divine Liturgy is but a mere foretaste of what awaits us.

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Episode #4

COMMUNION AMONG HOLY THINGS

When we stand in worship, it is important that we take in the words, making them our own. Merely observing the services is not worship, for we must enter into Divine Worship with our hearts, giving attention to the Word of God that permeates the whole of the services.

We must breathe in the Word of God, letting the action of the Word take root in our hearts. The Word of God is a Living Word, imparting God's grace. The Word, whether read formally from the readings of the Epistle and the Gospel, or prayed in the liturgical texts, is meant to transform us, and make us a holy people. The Word must enter into the heart, for it is then that regeneration takes place.

"Strive as well as you can to enter deeply with the heart into the church reading and singing and to imprint these on the tablets of the heart." (Abbot Nazarius)

**DO MORE
OF WHAT
MAKES YOU
~~HAPPY.~~
HOLY**

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

October, 2021

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! When our Savior sent out His twelve disciples to preach His Kingdom and minister His healing grace, He encouraged them with these words: “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves” (Matt. 10:16). This exhortation also applies to every generation of priests sent out by Christ to minister in His Church—all the more so today, as we face so many challenges to our faith. As our culture grows hostile and resistant to divine truth, we must balance shrewdness with innocence, uprightness with openness, and speaking the truth with listening in love.

Praise God that we have the expert help of our seminaries and theological institutions in preparing new priests for this challenge. These sacred schools bring together bright academic minds and deep pastoral experience to form new ministers capable of bringing the gospel faithfully and compassionately to every corner of our land. In addition to priests, they also prepare youth workers, church musicians, and Christian-education leaders. These men and women will then offer decades of service in our parishes, enlightening our minds, enriching our worship, and binding up our brokenness.

Each October, as part of “Youth Month and Seminary Month” in our Archdiocese, we ask for donations in support of our seminaries and theological institutions. We are grateful for the generosity shown by our faithful over so many years, and we ask you again to please give generously. Finally, please encourage our young people to pursue vocations in service of the Church, and especially our young men to follow callings to priestly service. May the Lord bless our efforts to train future clergy and church workers.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a blue line.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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ST MARK ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH AUTUMN RETREAT 2021

ACQUIRING THE MIND OF CHRIST

Ancient Spirituality for Modern Times

Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery, will be the guest speaker at St. Mark's Autumn Retreat this year. He will present on topics from his book, *Acquiring the Mind of Christ*. Father Sergius will be traveling with the Miraculous Icon of St. Anna which will be at the church.



RETREAT SCHEDULE

**Friday,
November 5TH**

6:30pm, Moliben
(Service of Supplication)
to St. Anna followed by
presentation by
Father Sergius

**Saturday,
November 6th**

11:00am, Session One
12:30pm, Lunch &
Fellowship
1:30pm, Session Two
3:30pm, Confessions
4:00pm, Vespers

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