

St. George Orthodox Church

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NOVEMBER IS **IOCC** (*INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES*) MONTH
HOLY UNMERCENARY HEALERS COSMAS AND DAMIAN OF ASIA

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open with a limited number of parishioners each week. Only those who are scheduled may attend. If you are not on the list and would like to be part of the rotation, please contact Fr. Joe (810-732-0720 or njja@aol.com). View our livestream at:

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.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** {*the Golden-Mouth*},
The **Special Hymns** we sing are on the Bilingual sheets from Fr. Joe's Email.

Holy Bread Offerings

- Daisy Isaac and the Issac, Jehnsen, and Harris Families for the health of their families especially **Daisy** on the occasion of her birthday and **Bruce** and **Patti Harris** on the occasion of their anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony ~ *May God grant them many years!* 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: **Saliba** Totalh (+September 24th, brother-in-law of Basil Andoni), **Alyess** Qusta Khoury (+October 16th, sister of Catherine Khoury and aunt of Khalid Al-Khoury), and **Lila** Abud (+October 21st, aunt of Fr. Joe).
- 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), **Sami** and **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Fr. Joseph** Abud, **Anwar** Abueita, **Wadia** Albaba, **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Kendall** Ayoub (brother of Cam Takach), **Naila** Banna, **Emil J.** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Evelyn** Delbridge, **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Barbara** Gress, **Carol** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Nassem** Helal (father of Amani Helal), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophia Jr, and **Lois** Teunion; **Philip**, **Katie** [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen], and newborn **Sophia** Quackenboss (Sept. 26th).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Juliana** (Essa) AbuAita, **Nawal** (John) Abud [son of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee], Dr. **Lindsey** [Farah] (Dr. Ryan) Brunner, and **Jenny** [Abueita] (Tony) Salsa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY TAKE-OUT LUNCH Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this NEW event for our community, family, and friends on Thursday, November 12th from 11am-2pm. There are only take-out or delivered meals ~ no food will be served in the Banquet Center. Please note: ALL orders must be placed by November 5th! Please see flier for ordering information. Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries. To help or more information, please contact Manal Abuaita (810-577-0028) or Anaam Abueita (810-962-1033). **\$\$ Donations are welcomed to offset our costs.** This week's cooking schedule is as follows beginning at 12pm each day: Wednesday-*Hoosie* and Thursday-*Meat Pies*.

CHURCH SCHOOL HAS BEGUN! We want ALL of our St. George children in our education program. To make this happen, we need email addresses for our children and their parents! Please send them to Director Janet Abueita (cooeita@aol.com) as soon as possible so none of our children are left out and they can enjoy and learn about our life in Christ. Be a part of the FUN and send your email addresses to Janet TODAY!

Annual Parish General Assembly Because of the pandemic, Metropolitan Joseph is only allowing video meetings. Fadi Rishmawi, Chairman of our Parish Council, and Fr. Joe have determined the circumstances do not allow us to do what is needed. The assembly will be rescheduled on a date to be determined.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS Though everyone cannot attend church due to limited capacity or other reasons, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed**. PLEASE help our/your parish by continuing to bring or send your offerings to St. George. You can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line 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!

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCEDURES Because of serious health concerns, **we all must wear masks at all times**. Please remember we can venerate icons by bowing (*not kissing or touching at this time*) and the same for the priest's hand and the chalice at Holy Communion. Further, **only our clergy and chanters may sing**. When you come to church, the front is roped off so the singing of the clergy and chanters can keep everyone safe (*singing, like sneezing and coughing, can propel air droplets 20 feet!*) ~ if you want to sing, please do it **very softly and with your mask on**.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is also observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Wednesday	Cooking for Take-Out Lunch 12 Noon The Relationship Project 8pm
Thursday	Cooking for Take-Out Lunch 12 Noon
Saturday	No Great Vespers

PARKING LOT PLEDGES: WE NEED YOU!

Our goal is \$80,000 (we have raised over \$46,000) and we are so thankful for those who have donated and pledged. If you have not already, please pick up a form, fill it out, and send it to the church. Remember our donations to the Parking Lot are separate (above and beyond) our weekly offerings. Again, thank you to our donors!

Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud
Rose Ayoub
Dn. Mike & Pam Bassett
St. George Preschool
Jamal and Manal Abuaita
Khader and Lucy Abuaita
Anwar and Janet Abueita
Laila Abud
Anonymous

Ladies Auxiliary
Tony Daoud
Ayman and Wafaa Elias
John and Theresa Farah
Betty Froberg
Dr. David & May Gantos
Subdeacon George and
Suad Gantous

Ronald Haddad
Elias and Amirah Hanna
George & Jeanette Nassif
Fadi & Evette Rishmawi
Raji and Sue Salomon
Bill and Sue Shaheen
Richard Shaheen
Bob and Lois Teunion

The First Steps on the Path of Holy Sobriety ~

Cultivating and treasuring the salvific caution born out of love of God

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

When we first begin to take our Orthodoxy seriously, we tend to throw ourselves into it in such a way that it is like diving deep into the sea. Many generations of experienced and holy men and women have told us that in regards to our faith, we will know that it would be better to wade into the shallows for a while, acclimating ourselves to the water, and then, with sober, humble, caution, born of love, slip ever deeper into the depths of the mystery that is Orthodoxy.

To do otherwise would mean we would likely embrace our newfound faith with all the baggage of our previous understanding of Christianity, and miss the immense differences between Ancient Biblical Christianity, and that which masquerades as Christianity in our present age.

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The Pearl Of Great Price



Matthew 13:45-46

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls:

and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

Orthodoxy is profoundly deep, and we must head slowly and without haste into the depths of the traditions and teachings of this ancient Church. If we plunge into the depths of our newfound faith, we take the chance we will miss the transformational power that will change us from within, and we will have lost the “*pearl of great price*” (Matthew 13:46) before we even find it.

The Pearl of Great Price Matthew 13:45 - 46

- **He Recognized the BEST when he found it!**
 - ✓ **He could determine the DISTINCTIVE differences; even the subtle differences.**
 - ✓ **A façade did not fool him: he KNEW the genuine!**
 - ✓ **Finding THIS pearl, he looked no further.**



Saint Macarios of Egypt tells us, “*Truly the soul is incapable by itself of studying its own thoughts and discerning them. But with the divine lamp lit, the light dispels the darkness from the house. Then a person sees his own thoughts, how they have been covered by impurity and the mud of sin. The sun rises and the soul sees its loss and begins to revoke the thoughts that had been so mixed with dirt and squalor*”.

True progress on the path to salvation must be taken step-by-step, lest we lose our footing, and falter along the way. The deeper we go, with patience, and the guidance of a confessor, the more likely we will avail ourselves to the transformational power of the Orthodox Faith. The depths of Orthodoxy must be embraced with a humble heart, and patience, lest we tragically stray from the path under the influence of our seemingly “good” thoughts, ideals and/or feelings.



MIDDLE EASTERN

TAKE-OUT LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 12, 2020
11am-2pm

[All orders must be place by November 5th!]

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5191 Lennon Road • Flint, MI

(Behind Kohl's) Between Linden and Dye Roads

Meal includes:

Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew (Yahnee), Rice, Hummus, Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a Bottled Water

Vegetarian Plate available

Cost: \$12

**Separately sold ONLY by the dozen at \$15 each:
Kibbee Balls, Meat or Spinach Pies, and Date (Kaak) Cookies**

Free Delivery with eight (8) or more lunches!

**To place your order, more information, & free deliveries call:
St. George at 810-732-0720**