

# St. George Orthodox Church

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NOVEMBER IS **IOCC** (*INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES*) MONTH

**MARTYRS GURIA, SHAMUNA, AND HABIB THE DEACON OF EDESSA**

## Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open for all parishioners or visitors. If you cannot attend, please pray with us through our livestream. 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

- Maha Alqazaha and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **George** (6 year).
- Timothy Beers and Victoria Zerka for the health of their families on the occasion of **Timothy's** birthday ~ *May God grant him many years!* and in loving memory of **George, Lourice, Sam, Sadie, Handoumi, Harry, Fred, and Louise**.
- Emil and Elaine Abueita for the health of their family and especially daughter **Suha** on the occasion of her birthday ~ *May God grant her many years!*
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Alyess** Qusta Khoury (+October 16<sup>th</sup>, sister of Catherine Khoury and aunt of Khalid Al-Khouri) and **Lila** Abud (+October 21<sup>st</sup>, 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), **Zahra** Abuaita, **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, **Ronald** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Nassem** Helal (father of Amani Helal), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr, **Paul** Takach (husband of Cam), and **Lois** Teunion.
- 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, **Katrina** (Gary) Gagne, and **Jenny** [Abueita] (Tony) Salsa.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELP TO BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS!** For Christmas, our parish is participating in the **North End Soup Kitchen Angel Tree** this year. Thirty children are looking for "angels" to brighten their Christmas. Gift range is between \$30 and \$50. Gift cards are OK for children 15-17 years old. Several items may be requested, but you only need to pick one or more of these items. Attach the provided gift tag that has the child's name, the code number to the gift, and place in gift bags. All gifts must be returned by December 6<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Nicholas! The *Angel Tree* with tags can be picked up after Divine Liturgy in the Lounge or by contacting May Gantos (810-869-4012). If you would like to make an online donation or send it directly to the church with the memo *Angel Tree* so our coordinators can purchase gifts, thank you!. If you have any questions, please speak with our coordinators May, Gabby, or Lauren Gantos. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

**ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE** We will begin our celebration of this Great Feast with a combined Pan-Orthodox ***Great Vespers and Blessing of the Five Loaves, wheat, wine, and oil*** (Artoklasia) on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at *St. Mary Magdalene Church* (2439 S. Long Lake Rd. Fenton, MI 48430) at 6pm and a Pan-Orthodox ***Divine Liturgy*** on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at *the Assumption Church* (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439) at 10am. All are welcome to attend!

**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](mailto: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!

**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 **softly and with your mask on.**

## **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS**

... **EVERYONE** who supported our *Ladies Auxiliary Middle Eastern TAKE-OUT Lunch* this past Thursday ... to the ladies who outdid themselves with their hours of fruitful labor which produced a delicious lunch, our delivery drivers, and those who donated. It was an outstanding success!

## COMING EVENTS

This Week	Today, November 15 <sup>th</sup> , we begin the traditional forty-day <b>CHRISTMAS FAST</b> in preparation for the feast of the <b>Nativity of Christ</b> on December 25 <sup>th</sup> . The Fast is divided into two periods. The <u>first period</u> is until December 19 <sup>th</sup> when the traditional fasting discipline ( <i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products</i> ) is observed on all days except Tuesdays and Thursdays when <i>wine and oil</i> are allowed and Saturdays and Sundays when <i>fish, wine, and oil</i> are allowed. There is no fasting on Thanksgiving Day.
Wednesday	<b>The Relationship Project 8pm</b>
Thursday	<b>Parish Council Meeting 6:15pm</b>
Friday	Combined Pan-Orthodox <b>Great Vespers and Blessing of the Five Loaves, wheat, wine, and oil</b> for the <b>Entrance of the Virgin Mary into the Temple at St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton) 6pm</b>
Saturday	<b>Divine Liturgy at Assumption (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc) 10am</b>
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  
Samir & Nashwa Meshraky  
George & Jeanette Nassif  
Fadi & Evette Rishmawi  
Raji and Sue Salomon  
Bill and Sue Shaheen  
Richard Shaheen  
Bob and Lois Teunion

### **The Proof of Love ~ *Our Faith without good works is dead***

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

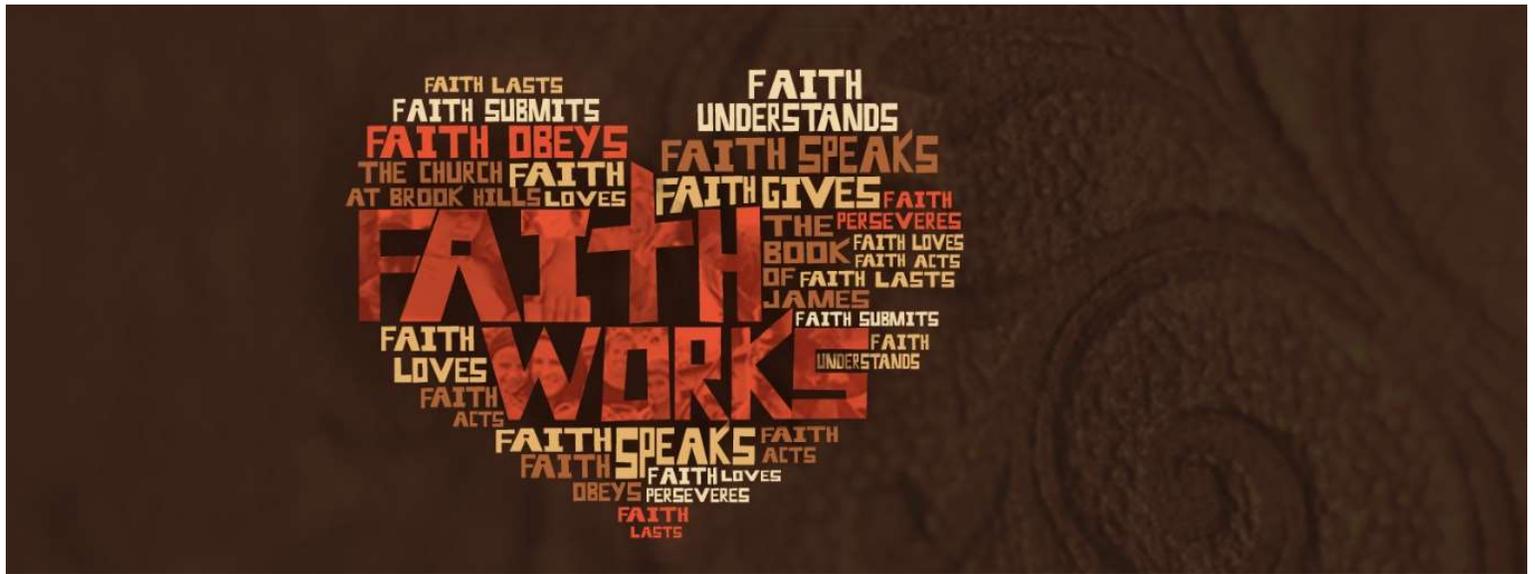
The very moment faith enters the soul is the moment we turn toward God in repentance and recognize we cannot live without Him. As we grow in our faith, we come to realize we must remain in a continual state of repentance; for grace abounds in the heart of the man who is repenting. We come to see the 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 why 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

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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."

If we do not do good works, love does not dwell in our heart, and we have no faith.



"Yea, a man may say, you have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." (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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John 13:35 "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. "

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John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments"

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John 14:21 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."