

# ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**SATURDAY: VESPER SERVICE @ 400 P.M.**

**SUNDAY: ORTHROS @ 8:50 A.M. - DIVINE LITURGY @ 10:00 A.M.**

**CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT**

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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! 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. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy.

**Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion for Orthodox Christians:** Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should fast (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and striving to always love God and their neighbor. Frequent communion and regular confession are recommended for all faithful Orthodox Christians.

**For other Christians:** We welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christian's believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signify-

Ing a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to venerate (kiss) the Holy Cross and receive the final blessing from the priest. Again, welcome!

**GREGORY THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF NEO-CAESAREA GENNADIOS  
AND MAXIMOS, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; NIKON THE WONDER-  
WORKER, DISCIPLE OF SERGIOS OF RADONEZH; HILDA  
ABBESS OF WHITBY**

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

#### APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY OF NEO-CAESAREA IN TONE EIGHT

By vigilance in prayer, and continuance in the working of wonders, thou didst acquire thine achievements as a surname; wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O Father Gregory, to enlighten our souls, lest we sleep in sin unto death.

#### TROPARIAN OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

#### KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, \* the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, \* the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, \* into the House of the Lord \* on this day is brought forward \* and bringeth with herself the grace \* of the Most Divine Spirit; \* her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, \* for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

#### THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

ما أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالِكَ يَا رَبُّ، كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ. بَارِكِي يَا نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَّةِ. (2: 16-20)

يا إِخْوَةُ، إِذْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَا يُبَرَّرُ بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ، بَلْ إِنَّمَا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِبِسْوَاعِ الْمَسِيحِ، آمَنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضاً بِبِسْوَاعِ الْمَسِيحِ لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، لَا بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ، إِذْ لَا يُبَرَّرُ بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ أَحَدٌ مِنْ ذَوِي الْجَسَدِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا وَنَحْنُ طَالِبُونَ التَّبَرِيرَ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَجِدْنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضاً خُطَاةً، أَفَيَكُونُ الْمَسِيحُ إِذَنْ خَادِماً لِلْخَطِيئَةِ؟ حَاشَى. فَإِنِّي إِنْ عُدْتُ أَبْنِي مَا قَدْ هَدَمْتُ، أَجْعَلُ نَفْسِي مُتَعَدِّياً. لِأَنِّي بِالنَّامُوسِ مِتُّ لِلنَّامُوسِ لِكَيْ أَحْيَا لِه. مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ صُلِبْتُ فَأَحْيَا، لَا أَنَا، بَلْ الْمَسِيحُ يَحْيَا فِيَّ. وَمَا لِي مِنَ الْحَيَاةِ فِي الْجَسَدِ أَنَا أَحْيَاهُ فِي إِيمَانِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَحَبَّنِي، وَبَدَّلَ نَفْسَهُ عَنِّي.

### THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21) The Lord spoke

this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will

pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

فصلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (21-16:12)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ غَنِيٌّ أَخْصَبَتْ أَرْضُهُ. فَفَكَّرَ فِي نَفْسِهِ قَائِلًا "مَاذَا أَصْنَعُ؟ فَإِنَّهُ لَيْسَ لِي مَوْضِعٌ أَخْزُنُ فِيهِ أَثْمَارِي." ثُمَّ قَالَ، "أَصْنَعُ هَذَا: أَهْدِمُ أَهْرَائِي وَأَبْنِي أَكْبَرَ مِنْهَا، وَأَجْمَعُ هُنَاكَ كُلَّ غَلَّاتِي وَخَيْرَاتِي. وَأَقُولُ لِنَفْسِي، يَا نَفْسُ إِنَّ لَكَ خَيْرَاتٍ كَثِيرَةً فَاسْتَرِيحِي وَكُلِي وَاشْرَبِي وَأَفْرَحِي." فَقَالَ لَهُ اللَّهُ: "يَا جَاهِلٌ! فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ تُطَلِّبُ نَفْسَكَ مِنْكَ. فَهَذِهِ الَّتِي أَعَدَدْتَهَا لِمَنْ تَكُونُ؟" فَهَكَذَا مَنْ يَدَّخِرُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَلَا يَسْتَعْنِي بِاللَّهِ. وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نَادَى: مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ لِلسَّمْعِ، فَلْيَسْمَعْ.

### **Beloved members of St George Church,**

### **Upcoming Important Dates. Mark your Calendars!**

- **Sunday, November 17th - Proxies will be made available**
- **Sunday, December 1st - Proxies must be returned by this date to be counted**
- **Sunday, December 1st - Townhall Discussion following Liturgy, to prepare for the General Assembly. Teen SOYO will be providing childcare and lunch for the children in the church school.**
- **Sunday, December 8th - General Assembly, immediately following Liturgy. Teen SOYO will be providing childcare and lunch for the children in the church school.**

### **Holy Oblations Offered by**

- **40 day memorial service for Jeremy Meshrakey,, offered by his Dad Samir and his Mom Nashwa Meshrakey**
- **George and Jeanette Nassif in loving memory of: Sylvia- Jack- George, Minera,**
- **Linda Clark and Kelly Dotson for the health of their families and in loving memory of Bob (40 day) and all members of the Clark, Scott, and Albert families.**

## PRAYER LIST

Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Reader Fouad and Soad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami and Shafiqa Abuaitah, Laila Abud, George Abueita, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alshouri, Basil Andoni, Naila Banna, Stephanie, Cynthia Brooks, Douglas Coone, Kristy Corcoran, Vera Daoud, Wafaa Elias, Said Farah, Joseph Gagne, Elias Gantos, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Phyllis Good, Daisy Isaac, Danny Mortensen, Karen Mortensen, Kevin Myott, Laura Nassar, George Nassif, Adam Odeh, Betty Ramsdale, Elaine Shaheen, Michael and Nancy Silpoch; our Catechumens who are under instruction to become members of our Orthodox Faith: Maria, Kirk, Evan Sanford and Jaden Turner; our Expectant Parents: Dania and Subdeacon Salim Hanna.

Servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: Bishara Farah (+ Oct 11), Jeremy Andrew Meshraky (+ Oct 11th the son of Samir Meshraky), Issa Fouad Awad (+ Oct 18th Fouad Awads' uncle).

## WEEKDAY SERVICES / STUDIES

- Akathist Service in Preparation for the Nativity, Monday Nov 18th, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Arabic Divine Liturgy , Wednesday Nov 20th, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- BIBLE UNDERSTANDING / STUDY in ARABIC, Tuesday Nov 26 at 1:00 PM.

## Want to be an Angel?

Our parish is again participating in the North End Soup Kitchen *Angel Tree*. We have 31 children looking for "angels" to brighten their Christmas! The gift range is between \$30 and \$40. 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 to the gift and place it in gift bags. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>! The tags can be picked up after Divine Liturgy in the Banquet Center or by contacting May Gantos (810-869-4012).

You can make an online donation (see QR CODE BELOW) under the "Angel Tree" FUND or send it directly to the church with the memo "Angel Tree" so our coordinators can purchase gifts. If you have any questions, speak with one of our coordinators May, Gabby, or Lauren Gantos. If you want to do this, do it TODAY; ~ call May or make a donation online. Again, thank you, and may God always bless your generosity!



## Church School News!

### Church School Christmas Program-Parts given out today!

December 14, 2024

Our Annual Christmas program is on December 14, 2024 , immediately following Vespers, with dinner and a special visitor . Mark it on your calendars !! This Sunday , November 17 parts will be given out to all the children that would like to participate. The first practice will be Next Saturday November 23@2:30 until 4:00. Children that want a singing or acting part must commit to come to all the practices. A letter will be sent home this Sunday with all the tentative practice dates. All Preschoolers-3 rd graders will be angels and shepherds, and will need to be fitted with there costumes during church school, but more information will be sent out soon.

Church school director - Ms. Janet

## REMINDER

### Upcoming Baking Dates for the Ladies Auxiliary:

- Wednesday, November 20th, at 1:00pm- Ka'ak (Date) Cookies
- Friday, November 22nd, at 10am-Meat and Spinach Pies
- *Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale* November 24th, 12pm-1pm

## Teen SOYO Wants YOU!!!

All teens of St. George are encouraged to participate in our teen group – Teen SOYO (Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations). Our group has dedicated leadership who will not be happy until all teens of St. George are participating! Whoever is reading this please pass it along to a teen in your house or to Godchildren, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sons, & daughters. We are gathering on Saturday, November 23rd. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. If you would like to know more, come to our get-togethers, scan the QR code to signup, or contact President Cezar Abuaita (810-986-1434 or [cezaruabuaita@icloud.com](mailto:cezaruabuaita@icloud.com)).



**REMINDER**

**Nativity Fast Begun Friday Nov 15.**

**ABSTAIN FROM MEAT, FISH, DAIRY, EGGS, WINE.**

**Pan Orthodox services**

**Wed, Nov 20 6:30 pm Great Vespers with lity at St Mary Magdalene**

**Thurs, Nov 21 Entrance of the Theotokos**

**10 am Liturgy at Assumption (blue vestments)**

**Thurs, Dec 5 eve of St Nicholas' Day**

**6 pm Vespers with Liturgy at St Nicholas (gold vestments)**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS**

**BELOVED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF ST. GEORGE**

***EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. (2 CORINTHIANS 9:7)***

**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 below) 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! Online Donations will accept Credit / Debit Cards or ACH (transfers from a banking account) and can be set for automatic donations. Call the Church Office (810-732-0720) if you need help with this.**

**Automatic Giving. Did you know most banks and credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. George for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or done automatically weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.**



## SAINT OF THE DAY

### Our Father among the Saints Gregory the wonderworker, bishop of Neo-Caesarea

On November 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Gregory the wonderworker, bishop of Neo-Caesarea.

#### Verses

Gregory, who wrought many wonders aforetime,  
Standing in God's presence, worketh yet more wonders.

On the seventeenth the great Thaumaturge (wonderworker) died.

The miracle-working Gregory was called a second Moses. Although born a pagan, he became aware of the meagerness and insufficiency of pagan philosophy. Gregory then turned to Christian teachers with whom he studied and from whom he received baptism. To dedicate himself solely to Christ God, Gregory withdrew to the wilderness and lived in rigorous asceticism. Bishop Phaedimus of Amasea wanted to consecrate him Bishop of Neo-Caesarea. The clairvoyant Gregory perceived this intention and hid from the bishop's emissaries. Finally, Phaedimus consecrated him in absentia, and Gregory had to accept the office of bishop. The Most-holy Theotokos and St. John the Theologian appeared to him in a vision and gave him the Symbol of Faith—"The Creed"—which the First Ecumenical Council ratified. He died around the year 270 in great old age. When he arrived in Neo-Caesarea as bishop, he found only seventeen Christians in that pagan city. At the end, Gregory left the city Christian, with only seventeen pagans.

On this day, we also commemorate Gennadios and Maximos, patriarchs of Constantinople; Nikon the wonderworker, disciple of Sergios of Radonezh; and righteous mother Hilda, abbess of Whitby.

### **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.