

# St. George Orthodox Church

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Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor  
Father Michael Bassett, Attached

# Glory to Jesus Christ!

## *Glory Forever!*

**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.

### **Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)**

- Victoria, Heather, and Alexandra Nassar for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband and father **Jamil** (5 year), **Souhail, Nassar, Sami, Khader, Issa, Jalal, Siham, Suhaila, Toufiq, Rasmieh, Mariam, Nicola, Suhaila, Farid, Houda, and Kimberly**.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Margaret** Abuaita (+Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, sister-in-law of Fouad Abuaita), **Marjorie** Sadd (+Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Kh. Leslee), **George** Frangi (+October 16<sup>th</sup>, brother-in-law of Ron Haddad), **Chrysoula** Bastounis (+October 19<sup>th</sup>, friend of parishioners), and **David** Gould (October 17<sup>th</sup>, husband of former parishioner Julie [Khour]).

- 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, **Bishop Anthony**, **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, and **Christa** Whitehead; **Jalal** and **Mirna** Abuaita who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Waad** and **Mike** Abdallah, **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khoury, **Katrina** and **Gary** Gagne, and **Taylor** and **Jeffrey** Tipton.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Vicky Nassar and Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge. Hosting includes bringing whatever you wish to serve, setting up, and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$30. **For more information, contact Tony Daoud** (810-730-1011) while coordinator Manal Abuaita is overseas. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15<sup>th</sup> - December 24<sup>th</sup>), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are served.*

WANT TO BE AN ANGEL? Our parish is again participating in the **North End Soup Kitchen Angel Tree**. Thirty (30) 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 4<sup>th</sup>! The *Angel Tree* with 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 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 our coordinators May, Gabby, or Lauren Gantos. Again, thank you, and God bless your generosity!

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!

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.

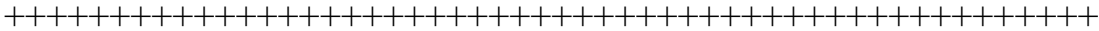
**TODAY**      **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class with Fr. Joe**  
**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** following Church School

**Monday**      **Bible Study: 1<sup>st</sup> book of the bible, Genesis** 3-5pm  
**SOYO Monday** 6-8pm

**Tuesday**      **Altar Society Dinner Meeting** ~ for more information see Theresa Farah 6pm

**Wednesday**      **Arabic-English Bible Study: 1<sup>st</sup> book of the bible, Genesis** 12-2pm

**Saturday**      **Thanksgiving Dinner Preparation (see flier)** 3pm  
**Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm  
**Parish Thanksgiving Dinner follows Great Vespers**



**The Mystical Supper ~ The Eucharist is the Greatest Miracle**

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

Of all the miracles of Christ, the greatest is the Eucharist. The Gospels are filled with accounts of miracles performed by Christ, but the greatest of them all was when He offered the simple elements of bread and wine, made by man, and transformed them into His very Body and Blood. This miracle continues to this very day, after some two thousand years, to bring Christ into our very midst and allows us to receive Him for the healing of both our bodies and our souls. That He would use as agents for this transformation, priests, to call down the Holy Spirit to continue this miracle, is one of the great mysteries of our Christian Faith.

Just before the priest offers Holy Communion to the faithful, they say the following prayer. This prayer is each person's act of personal commitment to Christ.

*I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first (I Timothy 1:15). I believe also that this is truly Thine own most pure Body, and that this is truly Thine own most precious Blood. Therefore I pray Thee: Have mercy upon me and forgive me my transgressions, committed in word and deed, whether consciously or unconsciously.*

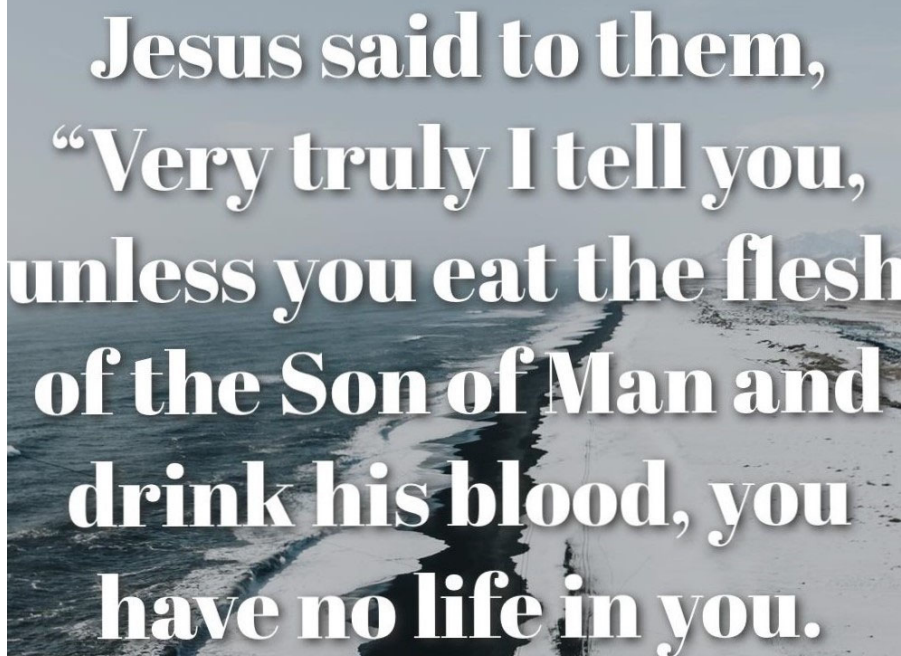
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*And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy most pure Mysteries, for the remission of sins and unto life everlasting. Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, receive me today as a communicant. For I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss; but like the thief will I confess Thee: "Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom." May the communion of Thy Holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body.*

This prayer is a clear sign that we are not simply commemorating a past event, or celebrating a communal meal like the Passover of the Jews. The Church never saw this as a continuation of the Passover Meal, but rather a sacrifice that is offered for both the living and the dead. Because this sacrifice is not a mere figure or symbol but a true sacrifice, it is the most important service that takes place in the life of the Church. Furthermore, it is not the bread that is sacrificed, but the very Body of Christ. Although the Lamb of God was sacrificed only once, the sacrifice at the Eucharist consists, not in the real and bloody burning (sacrifice) of the Lamb, but in the transformation of the bread into the sacrificed Lamb, Christ Himself.

The Mystery of the Holy Eucharist cannot be explained in purely logical or rational terms, for the Eucharist, like Christ Himself, is a mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven which is "not of this world." *"Having learned these things, and been fully assured that the seeming bread is not bread, though sensible to taste, but the Body of Christ; and that the seeming wine is not wine, though the taste will have it so, but the Blood of Christ; and that of this David sung of old, saying, 'And bread strengthened man's heart, to make his face to shine with oil, 'strengthen thou thine heart,' by partaking thereof as spiritual', and 'make the face of thy soul to shine'." St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechetical Lectures, XXII:8 (c. A.D. 350).*

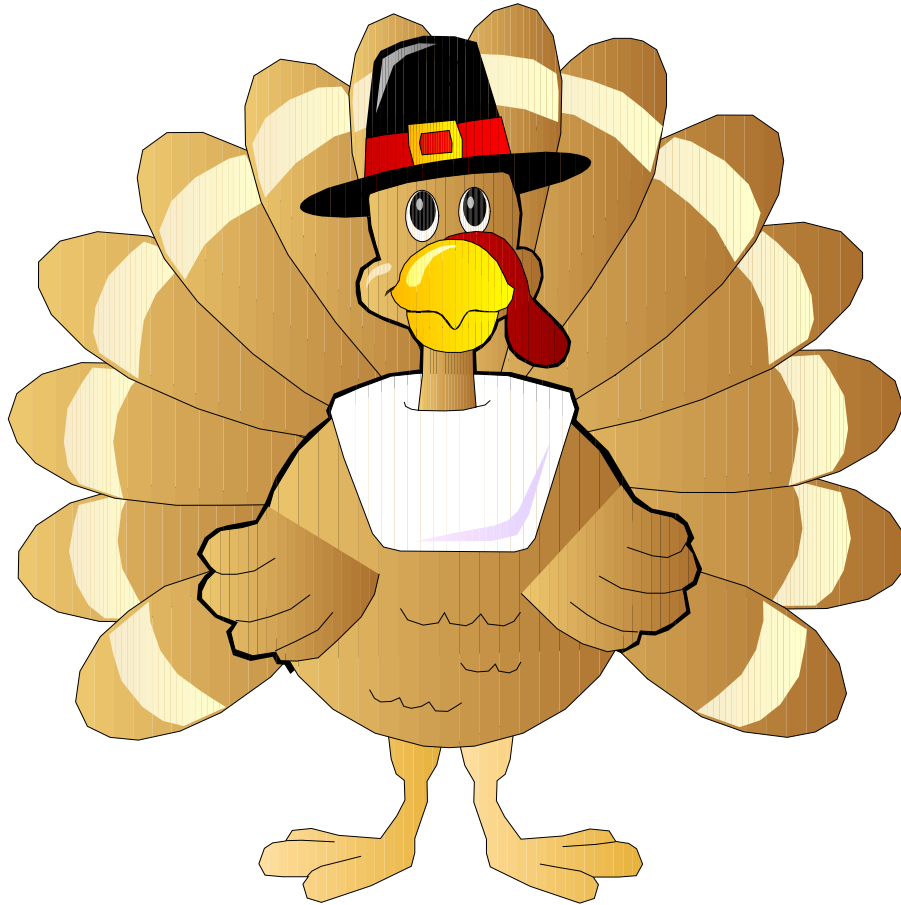
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*Get your bibles, find the New Testament, and then the 4<sup>th</sup> book which is the Gospel of St. John. Find chapter 6 and read about what our Lord Jesus Christ does in feeding the 5,000, walking on water, talking about the Bread from Heaven, and Peter saying, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!". It's beautiful and it's our faith! Love, FJ*



**Jesus said to them,  
"Very truly I tell you,  
unless you eat the flesh  
of the Son of Man and  
drink his blood, you  
have no life in you.**

~ John 6:53

# Fall Harvest PARISH Thanksgiving Celebration!!!



Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Our Church School children are to be dropped off as follows: (*8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at 2pm; Kindergarten thru 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes at 3pm*). Each class will prepare their part of the meal, set the tables, do crafts, and have a great time together! We are asking all parents to be back by **5pm** so their children are sitting next to them praying at *Great Vespers*.

Following *Great Vespers*,  
we will all enjoy the meal prepared by our children!

This is for ALL parishioners – see you there!