

St. George Orthodox Church

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HOLY FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST (2ND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD)

صلاة السحر لأحد الأجداد القديسين

Tone 3

6th Matins Gospel {Luke 24:36-53}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

Matins p.44
8:50am

Divine Liturgy p.91
10:00am

Memorial Service
Trisagion p.183

Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, 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, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has done a mighty act with His own arm. He has trampled down death by death and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades granting the world the great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3 (*same as above*)

لتفرح السماويات وتبتهج الأرضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزا" بساعده، ووطئ الموت بالموت، وصار بكرًا" للاموات. وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنح العالم الرحمة العظمى.

Troparion of the Holy Forefathers—Tone 2

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them, Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

لقد زكيت بالإيمان الآباء القدماء. وبهم سبقت فخطبت البيعة التي من الأمم. فليفتخر القديسون بالمجد. لأن من زرعهم أبتع ثمراً حسيباً. وهو الأمم التي ولدتك بغير زرع. فبتوسلاتهم أيها المسيح الإله خلص نفوسنا.

Troparion for St. George—Tone 4

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.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion in Preparation for the Nativity (*Birth*) of Christ—Tone 3

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message; with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He who is from eternity God.

اليوم العذراء تأتي إلى المغارة لتلد الكلمة الذي قبل الدهور ولادة لا تُفسر ولا يُنطق بها فافرحي أيتها المسكونة إذا سمعتِ ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة الذي سيظهر لنا بمشيئته طفلاً جديداً وهو الله قبل الدهور.

Epistle Reading: *Colossians 3:4-11* {for the Holy Forefathers}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:16-24* {for the Holy Forefathers}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Zahra Abuaita and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Hanna** (9 day).
- Victoria, Heather, and Alexandra Nassar and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband and father **Jamil** (40 day), **Issa** (Victoria's father), **Farid**, **Houda**, **Souheil**, **Nassar**, **Khader**, **Sammy**, **Salim**, **Souheila**, and **Siham**.
- Karam and Aida Nassar and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Jamil** (40 day, Karam's brother).
- George and Hiam Ishaq, Issa and Nawal Odeh, and their Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Qusta Qassis** (40 day, nephew of George and Issa) and **Iyad Bannura** (9 day, cousin of Hiam).
- Sally Joseph and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Edward** (30 years), parents **James**, **Adele**, and brother **Raymond Shaheen**, **Norman**, **Esther**, **Mildred**, **Dorothy**, **Delores**, **Ernest**, and **Roula Joseph**.
- Amirah Hanna for the health of her family especially husband **Elias** and sons **Salim** and **Rene**.

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

Nataly Odeh – December 21st

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- We also pray for the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **John Takach** (+November 25th, father-in-law of Camela Takach).
- 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**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Shafiq Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Maher Alatrash**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim**

(Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Salwa Haddad, Daisy Isaac, Daniel Isaac, John Isaac, Nawal Iseid, Sally Joseph, Nakhleh, Nicola, and Saba Khoury, Danny Mortensen, George and Renee Nassif, Aida Raffoul, Elaine Shaheen, Mary Salim, Michael Silpoch, William Sophiea Jr., Ola Alqazaha** and newborn **Christina** (December 12th).

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Ghaida Awad.**

Communion Hymn (for the Lord's Day)

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reception of Holy Communion

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion. *"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by the *Families of +Jamil Nassar and +Qusta Qassis.*

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: December 31st ~ 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. For more information, please see Manal Abuaita. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are to be served.*

THE SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION) If you are 8 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, please remember you must offer a confession of your sins first. During this time of preparation during the **Christmas Fast** is a perfect opportunity. Father Joe is not the only Orthodox priest in the area and if you would prefer to go for confession to one of the other local priests, feel free to do so (*please just let Fr. Joe know*): Fr. Angelo Maggos from Assumption Church (810-771-4611) Fr. Gabriel Bilas from St. Mary Magdalene (810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie from St. Nicholas Church (810-744-0070). The important thing is not who hears your confession, but that you participate in the Holy Sacrament on a regular basis. **Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life (Christ in Holy Communion).** (*Revelation 22:14*)



Our parish is collecting "COATS FOR KIDS" to help the Salvation Army with their distribution in time for winter. You can help by bringing new and/or clean, gently used coats, along with winter accessories (mittens, gloves, hats, snow boots, snow pants, etc.) to be placed in the box in the hallway. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We are now able to take Credit or Debit Card purchases and donations. If you would like to make a purchase or a donation, please come to the office during normal Office Hours (see below) or call to do it by phone.

ST. GEORGE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER All Women of St. George are invited to attend our annual Christmas Dinner at the Redwood Steakhouse (5304 Gateway Center, Flint, MI 48507) on Wednesday, December 27th at 5:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person and must be paid in advance to reserve your spot (deadline is Friday, Dec. 22nd. To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Janet Abueita (810-691-0956) or Areen Bathish (810-691-0722). There will be no gift exchange, but you may make a donation to our Church as a Christmas Offering.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT ST. GEORGE! (see flier on Narthex Table) A wonderful evening is planned! For more information or to make paid reservations, please contact Shouky Zerka (810-287-1601) or Elie Damouni (810-730-8959) TODAY! Adults: \$60; 12 years and younger: \$30. Paid reservations MUST BE PURCHASED by December 25th!

COMING EVENTS

This Week	On Wednesday, November 15 th , we began the traditional forty-day CHRISTMAS FAST in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25 th . The Fast is divided into two periods. The <u>first period</u> is until December 19 th 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. The 2 nd period is from December 20 th through 24 th , when the traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products</i>) is observed except on Saturday and Sunday when <i>wine and oil</i> are permitted.
Tuesday	Pre-Christmas OCF Gathering 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 12:30-2pm Nativity Fast Prayer Service 6pm NO SOYO Wednesday
Friday	Royal Hours for Christmas 6pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

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- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.
 - **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached at the church office 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.
 - If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.
 - If you have an item that you would like to place in the Weekly Bulletin, please call the church office by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before.

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Why!

Understanding **what** your gifts fund through The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch is important but the better question is **why** we do it. Be a part of the why.

What

Clergy	\$304,117
Retired Clergy Housing Allowance	\$270,000
Married Seminarian Assistance	\$11,250
Clergy Symposium & Convention Assistance	\$22,867
Archdiocese Youth	\$397,913
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$190,000
Youth Ministry	\$120,000
SOYO Special Olympics	\$8,000
SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training	\$25,392
Christian Education	\$39,996
College Conference	\$14,525
Archdiocese Development & Growth	\$329,988
Missions & Evangelism	\$129,996
Planning & Future Development	\$75,000
Parish Development / Mission Grants	\$24,996
Internet Ministry	\$99,996
Other Grants	\$40,000
Project Mexico	\$10,000
Christ the Savior School	\$15,000
Treehouse, FOCUS, Prison Ministries	\$15,000
Order Administrative	\$153,921
Materials & Wages	\$153,921

Figures represent part of the actual expenses for Fiscal Year 2017

Why

So our children can pray, sing, laugh and even cry with one another as they grow stronger in their Orthodox Faith and closer to our Lord ... *together.*
- Summer Camp Scholarships

To help build the foundation and provide the essential tools of knowledge, relationships and memories that help our children remain steadfast in their Orthodox faith.
- SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training & Youth Ministry

To make sure orphaned children feel loved and safe, and promise them that everything is going to be alright and that they are not alone.
- Project Mexico

To provide guidance, reassurance and compassion, to unwed mothers who choose life rather than abortion.
- Treehouse Ministries

To help give comfort and financial assurance to our retired clergy and their families. But even more, express our gratitude to our spiritual leader and friend who's been with us during all of our times of joy and sorrow.
Retired Clergy Housing Allowance

To help plant the seeds of Orthodoxy throughout North America revealing the "True Faith" and ensuring the Church's growth for generations
- Department of Missions & Evangelism

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How You Can Support the Ministry of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor.

- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Your Pledge At Any Level ... Helps Change People's Lives

Knight & Dame

- \$500 Annually
- \$41.67 Monthly
- \$1.37 Daily

Junior Knight & Dame

- Ages 18-26 Only
- \$300 Annually
 - \$25 Monthly
 - \$0.82 Daily
 - At age 27, converts to Knight or Dame

Knight Commander Dame Commander

- \$1,000 Annually
- \$83.33 Monthly
- \$2.73 Daily

Life

- \$15,000 Total Gift
- Payment Options:
 - 100% Lump Sum
 - \$5,000 per year over 3 consecutive Years **or**
 - \$416.67 per month for 3 consecutive years
- **Life Upgrade***

Metropolitan

- \$30,000 Total Gift
- Payment Options:
 - 100% Lump Sum
 - \$10,000 per year for 3 consecutive years **or**
 - \$833.33 per month for 3 consecutive years
- **Metropolitan Upgrade****

Life and Metropolitan gifts are invested in an endowment and only the earnings are spent each year making it a gift that will live on into perpetuity.

***Life Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for more than 15 years (active/good Standing members); or any Commander, who has been a member for more than 10 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Life Member for \$10,000 paid in a lump sum or over a two-year period.

****Metropolitan Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for more than 15 years (active/good Standing members); or any Commander, who has been a member for more than 10 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Metropolitan Member for \$20,000 paid over a three-year period. Life members who have fulfilled their initial Life member gift may upgrade to the Metropolitan level for \$10,000 paid in a lump sum or over a three-year period.

All lump sum, annual, or monthly payment methods can be made via EFT or Credit Card

