

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The month of October in our God-protected Antiochian Archdiocese is designed as “Youth Month and Seminary Month.” This is intended to bring awareness to the importance of the pastoral and theological training initiative of our Archdiocese. This year’s records of our Archdiocese show more than 25 students enrolled in three seminaries whose training supply our churches with priesthood candidates, choir directors, youth workers and Christian education leaders. Your generous donations today in support of our seminarians and these institutions will ensure that our parishes will continue to be supplied with exemplary priests equipped to serve the needs of our parishioners, and competent staffing that will be able to perpetuate their vigorous programs. These men are preparing for the holy labors of baptizing our infants, marrying our young people, preaching the gospel, laying to eternal rest our loved ones, granting solace to those in distress, and offering guidance to those in need of direction. In other words, we are supporting them as they prepare to support all of us in our journey to the Kingdom of Heaven. We are grateful for your invaluable and innumerable initiatives in providing financial and moral support over the many past decades toward this worthy cause, and for subsidizing the vital educational programs of these institutions, and the needs of our seminarians. Also, we appreciate the hand-on training and the financial support offered to our students by the following parishes this year: St. Anthony, Bergenfield; St. George, Allentown; St. George, Little Falls; St. George, Boston; St. George, Worcester; St. Ignatius, Florida; St. Mary, Brooklyn; St. Mary, Wilkes-Barre; St. Mary, Yonkers; St. Nicholas, Bridgeport; St. Nicholas, Brooklyn; St. Paul, Emmaus; St. Philip, Souderton; and St. Stephen, South Plainfield. Recent studies have shown that we are facing a shortage of clergy in the coming years. We need your generous financial support to educate as many priestly candidates and their families as possible to work in the Vineyard of our Savior. May the Lord reward you accordingly for your emotional and financial support in his name and to his glory. Your thoughtfulness has made you worthy recipients of the spiritual dividends of the fruits produced through the labor of these schools and the priests they have trained.

Your Father in Christ, +SABA

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.

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SATURDAY: VESPER SERVICE @ 400 P.M.

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

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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 Christians 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!

**; SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
GREAT-MARTYR ARTEMIUS AT ANTIOCH VENERABLE GERASIMOS THE NEW
ASCETIC OF KEPHALLENIA; VENERABLE MATRONA OF CHIOS**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ARTEMIUS THE GREAT-MARTYR IN TONE FOUR

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

TROPARIAN OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As the deliverer of captives and the protector of the poor, as the physician of the feeble and combatant of kings, holy champion and great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

REMINDER(S):

HOME BLESSING PLEASE CONTACT FR. AMIN AT OFFICE: (810) 732-0720 OR

CELL: (248) 709 1186

SAY YOUR PRAYERS AT HOME AND READ THE BIBLE.

The Voice News Letter

**You will be receiving the news letter of our parish four times a year, starting
the beginning of January 2, 2025.**

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 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!

EASYTITHE OR CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS We use EasyTithe so everyone can make online one-time donations or donations that are automatically done for you! Go to our St. George Website (see above). If you need help, just come to the office or call 810-732-0720 during Office Hours.

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.



Church School News

Mark Saturday, Nov 2, 2024, on your calendars. Registration is now open for the children that would like to attend and participate, this is for grades 1st - 12th. Each child is asked to donate \$5 to help us cover the cost of all the food that needs to be purchased to prepare the meal. Children may give their donation to their teachers today. The children are asked to be dropped off at 1:30 pm, to prepare their part of the meal and do many activities. Parents are to return at 4:00 pm sharp, to sit with their child at Vespers. After Vespers we will all enjoy the meal that your children helped prepare. We also need 7 cooked turkeys; please talk to Amal Abuaita, Evette Rishmawi, or stop by the church school office with any questions. Any donations are welcome. As in the past years, we will be sending food to the "Angels Hands" in Owosso, teaching our children how important it is to "feed the hungry". Thank you!

Church school director- Mrs. Janet

26th Annual Midwest Basketball Tournament

In Canton Ohio, November 8-10, 2024

Division I: Ages 12-15 / Division II: Ages 15-18 / Division III: Ages 19+

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 Sunday, October 27th. 1:00pm—2:30 pm. If you would like to know more, come to our get-togethers, scan the QR code to sign-up, or contact President Cezar Abuaita (810-986-1434 or cezarabuaita@icloud.com).



THE EPISTLE

(For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا.

اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا. اِسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسَ.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنْتُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، كَمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ، "إِنِّي سَأَسْكُنُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَسِيرُ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُمْ يَكُونُونَ لِي شَعْبًا. فَلِذَلِكَ أَخْرَجُوا مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ وَاعْتَزَلُوا"، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ "وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجِسًا. فَأَقْبَلَكُمْ وَأَكُونُ لَكُمْ أَبًا وَتَكُونُوا أَنْتُمْ لِي بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ." وَإِذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْمَوَاعِدُ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ، فَلْنُطَهِّرْ أَنْفُسَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أَدْنَسِ الْجَسَدِ وَالرُّوحِ، وَنُكَمِّلِ الْقَدَاسَةَ بِمَخَافَةِ اللَّهِ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. and they

begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

في ذلك الزمان، أتى يسوع إلى كورة الجرجسيين، فاستقبله رجلٌ من المدينة به شياطينٌ منذُ زمانٍ طويلٍ، ولم يكن يلبس ثوباً ولا يأوي إلى بيت، بل إلى القبور. فلما رأى يسوع، صاح وخر له، وقال بصوتٍ عظيمٍ: "ما لي ولك يا يسوع ابن الله العليّ؟ أطلب إليك ألاّ تُعذّبني." فإنه أمر الروح النجس أن يخرج من الإنسان، لأنه كان قد اختطفه منذُ زمانٍ طويلٍ، وكان يُربط بسلاسل، ويحبس بقيود، فيقطع الربط ويساق من الشيطان إلى البراري. فسأله يسوع قائلاً: "ما اسمك؟" فقال له: "لجئون"، لأن شياطين كثيرين كانوا قد دخلوا فيه. وطلبوا إليه أن لا يأمرهم بالذهاب إلى الهاوية. وكان هناك قطع حنازير كثيرة ترعى في الجبل. فطلبوا إليه أن يأذن لهم بالدخول فيها، فأذن لهم. فخرج الشياطين من الإنسان، ودخلوا في الحنازير. فوثب القطيع عن الجرف إلى البحيرة فاختنق. فلما رأى الرعاة ما حدث، هربوا وأخبروا في المدينة وفي الحقول. فخرجوا ليرؤا ما حدث وأتوا إلى يسوع، فوجدوا الإنسان الذي خرجت منه الشياطين جالساً عند قدمي يسوع لابساً صحيح العقل، فخافوا. وأخبرهم الناظرون أيضاً كيف أبرئ المجنون. فسأله جميع جمهور كورة الجرجسيين أن ينصرف عنهم لأنه اعتراهم خوفٌ عظيمٌ. فدخل السفينة ورجع. فسأله الرجل الذي خرجت منه الشياطين أن يكون معه. فصرفه يسوع قائلاً: "إرجع إلى بيتك وحدث بما صنع الله إليك." فذهب وهو ينادي في المدينة كلها بما صنع إليه يسوع.

Coffee hour is not hosted today. If you'd like to contribute, you can make a donation to cover costs; thank you!

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 Shafiq Abuaitah, Laila Abud, George Abueita, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alsaouri, Basil Andoni, Naila Banna, Stephanie, Nadim and newly born Alayna Burbar, Douglas Coone, Kristy Corcoran, Vera Daoud, 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; your servants Maria Kirk, Evan Sandford, and Jaden Turner who are in catechism (under instruction) to become members of our Orthodox Faith. We also pray for our Expectant Parents: Liana and Hanna Abuaita, Natania and Rene Hanna, and Dania and Subdeacon Salim Hanna.

Servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: *Issa Jiries Ibrahim (+ Sep 23rd , brother of Ghada Abdallah). Nijme Khair (+Sep 26th Mother of Esperanza Abuaita) Elaine Moore (+ Oct 3rd Ric Shahin's mother in law), Robert Clark (+ Oct 6th Kelly Dotson's stepfather).*

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for our students who are celebrating the day of their New Birth: Zeina Abuaita~ October 23rd ~ Ryan Mitri October 28th

May they be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things.

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday October 30th , 2024.

We are celebrating Arabic Divine Liturgy at 6:00 pm.