

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.

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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!

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF
LUKE THE HOLY PROPHET NAHUM; VENERABLE PHILARET THE ALMSGIV-
ER OF AMNIA; MARTYR ANANIAS THE PERSIAN**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through

faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

الرسالة

(لِلأَحَدِ الثَّالِثِ وَالْعِشْرِينَ بَعْدَ الْعِنَصْرَةِ)

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيراثَكَ.

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُحُ، إِلَهِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ أَفَسُسِ (10-2:4).

يا إخوة، إِنَّ اللَّهَ لِكُونِهِ غَنِيًّا بِالرَّحْمَةِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ كَثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا حِينَ كُنَّا أَمْوَاتًا بِالزَّلَّاتِ، أَحْيَانَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ - فَإِنَّكُمْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ - وَأَقَامَنَا مَعَهُ، وَأَجَلَسْنَا مَعَهُ فِي السَّمَاوِيَّاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. لِيُظْهِرَ فِي الدُّهُورِ الْمُسْتَقْبَلَةِ فَرْطَ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ بِاللُّطْفِ بِنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنَّكُمْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ. وَذَلِكَ لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّمَا هُوَ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَيْسَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ لِئَلَّا يَفْتَخِرَ أَحَدٌ. لِأَنَّ نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، مَخْلُوقِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِنَسَلِكَ فِيهَا.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

الإنجيل

(لأحد الرابع عشر من لوقا)

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتِّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (18:35-43)
فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، كَانَ أَعْمَى جَالِسًا عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ يَسْتَعْطِي. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعَ مُجَنَّا زًا سَأَلَ:
«مَا هَذَا؟» فَأُخْبِرَ بِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيَّ عَابِرٌ. فَصَرَخَ قَائِلًا: «يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!» فَزَجَرَهُ الْمُتَقَدِّمُونَ لِيَسْكُتَ،
فَازْدَادَ صُرَاخًا: «يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!» فَوَقَّفَ يَسُوعُ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يُقَدَّمَ إِلَيْهِ. فَلَمَّا قَرَّبَ سَأَلَهُ: «مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكَ؟»
فَقَالَ: «يَارَبُّ أَنْ أُبْصِرَ!» «قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «أَبْصِرْ. إِيْمَانُكَ قَدْ خَلَّصَكَ.» وَفِي الْحَالِ أَبْصَرَ، وَتَبِعَهُ وَهُوَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ. وَجَمِيعُ
الشَّعْبِ إِذْ رَأَوْا سَبَّحُوا اللَّهَ.

Beloved members of St George Church, **Upcoming Important Dates. Mark your Calendars!**

- **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

- **Fouad and Ghaydaa Awad for the health of their family and especially for Jiries and family, Mousa and family, and Riam and family. and in loving memory of Angelina and Fouad. 40-day memorial service for Issa Fouad Awad.**
- **Khader & Lucy Abuaita and the family of Nicola and Mary Khoury.” in loving memory of Michael Abuaita.**
- **Fr. Michael and Kh. Pam for Genevieve Perez (9 day memorial)**

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, Basil Andoni, Naila Banna, 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: Newly Departed William Alsahouri (+11/19), Mother Apolinaria (+11/22) - Dormition Monastery, Genevieve Perez (+11/25) - Friend of Fr. Michael.

** Those under instruction become members of our Orthodox Faith.*

*** Those inquiring into our Orthodox Faith but have not been enrolled as Catechumens.*

SERVICES / STUDIES

- Akathist Service in Preparation for the Nativity, Monday Dec 2nd, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Arabic Divine Liturgy , Wednesday Dec 04th, 2024 at 6:00 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 8th! 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 Christmas Program!

Practice Schedule

Sunday December 1st shortened class time followed

by practice in the church

Saturday, December 7th, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal!

To make this year's
program a success,
additional practices may
need to be scheduled



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 Tuesday, December 10. 6:00 pm -8:00 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).



REMINDER

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

If you are reading 2-3 chapters of the Holy Bible double it or triple it

If you are reading 5 Psalms a day, read 10 Psalms

Activities

Alter society decorating the church Dec 10th

Men's club gathering Dec 10th 6:30 pm

New Years party, call Khaled AL Al-Khoury 810

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS

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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

On December 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Nahum.

Verses

Longing doth draw me to anoint with the myrrh of discourse

Nahum the Elkoshite, who hath yielded up his spirit.

On the first, Nahum was conveyed out of life.

Nahum was born of the tribe of Simeon in a place called Elkosh on the far side of the Jordan. He lived about seven hundred years before Christ and prophesied the destruction of Nineveh about two hundred years after the Prophet Jonah had warned the Ninevites. Because of Jonah's preaching, the Ninevites had repented, and God had spared them and not destroyed them. In time, however, they forgot God's mercy and again became corrupt. The Prophet Nahum prophesied their destruction, and since there was no repentance, God did not spare them. The entire city was destroyed by earthquake, flood and fire, so that its location is no longer known. The Prophet Nahum lived for forty-five years and entered into rest in the Lord, leaving us a small book of his true prophecies.



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.