

# 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!

**VENERABLE PATAPIOS OF THEBES**  
**FOREFEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS; SOPHRONIOS,**  
**BISHOP OF CYPRUS**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

**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-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people

. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostili-

Ty to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## الرسالة

(لأحد الرابع والعشرين بعد العنصرة)

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لِشَعْبِهِ.

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَفَسُسَ. (22-14:2)

يا إخوة، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وَنَقَضَ فِي جَسَدِهِ حَائِطَ السِّيَاحِ الْحَاجِرِ، أَيِ الْعَدَاوَةِ. وَأَبْطَلَ نَامُوسَ الْوَصَايَا فِي فِرَائِضِهِ، لِيَخْلُقَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ فِي نَفْسِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا جَدِيدًا بِإِجْرَائِهِ السَّلَامِ. وَيُصَالِحُ كِلَيْهِمَا فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ مَعَ اللَّهِ فِي الصَّلِيبِ، بِقَتْلِهِ الْعَدَاوَةَ فِي نَفْسِهِ. فَجَاءَ وَبَشَّرَكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ، الْبَعِيدِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالْقَرِيبِينَ. لِأَنَّ بِهِ لَنَا كَلَيْنَا التَّوَصُّلَ إِلَى الْآبِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَلَسْتُمْ غُرَبَاءَ بَعْدُ وَنَزَلَاءَ، بَلْ مُوَاطِنُو الْقَدِّيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ. وَقَدْ بُنِيْتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَحَجَرِ الزَّوَايَةِ هُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ نَفْسُهُ الَّذِي بِهِ يُنْسَقُ الْبُنْيَانُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَنْمُو هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكَنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman,

, you are freed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

## الإنجيل

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (17-10:13)

في ذلك الزمان، كان يسوع يعلم في أحد المجامع يوم السبت. وإذا بامرأة بها روح مرض منذ ثماني عشرة سنة، وكانت منحنية لا تستطيع أن تتصبب البتة. فلما رآها يسوع، دعاها وقال لها: إنك مُطلقة من مرضك. ووضع يديه عليها، وفي الحال استقامت، ومجدت الله. فأجاب رئيس المجمع، وهو مغتاظ لإبراء يسوع في السبت، وقال للمجمع: هي ستة أيام ينبغي العمل فيها. ففيها تأتون وتستشفون، لا في يوم السبت. فأجاب الرب وقال: يا مرأي! أليس كل واحد منكم يحل ثوره أو حماره في السبت من المذود وينطلق به فيسقيه؟ وهذه، وهي ابنة إبراهيم التي ربطها الشيطان منذ ثماني عشرة سنة، أما كان ينبغي أن تطلق من هذا الرباط يوم السبت؟ ولما قال هذا، خزي كل من كان يقاومه، وفرح الجمع بجميع الأمور المجيدة التي كانت تصدر منه.

### Holy Oblations Offered by

- Luai Abuaita for the health of Zahra, Elia, Basel, Luai, Jeries, Eman, Ibtisam, Juliette, Elaine, Suad, and their families.

In loving memory of Hanna, Elias, Huda, Khristo, Olga, Amal, Khristine, Maria, and Anwar.

7 year memorial service Hanna Abuaita.

## 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, Basil Andoni, Naila Banna, Cynthia Brooks, Douglas Coone, Kristy Corcoran, Vera Daoud, Wafaa Elias, Said Farah, Elias Gantos, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Phyllis Good, Lee Harris, Daisy Isaac, Danny Mortensen, Karen Mortensen, Kevin Myott, Laura Nassar, George Nassif, Adam Odeh, Betty Ramsdale, Elie Sadik, Elaine Shaheen, Richard Shaheen, Michael and Nancy Silpoch; our Catechumens who are under instruction to become members of our Orthodox Faith: Maria, Kirk and Evan Sanford; our Expectant Parents: Dania and Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Watan and Karim.

Servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: Newly Departed William Alsaouri (+11/19), Mother Apolinaria (+11/22) - Dormition Monastery, Genevieve Perez (+11/25) - Friend of Fr. Michael.

## SERVICES / STUDIES

- Akathist Service in Preparation for the Nativity, Monday Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
- Great (Royal) Hours of the Nativity of our Lord, Monday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
- The Nativity of our Lord Tue Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Orthros at 4:50 PM Divine Liturgy at 6:00.
- Arabic Divine Liturgy for The Nativity of our Lord Wed Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 AM.
- Bilingual Divine Liturgy (Circumcision of Our Lord) Wed Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

## 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 Christmas Program!

### Practice Schedule

Sunday December 1st shortened class time followed

by practice in the church

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal!

To make this year's

program a success,

Please bring your children to practice.

Program Attire— Children should arrive in black pants/skirts and white shirts.



## 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. 5:00 pm –7:00 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm.**

**Men's club gathering Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm.**

**New Years party, call Khaled AL Al-Khoury 810 691 8676**

## **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

On December 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Patapios of Thebes in Egypt.

### Verses

Having patently forsaken the earth's corruptible pathways,  
Thou patterest, O Patapios, where the feet of the meek do patter.  
On the eighth, O Patapios, thou trodest green pasture.

Patapios abhorred the vanity of this world and withdrew into the wilderness of Egypt. There he devoted himself to a life of asceticism, cleansing his heart of all earthly desires and thoughts for the sake of God's love. However, when his virtues became known among the people, they came to him for solace in their sufferings. Fearing the praise of men, which darkens the minds of men and separates them from God, Patapios fled this wilderness to Constantinople, thinking he could hide himself more easily in a big city; but a light cannot be hidden. A child, blind from birth, was led by God's providence to Patapios. He besought the saint to pray to God that he be given his sight to look upon God's creation and praise Him all the more. Patapios, having compassion on the suffering child, prayed to God, and the child's sight was restored. This miracle revealed God's chosen one, and people rushed to him for healing, comfort and instruction. Patapios performed many other miracles, all through prayer in the name of Christ and by the sign of the Cross. In great old age, he peacefully entered the Heavenly Kingdom in the seventh century. On this day, we also commemorate the Forefeast of the conception of the Theotokos; and Sophronios, bishop of Cyprus.

### **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.