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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 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!

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
MARTYR PAMPHILOS, PRIEST OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE
AND HIS COMPANIONS;
VENERABLE FLAVIAN THE HERMIT**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن الأول

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حَفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، فَمَتَّ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّهَا الْمُخْلِصُ، مَايَحَا الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

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.

طروبارية على اللحن الرابع

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 FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE

Foolishly I sprang away * from Thy great fatherly glory, * and dispersed in wicked deeds * the riches that Thou didst give me. * With the Prodigal I therefore * cry unto Thee now: * I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. * But receive me in repentance; * make me as one of * Thy hired servants, O Lord.

قنطاق للإبن الشاطر باللحن الثالث

إِذْ عَصَيْتُ مَجْدَكَ الْآبَوِيَّ بَجَهْلٍ، وَبِالْمَعَاصِي بَدَدْتُ غِنَاكَ الَّذِي أُعْطَيْتَ، فَبِصَوْتِ الْإِبْنِ الشَّاطِرِ إِلَيْكَ أَهْتَفُ: أَيُّهَا الْآبُ الرَّؤُوفُ، خَطِئْتُ نَحْوَكَ، فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي التَّوْبَةَ وَاجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَدِ أَجْرَانِكَ.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

الرسالة

(للإبني الشاطر)

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا. ابْتَهِجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرِّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى أَهْلِ كورنثوس. (20-12:6)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، كُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُبَاحٌ لِي وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ يُوَافِقُ، كُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُبَاحٌ لِي وَلَكِنْ لَا يَنْسَلِطُ عَلَيَّ شَيْءٌ. إِنَّ الْأَطْعِمَةَ لِلْجَوْفِ وَالْجَوْفَ لِلْأَطْعِمَةِ، وَسَيَبِيدُ اللَّهُ هَذِهِ وَذَلِكَ. أَمَّا الْجَسَدُ فَلَيْسَ لِلزَّانِي بَلْ لِلرَّبِّ وَالرَّبُّ لِلْجَسَدِ، وَاللَّهُ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ سَيُقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا بِقُوَّتِهِ. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ أَجْسَادَكُمْ هِيَ أَعْضَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ؟ أَفَأَخَذَ أَعْضَاءَ الْمَسِيحِ وَأَجْعَلُ مِنْهَا أَعْضَاءَ زَنَى؟ حَاشَى. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ مَنْ اقْتَرَنَ بِزَانِيَةٍ صَارَ وَإِيَّاهَا جَسَدًا وَاحِدًا؟ لِأَنَّهُ قَدْ قِيلَ: "يَصِيرُ كِلَاهُمَا جَسَدًا وَاحِدًا." أَمَا الَّذِي يَقْتَرِنُ بِالرَّبِّ فَيَكُونُ مَعَهُ رُوحًا وَاحِدًا. أَهْرَبُوا مِنَ الزَّانِي. فَإِنَّ كُلَّ خَطِيئَةٍ يَفْعَلُهَا الْإِنْسَانُ هِيَ فِي خَارِجِ الْجَسَدِ، أَمَا الزَّانِي فَإِنَّهُ يَخْطَأُ إِلَى جَسَدِهِ. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ جَسَدَكُمْ هُوَ هَيْكَلُ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ الَّذِي فِيكُمْ الَّذِي نَلْتَمُوهُ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَأَنْتُمْ لَسْتُمْ لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ؟ لِأَنَّكُمْ قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُمْ بِثَمَنِ فَمَجِدُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَجْسَادِكُمْ وَفِي أَرْوَاحِكُمْ الَّتِي هِيَ لِلَّهِ.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he

had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'

الإنجيل

(للإبن الشاطر)

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقِدِّيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ، التِّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (15:11-32)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: "إِنْسَانٌ كَانَ لَهُ ابْنَانِ، فَقَالَ أَصْغَرُهُمَا لِأَبِيهِ: يَا أَبَتِي، أَعْطِنِي النَّصِيبَ الَّذِي يَخْصُنِي مِنَ الْمَالِ. فَقَسَمَ بَيْنَهُمَا مَعِيشَتَهُ. وَبَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ غَيْرِ كَثِيرَةٍ، جَمَعَ الْإِبْنُ الْأَصْغَرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَهُ، وَسَافَرَ إِلَى بَلَدٍ بَعِيدٍ، وَبَدَّرَ مَالَهُ هُنَاكَ عَائِشًا فِي الْخَلَاعَةِ. فَلَمَّا أَنْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَهُ، حَدَّثَتْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ مَجَاعَةٌ شَدِيدَةٌ، فَأَخَذَ فِي الْعَوْرِ. فَذَهَبَ وَانْضَوَى إِلَى وَاحِدٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ، فَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى حُقُولِهِ يَرْعَى خَنَازِيرَ. وَكَانَ يَسْتَهِي أَنْ يَمَلَأَ بَطْنَهُ مِنَ الْخَرْنُوبِ الَّذِي كَانَتْ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهُ، فَلَمْ يُعْطِهِ أَحَدٌ. فَرَجَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ "كَمْ لِأَبِي مِنْ أَجْرَاءٍ يَفْضُلُ عَنْهُمْ الْخُبْزَ، وَأَنَا أَهْلِكُ جُوعًا. أَقُومُ وَأَمْضِي إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: "يَا أَبَتِي، قَدْ أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ، وَلَسْتُ مُسْتَحَقًّا بَعْدَ أَنْ أَدْعِيَ لَكَ ابْنًا، فَاجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَدِ أَجْرَائِكَ." فَقَامَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ بَعْدَ غَيْرِ بَعِيدٍ، رَأَى أَبُوهُ، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِ وَأَسْرَعَ وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ عَلَى عُنُقِهِ وَقَبَّلَهُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْإِبْنُ: "يَا أَبَتِي، قَدْ أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ وَلَسْتُ مُسْتَحَقًّا بَعْدَ أَنْ أَدْعِيَ لَكَ ابْنًا." فَقَالَ الْأَبُ لِعَبِيدِهِ: "هَاتُوا الْخَلَّةَ الْأُولَى وَالْبَسُوهُ، وَاجْعَلُوا خَاتَمًا فِي يَدِهِ، وَجِدَاءَ فِي رِجْلَيْهِ، وَأَتُوا بِالْعِجْلِ الْمُسَمَّنِ وَادْبَحُوهُ، فَتَأْكُلُ وَتَفْرَحُ، لِأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَكَانَ ضَالًّا فَوُجِدَ." فَطَفِقُوا يَفْرَحُونَ. وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى وَقَرَّبَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ، سَمِعَ أَصْوَاتَ الْغِنَاءِ وَالرَّقْصِ. فَدَعَا أَحَدَ الْعِلْمَانِ وَسَأَلَهُ مَا هَذَا. فَقَالَ لَهُ: "قَدْ قَدِمَ أَخُوكَ، فَدَبَّحَ أَبُوكَ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ لِأَنَّهُ لَقِيَهُ سَالِمًا." فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يَرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ.

فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ وَطَفِقَ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: "كَمْ لِي مِنَ السِّنِينَ أَخْدَمْتُكَ، وَلَمْ أَعِدَّ لَكَ وَصِيَّةً قَطُّ، وَأَنْتَ لَمْ تُعْطِنِي قَطُّ جِدِيًّا لِأَفْرَحَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي. وَلَمَّا جَاءَ ابْنُكَ هَذَا الَّذِي أَكَلَ مَعِيشَتَكَ مَعَ الزَّوَانِي، دَبَّحْتَ لَهُ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا ابْنِي، أَنْتَ مَعِيَ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، وَكُلُّ مَا هُوَ لِي فَهُوَ لَكَ. وَلَكِنْ كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نَفْرَحَ وَنَسْرَّ، لِأَنَّ أَخَاكَ هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَكَانَ ضَالًّا فَوُجِدَ."

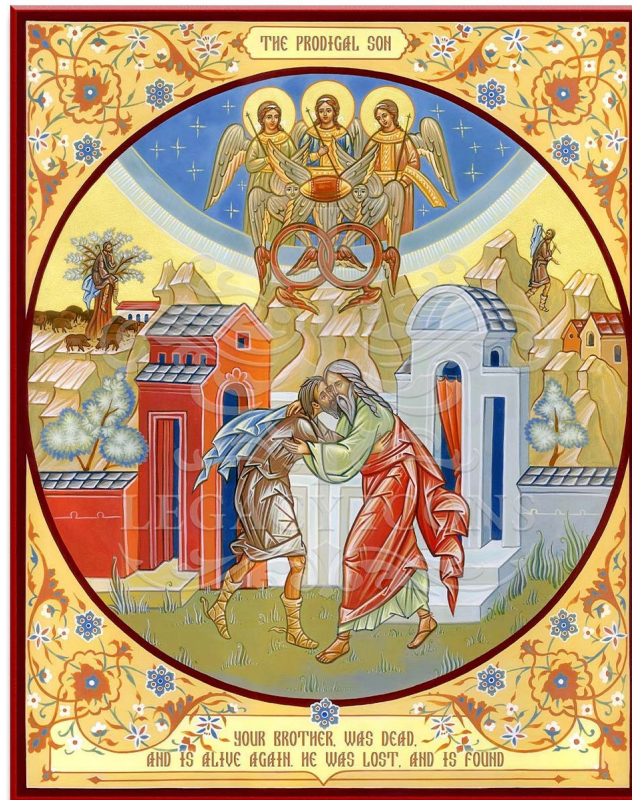
The Parable of the Prodigal Son,

On February 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Pamphilos, priest of Caesarea in Palestine and his companions; and Venerable Flavian the hermit. On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstated in the Triodion.

Verses

O thou who art like me, a prodigal, come forward with confidence and tranquility;
For unto all has been opened the door of Divine Mercy.

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds.



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INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

End of the year statements were sent out this week. If you didn't receive yours, need a paper copy, or have any questions or concerns please contact the office at 810-732-0720.

Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A big Thank you goes out to Tony Daoud for buying all the food for God Parents Sunday. Thank you to the Men's fellowship team for preparing and setting up the meal, for our 2 parent coordinators Amal Abuaita and Evette Rishmawi for decorating and helping wherever needed, for Nick Ishak for his donation of the backdrop, for parishioners to take photos and finally for Everyone who donated to the church school to cover the cost of the meal. It was definitely a group effort. God bless you all.

Church School director

Mrs. Janet

DIVINE SERVICES/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/ ACTIVITIES

- **SATURDAY, FEB. 22, AT 10:00AM-SATURDAY OF SOULS, LITURGY AT ST. GEORGE.**
- ***ALL PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEIR BELOVED ONES REMEMBERED, PLEASE SEND THEIR NAMES TO THE CHURCH BY FEBRUARY 19TH, PASTORSTGF@GMAIL.COM**
- **ARABIC DIVINE LITURGY, WED FEB 26, 2025, AT 6:00 PM.**
- **LENT WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 3RD, COME FOR CONFESSION**

“OPEN TO ME THE DOORS OF REPENTANCE, O LIFE-GIVER; FOR MY SOUL GOETH EARLY TO THE TEMPLE OF THY HOLINESS, COMING IN THE TEMPLE OF MY BODY, WHOLLY POLLUTED. BUT BECAUSE THOU ART COMPASSIONATE, PURIFY ME BY THE COMPASSION OF THY MERCIES.”

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 Saturday, Feb 22nd 2:00 pm – 5:00 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).



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.



Holy Oblation offered by

Fr. Amin for the health of our children that are at the Antiochian Village for winter camp, for their safety and well-being– Lana and Cezar Abuaita, Natalia and Maya Awwad, Fadi Bannoura, Jonathan and Julia Rishmawi.

For the health and well-being of all members of St. George Church in Flint.

For the health and well-being of Fr. Joe Abud and his family, Fr. Micheal and his family.

For the sick and suffering around the world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, and all captives.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Soad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami and Shafiq Abuaitah, Fr. Joseph Abud, Laila Abud, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, Basil Andoni, Naila Banna, Areen Bathish, Cynthia Brooks, Douglas Coone, Kristy Corcoran, Vera Daoud, 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, Sdn. Dr. Elie Sadik, Kelly Sanderson, Steve Sanderson, Gary Stewart, Elaine Shaheen, Richard Shaheen, and Michael Silpoch, Elias Qumseya, Anoud Rihani; our Catechumens who are under instruction to become members of our Orthodox Faith: Maria Kirk, Evan Sanford; our Expectant Parents: Dania and Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Watan and Karim Assaad, Christine and Matthew Krinock, Marianne and Samer Abuaita, Taylor and Jeffery Tipton.

Servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: Newly Departed Nadia Daoud (+1/9) Sister Zahra Hayek, Rimon Aboufarha (+1/26) brother Maher Aboufarha, Reader Fouad Abuaita (+1/30).

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.