

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!

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST MARTYRS THYRSOS, LEUKIOS AND KALLINIKOS OF APOLLONIA;
MARTYRS PHILEMON, APOLLONIOS,
HYPATIOS AND ARRIANOS OF**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن الثاني
عِنْدَمَا انْحَدَرْتَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، أَيُّهَا الْحَيَاةُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، حِينَئِذٍ أَمَتَّ الْجَحِيمَ بِبَرَقِ لَاهُوتِكَ. وَعِنْدَمَا أَقَمْتَ
الْأَمْوَاتَ مِنْ تَحْتِ الثَّرَى، صَرَخَ نَحْوِكَ جَمِيعُ الْقَوَاتِ السَّمَآوِيِّينَ: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مُعْطِي الْحَيَاةِ الْمَجْدُ
لَكَ.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

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 it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

أبوليتيكيون الأجداد باللحن الثاني
لَقَدْ زَكَّيْتَ بِالْإِيمَانِ الْآبَاءَ الْقُدَمَاءَ، وَبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ فَحَطَبْتَ الْبَيْعَةَ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأُمَّمِ، فَالْقَدَيْسُونَ بِالْمَجْدِ يَفْتَخِرُونَ،
إِذْ مِنْ زُرْعِهِمْ أُيْنَعَتْ ثَمْرَةٌ حَسْبِيَّةٌ، وَهِيَ الَّتِي وَلَدَتْكَ بِغَيْرِ زُرْعٍ. فَبِتَضَرُّعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ ارْحَمْنَا.

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 القديس جاورجيوس 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 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 inef-
fably, 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.

قِنْدَاقِ تَقْدَمَةِ الْمِيلَادِ بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّلَاثِ

اليَوْمَ الْعَدْرَاءُ، تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ، لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، وَلِادَّةَ لَا تُفَسَّرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَأَفْرَحِي أَيَّتُهَا
الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعْتِ، وَمَجْدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّذِي سَيُظْهِرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهْنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ
الدُّهُورِ.

THE EPISTLE (For the Forefathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear
with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication,
impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account
of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these
you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger,
wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one an-
other, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have
put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of
its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircum-
cised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

الرسالة للأجداد

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَانَا.

لَأَنَّكَ عَدَلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى كُولُوسِيِّ. (11-4:3)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، مَتَى ظَهَرَ الْمَسِيحُ الَّذِي هُوَ حَيَاتُنَا، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تَظْهَرُونَ حِينَئِذٍ مَعَهُ فِي الْمَجْدِ. فَأَمِيتُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ
الَّتِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ: الزَّنى، وَالنَّجَاسَةَ، وَالهُوى، وَالشَّهْوَةَ الرَّدِيَّةَ، وَالطَّمَعَ الَّذِي هُوَ عِبَادَةٌ وَثَنٌ. لِأَنَّهُ لِأَجْلِ

هَذِهِ يَأْتِي غَضَبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَبْنَاءِ الْعِصْيَانِ. وَفِي هَذِهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً سَلَكْتُمْ حِيناً إِذْ كُنْتُمْ عَائِشِينَ فِيهَا. أَمَّا الْآنَ، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً اطَّرَحُوا الْكُلَّ: الْغَضَبَ، وَالسَّخَطَ، وَالخُبْثَ، وَالتَّجْدِيفَ، وَالْكَلامَ الْقَبِيحَ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِكُمْ. وَلَا يُكْذِبُ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً، بَلْ اخْلَعُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْعَتِيقَ مَعَ أَعْمَالِهِ. وَالْبَسُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْجَدِيدَ الَّذِي يَتَجَدَّدُ لِلْمَعْرِفَةِ عَلَى صُورَةِ خَالِقِهِ. حَيْثُ لَيْسَ يُونَانِيٌّ وَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ، لَا خِتَانٌ وَلَا قَلْفٌ، لَا بَرِبْرِيٌّ وَلَا اسْكِيثِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ هُوَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ وَفِي الْجَمِيعِ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Forefathers)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

الإنجيل
للأجداد

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ - (24-16:14)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ صَنَعَ عَشَاءً عَظِيماً وَدَعَا كَثِيرِينَ. فَأَرْسَلَ عَبْدَهُ فِي سَاعَةِ الْعَشَاءِ يَقُولُ لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ: تَعَالَوْا فَإِنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قَدْ أُعِدَّ. فَطَفِقَ كُلُّهُمْ وَاحِدًا فَوَاحِدًا يَسْتَعْفُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْأَوَّلُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ حَقْلًا، وَلَا بُدَّ لِي أَنْ أَخْرُجَ وَأَنْظُرَهُ، فَاسْأَلْكَ أَنْ تَعْفِيَنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ خَمْسَةَ فِدَادِينَ بَقَرٍ وَأَنَا مَاضٍ لِأَجْرَبَهَا، فَاسْأَلْكَ أَنْ تَعْفِيَنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ تَزَوَّجْتُ امْرَأَةً، فَلِذَلِكَ لَا أَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ أَجِيءَ. فَأَتَى الْعَبْدُ وَأَخْبَرَ سَيِّدَهُ بِذَلِكَ. فَحِينَئِذٍ، غَضِبَ رَبُّ الْبَيْتِ، وَقَالَ لِعَبْدِهِ: أَخْرُجْ سَرِيعًا إِلَى شَوَارِعِ الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَرْقِطْهَا وَأَدْخُلِ الْمَسَاكِينَ وَالْجُدَعَ وَالْعُمِيَانَ وَالْعُرْجَ إِلَى هَهُنَا. فَقَالَ الْعَبْدُ: يَا سَيِّدُ، قَدْ فُضِيَ مَا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ، وَيَبْقَى أَيْضًا مَحَلٌّ. فَقَالَ السَيِّدُ لِلْعَبْدِ: أَخْرُجْ إِلَى الطَّرِيقِ وَالْأَسْجِجَةِ وَاضْطَرِّرْهُمْ إِلَى الدُّخُولِ حَتَّى يَمْتَلَى بَيْتِي. فَأَتَى أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ لَا يَذُوقُ عَشَائِي أَحَدٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الرِّجَالِ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ. لِأَنَّ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ كَثِيرِينَ وَالْمُخْتَارِينَ قَلِيلِينَ.

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of our Lord Jesus

On December 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Thyrsos, Leukios and Kallinikos of Apollonia; and the Martyrs Philemon, Apollonios, Hypatios and Arrianos of Alexandria. On this day we celebrate the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of our Lord Jesus

Verses

Receive joy, O Forefathers which lived aforetime,
As now ye behold at hand Christ the Messiah.

Be glad, O Abraham, for thou art shown to be the forefather of Christ.

We remember all the holy Patriarchs of the Old Testament who prefigured or foretold Christ: Adam the first Father, Enoch, Melchizedek, Abraham, the friend of God, Isaac, the fruit of the Promise, Jacob and the twelve patriarchs. We then commemorate those who lived under the Law: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David, and the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; the twelve minor prophets; Elijah, Elisha, Zachariah, and John the Baptist; and finally the Virgin Mary, the intermediary between mankind and her divine Son. Indeed, the Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to redeem humanity which bemoaned the weight of evil since Adam; to realize the promise made to Abraham; to change the Law of Fear into the Law of Love; and to give Resurrection and Life to mankind. This feast prepares us for the Nativity of Jesus Christ, placing before us the anticipation and hope for His coming among us.

THE ST. GEORGE CHURCH NEW YEAR PARTY

ON DECEMBER 31ST YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
NEW YEAR 2026

FOR RESERVATION CONTACT :

CEZAR ABUAITA/ RAED ABUAITA/ AREEN BATHISH/
AMIRA FARAH/ MIKE KHOURY/ FADI ODEH

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

ALL LADIES OF ST. GEORGE ARE INVITED

@REDWOOD LODGE ON SUNDAY 12/28/2025 AT 1:30 P.M.

RSVP TO JANET ABUEITA / AREEN BATHISH

2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**The St. George Parish Council sets the 2025 General Assembly date to
January 11th 2026 immediately following Divine Liturgy**

SAVE THE DATE

**January 13, 2026 @ 6pm- Men's Fellowship . Topic is tax season; Questions
and Information, at St. George**

ADVENT FAST

**In this period of fasting, we strictly fast Until the 24th of December.
The services of The Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ on
Wednesday December 24th**

Great (Royal) Hours @ 10:00 am

The Nativity of our Lord, Divine Liturgy @ 5:00pm

TEEN SOYO WANTSYOU!!!

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, and daughters. 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 stgeorgeflintsoyo.advisor@gmail.com).

Christmas Program

On Dec 21, 2025, Immediately following Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten lunch and a visit from St. Nicolas. Please plan on attending and making this a beautiful Sunday. Practices have been going well. Please continue to check on the Facebook page and bulletin for any added practice dates. Parents, if your children are in Church School grades Pre School -12th, please make sure that they are practicing their class song. We will send a copy home with them this Sunday, again. Their teacher has been practicing with them every Sunday and will continue to do so until the day of the program. All of our children are important, regardless of if they are an actor, singing a solo, playing an instrument or singing a Christmas song with their class. Our hope is that we have 100% attendance. Thank you, please reach out to me with any questions 810-691-0956.

Janet Abueita, Church School Director

LADY SOCIETY
THE NEW OFFECERS OF THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN
OF ST. GEORGE

CHAIRPERSON: ANAAM ABUAITA

VICE CHAIR: MANAL ABUAITA

TREASURER: HIAM BATHISH

SECRETARY: AREEN BATHISH

**ARE TAKING THEIR OATH OF OFFICE TODAY, DECEMBER
14TH, AT THE END OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.**

**MAY THE LORD OUR GOD GRANT TO THEM MANY YEARS
FULL OF WISDOM, STRENGTH, PEACE, AND HEALTH.**

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 Offering

- **For the health of John and Mariah Elias, and in loving memory of Julius.**
- **For the health of Georgette Abueita, her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and in loving memory of George (1y), Yacoub, Jaber, Mannah, Naheil, Elene, and Mateia.**
- **Fr. Michael for the health of Michael Thomas and family, and in loving memory of Billy Thomas (40 dy).**
- **All Christians in the middle east.**

PRAYER LIST

Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Issa and Jane Abueita, Soad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami and Shafiqah Abuaitah, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, Fr. Joseph Abud, Munther Al-Kahush, Elia and Nadia Awwad, Naila Banna, Tareq Ziad Bannoura, Fr. Gabriel Bilas, Kristy Corcoran, Angel, George and newborn Milava David, Vera Daoud, Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Phyllis Good, Patty Harris, Daisy Isaac, Linda Jamra, Danny Mortensen, Karen Mortensen, Adam Odeh, Betty and Richard Ramsdale, Sdn. Dr. Elie and Samia Sadik, Edward Michael Salim, Kelly and Steve Sanderson, Cathy Sisco, Gary Stewart, Elaine Shaheen, Richard Shaheen, Nancy and Michael Silpoch, our Catechumens who are under instruction to become members of our Orthodox Faith: Tanner and Heavenly Roland, Alex Benoit, and Katelyn Wells; our Expectant Parents: Stephanie and Nadim Burbar, Letizia and Branden Jones, and Nicole and Jeffrey Farah.

Departed this life in the hope of the resurrection and life eternal Newly departed Jackleen David (11/19), and Elias Gantos (12/10).

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.