

# St. George Orthodox Church

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MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH

**Christ is in our Midst!**

*He is and ever shall be!*

## Antiochian Women's Month Greeters/Ushers

Sahar Abdallah, Anaam Abueita, Areen Bathish, and Suad Gantous

### 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.

**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 in our Banquet Center! 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. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, and being at peace with others. Everyone else, including visitors, are invited to receive the final blessing of the priest and Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy. Again, welcome!

## Antiochian Women's Month Epistle Readers

Manal Abuaita (Arabic) and Kh. Leslee Abud (English)

## Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)

- Issa and Chelsy Abufarha for the health of their family and in thanksgiving to God for **Chelsy's** continued recovery.
- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Ellis** Salim (+February 2<sup>nd</sup>), Captain **Collin** Birnie (+February 4<sup>th</sup>, friend of Areen Bathish), **Khalil** Ibrahim (+February 8<sup>th</sup>, uncle of Majdi and Rula Alkazaha, Maher and Susan Qazaha, and Ziyad and Mary Ibrahim), **Jamil** Hijazin (+February 11<sup>th</sup>, father of Joseph), **Salim** Haddad (+February 18<sup>th</sup>), **Ibrahim** Rishmawi (+February 20<sup>th</sup>, uncle of Salim and Fadi Rishmawi), **Irma** Cena (+February 23<sup>rd</sup>, mother of Mary Farah), **Elaine** Alqassis (+February 25<sup>th</sup>), and **Salwa** Isaac Selby (+March 2<sup>nd</sup>).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Laila** Abud, **Anwar**, **Georgette**, and **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsaouri, **Rose** Ayoub (mother of Cam Takach), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Emil** Bathish, **Cynthia** Brooks (sister of Fr. Michael), **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** and **Victor** David, **Ranna** Esho (friend of Batoul Burbar), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Nadia** Ibrahim (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy** Isaac, **Dannie** Jones, **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother Denise Ghattas), **Nicola** Khoury, **Lan** Kiley (niece of Raji and Sue Salomon), **Rafat** Nasri, **Laura** Nassar, **Aida** Raffoul, **Roger** Saadeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Bob** Teunion, and **Georgette** Yusuf.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Staci** and **Daniel** Bator, **Casandra** and **Daniel** Burbar and **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet) and **John** Timm.

This hymn is from Matins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Great Fast:  
**"Showing joyfulness of soul in the fast let us not be of sad countenance; for the change in our way of life during these blessed days will help us to gain holiness."**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by *Issa and Chelsy Abufarha*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: May 1<sup>st</sup> ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge and includes bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. **For more information, contact Manal Abuaita** (810-577-0028). *During the Great Fast (March 7<sup>th</sup> - April 23<sup>rd</sup>), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are served.*

### **A STATEMENT FROM HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH REGARDING UKRAINE**

"As Orthodox Christians, we oppose any type of violence or injustice throughout the world. Rather, we call upon Almighty God to send us His heavenly peace and bring us together to resolve our disputes through fair and open discussions. I join with all the clergy and faithful of this God-protected Archdiocese to pray fervently for the immediate end of hostilities, and for the health and safety of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufriy, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and the Ukrainian people in these difficult times."

**YES, WE ARE!** We are missing so many of our children (and parents!) who are missing out on learning about our Life in Christ as we live our Orthodox Faith. Parents, you love your children, we love your children, and most importantly, God loves your children. Come to the Divine Liturgy **at 10am** to partake of our Lord in Holy Communion. Come to church to show your love of God! Come and receive all the blessings He has for us as we continue our journey to the Great Fast, the Raising of Lazarus, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and our Lord's Pascha, His Resurrection on the Third Day!

**LENTEN POTLUCK DINNERS** Our Ladies Auxiliary are hosting Lenten Potluck Dinners after our Wednesday celebrations of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. (This week we have a Pan-Orthodox combined celebration as we host our brothers and sisters from the other Orthodox Churches in Genesee County on March 16<sup>th</sup>). Please bring what is listed below according to the first letter of your last name. If you have any questions, please see or call our coordinators Anaam Abueita 810-962-1033 or Wafaa Elias 810-875-3398.

**FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>A-F</b>	<b>G-J</b>	<b>K-R</b>	<b>S-Z</b>
Main Dish	Desserts	Relish Dish or Bread	Salad or Side Dish

**HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION)** If you are 7 years or older, have been away from the Church, or have not had Confession in the last 2 months and desire to come back and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, please remember you must offer a confession of your sins first. During this time of preparation during the Great Fast is a perfect opportunity.

Confessions can be heard before or after most services except after Wednesday Presanctified and Sunday Divine Liturgy. Fr. Joe is not the only Orthodox priest in the area, or at St. George, and if you would prefer to go for confession to Fr. Michael or one of the other local priests, feel free to do so (*please just let Fr. Joe know*): Fr. Jarrod Russell from Assumption Church (810-771-4611), Fr. Gabriel Bilas from St. Mary Magdalene (810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie from St. Nicholas Church (810-744-0070). **Let everyone in our St. George Family prepare and partake of our Lord in Holy Communion.** The important thing is not who hears your confession, but you participate in this Holy Sacrament on a regular basis. **Blessed are those who wash their (baptismal) robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life (which is Jesus Christ).** (Revelation 22:14)

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** We are very fortunate to have several scholarships available to those who wish to further their education. Some applications are in the Lounge and others are located at: <https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/386>. Please note THE DEADLINES!

**FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE (FFHP)** We have begun our annual archdiocesan program to feed the hungry. Boxes for your home and businesses are on the front pew. **Parents:** please come to church so your children can get their box and Calendar and they can help feed the hungry, too! Information is available on the Archdiocesan Website for ways to make this a **family Lenten activity** <https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=Food%20For%20Hungry%20People>

**OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS** Though you might not come to church, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed.** PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer! If you cannot come to church, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line (use the QR code to the right) 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!



## COMING EVENTS

This Week	The <b>Great Fast</b> began on March 7 <sup>th</sup> and continues until our celebration of <b>Pascha: our Lord's Resurrection</b> on April 24 <sup>th</sup> . The traditional fasting discipline ( <i>no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i> ) is observed on all weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays, <i>wine and olive oil</i> are allowed.
Monday	<b>Great Compline</b> صلاة النوم الكبرى 6pm
Wednesday	<b>Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas</b> 10am <b>Combined Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy</b> القداس السابق تقد يسه & Lenten Potluck 6pm
Thursday	<b>Parish Council Dinner Meeting</b> 6:15pm
Friday	<b>Little Compline and Akathist to the Virgin Mary</b> خدمة المديح ( <i>Madayeh</i> ) 6pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

### **Living According to the Will of God ~ He Who Lives According to the Will of God Has No Worries**

*by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington*

With all the troubles that are now befalling our world, many people find themselves worrying about the future. Bad economic times have made job stability a cause for concern, and rising inflation, together with empty grocery shelves and rising fuel prices, are causing many to fall into despair. Add to all of this the instability on the international level, and the threat of another world war, many have lost all hope. Yet for the Christian, we know that worrying will change nothing, for our faith in Divine Providence leads us to know that the only thing we must be concerned about, is doing the will of God.

How do we know we're living according to the will of God? The Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica tells us, "*He who lives according to God's will has no worries. When he needs something, he simply prays for it. If he does not receive that which he asked for, he is joyful as though he had received it. A soul that has given itself over to God has no fear of anything, not even robbers, sickness, or death. Whatever happens, such a soul always cries, 'It was the will of God'.*"

***Oh, boy! I get to share with all of you what I love sharing! Get out your bible, find the Gospel of St. Matthew, and read Chapter 6, verses 25-34. We hear how God takes care of this and that AND we are more important than everything else because we are in God's image! Love, FJ***

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Do not worry then, saying,  
'What will we eat?' or 'What  
will we drink?' or 'What will  
we wear for clothing?'

Matthew 6:31

For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for  
your heavenly Father knows that you need all  
these things. But seek first His kingdom and His  
righteousness, and all these things will be added  
to you.

Matthew 6:32-33

## The Synodikon of Orthodoxy

As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have dogmatized, as the Universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring His saints as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration.

*(Louder)* **This is the Faith of the Apostles, this is the Faith of the Fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, and this is the Faith which has established the Universe!**

### صلاة أحد الأرثوذكسية

إننا كما عاينت الأنبياء، كما علمت الرسل، كما تسلمت الكنيسة، كما اعتقد المعلمون، كما اتفقت آراء المسكونة معاً، كما أشرقت النعمة، كما اتضح الحق، كما انطرد الكذب، كما استعلنت الحكمة، كما جاد المسيح بالجوائز، هكذا نعتقد، هكذا نتكلم، هكذا نكرز، مُنذرين بالمسيح إلينا المسكونة "الحقيقي، ونكرم قديسيه، بالأقوال والتأليفات والمعاني والضحايا والهيكل والأيقونات. فأما المسيح فنسجد له كسيد واله، ونعبده، وأما القديسون فنكرمهم لأجل السيد العمومي، كخدام له أخصاء، ونقدم لهم السجود بحسب النسبة.

**"هذا إيمان الرسل، هذا إيمان الأباء، هذا إيمان المستقيمي الرأي، هذا الإيمان قد وطد.**

The Prokeimenon بروكيمنن

(Tone 7) – Thrice

Who is so great a God as our God?  
Thou art our God, who doest  
wonders.

أَيُّ إِلَهٍ عَظِيمٍ مِثْلُ إِلَهِنَا؟  
أَنْتَ هُوَ اللَّهُ الصَّانِعُ الْعَجَائِبِ وَحَدِّكَ.

# THE CROSS IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE

WITH MOTHER GABRIELLA,  
ABBESS OF HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY

**LENTEN RETREAT  
SPONSORED BY THE  
MIDWEST  
ANTIOCHIAN  
WOMEN**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 26,  
2022 AT 2:00  
PM (EST)**

**JOIN IN VIA ZOOM**



[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84644087415?  
pwd=RERpNitrNzVHZER5Ujk3VDZBTU2hFQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84644087415?pwd=RERpNitrNzVHZER5Ujk3VDZBTU2hFQT09)

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE**  
OF NORTH AMERICA

The Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 13, 2022

Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Beloved Faithful in Christ:

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ! As we reach the end of the first week of Great Lent, I pray that God will give all of you good strength to complete the course of the Fast with firm devotion and spiritually enriching temperance.

Today we celebrate the triumph of the true Faith over the heresy of iconoclasm and over all other false teachings that have threatened to undermine the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ—“the Faith once and for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). The Church’s perennial struggle against heresy is one reason why theological education is so crucial. Without well-educated clergy capable of teaching the Faith, such rabbit trails of human foolishness would have led us far astray from the path of salvation. The Church cannot survive without knowledgeable and wise priests, who bring God’s saving words to us—the divine law that brings life. This is a particular ministry of priests, and God’s people hunger for it, as the Holy Prophet Malachi says: “The lips of a priest will maintain knowledge, and [the people] will seek the law from his mouth because he is a messenger of the Lord Almighty” (2:7).

Every year on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, we ask you to contribute in support of our seminarians who are preparing for ministry in the holy priesthood. These young men have turned their backs on lucrative worldly careers and accepted God’s calling to serve His people. Many come with wives and children to support. As an archdiocese, we have always joined together to help shoulder this burden and support our seminarians, providing them with scholarships and housing aid.

Once again, I ask you to donate generously in support of our seminarians and their families. Through your gifts you will help prepare these men to be the spiritual leaders of the next generation, proclaiming God’s saving word and leading us on the path of salvation. Let us stand by them now, just as they will stand with us for many years to come.

Wishing you all a soul-profitting remainder of the Fast, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a large, stylized cross symbol.

**+JOSEPH**  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

*“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)*

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