

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

Anaam Abueita, Areen Bathish, Amira and Dania Hanna

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

Wafaa Elias (Arabic) and Lubna Jones (English)

Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)

- Elaine Salim, Edward and Jennifer Salim, and Stacy and Jasen Sack and family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Ellis** (40 day) and son/brother **Norman Paul**.
- Cam Takach for the health of her family and in loving memory of uncle **George** Kardoos (March 3rd).
- **Hiam** Bathish for her health and the health of her **children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren** especially **Dannie** Jones and in loving memory of husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather **Emil** (2 year).
- Najwa Joubran for the health of her family especially **Jennifer, Martin, Emma, and Ava** Khoshaba and in loving memory of father **Saleem** Hanna (35 years).
- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Jamil** Hijazin (+February 11th, father of Joseph), **Salim** Haddad (+February 18th), **Ibrahim** Rishmawi (+February 20th, uncle of Salim and Fadi Rishmawi), **Irma** Cena (+February 23rd, mother of Mary Jo Farah), **Elaine** Alqassis (+February 25th), and **Salwa** Isaac Selby (+March 2nd).
- 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** Alshahouri, **Rose** Ayoub (mother of Cam Takach), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Emil** Bathish, **Cynthia** Brooks (sister of Fr. Michael), **Douglas** Coone, **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 of 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, and **Georgette** Yusuf.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Staci** and **Daniel** Bator, **Casandra** and **Daniel** Burbar, **Joselien** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **David** Khoury, **Sandy** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **Raad** Qumsieh, and **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet) and **John** Timm.

“If a king wanted to take possession of his enemy's city, he would begin by cutting off the water and the food and so his enemies, dying of hunger, would submit to him. It is the same with the passions of the flesh; if a man goes about fasting and hungry the enemies of his soul grow weak.”

Abba John the Dwarf, from **The Sayings of the Desert Fathers**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Hiam Bathish*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 1st ~ 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 7th - April 23rd), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are served.*

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. 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 23RD

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

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 that 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 Great Fast began on March 7 th and continues until our celebration of Pascha: our Lord's Resurrection on April 24 th . 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. On the Great Feast of the Annunciation (Friday, March 25 th), <i>fish, wine, and olive oil</i> are permitted.
Wednesday	Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas 10am Presanctified Liturgy القداس السابق تقد بيسه & Lenten Potluck 6pm
Friday	Pan-Orthodox Annunciation البشارة Vesperal Liturgy and 3rd part of the Akathist to the Virgin Mary at Assumption 6pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm



Spring
Gathering-
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ST, JOHN, FORT
WAYNE, INDIANA

SPEAKER:
CADE SCOTT

St. George Ladies Auxiliary

Falafel Luncheon

Sunday, March 27th

at

*St. George Orthodox Church
5191 Lennon Road
Flint, MI*

Menu

*Falafel, Hummus, Tahini, Salad, Pickles, Pita Bread,
Dessert, Coffee, and Juice
\$10 - Eight years and older
\$5 - Seven years and younger*

All proceeds go to the Antiochian Women's 2022 Project,

The Antiochian Village Project

"Reflecting on the Past ~ Building for the Future"

➤ *Additional donations are welcome!*