

St. George Orthodox Church

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Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Father Michael Bassett, Attached

Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

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!

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this week:

- **Zain** Hawwash ~ May 7th

May they be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Archbishop Paul** of Chicago and the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America (+April 24th), **Charles Koory** (+April 15th), and **Hazem Alyatim** (+April 17th, son of Tony).
- 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**, **Shafiqa Abuaitah**, **Suheil** and **Abeer Abuaita**, **Laila Abud**, **Anwar Abueita**, **Jane Abueita**, **Chelsy Abufarha**, **William Alshouri**, **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**, **Nasri Haddad**, **Nadia Ibrahim** (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy Isaac**, **Dannie Jones**, **Loretta Karpelenia** (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Laura Nassar**, **Sarah Nassar**, **Jowelle Odeh**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Deborah Salim**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Michael Silpoch**, **Georgette Yusuf**, and **Michael Zerka** (uncle of Lauren Zerka); **Tatiana** and **Xenia Hanna** who are to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and their First Communion.
- 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**.

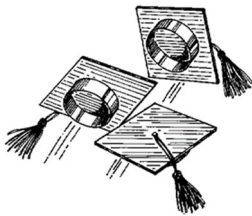
ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs ~ thanks!

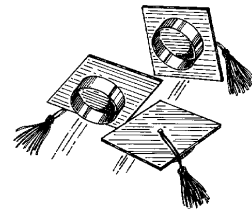
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 15th, and 29th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge and includes bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. **For more information, contact Manal Abuaita** (810-577-0028).

- **Out-of-Town** Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee will be on vacation April 28th - May 5th. **For emergencies only** while he is away, please call *Fr. Michael Bassett* (St. George, 989-627-9580), *Fr. Jarrod Russell* (Assumption, 810-771-4611), *Fr. Gabriel Bilas* (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or *Fr. Matthew Butrie* (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for their safe travels.

GRADUATES/PARENTS



Please email Fr. Joe (njia@aol.com) by May 14th to let him know who our graduates are! They will be listed in the next issue of **The VOICE**. Information needed: name of the **High School** or



College/University and their degree, along with a picture to be posted.

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!

The national **Food For Hungry People** program during the Great Fast is now over. Please empty your boxes and send your donation to the church either with a check or online at our website: <https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>.

ST. GEORGE APPAREL! Order Forms are on the Narthex table. There are sweatshirts, T-shirts, polo shirts, etc. with our St. George logo. TODAY is the deadline. For more information, see Church School Director, Janet Abueita.

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!



St. George Men's Fellowship

We want and need a Men's Fellowship to share experiences, encouragement, support, and biblical study. The Men's Fellowship at St. George Flint will provide a variety of opportunities to connect, build community, and have fun. We are thinking of bi-monthly gatherings, opening with a teaching from Fr. Joe/speaker followed with a social activity such as dinner, cards, etc. Other activities include: cooking meals at church, fundraising campaigns, and various ministry tasks at church. We pray you will find this fellowship fun and helpful in your Christian development and maturity. Please text or call Tony Daoud at 810-730-1011 to be added to our group text. This group text is strictly for fellowship activities and to inform you on events of our group and church. If you prefer e-mail, you can send your information to Tonydaoud00@gmail.com. All men of St. George are welcome and participation is highly encouraged! God willing, we will have our 1st gathering after Pascha.

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline There is no fasting until the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven 40 days after Pascha on June 2nd.

Tuesday **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** 6pm

Saturday Tatiana and Xenia Hanna Baptism 1pm

Great Vespers and First Confessions of our 2nd and 3rd Graders 5pm

**The Paschal Homily
of Saint John Chrysostom**

If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival. If anyone is a wise servant, let him, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord. If anyone has wearied himself in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If anyone has labored from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let him keep the feast. If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; for he shall suffer no loss. If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near without hesitation. If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let him not fear on account of his delay. For the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first; He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first. He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other He is gracious. He both honors the work and praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord, and, whether first or last, receive your reward. O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the day! You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today! The table is rich-laden; feast royally, all of you! The calf is fatted; let no one go forth hungry!

Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no one mourn his transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

He that was taken by death has annihilated it! He descended into hades and took hades captive! He embittered it when it tasted His flesh! And anticipating this Isaiah exclaimed, "*Hades was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions.*" It was embittered, for it was abolished! It was embittered, for it was mocked! It was embittered, for it was purged! It was embittered, for it was despoiled! It was embittered, for it was bound in chains!

It took a body and, face to face, met God! It took earth and encountered heaven! It took what it saw but crumbled before what it had not seen!

"O death, where is thy sting? O hades, where is thy victory?"

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown!

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life reigns!

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb!

For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the First-fruits of them that slept.

To Him be glory and might unto ages of ages. Amen.

خطبة عيد الفصح لأبينا الجليل في القديسين يوحنا

الذهبي الفم

مَنْ كَانَ حَسَنَ الْعِبَادَةِ وَ مُحِبًّا لِلَّهِ فَلْيَتَمَتَّعْ بِحُسْنِ هَذَا
الْمَحْفَلِ الْبَهْجِ، مَنْ كَانَ عَبْدًا شَكُورًا فَلْيَدْخُلْ فَرْحَ رَبِّهِ
مَسْرُورًا، مَنْ تَعَبَ صَائِمًا فَلْيَأْخُذْ الْآنَ الدِّينَارَ، مَنْ عَمِلَ
مِنَ السَّاعَةِ الْأُولَى فَلْيَقْبَلْ حَقَّهُ الْعَادِلَ، مَنْ قَدِمَ بَعْدَ
السَّاعَةِ الثَّلَاثَةِ فَلْيَعْبُدْ شَاكِرًا، مَنْ وَافَى بَعْدَ السَّاعَةِ
السَّادِسَةِ فَلَا يَشْكُ مُرْتَابًا فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَخْسِرُ شَيْئًا، مَنْ
تَخَلَّفَ إِلَى السَّاعَةِ التَّاسِعَةِ لِيَتَقَدَّمَ غَيْرَ مُرْتَابٍ. مَنْ
وَصَلَ السَّاعَةَ الْحَادِيَةَ عَشْرَةَ فَلَا يَخْشَى الْإِبْطَاءَ، لِأَنَّ
السَّيِّدَ كَرِيمَ جَوَادٍ، فَهُوَ يَقْبَلُ الْأَخِيرَ كَمَا يَقْبَلُ الْأَوَّلَ،
يُرِيحُ الْعَامِلَ مِنَ السَّاعَةِ الْحَادِيَةَ عَشْرَةَ كَمَا يُرِيحُ مَنْ
عَمِلَ مِنَ السَّاعَةِ الْأُولَى، يَرْحَمُ مَنْ جَاءَ أَخِيرًا وَيُرْضِي
مَنْ جَاءَ أَوْلَى، يُعْطِي هَذَا وَيَهَبُ ذَاكَ، يَقْبَلُ الْأَعْمَالَ وَ
يُسِّرُ بِالنَّبِيَّةِ، يُكَرِّمُ الْفِعْلَ وَ يَمْدَحُ الْعِزْمَ، فَادْخُلُوا إِلَى فَرْحِ
رَبِّكُمْ. أَيُّهَا الْأَوْلُونَ وَ يَا أَيُّهَا الْآخِرُونَ خُذُوا أُجْرَتَكُمْ. أَيُّهَا
الْأَغْنِيَاءُ وَ يَا أَيُّهَا الْفُقَرَاءُ افْرَحُوا مَعًا. سَلَكْتُمْ بِإِمْسَاكِكُمْ أَوْ
تَوَانِيئْتُمْ أَكْرَمُوا هَذَا النَّهَارَ. صُمْنْتُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تَصُومُوا افْرَحُوا
الْيَوْمَ. الْمَائِدَةُ مَمْلُوءَةٌ فَتَنَعَّمُوا كُلُّكُمْ! الْعَجَلُ ثَمِينٌ فَلَا
يُنْصَرِفُ أَحَدٌ جَائِعًا، تَتَاوَلُوا كُلُّكُمْ مَشْرُوبَ الْإِيمَانِ،
تَتَعَّمُوا كُلُّكُمْ بِغِنَى الصَّلَاحِ. لَا يَتَخَسَّرُ أَحَدٌ شَاكِيًا الْفَقْرَ
لِأَنَّ الْمَلَكَوَتَ الْعَامَّ قَدْ ظَهَرَ، وَ لَا يَنْدُبُ مُعَدِّدًا آثَامًا لِأَنَّ
الْفُصْحَ قَدْ بَرَعَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ مُشْرِقًا. لَا يَخْشَى أَمْرُ الْمَوْتِ لِمَا
لِأَنَّ مَوْتَ الْمُخْلِصِ قَدْ حَرَّرَنَا. هُوَ أَحْمَدَ الْمَوْتَ لِمَا
مَاتَ، وَ سَبَى الْجَحِيمَ لِمَا انْحَدَرَ إِلَيْهَا، فَتَمَرَمَرَتْ حِينَئِذٍ
ذَاقَتْ جَسَدَهُ، وَ هَذَا عَيْنُهُ قَدْ سَبَقَ إِشْغِيَاءَ فَعَايَنَهُ فَنَادَى
قَائِلًا:

تَمَرَمَرَتِ الْجَحِيمُ لِمَا صَادَفَتْكَ دَاخِلَهَا، تَمَرَمَرَتْ لِأَنَّهَا قَدْ
أَلْغِيَتْ، تَمَرَمَرَتْ إِذْ هُزِيَتْ بِهَا، تَمَرَمَرَتْ لِأَنَّهَا قَدْ أُبِيدَتْ،
تَمَرَمَرَتْ لِأَنَّهَا صُقِدَتْ، تَتَاوَلَتْ جَسَدًا فَأَلْفَتْهُ إِلَهَا، تَتَاوَلَتْ
أَرْضًا فَأَلْفَتْهَا سَمَاءً، تَتَاوَلَتْ مَا كَانَتْ تَنْظُرُ فَسَقَطَتْ مِنْ
حَيْثُ لَمْ تَنْظُرْ، فَأَيْنَ شَوْكُكَ يَا مَوْتَ؟ أَيْنَ انْتِصَارُكَ يَا
جَحِيمُ؟

قَامَ الْمَسِيحُ وَ أَنْتِ صُرِعْتِ. قَامَ الْمَسِيحُ وَ الْجِنُّ
سَقَطَتْ. قَامَ الْمَسِيحُ وَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ فَرِحَتْ. قَامَ الْمَسِيحُ
فَانْبَثَّتِ الْحَيَاةُ فِي الْجَمِيعِ. قَامَ الْمَسِيحُ وَ لَا مَيِّتٌ فِي
الْقَبْرِ. قَامَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فَكَانَ بَاكُورَةً
لِلرَّاقِدِينَ. فَلَهُ الْمَجْدُ وَ الْعِزَّةُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.