

St. George Orthodox Church

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Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

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 signifying 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!

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.

Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)

- Ric and Martha Shahin and Family for the health of their family.

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

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

- Liam Cooper ~ May 15th
- Kiolous Meshraky ~ May 15th

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

- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Archbishop Nathaniel** (Romanian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America), our **Bishop Anthony, Fr. Joe Abud, Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Reader Fouad & Soad Abuaita, Philip & Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami & Shafiq Abuaitah, Laila Abud, George Abueita, Georgette Abueita, Jane Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alsaouri, Naila Banna, Douglas Coone, Vera Daoud, Said Farah, Joseph Gagne, Elias Gantos, Phyllis Good, Ronald Haddad, Daisy Isaac, John Joseph, Danny Mortensen, Karen Mortensen, Laura Nassar, Jeanette Nassif, Adam Odeh, Rahmeh Rashmawi, Elaine Shaheen, and Michael Silpoch; Luay, Vera, and newborn Lucas Sababa** who will be brought back into the life of our parish through the *Prayers of Churching*. your servants **Jaden Turner, Evan Sandford, and Maria Kirk** who are in catechism (under instruction) to become members of our Orthodox Faith.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Marwan Al-Sahouri** (+April 14th, brother-in-law of Issa Odeh and George Ishaq) and **Peter Georgios** (+April 28th, uncle of Ban Al-Kahush) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- We also pray for our Expectant Parents: **Liana and Hanna Abuaita, Stephanie and Nadim Burbar, Natania and Rene Hanna.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 26th June 9th, and 23rd, and 30th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information are in the Lounge. *Hosting includes bringing whatever you wish to serve, setting up, and cleaning up afterwards.* St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$30. **For more information**, please contact our coordinator Manal Abuaita 810-577-0028.

⇒ **PALM SUNDAY 2ND OFFERING TRAY** THANK YOU to all who offered for our Patriarchate of Antioch. Out of your love and generosity, we collected \$1,200 ~ thank you!

LADIES AUXILIARY MOTHER'S DAY DINNER This wonderful activity is Tuesday, May 14th at 5pm at Taboon's in Grand Blanc. Come and enjoy a wonderful meal and great fellowship! For more information and to make reservations (cost: \$30 per person, deadline: May 13th, tomorrow), please contact our coordinators Aida Nassar (810-342-9713) or Jeanette Nassif (810-845-0481). *This is for all of our St. George women!*



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 to the left) 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

Fasting Discipline During this Paschal Season, we do not fast until the **Ascension of our Lord into Heaven** (40 days after Pascha) on June 13th.

Tuesday **Mother's Day Dinner at Taboon's in Grand Blanc** 5pm
 Thursday **Parish Council Dinner Meeting** 6:15pm
 Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 4pm

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Excerpts from our Pascha Divine Services

Midnight Service 9th Ode ~ the priest takes the Shroud from the center table into the sanctuary and places it on the Holy Table where it remains until our Lord's Ascension in Heaven 40 days after Pascha:

"Do not lament me, O mother, seeing Me in the tomb, the Son conceived in the womb without seed. For I shall arise and be glorified with eternal glory as God. I shall exalt all who magnify you in faith and in love."

لا تنوح علي يا أمي إذ شاهدتني في قبر، أنا ابنك الذي حبلت به في أحشائك بلا زرع، لأنني سأقوم وأتمجد، وأعلي مشرفاً الذين بإيمانٍ ومحبة يعظمونك.

After the Midnight Service, all is dark, the priest gives the never-ending Light to all. This is reenacting the Patriarch of Jerusalem going in our Lord's Tomb and coming out with the Holy Fire:

**Come ye take light from the Light, that is never overtaken by night.
 Come, and glorify Christ risen from the dead.**

هلموا خذوا نوراً من النور الذي لا يعروه مساءً ومجدوا المسيح الناهض من بين الأموات.

After receiving the Light, we process outside and sing:

**Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior, the angels in heaven sing.
 Enable us on earth, to glorify Thee in purity of heart.**

لقيامتك ايها المسيح مخلصنا، الملائكة في السماء يسبحون، فأهلنا نحن أيضاً الذين على الأرض، أن نمجدك بقلبٍ نقي.

Spring Monastery Work Days

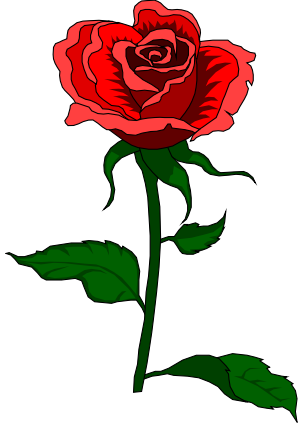
Saturdays May 18th and June 1st
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DORMITION MONASTERY

3389 Rives Eaton Road

Rives Junction, MI 49227

517-569-2873



Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

المسيح قام! حيا فلي!

Please come and help hoe, garden, trim, cut, and beautify the grounds of the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery. Mother Gabriella and all at the Monastery deeply appreciate and need our labors. There is much work to do.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Garden tools
- Work gloves
- Sun Block ☺



Previous participants!

Divine Liturgy at 8am

Lunch at 12:30pm

PLEASE CALL (517-569-2873) to let Mother Gabriella or Ruxy Shelden know if you are coming so they can plan for food preparation.

Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact Fr. Michael (frdnmike@gmail.com).