

# 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)

- St. George Parish for the health of our **Church School Staff, Teachers, and Students** as we end a wonderful and fruitful Church School year ~ *May God grant them all many years!*

## 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:

- **Ereny** Abufarha ~ May 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Julianos** Awad ~ May 23<sup>rd</sup>

*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, Aida Nassar, Laura Nassar, Jeanette Nassif, Adam Odeh, Elaine Shaheen, and Michael Silpoch**; your servants **Jaden Turner, Evan Sandford, and Maria Kirk** who are in catechism (under instruction) to become members of our Orthodox Faith; **Devin Bathish** and **Danielle Rabie** who are to be united in the *Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Marwan Al-Sahouri** (+April 14<sup>th</sup>, brother-in-law of Issa Odeh and George Ishaq), **Peter Georgios** (+April 28<sup>th</sup>, uncle of Ban Al-Kahush), and **Georgiana Daugherty** (+May 10<sup>th</sup>, friend of Fr. Michael) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- We also pray for our Expectant Parents: **Liana and Hanna Abuaita, Stephanie and Nadim Burbar, and Natania and Rene Hanna**.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION DAY COOK-OUT!** Our Church School invites EVERYONE to celebrate the ending of the year by breaking bread together with a lunch provided by Church School with help from our Men's Fellowship! There is no cost, but donations will be appreciated to educate our children (see Janet Abueita, Church School Director)! Please pray for our staff and students that God will give them the desire and motivate them to come to the Heavenly Banquet every Sunday! Please congratulate our teachers and children for a GREAT year of teaching/learning about God and His Church!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: May 26<sup>th</sup> June 9<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.



**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 13<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday      No Great Vespers  
                     Bathish/Rabie Wedding

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## Excerpts from our Pascha Divine Services

Paschal Canon 1<sup>st</sup> Ode:

*It is the day of Resurrection! Be illumined people! Pascha, the Lord's Pascha! From death unto life, from the earth to heaven, has Christ our God led us, singing the song of victory!*

*اليوم يوم القيامة فلتتألاً أيها الشعوب، لأن الفصح هو فصح الرب، وذلك لأن المسيح إلهنا قد أجازنا من الموت الى الحياة، ومن الأرض إلى السماء، نحن المنشدين نشيد النصر والظفر!*

Paschal Canon 8<sup>th</sup> Ode:

This is the chosen and Holy Day, first of Sabbaths, queen and lady of days, the Feast of Feasts, Festival of Festivals, on which we bless Christ forever.

*نسبح ونبارك ونسجد للرب: إن هذا اليوم المدعو المقدس، الذي هو أول السبوت وملكها وسيدها، إنما هو عيد الأعياد وموسم المواسم، الذي فيه نبارك المسيح إلى الأدهار.*

Paschal Canon 9<sup>th</sup> Ode:

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: *“Rejoice, rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice, O ye people.”* Shine, shine, shine O New Jerusalem. The glory of the Lord, has shone on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son.

*إن الملاك تفوه نحو المنعم عليها، أيتها العذراء النقية افرحي، وأيضاً أقول افرحي، لأن ابنتك قد قام من القبر في اليوم الثالث. إستيري إستيري يا أورشليم الجديدة، أن مجد الرب قد أشرق عليك، افرحي الان وتهللي يا صهيون، وأنت يا والدة الإله النقية، إطربي بقيامة ولدك.*

# PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

June 26-29



## Attend the Parish Life Conference

All Saints in Chicago and Holy Transfiguration in Warrenville are excited to welcome everyone to the Parish Life Conference this summer in June. We have a full schedule with activities for everyone. Read on to find the details of the hotel, event registration, and list of speakers.



Register for the conference using the QR code here.

## EVENT DETAILS

### Date

Wednesday, June 26 to  
Saturday, June 29

### Hotel

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook  
1401 W 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Nathan Hoppe**  
OCMC Missionary to  
Albania



**Fr. Gabriel Nassif**  
Author and Pastor of Holy  
Transfiguration Church,  
Warrenville

## SPEAKERS



Christian Education  
**Bob Snyder**



Teen Speaker  
**Gabriella Hoppe**



Sacred Music  
**Dr. Zhanna Lehmann**

