

St. George Orthodox Church

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May 8, 2022

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*)

- Fares and Sahar Abdallah, Dr. George and Cindy Zureikat for the health of their family and in loving memory of Sahar and Dr. George's parents **Hilda** Zureikat (7 year) and **Yacoub** Zureikat (2 year).
- Evelyn Delbridge for the health of her family especially **Roger** Isaac, **Brian** Silpoch, their families, and granddaughter **Lauren** on the occasion of her 18th birthday ~ *May God grant her many years!* ~ and in loving memory of husband **James** (4 year), grandson **Matthew** Lawrence (24 year), brothers **Emil**, **Samir**, **Nabil**, and **Raji** Khoury, cousin **Asma** Khoury, brother-in-law **Richard** Delbridge, and sister-in-law **Barbara** Bendall.

- 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), **Hazem Alyatim** (+April 17th, son of Tony), and **Hasna Ghantous** (+April 25th).
- 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** Abulaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Laila** Abud, **Anwar** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsaouri, **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Emil** Bathish, **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 were 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.

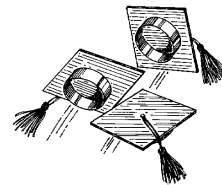
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY the men of our Parish Council invite everyone to our annual **WOMEN'S DAY BRUNCH** in honor of all of the women of St. George!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 15th, 29th, June 5th, and 26th ~ 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).

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/regularticle/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/>.

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 soon.

COMING EVENTS

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

Monday **Bible Study: Gospel of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist** 3-5pm

SOYO Monday 6-8pm

Wednesday **Arabic-English Bible Study Gospel of St. Matthew** 12-2pm

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm

Miracles ~ Living in expectation of miracles

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

While just a little boy in the Lutheran Church, I remember asking the pastor why we didn't see miracles in the church like had happened in the Bible. He told me they were used in New Testament times to jump start the church, and were not needed now. As a boy of about ten, I remember feeling cheated, for I wanted to see miracles, and felt we still needed them in this age.

There is a Coptic man in Irvine, California, who prayed for help from Saint George the Great Martyr, only to have the saint appear before him, and gift him with a wooden cross. Within a short time this cross was gushing forth holy myrrh, and healing to those who'd been anointed with it. A Coptic priest friend showed me the video of the cross, and the myrrh was literally gushing out of the cross and into a bucket, continuously.

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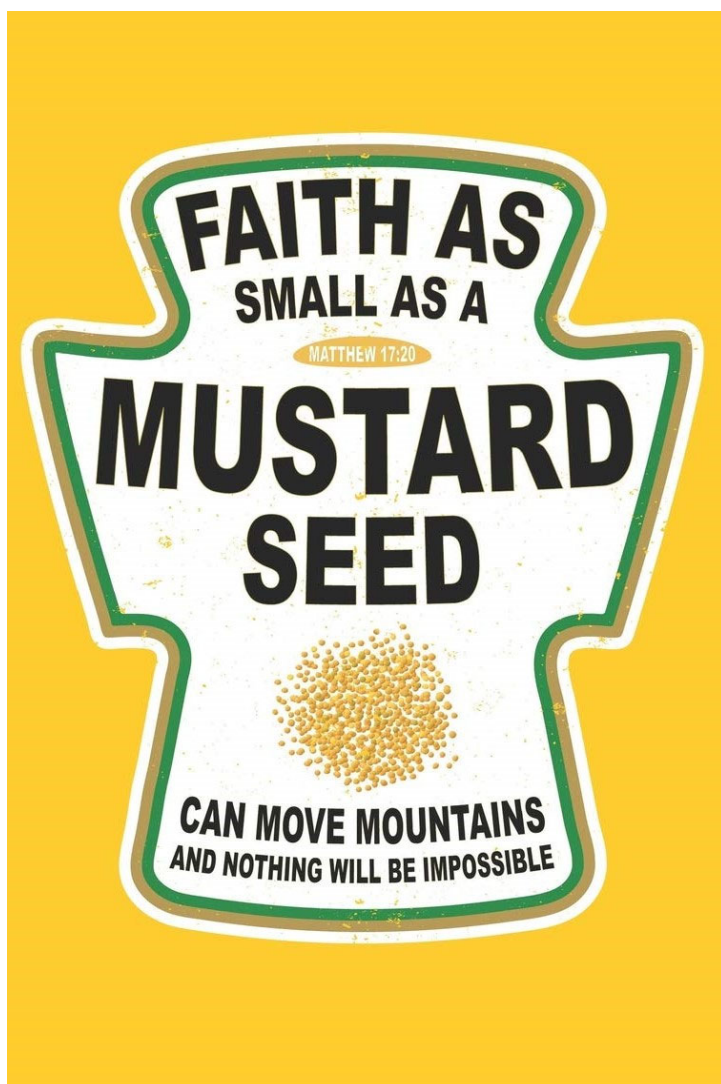
The Myrrh Streaming Icon of the Mother of God of Hawaii is another example of holy myrrh streaming forth, performing miracles of healing of both physical and spiritual nature. When I myself was scheduled for by-pass surgery, after anointing myself with the myrrh from the Hawaiian icon, the cardiologist canceled the surgery, right in the operating room, and this after two days of testing had showed I needed stints, and at the very least, one by-pass.

The scriptures tell us that we can move mountains if we only have the faith of a mustard seed, yet many don't expect they'll see a miracle, even when they pray for one. The expectation of experiencing miracles, such as healing, are far from the mindset of many Christians, and I suspect it is because they don't think their faith is strong enough.

The truth is, we don't always prepare ourselves to live a life that is open to miracles, for in the little things, during our everyday comings and goings, we live as though anything needed depends totally on our own efforts. We don't live with the expectation that God cares about our needs, both physical, spiritual, and material, in nature. We don't live with the expectation that God cares enough about us that He enters into our lives in a real, concrete way. So we go about our lives as though there probably is a God out there, but a God that is hardly interested in me.

If we begin to live each day with the expectation that God is not only there, but is actually interacting in a real way, we will soon experience the truth of this. We will begin to see with new eyes, and hear with new ears, how much God does enter into each and every moment of our life, if only we are paying attention.

Faith must be built up little by little, much like a painter puts on layers of oil paint, until one day, after layer upon layer, a beautiful painting is resting on the easel. Like oil painting, faith is formed through layers of learning to trust, so that one day we realize the depth of God's involvement in our life has been there all along, and we experience the miracles that have been happening around us, all along.



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MIDDLE EASTERN TAKE-OUT LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 26, 2022

11am-2pm

Meal includes:

Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew (*Yahnee*), Rice, Hummus,
Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a Bottled Water

Vegetarian Plate available

Cost is \$15 per meal

Free Delivery with eight (8) or more lunches!

Use the QR Code to place your lunch or bake sale order or go to
<https://stgeorgeladies.square.site/> ~~ for more information, & free
deliveries call: St. George at 810-732-0720



DEADLINE for orders is May 16th!!!

Separately sold by the dozen ONLY:

Item	Number of Dozens	Price (\$20 per dozen)
Kibbee		
Meat Pies		
Spinach Pies		
Date Cookies (<i>Kaak</i>)		
		Price (\$18 per dozen)
Baklava		
Gharabeh		
Mamoul		
TOTAL		

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