

St. George Orthodox Church

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Protodeacon Michael Bassett

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Blessings on the Feast of Pentecost!

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open for all parishioners or 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. 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 is invited to receive the final blessing of the priest and Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

Holy Bread Offerings

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Jamil** Abu Sinni (+May 11th, cousin of Suad Gantous), **Mitri** Saleh (+May 14th, brother of Susan Qazaha), **Pastor David** Ross (+May 16th, friend of Dn. Mike), **Michael** Joseph (+May 18th, nephew of Sally Joseph), **Thomas** Morrow (+May 23rd, father of Christina Joseph), **Melad** Abu Sinni (+May 29th, brother of Suad Gantous), **Catherine** Verbosky (+May 31st, sister of Dn. Mike), and **Charles** Darany (+June 5th, friend of Laila Abud).
- 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, **Amal** Abu-Aita, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **Wadia** Albaba, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Thuraya** Elias (mother of Ayman), **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Gracyn** Haskins (granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Daisy** Isaac, **Lubna** Jones, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola**

Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** and **Elise** Sophiea Jr.; **Matthew**, **Sarah**, and newborn **Landon** Thomas [June 10th, grandson of Doug and Sandy]; **Danial** and **Casandra** Burbar whose marriage crowns will be removed on this day.

- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Mirna** and **Tamer** Abuaita [son of Khader and Lucy], **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khoury, **Haneen** and **Benan** Burbar, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, and **Rachel** and **Andrew** Sackllah [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU VACCINATED? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND NEED ANSWERS? We are blessed to have a number of medical professionals in our parish and all of them want you to get your Covid-19 vaccine as soon as possible. There is lots of wrong information on TV and social media. Don't be fooled; it could cost you or your family and friends in a sad way! If you have any questions or need truthful information, please contact Dr. Lindsey (Farah) Brunner: text ONLY, please 810-908-9213 or Infarah2009@hotmail.com. **If you or someone you know needs help making an appointment or need to be driven to one, please call the church 810-732-0720.**

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL & PICNIC, JUNE 27TH

We are this year's host! Anwar Abueita is coordinating and looking for anyone to play and to help with the food and drinks. Please see or contact Anwar as soon as possible. It will be a blessed time of fellowship and fun with all of our brothers and sisters! See flier on Lounge bulletin board. Everything takes place at St. Pius X Catholic Church School Ballfield 3139 Hogarth Ave, Flint.



NEW COVID-19 PROCEDURES Our Parish Council meet this week. Based on the quickly changing directives and guidance from Metropolitan Joseph, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our state government, we have NEW PROCEDURES. We all want the safest place for all of our parishioners to worship. **PLEASE FOLLOW:**

1. **THOSE WHO ARE VACCINATED MAY WEAR A MASK, BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO.**
2. **IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED BECAUSE OF MEDICAL OR OTHER REASONS, YOU MUST WEAR A MASK AND MAINTAIN 6FT SOCIAL DISTANCING.**
1. **PEWS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE SOCIAL DISTANCED AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED.**
2. **OUR FIRST MEAL TOGETHER WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 4TH HONORING BISHOP ANTHONY'S VISIT AND CELEBRATING THE ORDINATION TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON MICHAEL BASSETT.**

Our live-stream will continue. Remember we are venerating icons by bowing (*not kissing or touching*) and the same for the priest's hand and the chalice at Holy Communion.

ORDINATION TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD Bishop Anthony will be with us July 4th weekend to visit and ordain Protodeacon Michael Bassett to the Holy Priesthood. It will be a blessing to have His Grace with us and for all of us to witness Dn. Mike's ordination. **Our first meal together since March 2020 will follow the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy!** Mark your calendars and plan to be here ~ more information to follow!

COMING EVENTS

This Week	Since today is the Great Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost , there is no fasting this week.
Saturday	No Great Vespers

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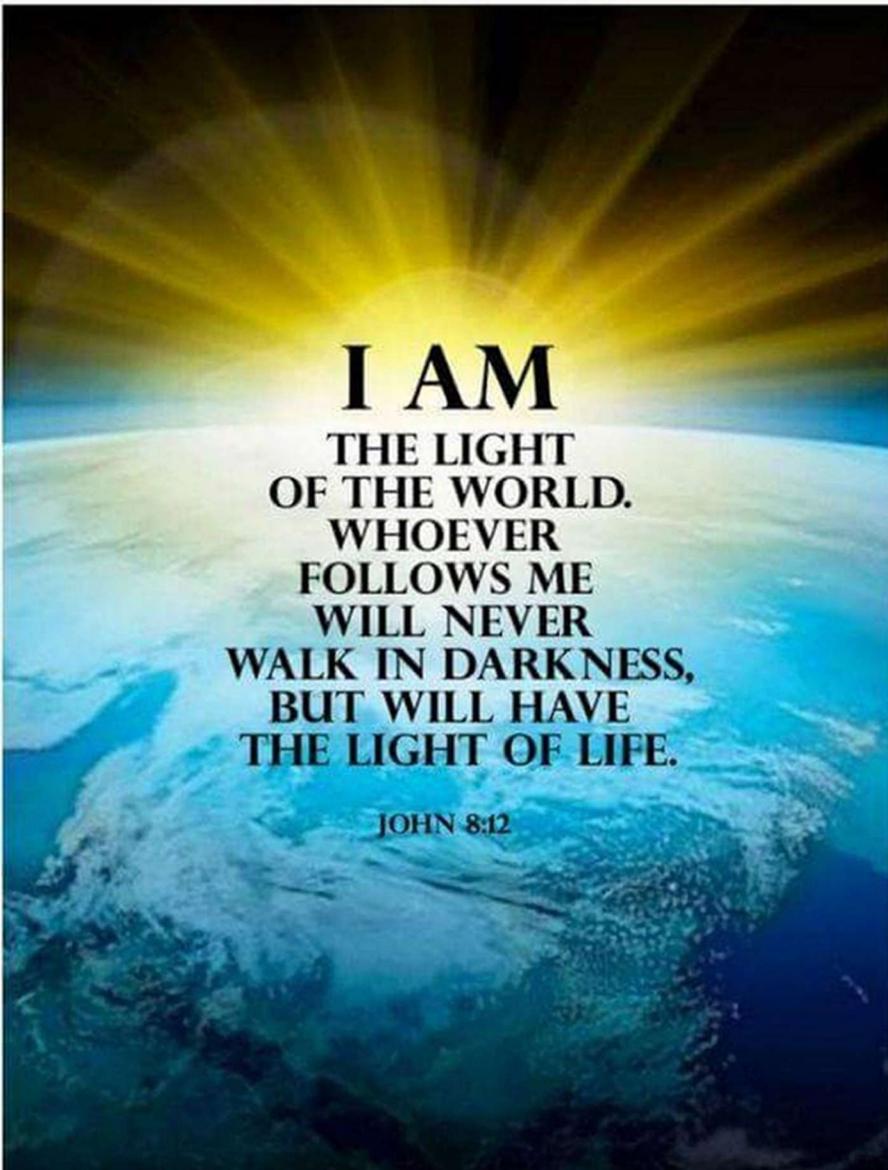
SUBSTANCE AND SHADOW ~ *The Light of Christ Does Not Cast a Shadow* *by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington*

A shadow is an area where direct light from a source, such as the Sun, cannot reach due to obstruction by an object. It occupies all of the space behind an object with light in front of it. "Substance" on the other hand is that which is solid and practical in character, quality, or importance.

Icons used in worship by the Orthodox Church have no shadows cast from the images. The light comes not from the Sun, but from Our Lord, Who is the Son of Righteousness. The light comes from within and represents the Light of Christ Who dwells in His saints and whose sanctity and love do not obscure this Light.

As Christians, we must live in such a way that the Light of Christ shines through us, and does not cast a shadow. If we live our lives in humility and repentance, the Lord's love and light are not obscured but shine forth with substance, the substance which is Christ in us. This very Christ Jesus is therefore seen by others and spreads the love of God throughout the whole of the cosmos.

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St. Mark wrote the shortest of the 4 gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).
Get out your bible, read St. Mark chapter 4 (a little is below!) ~ love, FJ

Candle under a Bushel Basket?

And He said to them, *“Is a lamp brought in to be put under a bushel, or under a bed, and not on a stand? For there is nothing hid, except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.”* And he said to them, *“Take heed what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to him who has will more be given; and from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”*

Neither do men light a candle,
and put it under a bushel, but on
a candlestick; and it giveth light
unto all that are in the house.
Let your light so shine before
men, that they may see your
good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16





LIFE IS SHORT
Do Stuff That Matters!



Hunger to happiness: the difference is YOU!

After over a year of providing meals in our Soup Kitchens "to go" due to Covid-19, we are transitioning back to indoor dining soon! In 2020 we provided 180,277 meals through our Soup Kitchens, Sandwich Program and Warming Center. We are excited to be able to invite our guests in to sit while they enjoy their meal and get out of the heat for a while! **This also means that we are looking for volunteers to help prepare and**

serve. Whether you want to volunteer as an individual, a family or as an organization we need all the help we can get!

North End Soup Kitchen

735 E. Stewart Ave. Flint 48505

Monday –Saturday

1st Shift—9:00 am to 1:00 pm

2nd Shift—2:00 pm—5:30 pm

Sunday—10:30 am—2:30 pm

Call 810-785-6911

Center for Hope Soup Kitchen

812 Root Street, Flint, MI 48503

Monday—Saturday

9:30 am—1:30 pm

Sundays – 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Call 810-232-9950 ext.730

Thinking of volunteering but not sure?

There are so many good reasons to volunteer. Regardless of the motivation, what unites all volunteers is that the rewards of volunteering far out way the sacrifice! By sharing just a few hours of your time, you are gaining so much!

Perhaps these reasons will convince you!

- give something back to an organization that has impacted your life, either directly or indirectly
- make a difference in the lives of others
- help others less fortunate or without a voice
- feel valued and part of a team
- spend quality time away from work or a busy lifestyle
- gain confidence and self-esteem
- meet new people and make new friends
- a chance to socialize
- get to know the local community
- gain new skills, knowledge and experience
- develop existing skills and knowledge
- improve one's employment prospects
- use one's professional skills and knowledge to benefit others

Thank you for everything you do! We hope to see you soon!



Thank You!

For more information on how to become a Community Partner, contact Theresa Hurley at 810-853-0097 or Thurley@ccsgc.org



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