

# St. George Orthodox Church

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1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ ALL SAINTS أحد جميع القديسين

Tone 8

1<sup>st</sup> Matins Gospel {Matthew 28:16-20}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

Confessions

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**Welcome to St. George!** Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, 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, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** {*the Golden-Mouth*},  
we sing the following **Special Hymns**:

**Third Antiphon** (during the Little Entrance)

**Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel**

**Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8** (*same as above*)

انحدرت من العلو يا مُتَحَيِّن. وقِيَلتِ الدَّفْنُ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ أَيَّامًا، لَكِي تُعْتَقِنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ. فَيَا حَيَاتِنَا وَقِيَامَتِنَا يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

**Troparion of All Saints—Tone 4**

In all the world, O Christ our God, Thy Church is adorned with the blood of Thy martyrs as with a robe of royal purple and crimson. Through them She cries to Thee: have mercy on Thy people, O Lord, and grant our souls great mercy!

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهَهُ إِن كَنِيسَتَكَ مَتَسْرِبِلَةٌ بِدِمَائِ شَهَدَائِكَ الَّذِينَ فِي كُلِّ الْعَالَمِ كَبِيرِ فِيرَةٍ وَأَرْجَوَانٍ. وَبِهِمْ تَهْتَفُ إِلَيْكَ صَارِخَةً. وَجِهَهُ رَأْفَتَكَ لِشَعْبِكَ وَامْنَحِ السَّلَامَةَ لِعَبِيدِكَ. وَهَبْ لِنَفْسِنَا الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

**Troparion for St. George—Tone 4**

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشفاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاور جيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

### **Kontakion for All Saints—Tone 8**

As to creation's Planter, all the world offers to Thee as nature's first-fruits the God-bearing martyrs, O Lord, for they bare witness to Thee. Therefore preserve Thy Church by their entreaties in the profoundest peace, O Savior, through the pure Mother of God, O Thou who are greatly merciful.

أيها الرب البارئ الخليفة، إن المسكونة تقدم لك كباكير الطبيعة الشهداء الأبسي الله. فيتضرع عنهم احفظ كنيستك في سلام دائم، من أجل والدة الإله يا جزيلاً الرحمة.

**Epistle Reading:** *Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2* {1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 10:32-33,37-38; 19:27-30* {1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew}

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Khaled and Sally Abuaita for the health of their family, their Godchildren, and especially **Noah** Musleh on the occasion of his entering the Orthodox Faith.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **James** Delbridge (+May 3<sup>rd</sup>), **Fadi** Al-Khouri (+May 4, cousin of Khaled Al-Khouri), **Gloria** Zelenko (+May 8<sup>th</sup>, friend of our parish), **Robert** Mourad (+May 20<sup>th</sup>, cousin of Sue Shaheen), **Lily** Nassif, (+May 25<sup>th</sup>, mother of Samia Sadik), and **George** Mitri (+May 25<sup>th</sup>, father of Elias).
- 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, **Androlla** Abu Aita, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Manal** Abuaita, **Abla** Abufarha, **Cesar** Banna, **Pamela** Mary Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Michael** Farah, **Vera** Farah, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Elaine** Gejoff, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Mary** Salim, **Widad** Salomon, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., **Lois** Teunion, and **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe); **Wiam** Khair and newborn **Katherine** (May 12<sup>th</sup>); **Ghaida** Awad and newborn **Julianos** (May 16<sup>th</sup>); **Noah** Musleh who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of his First Communion.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunyah** Abufarha (Ibrahim and Eman's daughter-in-law), **Julia** Khouri, and **Rachel** Sackllah (Suheil and Abeer's daughter).

### **Communion Hymn** (for All Saints Sunday)

(Refrain) Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, praise is meet for the upright.

(Verse) Give praise to the Lord with the harp, chant unto him with the ten-stringed psaltery. (Refrain)

(Verse) Sing unto Him a new song, chant well unto Him with jubilation. (Refrain)

(Verse) For the word of the Lord is true, and all His works are in faithfulness. (Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Reception of Holy Communion**

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

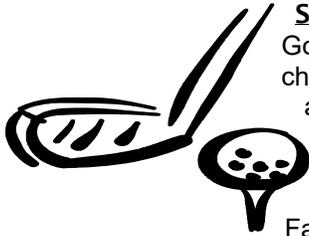
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is in the Lounge and is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation for your coffee and food to help cover our costs, thanks!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: June 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 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, see Manal Abuaita. *During the Apostles' Fast (this year from June 4<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are to be served.*

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (THIS Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>). Registration is at 6:30pm and play begins at 7pm. If you would like to help for a couple of hours, volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you want to play, that's even better! Please contact our coordinator Hiam Andoni (810-813-1076 or [handoni@hotmail.com](mailto:handoni@hotmail.com)) for more information.



**ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC** is THIS Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Flushing Valley Golf Club. The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and to raise money for our church. Hole Sponsorships are needed, which is great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity for businesses for only \$100 (see flier in the Lounge). If you are interested or need more information, see the fliers in the Lounge or contact the office 810-732-0720. Our committee is Khaled Abuaita, Anwar Abueita, John Farah (chairman), and Fadi Rishmawi.

**SUMMER SEASON REMINDER** With the warmer weather, people tend to dress down. As Orthodox Christians, we know that our attire should be modest at all times, most especially in church: never bare shoulders, inappropriate shirts, short skirts, or shorts. We wear our "Sunday best" for God, in whose presence we come whenever we enter His holy temple (whatever day of the week). We should dress up a bit for God, because it shows we respect Him. Unless we cannot afford anything else, we need to do better than jeans, T-shirts, flip-flops, etc. Just as it would be considered disrespectful to show up at the White House without proper attire—no man can enter the Oval Office without a coat and tie—we should be at least as concerned about how we present ourselves to the Ruler of heaven and earth, our King, Lord, and God. If you are going somewhere after church where you need to dress casually, bring a change of clothing and change after Coffee Fellowship. Remember; use your best judgment and good taste when dressing for church. After all, we do not go to be seen by anyone, but to meet and worship God.

**MIDWEST DIOCESAN PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup>** The PLC will be hosted by St. Elias-Sylvania, OH. Hotel, Conference Registration, and all forms are available at their website: <http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html>. Bishop Anthony is encouraging all of our parishioners to attend! We will have parishioners in the Bible Bowl (Thursday night, June 21<sup>st</sup>) – come and cheer them on! Please take note of deadlines and make your reservations as soon as possible! We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will participate.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, our offerings were \$1,260, so we were short \$4,370 ☹️ **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!** If you have not already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support God's work at St. George!

**CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS** We can make donations and purchases by Credit or Debit Card. This can be done by coming to the office or calling 810-732-0720 during normal Office Hours ~ Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm).

### COMING EVENTS

This Week	There is no fasting until our celebration of the Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40 <sup>th</sup> day after His Resurrection (May 17 <sup>th</sup> ).
Monday	<b>Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b> 3-5pm
Tuesday	<b>Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b> 6pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles</b> 12:30-2pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 7-9pm
Friday	<b>Euchre Tournament</b> 6:30pm
Saturday	<b>Golf Classic</b> No Great Vespers

### JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> ~ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

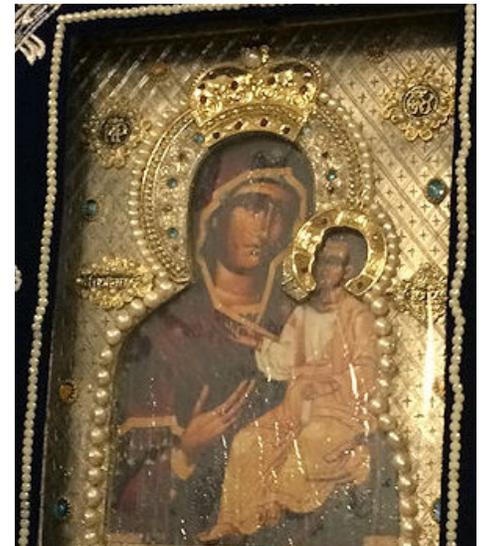
Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, *"But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord"* (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle recounting the achievements of the Saints and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue says, *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us"* (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (*Synaxis*) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. However, since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that *"Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died"* (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as *"the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior"* (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, we honor and call blessed all the Righteous, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

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# The Weeping Iveron Icon of The Mother of God



Our Parish Community in Fenton is extremely excited to announce, that we will be welcoming the miracle working weeping icon of the Mother of God in late June! Join us for a truly spiritual and unforgettable visit, which will remove any doubts about the Glory of God!

**When:** Friday June 29th: All Day Visitation with Service and Anointing at 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 30th: Divine Liturgy at 8:30 AM

**Where:** St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church  
2439 S. Long Lake Rd. Fenton, MI 48451

Call (810) 750-1401 for More Information!

*We warmly invite you to join us for a*

# Summer Dinner Dance

**Saturday, June 30, 2018**



A Delicious Greek chicken dinner will be served along side an open bar followed by ethnic desserts, music and dancing.

#### **Evening Events**

5:00pm Vespers

6:00pm Cocktails

6:30pm Dinner

6:00pm—10:00pm Music and Dancing

6:00pm—9:00pm Silent Auction

9:15pm Results of the Silent Auction

#### **Location**

Assumption Orthodox Church Hall

2245 E. Baldwin Rd

Grand Blanc, MI 48439

#### **Tickets**

Adults \$50

Children 12 and under \$20



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