

St. George Orthodox Church

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June 5, 2022

Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Father Michael Bassett, Attached

Christ is in our Midst!

He is and ever shall be!

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*)

- George and Elias Abuaita for the health of their family and in memory of nephew **Saher** Abu Aita (9 day).
- St. George Parish for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Protopresbyter Thomas** George (6 month, former pastor of Assumption Church).
- Father Michael and Khouriya Pam Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Catherine** Jane Verbosky (1 year, sister of Fr. Michael).
- St. George Parish for the health of their families especially our **Church School Education Program, the Staff, Teachers, and Students** as we end a wonderful, fruitful year ~ *May God grant them many years!*

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Larry Sisk** (+May 14th, brother of Carol Haddad), **Jill Price** (+May 14th, friend of Rose Ayoub), **Louise Shaheen** (+May 15th, cousin of Elaine Shaheen), and **Nasri Haddad** (+May 23rd).
- 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**, **Shafiqah Abuaitah**, **Suheil** and **Abeer Abuaita**, **Khader AbuAita**, **Laila Abud**, **Anwar Abueita**, **Jane Abueita**, **Chelsy Abufarha**, **Daniel Alghanim** (father of Dania Hanna), **William Alsahouri**, **Sharon Ballreich** (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Emil Bathish**, **Douglas Coone**, **Levi Cooper**, **Vera Daoud**, **Jimmy David**, **Victor David**, **Elias Gantos**, **Christopher George**, **Mariam Ghanim** (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Jamil Ghantous**, **Phyllis Good**, **Nadia Ibrahim** (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy Isaac**, **Dannie Jones**, **Loretta Karpelenia** (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Judy Mikhail**, **Laura Nassar**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Jose Ramirez** (known to Reem Bathish), **Deborah Salim**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Michael Silpoch**, **Vicki Toma** (sister of Fr. Joe), **Georgette Yusuf**, and **Michael Zerka** (uncle of Lauren Zerka); **Daniel, Staci**, and newborn **Phoebe Caroline Bator** (May 18th).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and is hosted by *our St. George Church School*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 19th 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).

BIKE NEEDED A parishioner is in need of a bicycle for local transportation. If you have one you would like to donate, please see Father Michael ~ thank you!

OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee will be on vacation June 2nd - 8th. Fr. Joe will be back in the office on June 9th. **For emergencies only** while he is away, please call *Fr. Michael Bassett* (St. George, 989-627-9580), *Fr. Gabriel Bilas* (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or *Fr. Matthew Butrie* (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee's safe travels.



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 (*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!

BAKING OF HOLY BREAD! Aida Nassar is our coordinator. She is very attentive to making sure we have enough Holy Bread every week and what might be frozen is used quickly. If you would like to bake Holy Bread, please let Aida know. *Thank you and may God bless the hands of all of those who bake Holy Bread for every liturgy!*

St. George Men's Fellowship

Our 1st gathering is June 14th at 6pm! We want and need a Men's Fellowship to share experiences, encouragement, support, and biblical study. Fr. Joe and Fr. Mike are looking forward to getting this off the ground for the betterment of our men and for our beloved St. George Parish. 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!

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.

Monday NO Bible Study / NO SOYO Monday

Tuesday **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** 6pm

Wednesday NO Arabic-English Bible Study

Thursday **Parish Council** Dinner Meeting 6:15pm

Saturday **Great Vespers, Soul Saturday Memorial Service, and Confessions** 5pm

Absolute Truth ~ Embracing Absolute Truth

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

In an age when many people think truth is relative, the knowledge that there is such a thing as absolute truth, is comforting. The freedom that comes with the knowledge that we are able to embrace teachings that are a continuation of an unbroken line dating back to Apostolic times, is liberating. As Orthodox Christians, we are not faced with the troubling task of interpreting the scriptures anew, or deciding moral and dogmatic teachings for ourselves, or trying to make our faith relevant for this age. Rather, we can immerse ourselves in the knowledge that we have embraced the Mind of the Ancient Universal Church.

We haven't had to reinvent the Faith, because we have aligned ourselves with the Church that is both ancient, and relevant for the modern seeker. We know the Church's teachings are not based on the finite mind, or the imagination of our own fallen nature, but the eternal truths that have endured from ancient times. It is comforting to know the Church has remained true to her inheritance for some two thousand years. It is liberating to know ancient Christian dogmas, ways of worship, and moral teachings, are guiding our lives, just as they have for two thousand years.

Truth is not relative, but is absolute. There is no greater freedom than to be able to receive, as our own, the transcending truth that has made saints, from ancient times. There is no greater freedom than being able to embrace the absolute truth that has transcended time, space, culture, and race. No greater joy than to be counted as belonging to Christ, and having joined ourselves to the very Church He founded.

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME

Sunday, July 10, 2022

3:00pm



Drinks and Food provided
for questions call

St. George -Host

810-732-0720

or contact your parish coordinator

GAME LOCATION

St. Pius X Catholic School
Baseball Field

(3139 Hogarth Ave
Flint, MI 48532



*The Pan-Orthodox Churches
of Genesee County*

Holy Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
(2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI)

St. George Orthodox Church
(5191 Lennon Rd Flint, MI)

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox
Church
(2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
(2143 S Center Rd Burton, MI)

