

St. George Orthodox Church

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V. Rev. Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Rev. Father Michael Bassett, Assistant

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

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. 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

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this week:

- **Liliana** Abufarha and **Julian** Alkazaha – July 19th
- **Maria** AbuAita and **Tanas** Khoury – July 19th

May they be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- We also pray for the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Suad** Awwad (July 7th, mother of Wafa Alsaouri).
- 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), **Shafiqa** Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **Wadia** Albaba, **William** Alsaouri, **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, **Subdeacon George** Gantous, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Gracyn** Haskins (granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Daisy** Isaac, **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]. **Ayla** Maymon who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and the reception of her First Communion.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Mirna** and **Tamer** Abuaita [son of Khader and Lucy], **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khouri, **Haneen** and **Benan** Burbar, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Kari** and **Panagiotis** Mikroudis [daughter of John and Theresa Farah], **Elise** and **Jarrett** Lane [daughter of Habeeb & Denise Ghattas and Jill Smith], and **Rachel** and **Andrew** Sackllah [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENTAL Our Banquet Center is rented today. Please be respectful to our renters and their guests by not disturbing their event. Thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in the Lounge and is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs, thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: August 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th ~ 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). *During the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Fast (August 1st-14th) and on Sunday, August 29th when we remember the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are to be served.*

NEW COVID-19 PROCEDURES Based on the quickly changing directives and guidance from Metropolitan Joseph, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our state government, our Parish Council has 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. **PLEASE, if you are not vaccinated** because of medical or other reasons, **you must wear a mask and maintain social distancing.**
3. Pews in the back of the church are for **those who would like to be social distanced and those who are not vaccinated.**

4. **Our first breaking of bread together** took place on July 4th and we are now continuing with our normal Coffee Fellowship!

Our live-stream will continue. Remember we are venerating icons by bowing (*not kissing or touching*) also, please bow to the priest or at the chalice for Holy Communion.

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.**

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, meat by-products, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Wednesday	Combined Pan-Orthodox <i>Great Vespers and Blessing of the Five Loaves, wheat, wine, and oil</i> for St. Mary Magdalene the Myrrh-bearer at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 6pm
Thursday	<i>Divine Liturgy</i> for St. Mary Magdalene at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 10am
Fri-Sat	2021 Virtual Archdiocesan Convention see flier on Lounge Bulletin Board
Saturday	<i>Great Vespers and Confessions</i> 5pm

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THE BATTLE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS ~ *We Must Stand Against the Powers of Darkness*

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

The world is in a new struggle not unlike that which happened during the Soviet Union and the cold war that was brought on after the fall of the Royal House of Romanov. This was followed by World War II when we saw the struggle between the free world and the fascism of Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan.

All these ideologies have much in common with Islam, where there is a non-democratic tradition and people live under strict rules that leave little room for personal choice, and where fate governs the people. The idea of mankind being formed in the Image and Likeness of God, and having a role in making choices for ourselves, is foreign to much of the world today. The god of Islam demands submission, just as Marxism.

In Christ, we have freedom. The Triune God does not demand submission but desires our freely offered love and worship. Our God invites us into loving communion with Him because He loves us. This is a personal relationship that is offered to us, and is not based on rigid rules and forms that are all about law and submission.

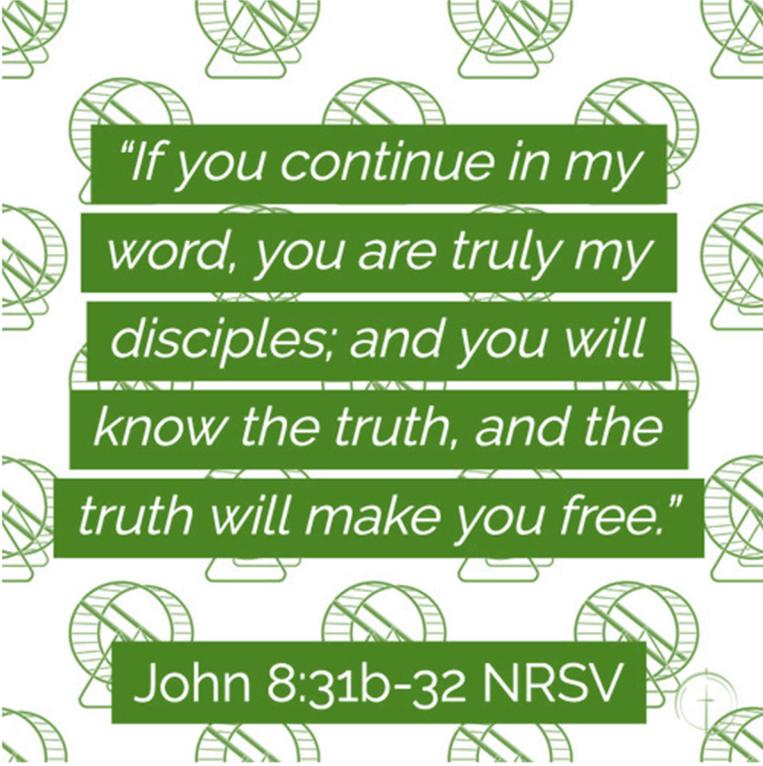
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The war of ideology between Christianity, Islam, and Marxism is one that promises to get worse before it gets better. Some authorities are projecting this war of ideology will go on for at least two generations, much as happened during the Communist days of the Soviet Union. The only way to survive this war is to make Christ central in our life. This world will change for the better only when change has begun within our hearts.

Our Islamic neighbors will never know Christ if all they see from the West is secular (nonspiritual) and worldly idolatry, lust for their oil reserves, and a disrespect for their ancient cultural traditions. They must see the love of Christ in our hearts. Our Muslim neighbors must be treated with the love that Christ tells us must be extended even to our enemies. If all the Islamic world sees as Christian is secularism and a leftist worldliness that has replaced Christianity, they will not witness the truth that Christ has brought into our world.

We Christians have the God directed duty to stand boldly for our faith, ever proclaiming the transformational truth that only Christ can offer. The world must know, by our love, which only Christianity has the medicine our dysfunctional world craves. We Christians must stand with boldness against those who would replace our freedom, found only in Christ. With courage we must stand against the powers of darkness that would take away our freedom of thought, our freedom of conscience, and our freedom of worship.

Get out your bible, find the Gospel of Saint John, Chapters 8. Jesus talks about forgiveness, being in the Light (Him) and not living in darkness, speaks about His death, what it means to be His disciples, and His relationship to Abraham. Enjoy! Love, FJ



*"If you continue in my
word, you are truly my
disciples; and you will
know the truth, and the
truth will make you free."*

John 8:31b-32 NRSV

ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH

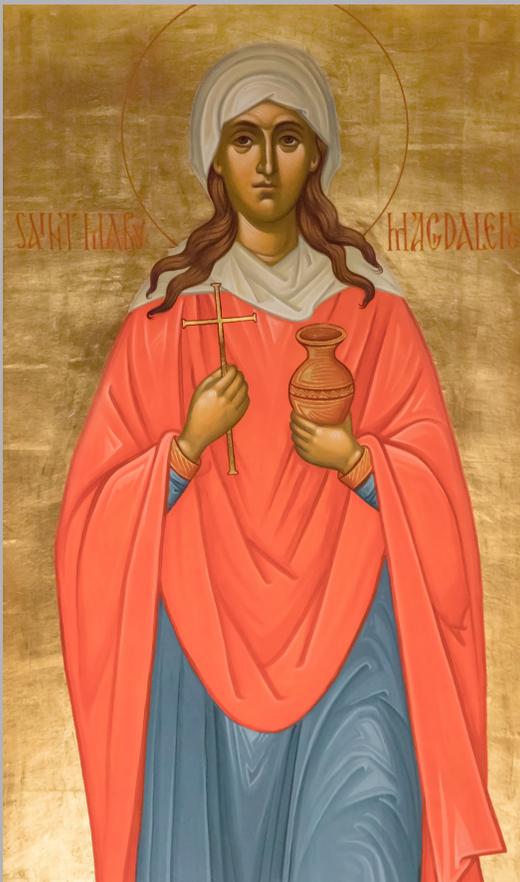
PARISH FEAST

Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21: GREAT VESPERS
WITH ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER, 6:00PM
FOLLOWED BY A FELLOWSHIP BONFIRE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 22ND: DIVINE LITURGY
WITH ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER, 10:00AM
(INCLUDING A TONSURING AND SUBDEACON ORDINATION)
FOLLOWED BY A BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC**

2439 S. Long Lake Rd- Fenton, MI
www.st-marymagdalene.org/upcoming-events



St. George Orthodox Church

16th Annual Golf Classic

Flushing Valley Golf Club

1124 E Main Street * Flushing, MI 48433



Saturday, September 18, 2021

- **-10am SHOTGUN START**
- **-HOT DOG LUNCH AT TURN**
- **-DINNER/AWARDS AT FINISH**
- **-RAFFLES**
- **-GIVE AWAYS**
- **-ALL ARE WELCOME**

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$125 – Individual Hole Sponsor

A company sign on one of the 18 holes

\$400 – Registration Sponsor

Banner at registration table

\$500 – Foursome/Hole Sponsor

Four golfers plus a sign on one of the 18 holes

\$625 – Putting Green Sponsor

Four golfers plus banner at putting green

\$750 – Gold Sponsor

Four golfers, business card in check-in bags, and sign on 4 holes

\$1,000 – Dinner Sponsor

Four golfers, sign on hole, table cards, banner at dinner tent

Please make all checks payable to: **St. George Orthodox Church** (memo: *Golf Classic*)

Mail to: **5191 Lennon Road * Flint, MI 48507**

For more information on the Classic, sponsorships, and/or reserving a spot, please contact:

Tony Daoud : 810-730-1011 or Church Office: 810-732-0720

email: SaintGeorgeGolfClassic@gmail.com

Please submit all entries by September 8, 2021

Golf Team Information - *\$100 per golfer*

Golfer #1 (Captain's name):

Address:

Phone #:

e-mail:

Golfer #2 (name):

e-mail:

Golfer #3 (name):

e-mail:

Golfer #4 (name):

e-mail:

Division (circle one):

Men

Women

Mixed

Total Enclosed - \$ _____

St. George Orthodox Church 16th Annual Golf Classic

Saturday, September 18, 2021
10am Shotgun Start

**Flushing Valley Golf Club
1124 E Main Street * Flushing, MI 48433**

Hole Sponsorship Information **\$125 per Individual Hole Sponsor**

Your Sponsorship (*Tee Box Sign*) will be displayed on one of the 18 Tee Box areas. Please fill out your sign information below as you would like to see your sign appear (or attach a business card).

If you would like to donate golf items, table prizes, merchandise, gift or dinner certificates, door prizes and/or money to purchase door prizes, please list your donation and its value.

Gift Certificates: _____

Door Prize(s): _____

Money: _____

Please make checks payable to:
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All sponsorship information, with payment, must be completed by September 8, 2021.

Any questions, please contact:
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