

St. George Orthodox Church

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July 24, 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)

- Issa and Guries Odeh, Eyad and Mousa Rishmawi, and their Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of relative **Nuha** Odeh (9 day).
- **George** and **Amal** Abu-Aita and family for the health of their family on the occasion of their 28th anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, son **Cezar** on the occasion of his birthday, and daughter **Lana** on her High School Graduation ~ *May God grant them many years!*

Baptism/Chrismation Days

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

- **Marcos** Abuaita ~ July 25th

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

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Althea** Kresbach (+June 23rd, aunt of Kh. Pam Bassett), **Jose** Ramirez (+June 24th, known to Reem Bathish), **Stojan** Prusac (+June 25th, from St. Nicholas, friend of parishioners), **Charles** Thabet (+June 28th, uncle of Fr. Michael), **Issa** Ishaq (+July 5th, relative of parishioners), **Imad** Isaac (July 6th, friend of St. George), **Lorraine** Nadar (+July 5th, aunt of Cam Takach), **Vicki** Toma (+July 6th, sister of Fr. Joe), **Rhoda** Wheat (+July 9th, sister of Ron Haddad), and **Dolores** Bator (+July 12th, grandmother of Dan and Staci [Farah] Bator).
- 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, **Sally** Abuaita, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Khader** AbuAita, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Danny** Andoni, **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Kh. Pam** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Douglas** Coone, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Victor** David, **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Jamil** Ghantous, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Nadia** Ibrahim (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy** Isaac, **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Judy** Mikhail, **Laura** Nassar, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Valland** Frangi (sister of Ron Haddad), **Michael** Zerka (uncle of Lauren Zerka), and newborn **Phoebe Caroline** Bator; **David**, **Joselien** [daughter of Issa and Esperanza], and newborn **Mariah** Khoury (June 24th); **Daniel**, **Casandra**, and newborn **Ezra Daniel** Burbar (July 1st); **John**, **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet), and newborn **Leah Elizabeth** Timm (July 15th).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khoury and **Sandy** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **Raad** Qumsieh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Issa and Giries Odeh and Eyad and Mousa Rishmawi*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: August 28th, September 4th, 18th, and 25th ~ 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).

OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe is attending the National Antiochian Women's meeting at the Antiochian Village July 22nd-24th. Fr. Joe will be back in the office on July 26th. **For emergencies only** while he is away, please call *Fr. Michael Bassett* (St. George, 989-627-9580). Please pray for Fr. Joe'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!

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.

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm

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Community is the Essential Element ~ Our

Communal Nature is an Important Element in What it Means to be Human

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

Christianity is a communal (shared) faith, one that requires its followers to be actively involved with others. The Church's worship is communal, and salvation itself is a corporate act, one that necessitates interaction with others. One is not "saved" in a vacuum, but as part of the corporal (physical) life of the Church. Your salvation must be as much a concern to me, as is my own salvation. My relationship with Christ is not about me, but about us. Our sins are not just against God, but against the Body of Christ, the Church. Our love of God cannot be salvific if we do not love others, for just as the Lord said, *"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"* (1 John 4:20).

Given the communal nature of the Church, it is particularly alarming to see increasing numbers of people isolating themselves from others. Many have turned to the Internet as the primary source of interaction with others, finding "friendships" with people who will never be met in person. The importance of social interaction in the central square, as seen in traditional villages where the cafe life and church were the primary source of fraternal interaction, has pointed the way to a future of increased estrangement from each other.

Isolated from others, the communal nature that is an important element in what it means to be human, is lost. It is thus imperative that we guard against the temptation of spending too much time in front of the computer, and too little time with others. The sight of young people sitting in coffee houses, together, yet apart, is troubling. Mobile phones, text messaging, iPods, communication through email, and countless hours on Facebook, leads to the furtherance of an isolation that is murdering the soul. As humans, we are meant to be together, for it is in our lives together that we grow in mind and spirit. It is in community that we learn to love God. For friendships to be limited to on-line chat rooms is a tragedy of major proportions, one that will ultimately be the ruin of society.

The Pan –Orthodox Churches of Genesee County
presents

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2022

hosted by St. Mary Magdalene Parish

August 27th

Who: All children ages 4 through 11

What: “Through Your Cross” -An Orthodox Christian’s Triumph Through the Life-Giving Cross.

Where: Groveland Oaks Campground Group Site #12 (14555 Dixie Hwy, Holly, MI 48442)

When: August 27th Registration 10:00am VCS 11am –4pm Vespers 5pm (An adult must be on site for the day with the child)

Why: As Orthodox Christians we cross ourselves multiple times daily. It is important to educate our youth on the history of the cross, why we use the cross in worship and the depth of using the sign of the cross in our every day lives!

How: Fill out a registration form for each child that is attending and mail to St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI 48430), or drop off in person to the parish office.

Registration closes August 17th.

Tentative Itinerary

10:00am—11:00am arrive & register
11:00am –11:30am Morning Prayers
11:30– 1:00pm Morning Sessions
1:00pm—2:30pm Lunch
2:30pm—4:00pm Afternoon Session
4:00pm—4:30pm Snack & Parent Pick-up
5:00pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers

Following Vespers all are welcome to stay as late as they would like to enjoy fellowship and the amenities of the campground. There will be smores available for all who would like to stay and make them.

Groups:

Group A: Ages 4, 5, & 6

Group B: Ages 7, 8, & 9

Group C: Ages 10 & 11

✚ For additional information please contact the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Office– Office hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am – 3pm 810-750-1401 or email smmocafernton@gmail.com

✚ There is no fee for a child to participate in VCS, however please consider a free-will offering to the church to help cover the cost of the event. There is an entrance fee into the campground. VCS will cover this fee for one car per family. Please let them know at the gate you are there for the St. Mary Magdalene Group on site #12.

2021 Vacation Church School Registration Form

(Please fill out one form for each child attending)

Child's Name: _____

Child's Patron Saint/ Baptismal Name: _____

Child's Age _____ Name of Home Parish _____

Any Allergies or important information _____

Please Check this Box if you DO NOT want us to use sunscreen or bug spray on your child

Parent(s) Name _____

Parent Email _____

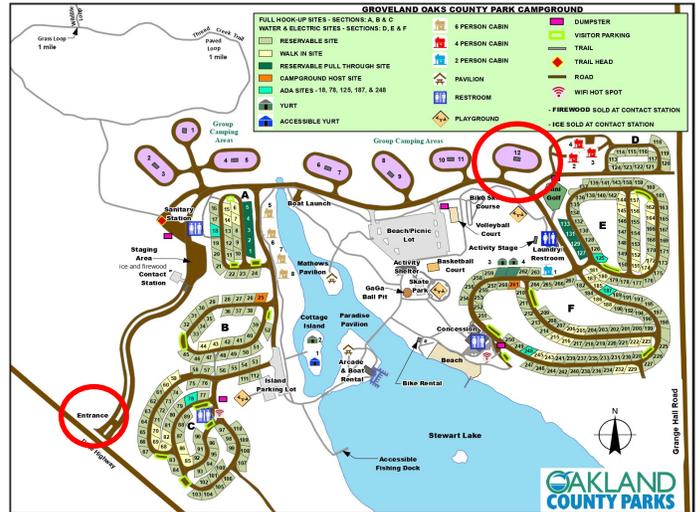
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Parents are asked to stay onsite with their child. If you are unable to stay on site please list the adult that will be present and will be responsible for your child _____

Lunch: Campfire Roasted Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit & Vegetables, Popsicles

After Vespers: Smores will be available for all after Great Vespers (5pm)

Please consider bringing a camping chair or picnic blanket for the adults that will be in attendance. Seating in the pavilion and will be use for VCS instruction.



Emergency Contact: _____

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Phone _____

Emergency Contact 2: _____

Phone _____

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