

St. George Orthodox Church

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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. 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 Oblations (Offerings)

- Daisy Isaac and Family for the health of her family and in loving memory of friend **Delores** Page (3/9 day)
- Lucy AbuAita, Mary Khoury, and their Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of father **Michel** (6 month) and uncle **Baseel** Abuaita (6 month).

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:

● **Ryan Helal** ~ August 1st **Julius Andoni** ~ August 8th

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

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Suad** Awwad (July 7th, mother of Wafa Alsaouri), **Stephen** Bruckman (+July 7th, great-grandson of Daisy Isaac), and **Jamil** Sahouri (+July 24th).
- 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** 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.; **Joelle Grace** Bayouk 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-Khoury, **Haneen** and **Benan** Burbar, **Amira** and **Abdallah** Farah, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Elise** and **Jarrett** Lane [daughter of Habeeb & Denise Ghattas and Jill Smith], **Kari** and **Panagiotis** Mikroudou [daughter of John and Theresa Farah], and **Rachel** and **Andrew** Sackllah [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Lucy AbuAita and Mary Khoury and their Families*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: August 29th, September 5th, 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). *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, your family, or friends in a tragic 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.**

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee will be out-of-town from after Divine Liturgy, August 1st until Thursday, August 5th. **For emergencies while Fr. Joe is away**, contact please *Father Michael Bassett* (St. George, 989-627-9580), *Fr. Jarrod Russell* (Assumption, 810-771-4611), *Fr. Gabriel Bilas* (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or *Fr. Matthew Butrie* (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for their safe travels.

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.
Thursday	<i>Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary</i> 6:30pm
Friday	<i>Divine Liturgy</i> for our Lord's Transfiguration للتجلي <i>at St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton) 10am</i>
Saturday	No Great Vespers

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MAKING IT A HABIT ~ *When We Do the Wrong Things Habitually*

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

That we must struggle with our passions is a given. All the holy fathers counsel us to do battle with the passions, yet we continue committing the same sins over and over. Sometimes it is because we've allowed ourselves to fall into the habit of submitting to the same passions time and again. We stole an item from the office and got away with it, so the next time we think we need an extra pen, we take it. Perhaps we have twenty such corporate pens in a large mug, sitting on the counter in our kitchen. Do we need all of them, or do we ever even use any of them? Yet the count continues, because we've gotten into the habit of taking them from the office.

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Do we think our job in a restaurant gives us the right to smuggle out food at the end of our shift, and does our low salary make us excuse such theft? Or perhaps we switch a high end bulk coffee into the low end store brand bag, paying three dollars less per pound than we should, because we could get away with it?

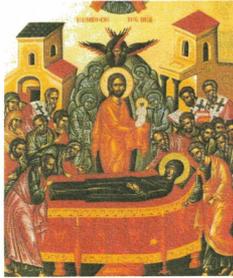
Perhaps we find we snap at our spouse, or our children, even when we are not angry. Or, we drive in an aggressive manner, thinking we need to be ahead of someone driving the speed limit, all because we've been doing so on work days. Maybe we are verbally abusive with our employees because we have the power to do so, given the economy (where are they going to work, if not here).

These are all examples of sinful behavior that can become habitual, and should be addressed directly if we are ever to be freed from our passions. We can start by slowly returning the pens to the office, two by two, until they've all been returned. We can arrive early at the restaurant job, and stay beyond our shift, paying for the stolen food with our extra hours of service. We can purchase a money order and anonymously pay back the grocery store the amount we've stolen from them over the years. We can choose to drive in the slow lane, on a daily basis, leaving early enough to reduce the temptation for aggressive driving. We can use our iPod to hear a talk by Father Thomas Hopko on Ancient Faith Radio, making the end of the day a time of spiritual reflection, all the while driving in the slow lane.

Get out your bible, find the Gospel of Saint Luke who wrote one of the biographies of Jesus to non-Jews. Look up chapter 19 and read about Zacchaeus, His teaching on "pounds", and the beginning of Palm Week. Love, FJ

Luke 19:8-10

⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



***DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
ORTHODOX MONASTERY***

Mother GABRIELLA - Abbess

**34th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE 2021
FEAST OF THE DORMITION**

PRESIDING HIERARCHS

His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL

His Grace Bishop ANDREI

PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Saturday August 14

6:00 pm Vigil of the Feast with Lamentations

Service will be streamed.

This service is not open to the public.

Sunday August 15

9:00 am Akathist, Hours and Vesting of Hierarchs

10:00 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm Holy Unction Service

Due to the ongoing and uncertain situation of the pandemic, we will limit the number of guests this year asking those who wish to participate in the services of the Divine Liturgy and Holy Unction to make a reservation, by phone or email with Mrs. Cristina Irimie at: **(734) 968-5565** or email: **cristina_irimie@hotmail.com**. Reservations will be taken on the first come first serve basis.

We ask that guests bring their own lunch.

The monastery will provide refreshments, coffee, and sweets.

In Michigan masks are no longer mandatory. However, we would appreciate if guests will continue to observe the previous recommendations of the CDC in view of the rapid spread of the Delta variant of the COVID 19 virus, and for the protection of the monastics.

For any special, and last minute announcements please check our website.

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