

# St. George Orthodox Church

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August 14, 2022

Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Father Michael Bassett, Attached

## 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. 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)

- Jamal and Manal Abuaita for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Thalge** Ghanim (9 day, uncle of Manal).
- Laila Abud and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of daughter **Vicki** (40 day, husband **Joseph** (16 year), parents **Thomas** and **Julia** Shehab, brother **Roy** and **Beverly** (3 year) Shehab, and all the members of the **Abud** and **Abraham Families**.
- Cam and Paul Takach for the health of her family and in loving memory of aunt **Lorraine** Nadar (40 day).
- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Vicki** Toma (40 day).

- George and Jeanette Nassif for the health of their family especially daughter **Nicole** and in loving memory of son **Paul** (48 year).
- Khalil and Christine Abousamra for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Bassem** Sami Al Issa (father of Christine).

### **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:

- **Anna** Abdallah and **Talia** Khoury~ August 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Leyla** and **Zayna** Andoni ~ August 19<sup>th</sup>

*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: **Archimandrite Duane** Pederson (+July 20<sup>th</sup>), **Rhoda** Wheat (+July 9<sup>th</sup>, sister of Ron Haddad), **Dolores** Bator (+July 12<sup>th</sup>, grandmother of Dan and Staci Bator), **Nuha** Odeh (+July 15<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Giries Odeh and Mousa Rishmawi).
- 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** Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **Youssif** Abousamra, **Danial** Alghanim (father of Dania Hanna), **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/uncle 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); **John**, **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet), and newborn **Leah Elizabeth** Timm (July 15<sup>th</sup>). **Sophia** Al-Khoury who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and First Communion.
- 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 in our Lounge and is hosted by *Laila Abud and Family*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<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, contact Manal Abuaita** (810-577-0028).



**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!



**ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC** is Saturday, September 24<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 of a business for only \$125 (see flier on Narthex Table). Donations of prizes, gift cards and/or money to buy gifts are also needed ~ you do not need to be a golfer to support this wonderful event. If you are interested or need more information, see Tony Daoud (810-730-1011).

### COMING EVENTS

**Fasting Discipline** The **Dormition Fast** for the **Dormition** (*Falling Asleep or Assumption*) of the **Virgin Mary** began on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and lasts until tomorrow August 15<sup>th</sup>. The traditional fasting discipline during this fourteen-day period is *no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil and their by-products, except on Saturdays and Sundays* when *wine and olive oil* are allowed. The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, meat by-products, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.

**TONIGHT** Combined Pan-Orthodox **Great Vespers** for the **Dormition of the Virgin Mary at Assumption** (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439) 6pm

**Monday** Combined Pan-Orthodox **Divine Liturgy** for the **Dormition of the Virgin Mary at Assumption** (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439) 10am

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

**Saturday** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm

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## Silence and Solitude ~

### A Healthy Soul is one that Seeks out Silence

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

We are addicted to noise. We find it impossible to drive our vehicles without the radio on or a CD playing. Our televisions are running from the moment we have returned from work. We take our runs with earphones filling our minds with music. We even walk with our friends while listening to our own music. We live as though we are afraid of silence, as little children who have to sleep with a night light.

Our reasons for filling our hours with noise are varied. Some find silence disturbing and a reminder that they are alone. Others use noise as a way of keeping out the sounds of the city, or the voices of their children. There are those who use noise as a way to keep from having to communicate with others. Some even use noise to avoid themselves.

Whatever the reason, noise keeps us from connecting with our inner self, wherein we have the opportunity for communion with God. Without silence we are unable to hear the voice of God speaking in the stillness of our heart.

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It is not just monks who should be seeking out moments throughout the day where solitude and silence allow us to enter into communion with God, for the humble soul and a penitent heart are fed by solitude and silence. The human heart is open to the voice of God when in silence and solitude.

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*Get out your bibles and find the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 5. Read verses 12-15. Here is one place where we see how even Jesus had to have silence and solitude to pray: an example for all of us! Love, FJ*

## **Solitude and Silence**

- **Solitude and silence are so transforming because they are essential ingredients and helpful preparation for all the other disciplines of the Spirit. It is essential for Bible study, prayer, private worship, and journaling, and is common when fasting. Silence prepares us to hear God's voice and receive revelation and guidance.**

# St. George Parish Picnic

*Taking place at Davison Township Parks and Recreation (Lake Callis)*

*1152 North Gale Road, Davison, MI 48423*

*Admission: when driving in, tell them you are with "St. George"*



**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
12 Noon to 8pm**

Immediately after Divine Liturgy

A free will (*voluntary*) offering  
will be available.

- Food and Drinks are provided.  
[Per park rules, no alcohol or hookah are allowed.]
- Splash Pad, Soccer, Volleyball, Euchre, Backgammon, and more!
- Fun and Games for the whole family and a great way to meet and have fellowship with our St. George Family!
- For more information or to help out, please contact chairman:  
Raed AbuAita (810-394-7653/ [raedabuaita@gmail.com](mailto:raedabuaita@gmail.com))



# FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS



**Sunday, August 14**

**6:00 pm**

**Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers**

**Lenten Potluck to follow**

**Monday, August 15**

**10:00 am**

**Divine Liturgy**

**Light Luncheon to follow**



**Please join us in celebrating our church Feast Day!**