

St. George Orthodox Church

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Rev. Father Michael Bassett, Assistant

August 15, 2021

Blessings on the Dormition Feast!

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 (*Oblations*)

- Kelly Sanderson for the health of her family and in loving memory of uncle **Charles** Stewart (3/9 day).
- Laila Abud and Family for the health of their family especially **Fr. Joe** on the occasion of his 34th Anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

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:

- **Josiana** Yacoub ~ August 16th
- **Anna** Abdallah, **Jehad** Abufarha, and **Talia** Jarayseh ~ August 17th
- **Leyla** and **Zayna** Andoni and **Jiries** Awad~ August 19th

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), **Jamil** Sahouri (+July 24th friend of parishioners), **Delores** Page (+July 26th, friend of Daisy Isaac), **Rayan** Janenah (+July 26th, friend of Ola Alqazaha), **Tony** Al-Sakali (+July 30th, brother-in-law of Elias Hanna, Najwa Joubran, Wafaa Elias, and Feryal Joubran), **Mariam** Alsous Rishmawi (+July 30th, aunt of Salem Rashmawi and Fadi Rishmawi), and **Nakhleh** Khoury (+August 1st).
- 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, **Salwa** Abu-Aitah, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **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, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Gracyn** Haskins (granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** and **Elise** Sophiea Jr., **Shirley** Zerka (mother of Victoria).
- 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, **Amira** and **Abdallah** Farah, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Elise** and **Jarrett** Lane [daughter of Habeeb & Denise Ghattas and Jill Smith], **Kari** and **Panagiotis** Mikroudis [daughter of John and Theresa Farah], and **Rachel** and **Andrew** Sackllah [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Laila Abud*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: August 22nd, Sept. 19th and 26th, Oct. 3rd and 17th
~ 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).

CHURCH SCHOOL IS STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 12th!

Everyone received a letter and one registration form in the mail. All of our children/students, need to register using the NEW form. Please fill out one form for each child and bring it to church and give it to our Church School Director, Janet Abueita.

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 the following current 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.**

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.**

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

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HUMBLE SUBMISSION ~ Do We Think Ourselves Wiser Than the Church?

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

In an age of unbelief, it can be a struggle to submit to the laws of the Church. When the society around us regards the Church's laws and traditions unfavorably, we can easily give in to thinking the same thing, and disregard the canons and statutes of the Church of Christ. If our work associates and friends, or even family members, think our adherence to the periods of fasting is extreme, we can find ourselves giving in to peer pressure, just as children are known to do. If our taking time out from work to attend special feast day services is criticized by co-workers as being excessive, do we decline to ask for the day off for the next feast day?

If we allow ourselves to choose the traditions and societal structures of those around us, in preference to the Church's traditions, canons, and laws, we will soon find ourselves betraying our Christian faith. Christianity was not meant to be easy, but is by nature compared to doing battle. If we desire the easy comforts and pleasures of this world, we will eventually lose the battle and will perish. If we prefer the laws of this world over the laws of the Church, in the end we will have lost that which is most essential and eternal in value.

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“You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” 9 And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!”

Mark 7:8-9

In times of turmoil and earthly hardship, we will find we have not built up the spiritual strength and fortitude to stand strong against the winds of destruction that lay hold of our lives, and we will have lost the battle. Submitting to mere human traditions and authority, we will find that a thief will have taken the very treasure that is the Kingdom of God, and we will be left by the wayside, the Gates of Heaven having been closed to us.

If we revile the laws of the Church we will have reviled Christ Himself, Who is the Head of the Church. This is true because the laws of the Church were given by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles, and are therefore not simply the "traditions of men". Let us not think we are great teachers of our own souls, but let us humbly call out together with the wise thief, "*Remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom!*" (Luke 23:42)

Get out your bible, find the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians. Look up chapter 1 and read where the below verse comes from and learn a little about St. Paul. Love, FJ



Galatians 1:10

FOR AM I NOW SEEKING THE
**APPROVAL OF
MAN, OR OF GOD?**
OR AM I TRYING TO PLEASE MAN?
IF I WERE STILL TRYING TO PLEASE MAN,
**I WOULD NOT BE A
SERVANT OF CHRIST.**



Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

Fall Gathering 2021

Hosted by St. James Antiochian Orthodox Church

6577 Branch Hill Miamiville Rd, Loveland, Ohio 45140

October 21-22: Clergy Retreat

October 22-24: Fall Gathering YAM, SOYO & Antiochian Women



PLC June 2019

Hotel Information

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**DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel,
Cincinnati - Blue Ash**

Address: 6300 E Kemper Rd, Sharonville, OH 45241

Phone: [\(513\) 489-3636](tel:5134893636)



All of rooms are two room suites. Every suite has a double sized sleeper sofa in the living room area, a microwave, a small refrigerator and an in-room safe. **Group Code: JAO**

Copy or Click on the link below for reservation:

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CVGTKRDT-JAO-20211021/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Registration Information

Registration fee is **\$50**. For clergy retreat and fall gathering -this includes dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and a farewell lunch on Sunday!

Click here to register <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/3957214>