

St. George Orthodox Church

5191 Lennon Road • Flint, MI 48507 • (810) 732-0720

Web Site: saintgeorgeflint.org

V. Rev. Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Protodeacon Michael Bassett

August 16, 2020

AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION للرقاد OF THE THEOTOKOS

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open with a limited number of parishioners each week. Only those who are scheduled may attend. If you are not on the list and would like to be part of the rotation, please contact Fr. Joe (810-732-0720 or njja@aol.com). View our livestream at:

YouTube ~ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpLWfxMIJK4uQOV41ekE6Wg>

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.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** {*the Golden-Mouth*},
The **Special Hymns** we sing are on the Bilingual sheets from Fr. Joe's Email).

Holy Bread Offerings

- The children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Frank and Mary Salim pray for the health and safety of their families especially **Sharon** Ballreich and in loving memory of **Frank** (18 year) and **Mary** (2 year) ~ *May their memory be eternal!*
- **Giries** and **Marlen** Odeh for the health of their family on the occasion of their 25th anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony ~ *May God grant her many years!*

Baptism/Chrismation Days

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

- **Josiana** Yacoub – August 16th • **Ramy** Abueita and **Jehad** Abufarha – August 17th
- **Jowelle** Odeh, **Leyla** and **Zayna** Andoni, and **Jiries** Awad – August 19th

May our children 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: **Archdeacon David** Nimer (+August 5th, relative of the Farah Family), **Michael** Simpson (+July 9th, Kelly Sanderson's uncle), **Enrique** Rojas (+July 13th, former parishioner), **William** Stock (+July 20th, grandfather of Natania Hanna), **Thomas** Dilullo (+August 2nd, friend of Dn. Mike).
- 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, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Reader Fouad** Abuaita, **Maria** AbuAita, **Anwar** Abueita, **Wadia** Albaba, **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Kendall** Ayoub (brother of Cam Takach), **Naila** Banna, **Emil J.** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Evelyn** Delbridge, **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Sandy Thomas), **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen,

Michael Silpoch, William Sophia Jr, and Lois Teunion. Alexander Wayne and Ragda Ishaq who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Juliana** (Essa) AbuAita and **Katie** (Philip) Quackenboss [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee will be on vacation from Thursday morning, August 20th until Monday evening, August 24th. **For emergencies while Fr. Joe is away**, please call Protodeacon 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 Fr. Joe and Leslee's safe travels.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, AND DONATIONS Though everyone cannot attend church due to limited capacity or other reasons, our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still needed. PLEASE help our parish by continuing to send your offerings to St. George. This can simply be done by going to our website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) or by mailing your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507.

PARKING LOT PLEDGES Our goal is \$80,000 (we have raised over \$42,000 so far including half of the Valentine Gala profits) and we are so thankful for those who have donated and pledged. If you have not already, please pick up a form, fill it out, and send it to the church. Remember our donations to the Parking Lot are separate (above and beyond) our weekly offerings. Again, thank you to our donors!

Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud
Dn. Mike and Pam Bassett
St. George Preschool
Jamal and Manal Abuaita
Khader and Lucy Abuaita
Anwar and Janet Abueita
Laila Abud

Anonymous
Ladies Auxiliary
Tony Daoud
Ayman and Wafaa Elias
John and Theresa Farah
Betty Froberg
Dr. David and May Gantos

Elias and Amirah Hanna
George and Jeanette Nassif
Fadi and Evette Rishmawi
Bill and Sue Shaheen
Richard Shaheen
Bob and LoisTeunion

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.
Monday	Church School Staff Meeting in our Banquet Center 6pm
Wednesday	SOYO Wednesday Zoom Gathering 7:30pm
Thursday	Parish Council Meeting 6:15pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers

HELP, WE NEED SOMEBODY! HELP, NOT JUST ANYBODY!

We are sorely in need of weeding and clean-up! Anyone looking for an outdoor activity? **Please help!** The past few years, we hired a

gardener to keep up things, but we could not this year! Share your time and talent with your church. Please contact Kh. Leslee Abud (laabud@aol.com) if you can help.



GRIEF & LOSS
Support Group

At Catholic Charities, we understand grief and loss is difficult. We hope you will find healing, support, hope, strength, and understanding interacting with others who have had similar experiences.

OPEN TO EVERYONE
THURSDAYS
5 PM - 6 PM
FREE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
901 CHIPPEWA STREET

Contact Linda Itson to reserve your spot.
810-232-9950 ext. 250

www.CatholicCharitiesFlint.org

Fighting Polarization ~ *We must learn to respect differences of opinion*

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

The cultural and spiritual warfare that is taking place in this country has served to divide many people, even pitting friends and family members against one another. Not since the Civil War have Americans been so divided. Conservatives are often seen as enemies and reactionaries by those holding to liberal views, and Liberals are sometimes demonized by those espousing conservative perspectives. Some have experienced being marginalized, or even rejected, by those who were previously seen as good friends.



**FORGIVE
ONE ANOTHER**
as **QUICKLY** and **THOROUGHLY**
**AS GOD IN CHRIST
FORGAVE YOU**

EPHESIANS 4:32

Coupled with the polarization of the populous within the United States, and the mass apostasy from Christianity in the West, many Christians are now fearing we may be hurtling towards the End Times, faster than ever. Others have voiced worry that our nation may even be on the brink of another Civil War, remembering that the original Civil War was not solely between the Southern States, and the North, but often between brothers of the same family.

Yet when we consider the words of the Our Father, *“Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”*, we must know, as Christians, that our prayers do make a difference. Just as the faithful of the Early Church looked at events taking place in their world as possible signs of the imminent Second Coming of Christ, they, nevertheless, kept their focus on the possibility that there could be a “first resurrection”, as described in the 20th chapter of the Book of Revelation, where the Church could experience a triumph, even in this world.

It is this hope that must serve as the foundation of our daily lives, for as Christians we are not to be giving ourselves over to fate, but to the hope that comes from Christ. God IS in charge, and He is NOT bound by anything. When we pray, “Thy will be done”, we must mean it!

The unity of our national identity as citizens of this great nation have always depended on our willingness to respect the opinions of others, and even listen to the views of those who differ from us, always keeping an open mind, willing to accept the fact that a family member, or even a close friend, even though holding differing political or religious views, is still worthy of our love and friendship.

The best response we can give as Christians, when confronted by warring parties, and differing opinions, is to pray for those who have turned their backs on the Christian foundations of our heritage, trusting that God, in His loving kindness, can restore the civility of this society, and restore us to the place where we can all learn to respect differences of opinion, and learn the importance of really listening to opposing ideas.

Be we conservatives or progressives, we must not allow our sin to smother us, and thus destroy our ability to love others, and, ultimately, to love Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ, God Himself, is the source of our “spiritual oxygen”. Many people today feel spiritually choked on all levels, which in itself is a testament to the great need for us to radiate Christ to our neighbors. In doing so, we will not only breathe deeply, but our neighbors will sense this, and wish to live, take in, and become one with that great spiritual expanse that is our Lord Jesus Christ.

