

St. George Orthodox Church

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Web Site: saintgeorgeflint.org

August 28, 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*)

- Rose Ayoub, and Cam and Paul Takach for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Kendall** Ayoub (9 day, son of Rose and brother of Cam).
- Father Michael and Khouriya Pam Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Archimandrite Duane** Pederson (40 day).
- Sally Joseph and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Edward** (35 years), parents **James** and **Adele**, brother **Raymond** Shaheen, **Norman**, **Esther**, **Mildred**, **Dorothy**, **Delores**, **Ernest**, **Roula**, **Jonathan**, and **Michael** Joseph.
- Fares Abdallah and Family for the health of their family especially wife and mother **Sahar** on the occasion of her birthday ~ *May God grant her 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 this coming week:

● **Amany** Rishmawi ~ August 28th

● **Elias** Mitri ~ August 30th

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: **Bassam** Sami Al Issa (+July 31st, father of Christine Abousamra), **Thalge** Ghanim (+August 6th, uncle of Manal Abuaita), and **George** Abdallah Bannoura, (+August 14th, father of Hiam Ishaq).
- 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, **Youssif** Abousamra, **Danial** Alghanim (father of Dania Hanna), **William** Alsahouri, **Sanaa** Alqassis (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Danny** Andoni, **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Kh. Pam** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **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); **Karim** and **Watan** (Abuaita) Assaad who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- 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 *Fares and Sahar Abdallah*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd ~ 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).

PARKING If you are just dropping by the church, you may park close to the building. **HOWEVER**, if you are here for Divine Services, Bible Studies, Meetings, etc., please park in the appropriate spaces and leave the handicapped spaces for our parishioners who need them – **DO NOT PARK CLOSE TO THE BUILDING IN THE FIRE TRUNK LANE** ~Thank You!

SPECIAL PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY Our Parish Council has scheduled a special parish meeting for Sunday, September 18th immediately after Divine Liturgy. Make plans to attend as we will only discuss a more extensive Banquet Center Renovation and Small Business Loan.



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 (or *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!



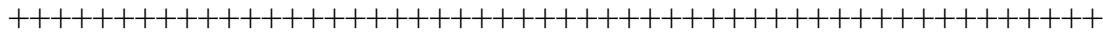
ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC is Saturday, September 24th at Flushing Valley Golf Club. The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and to raise money for our church. Hole Sponsorships are needed, which is great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity of a business for only \$150 (see flier at end of this bulletin). 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 On Monday, we remember the **Beheading of John the Baptist** with the traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*). The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, meat by-products, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is also observed on Wednesday and Friday.

Thursday Church School Staff Meeting 5:30pm
 Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm



The Real You ~ Know Who You Really Are

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

We are all surrounded by fictional characters, persons who are the invention of filmmakers, promoters, and even self-inventors. The original meaning of the word "hypocrite" was "actor", and it is ignorance of our true nature as children of God that keeps us living as fictional characters, unaware of our own true purpose, the one God has chosen for us. When we stop relying on our own goodness, and stop deluding ourselves into thinking we do not need God, we can cast our entire focus on discovering our true self.

It is an ignorance of our true nature that is the base cause of so many living as though they were actors on a stage ~ afraid of what they might see if they were honest about themselves. True self-awareness can only come when we are open to letting Christ into our lives, totally. Continuing to live comfortably behind the mask of self-delusion, we are content to live in a carnal (fleshly, sinful) world, where we think happiness has its base in partying, making money, having sex, eating and drinking, living in the best house, and "looking good".

We become a Hollywood promoter, living behind the mask of our own invention, fearing we will be less interesting to others if we are outwardly religious. We fail to realize it is not enforced strictness and denial that is required, but a submission in love to Christ that brings us new found freedom to be true to ourselves. Our new path leads to unspeakable joy and enduring peace.

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As C. S. Lewis said, "Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

JESUS SAID.... IT WAS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST SET US FREE....THE TRUTH SETS FREE....THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE....HE BROUGHT US FORTH BY THE WORD OF TRUTH....YOUR WORD IS TRUTH....TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE DOWNTRODDEN....IF THEREFORE THE SON SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YOU SHALL BE FREE INDEED THE WORD OF TRUTH....HE WHO HAS DIED IS FREED FROM SIN

THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE

IF YOU ABIDE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE. YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE...SANCTIFY THEM IN THE TRUTH, YOUR WORD IS TRUTH...THAT WE SHOULD NO LONGER BE SLAVES OF SIN, FOR WHO WILL SET ME FREE FROM THE BODY OF THIS DEATH...WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS THERE IS LIBERTY... THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS

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Get out your bibles, in the New Testament find the Gospel of St. John, then read chapter 8. Jesus speaks about many things, but in verses 31-38 He talks about truth, being slaves to and in sin, and being set free from our sin. Love, FJ

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(Behind Kohl's) Between Linden and Dye Roads

MIDDLE EASTERN TAKE-OUT LUNCH & BAKE SALE

Thursday, September 22, 2022

11am-2pm

Lunch includes:

Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew (*Yahnee*), Rice, Hummus,
Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a Bottled Water

Vegetarian Plate available

Cost is \$15 per meal

Free Delivery with eight (8) or more lunches!

Use the QR Code to place your lunch or bake sale order or go to
<https://stgeorgeladies.square.site/> ~~ for more information, & free
deliveries call: St. George at 810-732-0720



DEADLINE for orders is September 8th!

| Item | Number of Dozens | Price (\$20 per dozen) |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Kibbee | | |
| Meat Pies | | |
| Spinach Pies | | |
| Date Cookies (<i>Kaak</i>) | | |
| | | Price (\$18 per dozen) |
| Baklava | | |
| Gharabeh | | |
| | | Price (\$15 per Lunch) |
| Lunch (as above) | | |
| Lunch (Vegetarian) | | |
| TOTAL | | |

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Pick-up Time _____



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V. Rev Fr. Joseph M. Abud
Pastor

St. George Golf Classic

It is that time of year as preparations for our annual St. George Golf Classic are in full swing! We pray this letter finds you, your families, and employees healthy and safe.

As a previous sponsor, we would love you to sponsor this wonderful event again, which greatly contributes to funding the good works of our church. The 2022 Golf Classic is being held at the Flushing Valley Golf Club in Flushing, MI on Saturday, September 24th. Sponsorship availability has expanded from previous years, so please see the options below:

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$150 – Individual Hole Sponsor

Sponsorship tee sign

\$600 – Foursome/Hole Sponsor

Four golfers plus a sponsorship tee sign

\$1,000 – Beverage Cart Sponsor

Sponsorship banner, tee sign, and a 'Thank You' plaque

\$1,250 – Dinner Sponsor

Four golfers, sponsorship tee sign & banner

\$2,000 – Silver Sponsor

Four golfers, sponsorship tee sign & banner, and a 3-month 1/2 page advertisement

in The VOICE of St. George monthly newsletter

\$3,000 – Gold Sponsor

Four golfers, two sponsorship tee signs, table cards, sponsorship banner,

and a 6-month full page advertisement in The VOICE of St. George monthly newsletter

\$5,000 – Benefactor & Friends

2 Foursomes, two sponsorship tee signs, sponsorship banner, 1 year full page

advertisement in The VOICE of St. George monthly newsletter, and a sponsorship plaque

displayed at St. George

Sponsorship and Registration Forms are included. Any questions can be directed to myself or our Church Office at 810-732-0720. Again, we look forward to your participation to make this year's Golf Classic a great success!

Sincerely,

Tony Daoud

Golf Classic Chairman

810-730-1011 or SaintGeorgeGolfClassic@gmail.com

A Church of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

St. George Orthodox Church

17th Annual Golf Classic



Flushing Valley Golf Club
1124 E Main Street
Flushing, MI 48433

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Saturday, September 24, 2022

- 10am SHOTGUN START
- HOT DOG LUNCH AT TURN
- DINNER/AWARDS AT FINISH
- RAFFLES
- GIVE AWAYS
- ALL ARE WELCOME

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Sponsorship tee sign

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Please make all checks payable to: **St. George Orthodox Church** (memo: *Golf Classic*)

Mail to: **5191 Lennon Road * Flint, MI 48507**

For more information on the Classic, sponsorships, and/or reserving a spot, please contact:



Scan to
Pay!

Tony Daoud: 810-730-1011 or Church Office: 810-732-0720

email: SaintGeorgeGolfClassic@gmail.com

Please submit all entries by September 12, 2022



Scan to
register
online

| Golf Team Information - \$125 per golfer | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Golfer #1 (Captain's name): | | |
| Address: | | |
| Phone #: | | e-mail: |
| Golfer #2 (name): | e-mail: | |
| Golfer #3 (name): | e-mail: | |
| Golfer #4 (name): | e-mail: | |
| Division (circle one): | | |
| Men | MIXED- Any combination of men/women/or 4 women | Total Enclosed - \$ _____ |