

# St. George Orthodox Church

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V. Rev. Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Protodeacon Michael Bassett

August 30, 2020

## LEAVE-TAKING OF THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

### 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](mailto:njja@aol.com)). View our livestream at:

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.

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

#### 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:

- **Elias** Mitri – August 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Ariana** Abuaita – September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Sophia** Abuaita – September 4<sup>th</sup>

*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 5<sup>th</sup>, relative of the Farah Family), **Thomas** Dilullo (+August 2<sup>nd</sup>, friend of Dn. Mike), **Karen** Howder (+August 23<sup>rd</sup>, mother of Claire Saadeh), and **Jalal** Zatouneh (+August 25<sup>th</sup>, nephew of Karam Nassar).
- 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, **Nassem** Helel (father of Amani Helal), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Michael** Khal, **Hanna** (Shawki) Khoury, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophia Jr, and **Lois** Teunion; **Abdallah** Farah and **Amira** Abdallah 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

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** Take the time! Come and help feed the hungry during our once-a-month commitment at the Soup Kitchen this Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact coordinator Goni Ishak (810-449-6599).

**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.

**PROCEDURES!** Because of serious health concerns, we all must wear masks at all times. Please remember we can venerate icons by bowing (not kissing or touching at this time) and the same for the priest's hand and the chalice at Holy Communion. Further, only our clergy and chanters may sing. When you come to church, the front is roped off so the singing of the clergy and chanters can keep everyone safe (singing, like sneezing and coughing, can propel air droplets 20 feet!) ~ if you want to sing, please do it very softly and with your mask on.

**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

Ronald Haddad  
Elias and Amirah Hanna  
George and Jeanette Nassif  
Fadi and Evette Rishmawi  
Bill and Sue Shaheen  
Richard Shaheen  
Bob and Lois Teunion

## 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.
Wednesday	<b>SOYO Wednesday Zoom Gathering</b> 7:30pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers

# THE RELATIONSHIP PROJECT

An invitation has gone out to all of our teens and recent high school graduates for *THE RELATIONSHIP PROJECT!* Parents, Godparents, and grandparents, please check with your them and encourage them to join!



# 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.

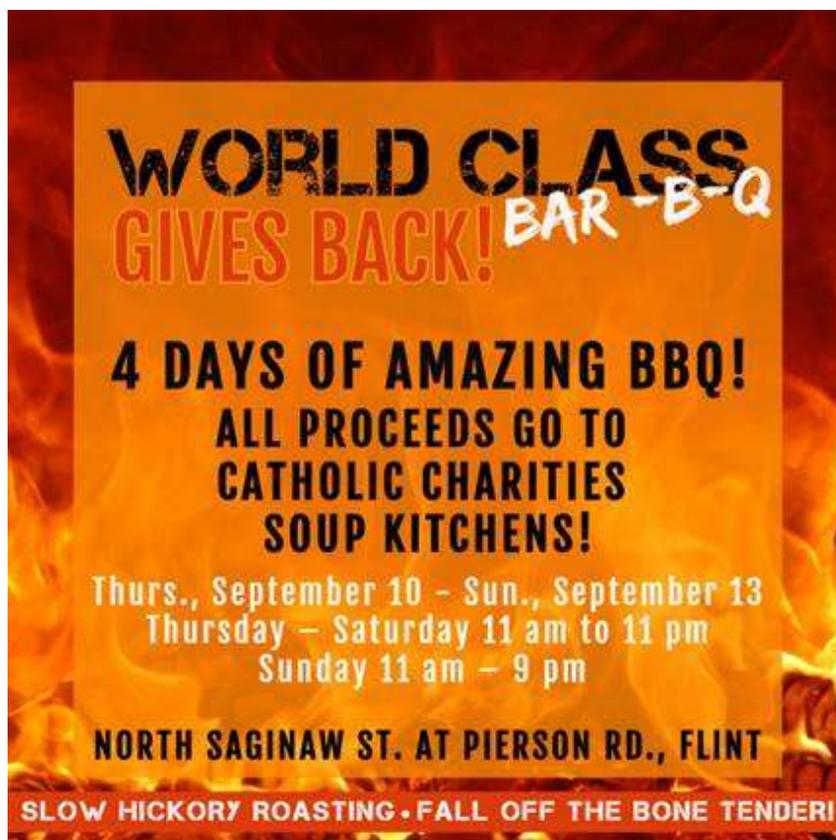
**OPEN TO EVERYONE**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**5 PM - 6 PM**  
**FREE**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
**901 CHIPPEWA STREET**

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

[www.CatholicCharitiesFlint.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesFlint.org)

**Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties** are looking for volunteers to help with an upcoming fundraiser, *The Ginormous Tent Sale*. The sale will be held at ELGA Credit Union (Burton Branch) 2305 South Center Road in Burton. Set up will be August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the sale is September 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, and tear down September 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. If you can lend a hand, please call Theresa Hurley on 810-853-0097~thank you!



# WORLD CLASS GIVES BACK! **BAR-B-Q**

## 4 DAYS OF AMAZING BBQ!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
SOUP KITCHENS!

Thurs., September 10 - Sun., September 13  
Thursday – Saturday 11 am to 11 pm  
Sunday 11 am – 9 pm

**NORTH SAGINAW ST. AT PIERSON RD., FLINT**

**SLOW HICKORY ROASTING • FALL OFF THE BONE TENDER!**

## **The honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John**

The divine Baptist, the Prophet born of a Prophet, the seal of all the Prophets and beginning of the Apostles, the mediator between the Old and New Covenants, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the God-sent Messenger of the incarnate Messiah, the forerunner of Christ's coming into the world (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1); who by many miracles was both conceived and born; who was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb; who came forth like another Elias the Zealot, whose life in the wilderness and divine zeal for God's Law he imitated: this divine Prophet, after he had preached the baptism of repentance according to God's command; had taught men of low rank and high how they must order their lives; had admonished those whom he baptized and had filled them with the fear of God, teaching them that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he do not works worthy of repentance; had, through such preaching, prepared their hearts to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, after he had pointed out to the people the very Savior, and said, "*Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world*" (Luke 3:2-18; John 1:29-36), after all this, John sealed with his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of a transgressor.

This was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas (or Aretas), the King of Arabia (that is, Arabia Petraea, which had the famous Nabatean stone city of Petra as its capital. This is the Aretas mentioned by Saint Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:32). Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "*It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife*" (Mark 6:18). Thus Herod, besides his other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. Certainly, in the beginning, he himself had great reverence for this just and holy man. But finally, being pierced with the sting of a mad lust for the woman Herodias, he laid his defiled hands on the teacher of purity on the very day he was celebrating his birthday. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her -- with an oath more foolish than any foolishness -- that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger. Hence this transgressor of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that the all-venerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6:21-29).