

St. George Orthodox Church

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Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Father Michael Bassett, Attached

Blessings on the great feast of the Nativity (Birth) of the Mother of God!

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*)

- Ronald Haddad for the health of his family and in memory of sister **Rhoda** Wheatt (40 day).
- JoAnn Hawkins, Martha Shahin, and the Shahin and Hawkins Families for the health of their families especially in honor of the 65th birthday of **Ric** Shahin ~ *May God grant him many years!*
- St. George Parish for the health of our **Church School Education Program, the Staff, Teachers, and Students** as we begin a wonderful and fruitful new year ~ *May God grant them many years!*

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Thalge** Ghanim (+August 6th, uncle of Manal Abuaita), **George** Abdallah Bannoura, (+August 14th, father of Hiam Ishaq), and **Kendall** Ayoub (+August 16th, brother of Cam Takach).
- 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), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Kh. Pam** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Victor** David, **Valland** Frangi (sister of Ron Haddad), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Jamil** Ghantous, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Nadia** Ibrahim (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy** Isaac, **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Judy** Mikhail, **Laura** Nassar, **Issa** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Norman** Thomas (friend of Steve and Kelly Sanderson), **Michael** Zerka (uncle of Lauren Zerka); **Raad**, **Sandy** [daughter of Issa and Esperanza], and newborn **Lahni** Qumsieh (August 16th).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khourri.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF LUNCH Our Church School invites EVERYONE to celebrate the beginning of the year by breaking bread together! There is no cost, but donations will be accepted to educate our children! Please pray for our staff and students that God will provide for a blessed and fruitful year!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 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).

SPECIAL PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our Parish Council has scheduled a special parish meeting for NEXT Sunday, September 18th immediately after Divine Liturgy. Make plans to attend as we will only discuss a more extensive Banquet Center Renovation.

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY TAKE-OUT LUNCH AND BAKE SALE This is for our community, family, and friends on Thursday, September 22nd from 11am-2pm. Only take-out or delivered (8 meals or more) ~ no food will be served in the Banquet Center. **ALL orders must be placed by TODAY ~ flier is on Narthex Table.** Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries, see Tony Daoud. For more information, please contact Manal Abuaita (810-577-0028) or Anaam Abueita (810-962-1033). **Donations are welcomed to offset our costs.**



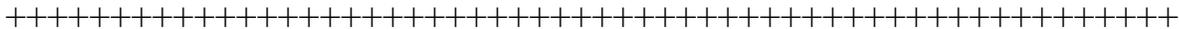
ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC is Saturday, September 24th at Flushing Valley Golf Club. The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and to raise money for our church. Sponsorships and Golfers are needed. Hole Sponsorships are great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity of a business for only \$150 (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).



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!

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday (Life-giving Cross) and Friday.	
Monday	Bible Study: <i>1st book of the bible, Genesis</i>	3-5pm
	SOYO Monday	6-8pm
Tuesday	Combined, Pan-Orthodox <i>Divine Liturgy</i> for the Finding and Elevation of the Holy and Life-giving Cross at <i>St. Nicholas (2143 South Center Road, Burton 810-744-0070)</i>	
		6pm
Wednesday	Arabic-English Bible Study <i>1st book of the bible, Genesis</i>	12-2pm
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting	6:15pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions	5pm



A Missionary People ~ We must teach the Faith as a Missionary People

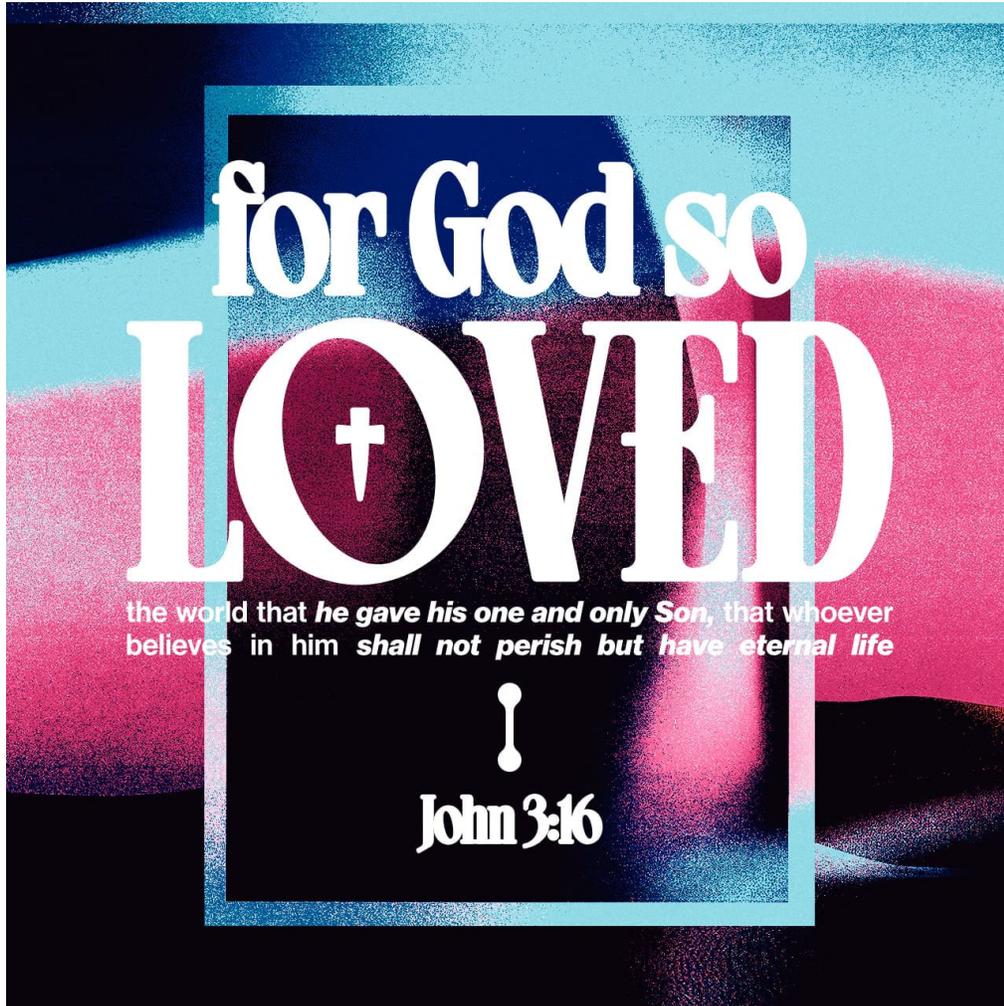
by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

Two Byzantine brothers, Saints Cyril and Methodius, brought Orthodox Christianity to the Slavs in the ninth century. The brilliance of Eastern Orthodox missionary outreach, as opposed to that of the Latin (Roman Catholic) Church, was in the very use of the language of the land. These great saints who became known as the Apostles to the Slavs, left the Slavs with a liturgical language that was understandable to them. The services were not imparted in the Greek language, as though it alone was sacred enough to be used in Divine Worship, but helped them understand their new faith by worshipping in their own language.

The first missionary monks to North America came to a land where Orthodoxy had never been. Their encounter with the native peoples was one of mutual respect. They did not greet their new neighbors as pagans, but as a people whose experience with God was limited, but who nevertheless held to certain truths that were, by their very nature, Orthodox truths. Sharing with these peoples, the Orthodox monks came to know that the native Alaskans did not worship totem poles, but used them as tools for passing on family and tribal history. The monks honored the indigenous peoples, befriending them, and, most important of all, treating them as God's children.

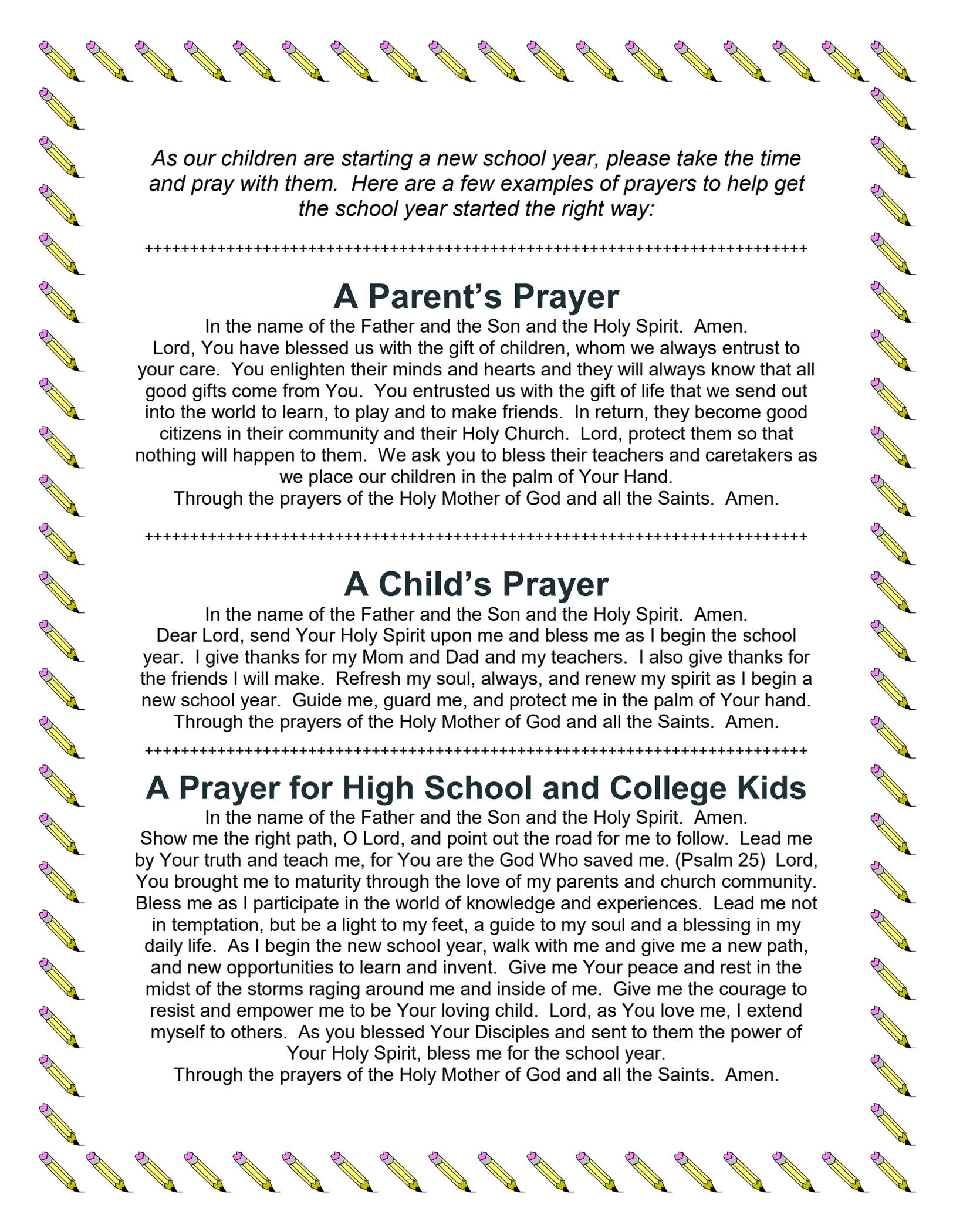
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As Orthodox Christians, we are duty bound to share our faith with others. Christ is for everyone, but with all the bad press Christianity has been getting during the past decade, it is especially important that we approach evangelism in light of the historic Church. The missionary mind of the Orthodox Church must be rekindled in our time. Parishes must not remain places for just Greeks, Russians, Arabs, Bulgarians, Romanians, Palestinians, Serbs, etc. The doors of the churches must be opened wide, welcoming all.



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Get out your bibles and in the New Testament the 1st book is the Gospel of St. Matthew. Go to the end, chapter 28, and read the whole chapter. Here, we find what happened to Jesus after He died on the cross and was buried. We also hear what He tells His apostles and disciples (students) to do. The last four verses, 16-20, is what we read when someone gets baptized. Enjoy, love, FJ



As our children are starting a new school year, please take the time and pray with them. Here are a few examples of prayers to help get the school year started the right way:

A Parent's Prayer

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, You have blessed us with the gift of children, whom we always entrust to your care. You enlighten their minds and hearts and they will always know that all good gifts come from You. You entrusted us with the gift of life that we send out into the world to learn, to play and to make friends. In return, they become good citizens in their community and their Holy Church. Lord, protect them so that nothing will happen to them. We ask you to bless their teachers and caretakers as we place our children in the palm of Your Hand.

Through the prayers of the Holy Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.

A Child's Prayer

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear Lord, send Your Holy Spirit upon me and bless me as I begin the school year. I give thanks for my Mom and Dad and my teachers. I also give thanks for the friends I will make. Refresh my soul, always, and renew my spirit as I begin a new school year. Guide me, guard me, and protect me in the palm of Your hand.

Through the prayers of the Holy Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.

A Prayer for High School and College Kids

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Show me the right path, O Lord, and point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by Your truth and teach me, for You are the God Who saved me. (Psalm 25) Lord, You brought me to maturity through the love of my parents and church community. Bless me as I participate in the world of knowledge and experiences. Lead me not in temptation, but be a light to my feet, a guide to my soul and a blessing in my daily life. As I begin the new school year, walk with me and give me a new path, and new opportunities to learn and invent. Give me Your peace and rest in the midst of the storms raging around me and inside of me. Give me the courage to resist and empower me to be Your loving child. Lord, as You love me, I extend myself to others. As you blessed Your Disciples and sent to them the power of Your Holy Spirit, bless me for the school year.

Through the prayers of the Holy Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.