

St. George Orthodox Church

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V. Rev. Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Protodeacon Michael Bassett

September 13, 2020

SUNDAY BEFORE THE FINDING, ELEVATION, AND PROCESSION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

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 njia@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

- **Issa** and **Vera** Daoud and Family for the health of their family especially **Daniel, Tony, Amanda, Nancy** and their family and in loving memory of **David** Daoud (6 month, brother of Issa), **Suad, Rabiah, Norma, Yacoub, Ramzi, Maha, and Issa**.
- 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), **Karen** Howder (+August 23rd, mother of Claire Saadeh), **Jalal** Zatounh (+August 25th, nephew of Karam Nassar), and **Diana** Zuraiqat (+September 8th, cousin of Dr. George Zureikat and Sahar Abdallah). 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), **Sami** and **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Anwar** Abucita, **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** Helal (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** Sophiea Jr, and **Lois** Teunion; **Yazan** Khair who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Juliana** (Essa) AbuAita and **Katie** (Philip) Quackenboss [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, AND DONATIONS Though everyone cannot attend

church due to limited capacity or other reasons, our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed. PLEASE help our/your parish by continuing to bring or send your offerings to St. George. You can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line or you can bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507.

MEETINGS AND BIBLE STUDIES Per the recent pastoral letter of Metropolitan Joseph, we are now allowed to have in-person meetings and Bible Studies. A large circular setup of tables and chairs in the Banquet Center allows for the needed 6 feet social distancing and we will all be wearing masks. No food or drink may be shared ~ if you would like to bring food or drink for yourself, you are more than welcome. The Parish Council and Church School Staff have already met in the Banquet Center and things went very well. The Bible Studies will start soon.

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR 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:

WE NEED YOU!

Our goal is \$80,000 (we have raised over \$41,000) 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
Rose Ayoub
Dn. Mike & 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 & May Gantos
Ronald Haddad

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

COMING EVENTS

This Week	On Monday, we celebrate the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Holy and Life-giving Cross and the traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed. The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is also observed on Wednesday and Friday.
TODAY	Combined Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers for the Elevation of the Holy Cross 6:30pm at <i>St. Nicholas (2143 South Center Road, Burton 810-744-0070)</i>
Monday	Combined Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the Elevation of the Holy Cross at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 10am
Tuesday	Altar Society Gathering see <i>Theresa Farah</i> for more information 6pm
Thursday	Parish Council Meeting 6:15pm
Saturday	Great Vespers 5pm

THE RELATIONSHIP PROJECT

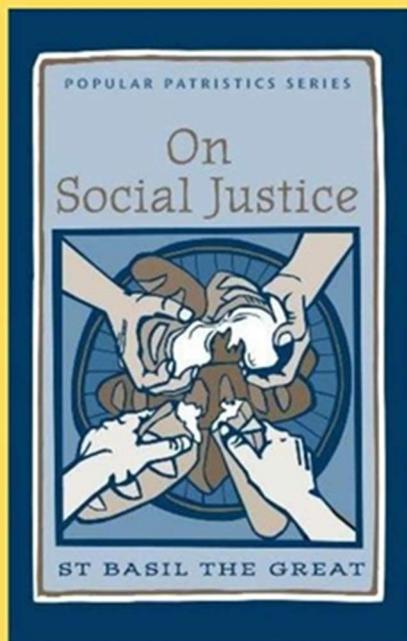
The startup date changed ~ we begin on Wednesday, September 23rd!

An invitation has gone out to all of our teens and recent high school graduates for **THE RELATIONSHIP PROJECT!** Parents, Godparents, and grandparents, please encourage you teens to join! Please see the attached flier. If you have any questions, please contact Kh. Leslee Abud (laabud@aol.com or 810-845-8162).

Young Adult Patristic Book Study

The Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Young Adult Ministry invites all young adults to join them in a virtual Patristic Book Study in October with a FREE book as a gift from **Young Adult Ministry (YAM)** of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest.

Patristic Book Study for Young Adults



Monday evenings -
October 5, 12, & 19
8:00p EST via ZOOM
led by Fr. Paul Fuller
(frpaul.fuller@gmail.com)

**FREE BOOK -
learn with us!**

Where is God?

When we feel abandoned and alone, and God seems absent from us

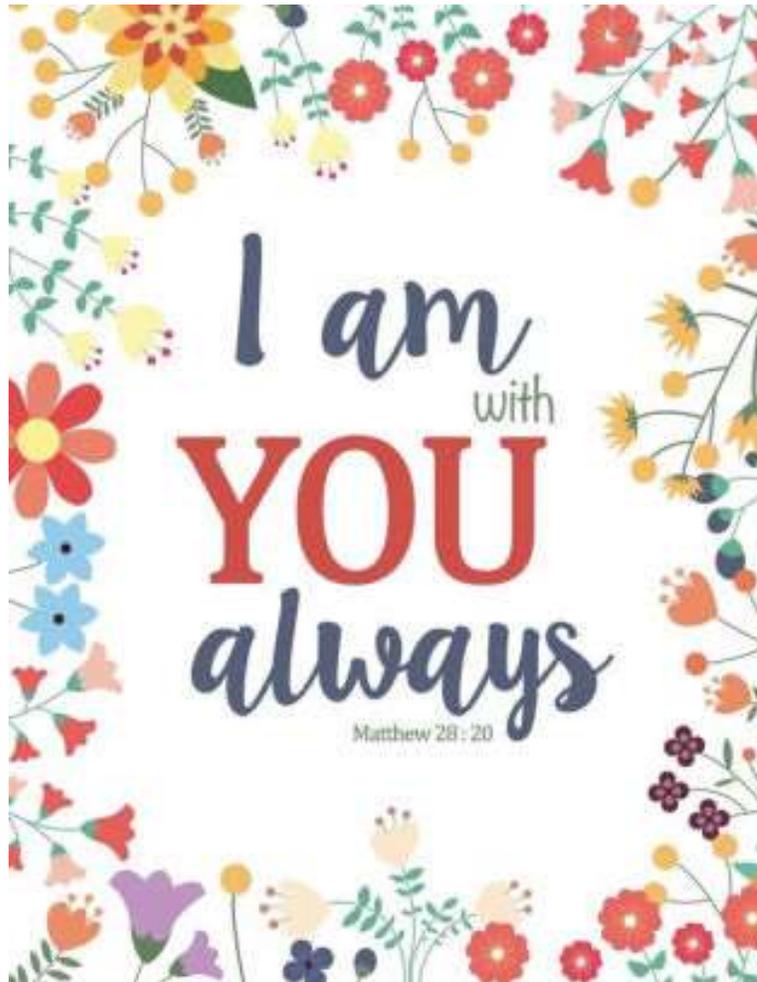
by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

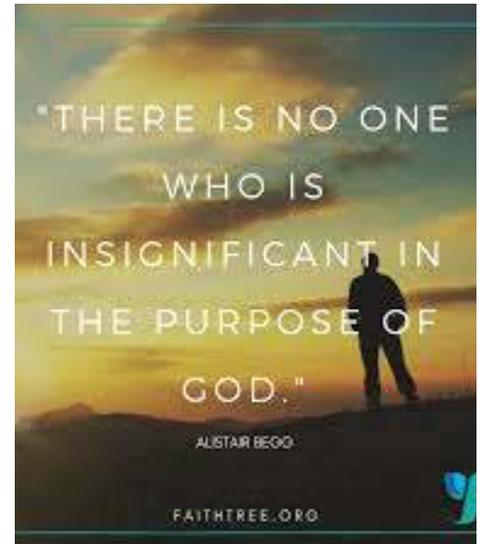
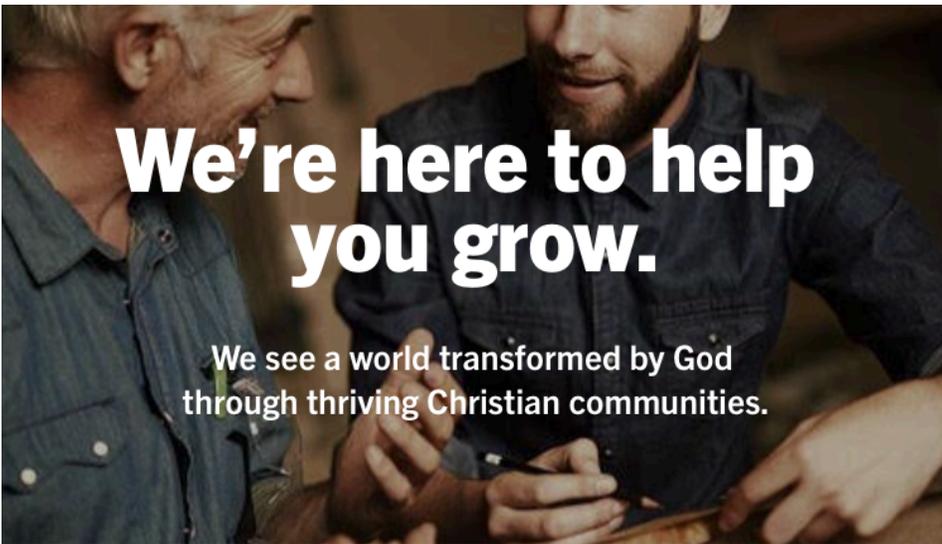
We all have those moments in our lives when we feel as though God is absent, even perhaps nonexistent.

Those times leave us feeling alone and abandoned, as though we are lost in an empty stadium. We feel as though we are on a boat that has been set adrift without an engine, floating further from shore, and heading to an uncertain future.

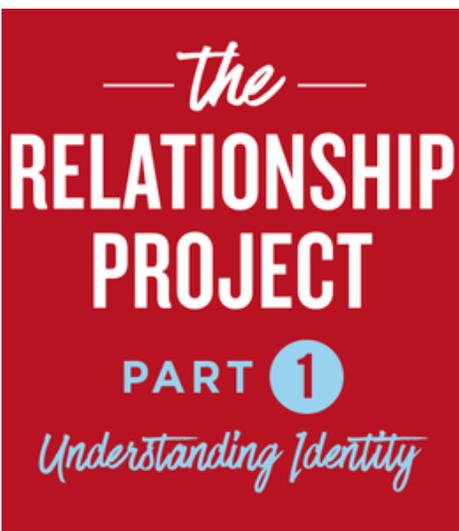
Such occasions in our life journey are not unlike those early days, while we were still toddlers, when mom would be holding our hands, while dad would be reaching out to us, but just feet away, urging us to take our first step. We were not in any danger, but we certainly didn't feel that way as we felt mom's hands separate from ours. We felt fearful and vulnerable. We felt as though we were going to fall, yet our dad's outstretched arms were reaching out, offering the security we always had, yet encouraging us to stand on our own, taking the first steps into independence.

God is like that with us. Those periods of time when He seems distant, even perhaps a fictional being, are moments when He is actually closer to us than our own breath. These are the moments God is drawing us out of ourselves, and into communion with Him. His outstretched arms are there, even though we don't see them. These moments strengthen us, and enable us to have a mature relationship with God, not unlike the mature relationship the child develops with his parents, after taking those first steps, alone.





St. George Teen SOYO invites YOU to: **The Relationship Project**



Wednesdays from Sept 9- Nov 25 Via Zoom

- *Join us while we explore Identity, Intimacy, and Mental Health
- *Every teen needs their own Participant Workbook Packet! Order it NOW to get it in time: <https://www.faithtree.org/buy-now-products/the-relationship-project-participant-workbook-pack>
- *Cost is \$45 plus S&H (order with others to save!)
- *RSVP your intention to attend to Kh. Leslee Abud and Kari Mikroudis by email at farahkm01@gmail.com or by phone at 810-919-5905

St. George Orthodox Church

15th Annual Golf Classic

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



Saturday, September 26, 2020

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

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$125 – Individual Hole Sponsor

A company sign on one of the 18 holes

\$400 – Registration Sponsor

Banner at registration table

\$500 – Foursome/Hole Sponsor

Four golfers plus a sign on one of the 18 holes

\$625 – Putting Green Sponsor

Four golfers plus banner at putting green

\$750 – Gold Sponsor

Four golfers, business card in check-in bags, and sign on 4 holes

\$1,000 – Dinner Sponsor

Four golfers, sign on hole, table cards, banner at dinner tent

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:

Tony Daoud : 810-730-1011, Kelly Dotson: 810-732-0720,

or email: kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com

Please submit all entries by September 12, 2020

Golf Team Information - \$100 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	Women	Mixed
Total Enclosed - \$ _____		

St. George Orthodox Church 15th Annual Golf Classic

Saturday, September 26th, 2020
10am Shotgun Start

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

Hole Sponsorship Information **\$125 per Individual Hole Sponsor**

Your Sponsorship (*Tee Box Sign*) will be displayed on one of the 18 Tee Box areas. Please fill out your sign information below as you would like to see your sign appear (or attach a business card).

If you would like to donate golf items, table prizes, merchandise, gift or dinner certificates, door prizes and/or money to purchase door prizes, please list your donation and its value.

Gift Certificates: _____

Door Prize(s): _____

Money: _____

Please make checks payable to:
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All sponsorship information, with payment, must be completed by September 12, 2020.

Any questions, please contact:
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