

St. George Orthodox Church

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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 (40 day, son of Rose and brother of Cam).
- Basil and Hiam Andoni and Raji and Sue Salomon and their families for the health of their families and in loving memory of parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents **John** (3 year) and **Widad** Salomon.
- Olga Nassar and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband **Khader** (24 years), mother **Salwa Shaheen** (21 years), and sister **Majada** (23 years).

- JoAnn Hawkins and Ric and Martha Shahin for the health of their families and in loving memory of the departed members of the **Brackett, Shahin, Hawkins, Shadeed, Moore, Ojile, and Rhinehart** families.
- For the health of our St. George parishioners and in loving memory of **Bishop Antoun** (4 year) and our former clergy: **Archbishop Malatios** Swaity, **Protosyngellos Ellis** Khouri, **Archimandrite Michael** Tahan, **Archpriest John** Chromiak, **Archpriest Basil** Kalekas, (35 year), **Archpriest Basil** Karpelenia, **Archpriest Hanna** Khouri, **Archpriest Nicholas** Saikley, **Priest Ellis** Hajj, **Priest Nicholas** Juerges, **Priest Anthony** Sakey, **Priest Lewis** Secabe, and **Deacon Habib** Romley.
- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Jamil** Ghantous (+September 9th) and **Michael** Zerka (+September 19th, uncle of Lauren Zerka)
- 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), **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, **Tanika** Russell (friend of Doug Coone), **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Norman** Thomas (friend of Steve and Kelly Sanderson),; **Raad**, **Sandy** [daughter of Issa and Esperanza], and newborn **Lahni** Qumsieh (8-16).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Waad** and **Mike** Abdallah, **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khouri, and **Taylor** and **Jeffrey** Tipton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *JoAnn Hawkins and Ric Shahin*.

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 CONTINUED

Last week's meeting was recessed until next Sunday, October 2nd. We started the meeting with enough voting members. A presentation was made on the Banquet Center Renovation. There were a lot of good questions and discussion. A motion was made and the vote was unanimous (45 yes, 0 no). However, there were not enough voting members and the meeting was recessed. Next Sunday, the motion will be stated. Because of the extensive questions and discussion last week, we will immediately vote ~ please plan on staying for this quick vote ~ thanks!

HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION) If you are 7 years or older, have been away from the Church, or have not had Confession in the last 2 months and desire to come back and receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, please remember you must offer a confession of your

sins first. Fr. Joe is not the only Orthodox priest in the area, or at St. George, and if you would prefer to go to Fr. Michael or one of the other local priests, feel free to do so (*please just let Fr. Joe know*): Fr. Gabriel Bilas from St. Mary Magdalene (810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie from St. Nicholas Church (810-744-0070). **Let everyone in our St. George Family prepare and partake of our Lord in Holy Communion.** The important thing is not who hears your confession, but that you participate in this Holy Sacrament on a regular basis. **Blessed are those who wash their (baptismal) robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life (which is Christ).** Revelation 22:14

Thank you and God bless...

... to everyone who supported our *Ladies Auxiliary Lunch and Bake Sale*. The women of St. George worked very hard for weeks and are thankful for all those who helped make it another success!

... to all who sponsored and/or golfed in our annual *Golf Classic*. The turnout was great and everyone had a wonderful time supporting our St. George!

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR SAINT GEORGE! Our parishioner, Lukas Cooper, is doing his Eagle Scout Project for the benefit of our parish. He has been working hard, plans are approved and will begin work, God willing, in October. **What's he doing?** He will be replacing our courtyard Icon Stand with a new one. Further, he will be making 2 benches for people to enjoy the icon and for prayer. The cost of the project is around \$750 for materials (Lukas and his crew will be donating their time, expertise, and labor!). Please see me if you would like to make a donation. *Thank you Lukas, and may God bless your hands!*

NEW PLAY STRUCTURE IN COURTYARD This was purchased for our St. George Preschool and **IS NOT READY TO BE USED!** PARENTS, please keep your children safe and out of the courtyard ~ thanks!



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 (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.

Monday **Bible Study:** *1st book of the bible, Genesis* 3-5pm

SOYO Monday 6-8pm

Wednesday **Arabic-English Bible Study:** *1st book of the bible, Genesis* 12-2pm

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm

Healthy Soul ~ A Healthy Soul Does Not React

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

Each day brings on new challenges regarding the health of our soul. Those moments

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when a family member or coworker makes a remark that is meant to anger us, are those times we need to guard our heart. When those around us are gossiping about someone, that is an opportunity for us to keep silent. The driver who's just cut us off on the freeway; the woman who pushes her way in front of us in the check-out line; the condescending rudeness of a neighbor, are all moments in time when we can take control and grow stronger spiritually.

Trials and temptations, when confronted with a peaceful heart, bring forth healing and make the soul that much stronger and healthier. Reacting does nothing but bring forth paralysis of the soul, binding us to our fallen nature. Receiving all these temptations with a peaceful heart, and not reacting to outside negative stimuli, helps strengthen us for the next round of trials and temptations. Then, little by little, we will find that the Peace of Christ fills our every waking moment, bringing on a joyful spirit and a peaceful heart.

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Get out your bibles, find the New Testament, and go to the 4th book which is the last of the 4 Gospels: the Gospel of St. John. Find chapter 14, and read the whole chapter. Here, we read a part of the 1st Gospel Reading on Holy Thursday Night (12 Gospels). All God wants for us is to be at peace, trust in Him, and not be afraid of people. Enjoy, love, FJ

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JOHN 14:27