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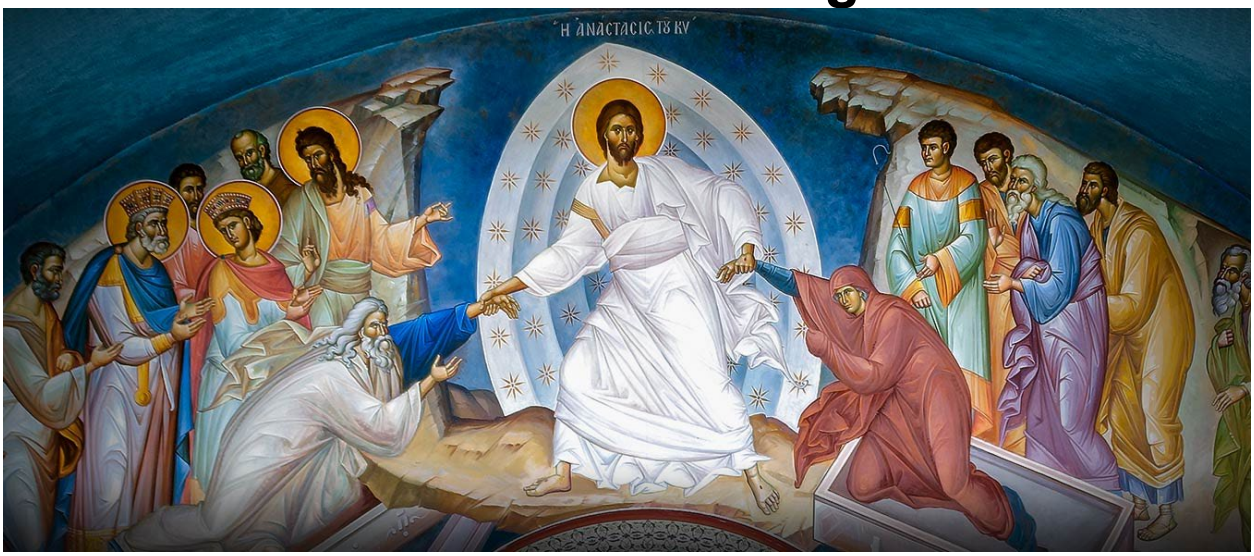
2021 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services

Great Compline (*Mondays, 6:30pm)* All are welcome to celebrate every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (*Wednesdays, 10:30am)* All are welcome to celebrate every Wednesday morning at St. Nicholas.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy *(Wednesdays, 6pm)* We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm. Unfortunately, we will not be having Potluck Lenten Meals this year.

March 6th	**Pre-Lenten Retreat** led by Fr. Maximos Constas *(more information to follow)*
March 24th	***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. Mary Magdalene 6pm
March 25th	Great Feast of the ***Annunciation Divine Liturgy*** at Assumption 10am
April 7th	***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. Nicholas 6pm
April 21st	***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. George 6pm
April 24th	***Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy*** at St. Nicholas 9:30am

Bright Week (May 2nd-8th)

May 3rd	***Paschal Divine Liturgy*** at St. Mary Magdalene 10am
May 4th	***Paschal Divine Liturgy*** at St. Nicholas 10am
May 5th	***Paschal Evening Liturgy & Feast of St. George*** at St. George 6pm
May 7th	***Paschal Divine Liturgy & Life-giving Font*** at Assumption 10am

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A Vision of Orthodox Unity

Mark your Calendars and Plan AHEAD!!!

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

April

24 Saturday — **Raising of Lazarus**—Combined ***Preparation of Gifts/Liturgy*** *at St. Nicholas*- 9:30 am
Cleaning and Decorating of the Church (at St. George) ---------- 1 pm
Great Vespers for Palm Sunday and **Confessions** ---------- 5 pm

25 Sunday — **Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem—Palm Sunday**
Matins – 8:50am Liturgy and Procession ---------- 10 am
Bridegroom Matins **for Great and Holy Monday** ---------- 6:30 pm

26 Monday — ***Presanctified Liturgy*** ---------- 9 am
Bridegroom Matins **for Great and Holy Tuesday** ---------- 6:30 pm

27 Tuesday — ***Presanctified Liturgy*** ---------- 9 am
Confessions **(*Last opportunity before Pascha!)** ----------5-6 pm
Bridegroom Matins **for Great and Holy Wednesday**---------- 6:30 pm

28 Weds. — ***Presanctified Liturgy*** ---------- 9 am
Sacrament of Holy Unction ----------6:30 pm
Holy Unction is a Sacrament of the Orthodox Church and for Her members. Confession is required.

29 Thursday — **Celebration of the Institution of the Last Supper**
Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great ---------- 10 am
Holy Friday Matins **with Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels** ------- 6:30 pm

30 Friday — ***Royal Hours of Pascha*** ---------- 9 am
Decoration of Tomb follows
Vespers **of the Descent from the Cross** ---------- 3 pm
Vigil at the Tomb of Christ sponsored by Teen SOYO begins
Matins with the Praises at the Tomb **/ Procession with the Tomb**---------- 6:30 pm

May

1 Saturday — **Descent into Hades—*Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil*** ---------- 10 am
Cleaning and Decoration of the Church follows

PASCHA

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

1/2 — ***Nocturnes/Paschal Matins/Paschal Divine Liturgy*** ---------- 11:30 pm

2 Sunday — ***Agape (Baa'ooth) Vespers*—Vespers of Love**---------- 1 pm
Reading of the Gospel in Different Languages and Pascha Egg Hunt follows

THE NEW (BRIGHT) WEEK

3 Bright Monday **Paschal Liturgy** *at St. Mary Magdalene* ---------- 10 am
4 Bright Tuesday **Paschal Liturgy** at *St. Nicholas* ---------- 10 am
5 Bright Wednesday **Paschal Liturgy** and **Feast of St. George** at *St. George* ---------- 6 pm
7 Bright Friday **Paschal Liturgy** at *Assumption* ---------- 10 am

Children Learn Where They Live

by Dorothy Law Nolte

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

To Tithe is to Love!

The Bible says a "tithe" is giving 10% of our income to God through His Holy Church. In the Old Testament, the tithe was the maximum.

For Christians (yes, US!), the tithe is the minimum!

Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

ALL of our **240 families** are asked to make an Offering. Why? Because it is such a blessing to give back to God a little of what He has given us!

- Our proposed 2021 Budget is $256,618
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: $4,935
- Total Offered by 35 Families/Individuals: $44,416
- Number of Families who need to offer: ALL THOSE WHO BELONG TO OUR ST. GEORGE FAMILY!
- Offering Range: ***according to how God has blessed you!***

Your commitment is NEEDED!!!
Please fill out your 2021 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.

TO TITHE IS TO LOVE!

2021 OFFERING UPDATE

As of April 2, 2021

We thank the following families for turning in their 2021 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2021 Offering Form and mail it to the Church or put it in the Sunday Offering Tray.

Thank You and God Bless You!

New this year in Underlined (did not fill out a form last year)
Increase in Offering is **BOLD**

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST!!!

1. Mr. and Mrs. George Abuaita
2. Mr. and Mrs. George Abu-Aita
3. Mr. and Mrs. Najeb Abuaita
4. Fr. and Mrs. Joseph Abud
5. Mrs. Laila Abud
6. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Abueita
7. Mr. and Mrs. Issa Abu-Eita
8. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alqazaha
9. Mr. and Mrs. Adeeb Bathish
10. Ms. Areen Bathish
11. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bathish
12. Mr. and Mrs. Issa Daoud
13. Mrs. Iman David
14. Mr. James David
15. Mr. and Mrs. Ayman Elias
16. Mrs. Vera Farah
17. Mrs. Betty Froberg
18. Mr. Elias Gantos
19. Mr. and Mrs. George Gantous
20. Mr. and Mrs. Nasri Haddad
21. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hanna
22. Mrs. Najwa Joubran
23. Mrs. Reema Khoury
24. Mrs. Olga Nassar
25. **Mr. and Mrs. George Nassif**
26. **Miss Deborah Salim**
27. Miss Logan Salomon
28. Mr. and Mrs. Raji Salomon
29. Miss Taylor Salomon
30. **Mr. Richard Shaheen**
31. **Mr. and Mrs. Ric Shahin**
32. **Mr. and Mrs. William Sophiea**
33. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takach
34. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Teunion
35. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thomas

2021 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church ~ Flint, Michigan

I Want To Be Counted!

Frequency	Amount	A % of Income
Weekly	$	
OR Twice Monthly	$	
OR Monthly	$	_____
OR Quarterly	$	
OR Annually	$	

~ Offerings Are Treated confidentially ~ Please fill out completely.

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
ZIP	
Telephone	

Offerings can be made in different ways.

- Putting your offering in the **Sunday Tray** or **sending it to St. George**.
- Online at https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint.
- Call the office (810-732-0720) and use a **Credit Card** (*limited at this time because of the pandemic*).
- An **ACH** direct-payment transaction rom their bank account.

Signature: _____ Date:_____

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse" (Malachi 3:10)

Seeing the rich bringing their gifts and then a widow bringing a few pennies, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that this widow has put in more than all." (Luke 21:3)

2021 بطاقة التبرعات لعام

كنيسة القديس جورج للروم الاورثودوكس فلنت، متشغن

أريد أن أكون معدودا !

الدفعات	المبلغ	% من قيمة الدخل
اسبوعيا	$	
مرتين بالشهر	$	
شهريا	$	_____
كل ثلاثة شهور	$	
سنويا	$	

كل التبرعات يتم التعامل معها بسرية تامة ~ الرجاء تعبئة كل البطاقة.

الاسم / الأسماء	
العنوان	
المدينة	
الرقم	
رقم الهاتف	

يمكن تقديم التبرعات بعدة طرق مختلفة.

- يمكن وضع التبرعات في صينية التبرعات يوم الأحد أو ارسالها الى عنوان الكنيسة.
- عن طريق الانترنيت: https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint.
- عن طريق الاتصال على رقم تلفون مكتب الكنيسة: (810)732-0720 واستخدام بطاقة الائتمان(كريديت كارت) وبشكل محدود بسبب ظروف الوباء.
- أو عن طريق الدفع أو التحويل المباشر من حسابك المصرفي-ACH.

الامضاء _____ التاريخ _____

هاتوا العشور جميعها الى بيت الجزية (ملاخي 10:3)

عندما رأى الأغنياء يتقدمون بتبرعاتهم والأرملة الفقيرة تقدم القليل قال يسوع:

"الحق أقول لكم أن هذه الأرملة الفقيرة قد ألقت أكثر منهم جميعا" (لوقا 3:21)

Using Text Messaging for Online Giving at St. George Church

Hands-down …
offering by text is the fastest way to give!

- Text the word *'GIVE'* to the church's text giving number (810-255-9080).
- **<u>If it's your first time using text giving</u>**, you'll be prompted to click a link directing you to the online giving page to complete a one-time registration.
    - Click **"SIGN IN"** and then **"REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"** at the bottom of the page.
    - Complete contact information, then click **"REGISTER"**.
    - Enter the *secure pin* that the system texts you.
    - Select the fund, then enter the donation amount and payment information before completing your gift.
    - Click **"SAVE PAYMENT"** to keep your payment information securely saved for future gifts.
- **<u>To text a donation after the one-time registration</u>**, you can give immediately without having to re-enter any of your information.
    - Simply text the *<u>desired amount</u>* and the *<u>fund keyword</u>* to the church's text giving number! (Example: Text '*250 Offering'* to make a $250 donation to the Tithe and Pledge fund). You can find a list of the available funds by texting "*KEYWORD"*.

<u>OTHER TEXT COMMANDS:</u>

EDIT – Make changes to your giving account and update contact information and/or update payment information.

REFUND – Need to refund your last gift? You must text "REFUND" within 15 minutes to refund the gift. If you realized the mistake after 15 minutes, contact the church or organization you are giving to for a refund.

KEYWORD – See a list of active keywords. Keywords are the fund names that the church has set up to direct gifts to the right category.

NORTHEAST REGION

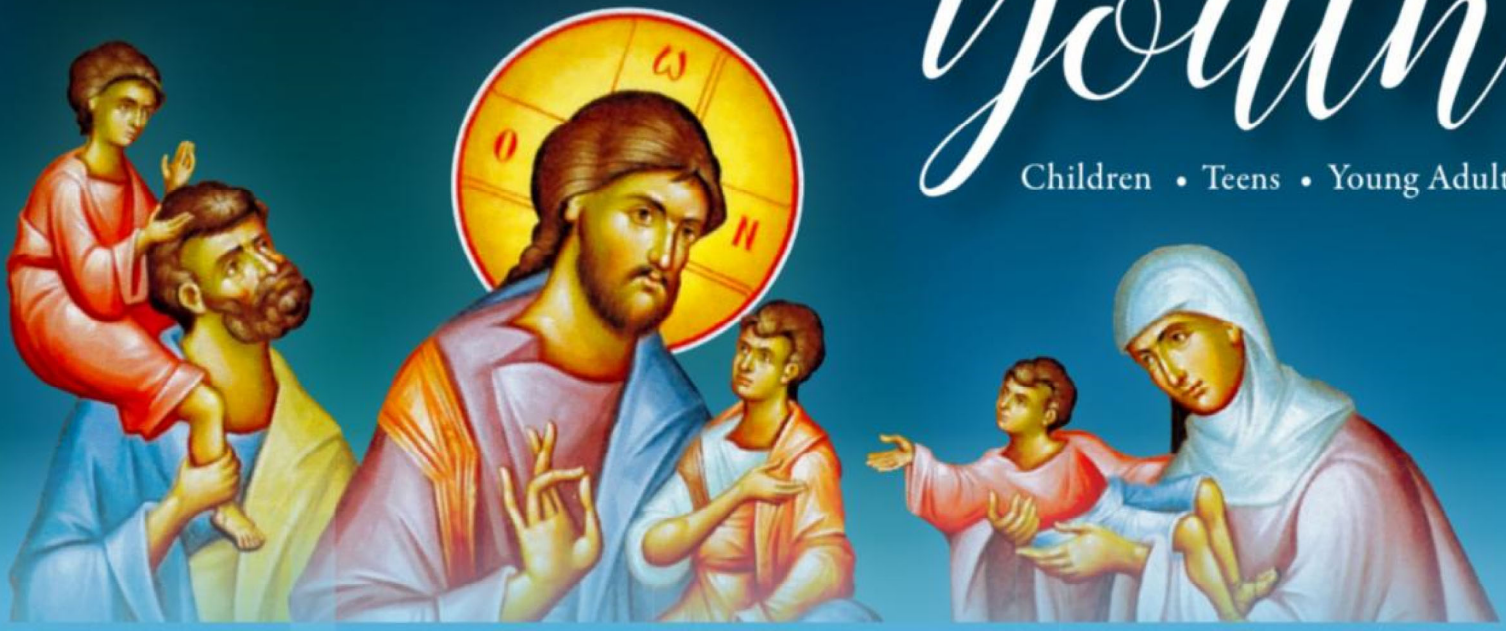
2021

"Let the children come to Me"
Matthew 19:14

YEAR OF

The Youth

Children • Teens • Young Adults



Meet Your Bishop: TOWNHALLS

An opportunity for youth to meet hierarchs of the Assembly of Bishops in a townhall setting.

Hierarchs attending:

Metropolitan Antony

Archbishop Michael

Bishop Irinej

Bishop John

Bishop Thomas

APRIL 13TH | 7:00 est

Register: assemblyofbishops.org by April

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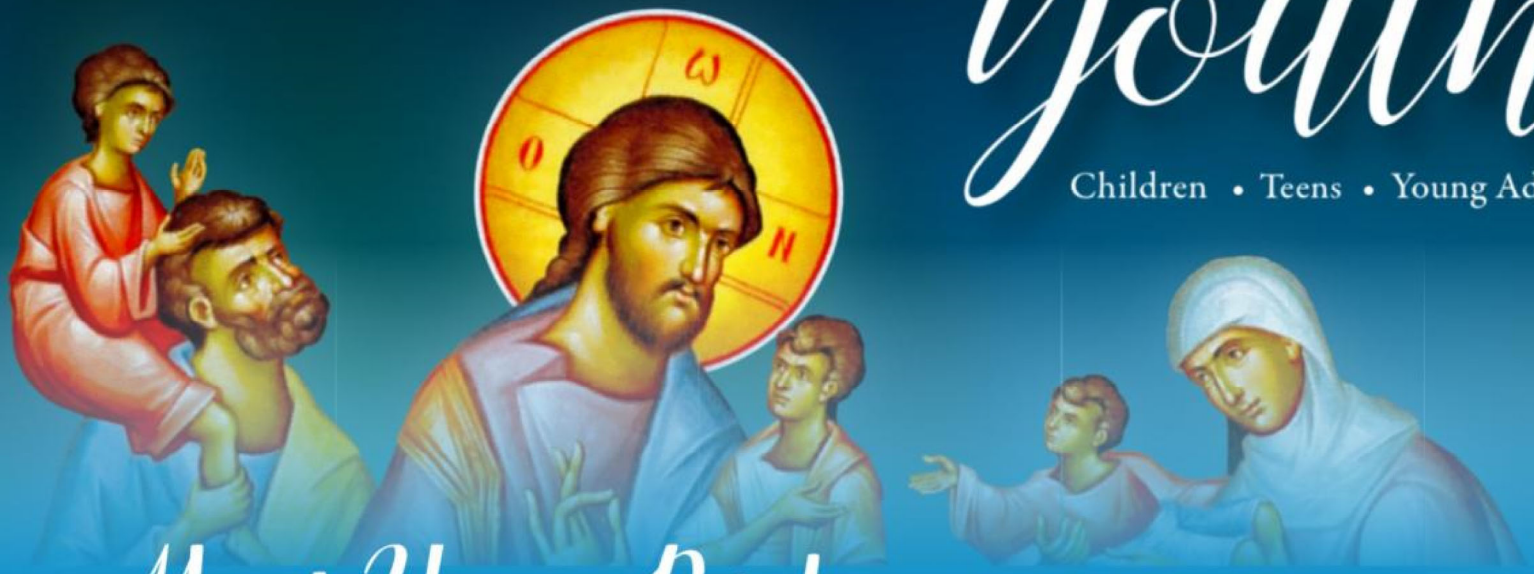

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Northeast Region
Date: Tuesday April 13th
Time: 7pm EST

Central West Region
Date: Tuesday October 12th
Time: 7pm CST

Southeast Region
Date: Tuesday May 11th
Time: 7pm EST

North West Region
Date: Tuesday November 9th
Time: 7pm PST

Central East Region
Date: Tuesday September 14th
Time: 7pm CST

South West Region
Date: Tuesday December 14th
Time: 7pm PST

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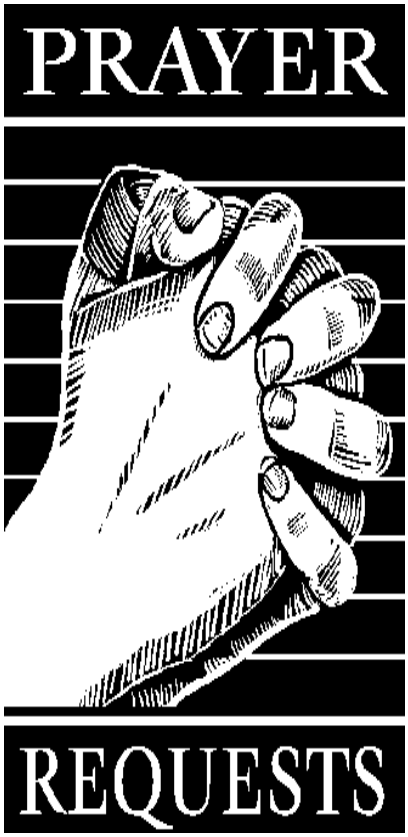
Daily Prayer Life

- For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Michel** Abuaita (+February 27th, father of Lucy Abuaita and Mary Khoury), **Malvina** Kaileh (+March 3rd, cousin of Aida Nassar), **Reginald** Jehnsen (+March 4th, relative of Daisy Isaac), **Mariam** El-Hayek (+March 8th, sister-in-law of Zahra Hayek), and **Juliette** Farah (+March 24th, sister-in-law of Gisele Farah).

May their memory be eternal!



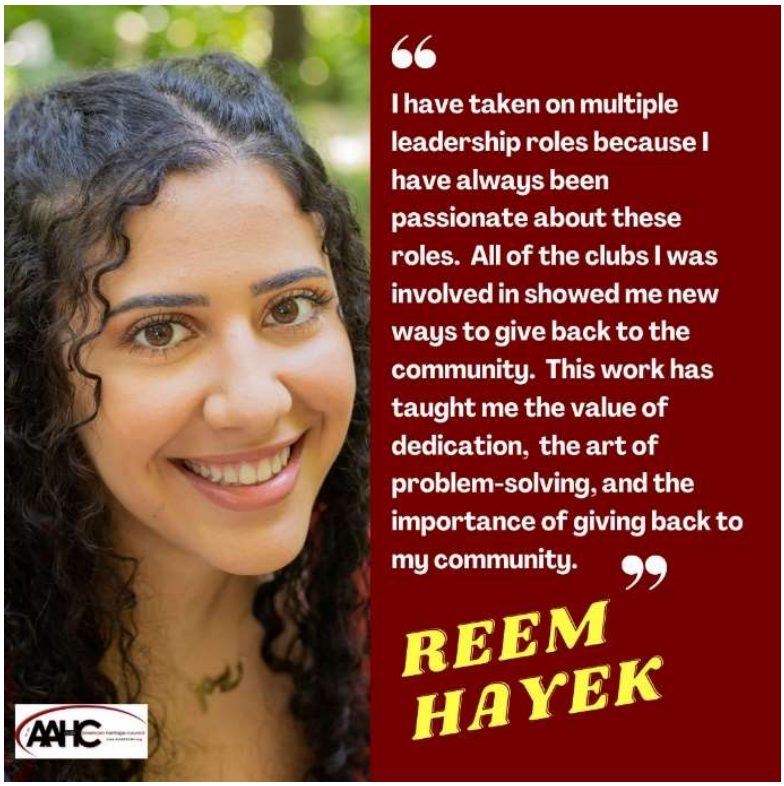
- Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Shafiqa** Abuaitah, **Anwar** Abueita, **Wadia** Albaba, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Evelyn** Delbridge, **Vera** Farah, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Danny** Isaac, **John** and **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, and **William** Sophiea Jr.; *all first-responders and medical personal, those who worked and those who continue to work on a COVID-19 cure, those suffering in our community and the Middle East, the supporters and benefactors of St. George, the members of our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Teen SOYO, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Church School, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*
- Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Mirna** (**Tamer)** Abuaita, **Haneen** (**Benan**) Burbar, **Jenny** [Abueita] (**Tony**) Salsa, **Rachel** [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita] (**Andrew**) Sackllah, and **Sarah** (**Matthew**) Thomas [son of Doug and Sandy].

➢ *Please update Fr. Joe if the following should remain on our prayer list!*

- Remember the friends of St. George parishioners: **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Gerry** Alcorn, **Angelo** and **Chrisodolus** Bastounis, **Heather** Campbell, Chaplain **Mark** and **Marcia** Green, **David** Jordan, **Becky** Meredith, **Zoe** Moore (Goddaughter), **Bryan** Stewart, and **Monica** Wotring (family/friends of Dn. Mike and Pam Bassett), **Michel** Abuaita (father of Mary Khoury), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Nihad** Bannura (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Shafeka** Qurpan and **George** Ishak (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Joann** (Haddad) Merrelli (former parishioner), **Philip** Jones (brother of Dannie Jones), **Husam** Rishmawi (cousin of Fadi Rishmawi), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Mary** Khal and **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relatives of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Sandra** Fromather (cousin of Diana Rishmawi), **Scott** Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph) **Alan** Laberge and **McKenzie** McClure (friends of Elaine Shaheen), **Saliba** Musleh (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam** Odeh (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob Teunion), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe), **Dominique** Vasquez (friend of Areen Bathish), **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), and **Gracyn** Haskins (granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch).

Congratulations and God bless:

- As with many things this year, annual Arab-American Heritage Council (AAHC) *Ensure the Legacy Banquet* did not take place. However, they still provided two College Scholarships and one of them was given to **Reem Hayek** (daughter of Wael and Kholoud)!



Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR APRIL The ***Great Fast*** began on March 15th, and continues until our celebration of **PASCHA: our Lord's Resurrection** on May 2nd. The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products)* is observed on all weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays, *wine and olive oil* are allowed. On the Great Feast of Palm Sunday (April 25th), *fish, wine, and olive oil are permitted.*

May Lucille's memory be eternal!

It was with great joy, while opening the mail recently, to find a substantial amount of money from the estate of the departed servant of God **Lucille Shadeed**, a former daughter of our parish, the wife of Edward, and the sister of our parishioner JoAnn Hawkins. The money has been put into our General Fund while our Parish Council, with much prayer in discerning God's plan, will decide how the funds will be put to use. Luci was always wise and proactive in her thinking and loving the church. Memory Eternal!

CHURCH SCHOOL IS ROCKING!

We want ALL of our St. George children in our education program. To make this happen, we need email addresses for our children and their parents! Please send them to Director Janet Abueita (cooeita@aol.com) as soon as possible so none of our children are left out and they can enjoy and learn about our life in Christ. Every month, our registered students receive a packet of fun things in the mail. Then on the last Sunday of each month (this month because of Palm Sunday, we're doing it on April 21st) our teachers have a CS Zoom Sunday at 12 Noon! Be a part of the FUN and send your email addresses to Janet TODAY!

HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION) If you are 8 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, please remember you must offer a confession of your sins first. During this time of preparation during the Great Fast is a perfect opportunity. Confessions can be heard before or after most services except after Wednesday Presanctified and Sunday Divine Liturgy. Father Joe is not the only Orthodox priest in the area and if you would prefer to go for confession to one of the other local priests, feel free to do so (*please just let Fr. Joe know*): Fr. Jarrod Russell from Assumption Church (810-771-4611), Fr. Gabriel Bilas from St. Mary Magdalene (810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie from St. Nicholas Church (810-744-0070). The important thing is not who hears your confession, but 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** *(Jesus Christ in Holy Communion)*. *(Revelation 22:14)*

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & 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.

LENTEN DIVINE SERVICES Please check out the monthly calendar for services, the times, and the place. Services and Activities for the *Great and Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week* will be found on a separate page. If you know of any College students who will be home for Holy Week and Pascha Services and would like to have Confession, please tell them to contact Fr. Joe.

The Great Fast continues …

Our preparation for the Feast of Feasts (***Pascha***), began on Monday, March 15th and lasts until our midnight celebration of ***Pascha*** on May 1st/2nd. This preparation is based on our increased participation in the three disciplines Christ gave us: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving (Matthew 6:1-18):

1. Prayer: By attending the Lenten services as well as an increased daily prayer life at home, we spend more time with God.
2. Fasting: By restricting the types and frequency of meals, we experience physical weakness and learn to depend more on God than on ourselves.
3. Almsgiving: By giving to those less fortunate than ourselves, we cease to consider ourselves as the most important of all people (Food for Hungry People and other programs).

Our real experience of Christ's Resurrection on Pascha depends on how deeply we enter into these three disciplines. The additional weekday services gives all of us a wonderful opportunity to increase our Prayer life and be strengthened in Fasting and Almsgiving as well. We should strive to come to as many Lenten Services as possible besides Saturday Great Vespers and Sunday Matins and Divine Liturgy. Do you have questions? Speak with Fr. Joe for guidance during this special and holy time of the year!

Great Compline صلاة النوم الكبرى – Mondays at 6:30pm *at St. George*

Lenten Hours – Wednesdays at 10am *at St. Nicholas (see Calendar)*

Presanctified Liturgy قداس السابق تقديس – Wednesdays at 6pm *(check calendar for location!)*

Supplication to the Virgin Mary / Madayeh خدمة المديح – Fridays at 6:30pm *at St. George*

- *(The whole service, which has been divided in the first 4 weeks, is sung on April 16th)*

Great Vespers and Confessions – Saturdays at 5pm *at St. George*

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

During the Great Fast, **THE** *"prayer of the fast"* is that of St. Ephraim the Syrian. Everyone should add this prayer to their daily prayers and to say this special Lenten prayer as often as you can:

O Lord and Master of my Life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. *(prostration)*
But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant. *(prostration)*
Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for Thou are blessed, unto ages of ages. Amen. *(prostration)*

أيُّها الربُّ وسيّدُ حياتِي، أعتِقْني من روحِ البطالةِ والفُضُولِ وحُبِّ الرئاسةِ والكلامِ البَّطال. (*مطانية*)
وأنعِمْ عليَّ أنا عبدَكَ، بروحِ العفَّةِ واتّضاعِ الفكرِ والصبْرِ والمحبة، (*مطانية*)
نعم يا ملِكِي وإلهي هَبْ لي أنْ أعرِفَ ذنوبي وعيوبي، وأنْ لا أدينَ إخوَتي، فإنَّكَ مبارَكٌ الى دهْرِ الدّاهرين آمين. (*مطانية*)

ST. GEORGE ALTAR SOCIETY The Altar Society was formed in 1997 with the general purpose of cleaning and decorating the church for Pascha, Christmas, and other major feast days. We meet with Fr. Joe monthly and discuss different topics of our faith or our faith with respect to events in the world. All are welcome to come. They will be cleaning and decorating for Palm Sunday, on Saturday, April 24th at 1pm and for Pascha on Saturday, May 1st at 1pm -- everyone is welcome to come and help!

The **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY VIGIL** begins after Holy Friday Vespers (April 30th at 3pm). A sign-up poster will be available in the Lounge on April 21st with 1/2-hour time slots for reading (in any language) from the Bible at the Tomb of Christ. Anyone can sign-up or come and spend time with our Lord at His Tomb.

WHAT LANGUAGE DO YOU SPEAK? We are getting ready for the ***Agape Vespers*** on Pascha Sunday, May 2nd at 1pm. The service calls for the Gospel to be read in many languages. We have the text for almost any language ~ please see Father Joe or come to church by 12:45pm on Pascha to select your gospel!

Midwest Diocesan News

1. **Metropolitan Antony Bashir College Scholarship** for your High School Graduates and College Students. Scholarships are awarded to Orthodox youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese who have resided within the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest for at least one year prior to awarding of the scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students showing outstanding commitment to and involvement in their church community. This application, along with all college scholarship applications, are available at: https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/386. Please apply before the deadlines! The deadline is June 1st.
2. **2021 Midwest Missions Golf Outing** for EVERYONE! The outing will benefit the *Midwest Missions Fund* and is on May 21st in Grand Rapids, MI. For more information contact Michael Simon (michaelgsimon@aol.com). Let's make a couple of teams and enjoy the fun!
3. **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** We are very fortunate to have several scholarships available to those who wish to further their education. Besides the above, others are located at: http://www.antiochian.org/scholarships. Please note THE DEADLINES!

BANQUET CENTER SUPERVISOR NEEDED As the pandemic is slowly beginning to improve, our Center has many rentals in the months to come. We are in need of a Rental Supervisor to be here during rentals. Most rentals are on weekends (Friday-Sunday). Pay is up to $75 per rental. If you are interested, please call the office 810-732-0720 and leave a message. This is a perfect part-time job for a responsible college student or young adult!

FINANCES AT St. George

As you can imagine, if people cannot come to church, then they are not as inspired to offer to the church. Some of our faithful ~ and even friends of St. George who never lived here ~ have stepped up and donated! NOW IS THE TIME FOR OUR ST. GEORGE FAMILY TO STEP UP! Offerings/Donations can be sent to the church or made online at our website by debit or credit card, electronic fund transfer from a bank account, or by texting. You can even setup automatic offerings/donations. **Our St. George Family all need to do their part!** DONATE NOW at this link: https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint.

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be $21,385 to meet our 2021 Budget. Our offerings in March were $15,454 ~ which means we were **short $5,931**! God bless you for your generosity and let us pray God will always provide! If you haven't already, Please fill out your 2021 Offering Form as soon as possible and support the work of God through our parish of St. George.

Coming Events in May

2nd	**Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord!**
20th	**Middle Eastern Community Lunch and Bake Sale**

☞ If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Fr. Joe know.

☞ If you would like to offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation or Offering*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, please call the church office (810-732-0720) by 12 Noon the Wednesday before.

- If the offering is in memory of a loved one, please state if you would like to have a **Memorial Service**, which takes place near the end of Divine Liturgy. It is always appropriate to have a Memorial Service on the 3rd, 9th, and 40th day after one's falling asleep along with the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6th month anniversary. If you would like to make the Holy Bread, please see or contact Aida Nassar 810-433-1515.

SINGLE & ORTHODOX

A NEW MEETUP CREATED FOR SINGLE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN MICHIGAN

Make connections within parishes and BETWEEN

This groups purpose is to connect actively practicing single Orthodox Christians together and build new relationships. We will focus on providing positive social outlets, virtual events, retreats, and networking opportunities.

So many people complain that there are not very many single members in their parish and struggle to build relationships within the Orthodox community. And during these trying times being single can be exceptionally difficult. I hope this group will be a way to connect us all together, no matter where in Michigan you are!

Check us out on Meetup.com and get connected today!

WANT TO KNOW MORE? GO TO OUT MEETUP SITE OR CONTACT US TODAY!

Jessica Laarman - Group Leader
j26blue@gmail.com
https://www.meetup.com/orthodox-christian-singles-of-michigan/

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 1 to April 30, 2021

Birthdays

April

1 Kirolous M. Meshraky
Aida Raffoul
Kyra A. Salim

2 Randy S. Hadad

3 Tamer K. AbuAita
Yasmeen V. Haddad

4 Fadi Y. El-Chaer
Rana M. Fanous

5 Antoine E. Elia

7 Phyllis Good
Nakhleh Khoury
Jessica R. Saadeh
Norma Sophiea

8 George M. Alqazaha

9 George Farah Jr.
Suha Isaac

10 Sandy Abueita
Aida Nassar
Steven R. Sanderson

11 Laila N. Abdallah
Gabrielle K. Gantos
Majd Helal
Ronald "Ron" E. Shaheen

13 Farid S. Nassar
Miguel J. Rishmawi
Elaine E. Salim

14 Maia Assaf

15 Kholoud Habbass
George A. Nassif
Matthew "Matt" M. Thomas

16 Salim A. Farah
Iyad F. Isaac

17 Hailey M. Farah
Yazan Khair

18 Samantha R. Al-Sahuri
Margee M. Nickola

19 Emil "Emil J." H. Joseph III

20 Elias "Louie" Gantos
Kenzi K. Isaac
Hisham Rishmawi
Julia M. Rishmawi

21 Joseph J. Brack
Eric D. Isaac
Elaina E. Tijerina

22 Ameer Assaf

23 Ramzy Abueita

24 Danny Mortensen

25 Nasri H. Haddad
Elena Jaraysa

26 Rakan Abusaada

27 Jeanette M. Nassif

28 Lourdes Abuaita
Raed S. Al-Sahuri
Adham Habbass

29 Landon N. Gantos
Liela L. Gantos

30 Nicholas "Nick" P. Abud
Basheer Z. Hawwash

Namedays

April

23 George Issa Abuaita
George Michael Abuaita
Cezar George Abu-Aita
George Abu-Aita
George Abueita
Ramzy Abueita
Sandy Abueita
Ola J.Y. Alqazaha
Sandra (Alexandra) Raed Al-Sahuri
George Jacob David
George Fanous
George Farah Jr.
Georgio Aiden Farah
George Azar Gantous
George Ishaq
Dina George Maymoun
Sean (George) Michael McCann
George Elias Mitri
Alexandra Nassar
George Nassar
George A. Nassif
Nisreen George Rodriguez
Ronald "Ron" Edward Shaheen
William "Bill" George Sophiea
Alexandria Elisa Tijerina
George Adnan Yacoub

25 Marc Andrew Smith

Wedding Anniversaries

April

28 Mr. and Mrs. Fuad Albaba

30 Mr. and Mrs. Luai Abuaita

God Grant You All Many Years!

April

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
***St. Nicholas** 2143 South Center Road (north of Lippencott Road) Burton, MI 810-744-0070	**1** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**2** Take-Out Lenten Bake Sale 12pm-2pm	**3** **Lenten Hours** @ *St. Nicholas 10am **Presanctified Liturgy** *@ St. George* 6pm	**1**	**2** **3rd Supplication to the Virgin Mary** 6:30pm	**3** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
4 ***3rd Sunday of the Fast Adoration of the Life-Giving Cross*** Food Drive 10am-1pm	**5** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**6**	**7** **Lenten Hours** @ *St. Nicholas 10am **Combined Presanctified Liturgy** *@ *St. Nicholas* 6pm	**8**	**9** **4th Supplication to the Virgin Mary** 6:30pm	**10** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
11 ***4th Sunday of the Fast St. John of the Ladder***	**12** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**13**	**14** **Lenten Hours** @ *St. Nicholas 10am **Presanctified Liturgy** *@ St. George* 6pm	**15**	**16** **5th Supplication to the Virgin Mary** 6:30pm	**17** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
18 ***5th Sunday of the Fast St. Mary of Egypt***	**19** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**20**	**21** **Lenten Hours** @ *St. Nicholas 10am **Combined Presanctified Liturgy** *@ St. George* 6pm	**22**	**23** **Little Compline and Canon of St. Lazarus** 6:30pm	**24** **Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy** @ *St. Nicholas 9:30am Clean & Decorate 1pm **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
25 ***Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem*** **Bridegroom Matins** 6:30pm	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**May 1** **Vesperal Liturgy** 10am **Pascha Services** 11:30pm

The Great and Holy Week ~ please see 3rd page of this VOICE for all of the services and plan to come to as many as you can!

2021

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Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
  - *Great Vespers* **5:00 PM**
- Sunday
  - *Sacrament of Repentance* {Confession*} **8:30 AM—9:30 AM**
  - *Matins* {Arabic & English} **8:50 AM**
  - *Divine Liturgy* **10:00 AM**

Church School: Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, classes are meeting by video conferencing.

* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe during the week.

Major Feast Days (see Calendar)

2020-21 Theme for
Church School,
Creative Festivals,
and our
Parish Life Conference

Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL • Fadi Rishmawi, Chairman 810-625-5790 or fadi19@msn.com
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USHERS • Jimmy David 810-835-9737 and Areen Bathish 810-394-2918 or andydollar007@aol.com Coordinators

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Office Manager

Kelly Dotson (kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com)
During the pandemic, Kelly is working from home and checking email daily.
If you call the office 810-732-0720, please leave a message.