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# *Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries*

*April 1 to April 30, 2023*

## **Birthdays**

### **April**

- 1** Kirolous M. Meshraky  
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  
Andres Qumsieh
- 6** Jerious C. Selby
- 7** Phyllis Good  
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
- 12** Maria M. Abu Aita
- 13** Farid S. Nassar  
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 A. 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  
Yazan L. Sababa  
Elaina E. Tijerina
- 22** Ameer Assaf
- 23** Ramzy Abueita
- 24** Danny Mortensen
- 25** Elena Jaraysa
- 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

- Alexandra Nassar  
George Nassar  
George A. Nassif  
Nisreen George Rodriguez  
William "Bill" George Sophiea  
Alexandria Elisa Tijerina  
George Adnan Yacoub
- 25** Marc Andrew Smith

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

### **April**

- 27** Mr. and Mrs. Tarek Jarayseh
- 28** Mr. and Mrs. Fuad Albaba
- 30** Mr. and Mrs. Luai Abuaita

## **Namedays**

### **April**

- 16** Anwar "Andy" Yacoub Abueita
- 23** Cezar George Abuaita  
George Abuaita  
George Issa Abuaita  
George Michael Abuaita  
George Abueita  
Ramzy Abueita  
Sandy Abueita  
Ola J.Y. Alqazaha  
Sandra (Alexandra) Raed Al-Sahuri  
Douglas Coone  
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

***God Grant You All Many Years!***

# Mark your Calendars and Plan AHEAD!!!

## THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>

### April

8	Saturday	<b>Raising of Lazarus</b> —Combined <i>Preparation of Gifts/Liturgy at St. George</i>	9:30 am
		• <i>Cleaning and Decorating of the Church</i> -----	1 pm
		<b>Great Vespers</b> for Palm Sunday and <b>Confessions</b> -----	4 pm
9	Sunday	<b>Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem—Palm Sunday</b>	
		Matins – 8:50am Liturgy and Procession -----	10 am
		<b>Bridegroom Matins</b> for Great and Holy Monday -----	6 pm
10	Monday	<b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> -----	9 am
		<b>Bridegroom Matins</b> for Great and Holy Tuesday -----	6 pm
11	Tuesday	<b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> -----	9 am
		• <b>Confessions (Last opportunity before Pascha!)</b> -----	4:30-5:30 pm
		<b>Bridegroom Matins</b> for Great and Holy Wednesday -----	6 pm
12	Weds.	<b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> -----	9 am
		<b>Sacrament of Holy Unction</b> -----	6 pm
		• <i>Holy Unction is a Sacrament of the Orthodox Church and for Her members. Confession is required.</i>	
13	Thursday	<b>Celebration of the Institution of the Last Supper</b>	
		<b>Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</b> followed by Holy Thursday Meal -----	10 am
		<b>Holy Friday Matins</b> with Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels-----	6 pm
14	Friday	<b>Royal Hours of Pascha</b> -----	9 am
		Decoration of Tomb follows.	
		<b>Vespers of the Descent of Christ from the Cross</b> -----	3 pm
		Vigil at the Tomb of Christ sponsored by Teen SOYO begins at 4:30pm.	
		<b>Holy Saturday Matins</b> with the Praises at the Tomb / Procession with the Tomb	6 pm
15	Saturday	<b>Descent into Hades—Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil</b> -----	10 am
		▪ <i>Cleaning and Decorating of the Church for Pascha follows.</i>	

# PASCHA

## THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

15/16	<b>Nocturnes/Paschal Matins/Paschal Divine Liturgy</b> -----	11:30 pm
16	Sunday <b>Agape (Baa'ooth) Vespers—Vespers of Love</b> -----	1 pm
	Reading of the Gospel in Different Languages	

## THE NEW (BRIGHT) WEEK

17	Bright Monday <b>Paschal Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene</b> -----	10 am
18	Bright Tuesday <b>Paschal Liturgy at St. Nicholas</b> -----	10 am
19	Bright Wednesday <b>Paschal Liturgy at St. George</b> -----	6 pm
21	Bright Friday <b>Paschal Liturgy at Assumption</b> -----	10 am

*St. George Orthodox Church  
Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala*



*Friday May 12, 2023*

*Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors ~ As of March 21*

*St. George Orthodox Church Banquet Center Renovation Patrons*

*Mr. Majdi & Mrs. Rula Alkazaha & Family      Mr. Maher & Mrs. Susan Qazaha & Family*

- *St. George Ladies Auxiliary Graciously Donating \$15,000*
- *Mr. Philip Abuaita & Sons; Jamal, George, Khaled, Tony & Families ~ Diamond Sponsor*
- *Mr. Tony Daoud, In Honor of his Parents Mr. & Mrs. Issa Daoud ~ Diamond Sponsor*
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    - *Dr. Raouf Mikhail & Family ~ Gold Sponsor*
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      - *The Nassar Family ~ Silver Sponsor*
- *Mr. George & Mrs. Jeanette Nassif & Family ~ Silver Sponsor*
  - *Sorensen Gross Construction ~ Silver Sponsor*
  - *Mr. Robert Teunion & Family ~ Silver Sponsor*
- *Mr. & Mrs. Michel Ansara & Family ~ Bronze Sponsor*
  - *Mr. Mounir Awad & Family ~ Bronze Sponsor*
- *Mr. Nicola & Mrs. Mary Khoury & Family ~ Bronze Sponsor*

Presenting Sponsor - \$50,000/20 tickets      Emerald Sponsor- \$25,000/20 tickets      Diamond Sponsor - \$10,000/10 tickets  
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*Individual Tickets - \$200 Scan QR Code to purchase tickets or sponsorship ~ Please Make Checks Payable to St. George Orthodox Church*

# St. George Orthodox Church Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala



## Sponsorship Opportunities:

- The Gala will be held on: Friday May 12, 2023 at 7pm at the Renovated St. George Banquet Center
- Individual Tickets = \$200 per person
- Cocktail Attire
- Funds raised to support the recent renovation of St. George Orthodox Church Banquet Center

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	PRESENTING \$50,000 (Only One)	Emerald \$25,000	Diamond \$10,000	Palladium \$7,500	Platinum \$5,000	Gold \$2,500	Silver \$1,500	Bronze \$1,000
Gala Tickets	20	20	10	10	8	6	4	2
Sponsor Name/Logo on all Event Prints & Signage	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sponsor Recognition from Podium during the Gala	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Sponsor Recognition during church's "Coffee Fellowship" on May 14 <sup>th</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Pre-event Private Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 6pm	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Name/Logo on the Permanent Donor Wall	*	*	*	*	*			
Opportunity to address the audience from the podium	*	*						
Host an event, for free, at the newly Renovated Banquet Center	*							
Sponsor Name/Logo on (Step & Repeat) Photo Background	*							

### Please note:

- Your contribution is tax-deductible by the maximum extent allowed by law
- Sponsors are guaranteed to be listed on the event's prints & signage, if received by May 1, 2023
- All Sponsors will have **Premium Reserved Seating** per Sponsorship Level
- Name/Logo **Size & Location** on Permanent Donor Wall per Sponsorship Level
- Below an example of the Permanent Donor Wall to be installed in the Banquet Center Lobby
- Scan QR code to purchase tickets or sponsorship directly through official church website



*St. George Orthodox Church*  
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**Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala**

*Attn: Kelly Dotson*  
*St. George Orthodox Church*  
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*Flint Township 48507*  
*[kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com)*



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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my: *Visa / MasterCard / American Express*

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to St. George Orthodox Church*

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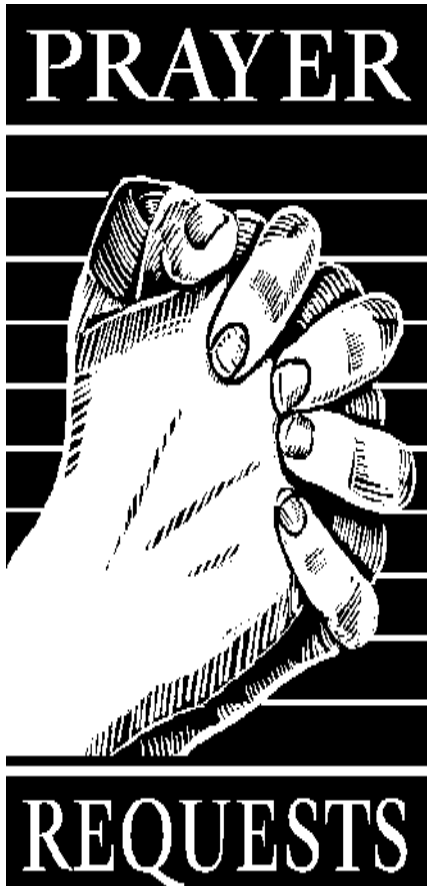
## Daily Prayer Life

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- ◆ For the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Riyad Hayek** (+March 2<sup>nd</sup>, cousin of the Hayek Family), **Bryan Campbell** (+March 4<sup>th</sup>, brother in law of Kh. Pam Bassett), and **Gregory Nicola** (+March 16<sup>th</sup>, nephew of Kh. Leslee Abud).

*May their memory be eternal!*

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- ◆ Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our local hierarch **Bishop Anthony, Fr. Angelo Artemas** (friend of Fr. Joe), **Sahar Abdallah, Reader Fouad Abuaita, Shafiq Abuaitah, Laila Abud, Jane Abueita, Philip Abuaita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alsahouri, Vera Daoud, Elias Gantos, Denise Ghattas, Phyllis Good, Ronald Haddad, Daisy Isaac, Michael Khal, Laura Nassar, Deborah Salim, Elaine Shaheen, Michael Silpoch, Christa Whitehead**, *all first-responders and those suffering from illness, violence, and want throughout the world, especially in our community, the Middle East, the war in Ukraine, and the earthquake in Syria and Turkey; 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, St. George Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*

- ◆ Remember our expectant parents: **Rania and Raed AbuAita, Jessica and Mejhdy Abu Aitah, Julia and Maroun Alatrash, Katrina and Gary Gagne, Aziza and Basheer Hawwash, Dina and Laith Maymoun, Narmeen and Deeb Shamshoum, and Taylor and Jeffrey Tipton.**

➤ *Please update Fr. Joe on how the following are doing and whether they should remain on our prayer list!*

- ◆ Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Nejma Khair** (mother of Esperanza Abuaita), **George and Georgette Abueita and Kristo** (brother, mother, and friend of Anwar Abueita), **Nabil Andoni** (brother of Vera Daoud), **Danial Alghanim** (father of Dania Hanna), **Sanaa Alqassis** (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Walid Andoni** (brother of Vera Daoud), **Sharon Ballreich** (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Debbie Salim), **Kameel Srouji** (son-in-law of Hiam Bathish), **Nihad**

**Bannura** (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Tanika Russell, Dennis, and Sue** (friends of Doug Coone), **Youssef and Georgette Damouni** (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Tom Ellenburg** (friend of Sally Joseph), **Abdulnour Hanna** (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Philip Jones** (brother-in-law of Lubna Jones), **Larry Judson** (friend of Tim Beers), **Loretta Karpelenia** (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Scott Lints** (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Scott Allen, Antonia Molina and Reuben Reyes, and Dominique Vasquez** (friends of Areen Bathish), **Saliba Musleh** (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam Odeh** (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Eva Saseen** (daughter of Nicholas), **Kinan Turjman** (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Shirley Zerka** (mother of Victoria), **Mother Nektaria, Heather Campbell, and Nancy Maes**, (family/friends of Fr. Michael and Kh. Pam Bassett), **Maha Qassis and Nadia Ibrahim** (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Shafeka Qurpan and George Ishak** (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Elias Ibrahim and Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Mary Khal and Hanna Abu-Nimer** (relatives of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Gloria Nakfoor** (sister of Elaine Shaheen), **Jennifer Craft and Brionna Gorbitt** (friends of Mariann Hayek), **Valland Frangi** (sister of Ron Haddad), **Megan Meade, Laura Teunion-Smith, and Casey Webb** (relatives of Bob Teunion), **Norman Thomas** (friend of Steve and Kelly Sanderson), and **Samantha Zerka** (cousin of Lauren Zerka and Goddaughter and niece of Victoria Zerka).

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## *Congratulations and God bless:*

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❖ **Father Peter** and **Presvytera Peggy Bistolarides** at Assumption Church in Grand Blanc. Father Peter becomes their new parish priest on April 1<sup>st</sup>. *May God grant Father Peter and Presbytera Peggy many years in their ministry at Assumption and in our Genesee County Pan-Orthodox community ~ Welcome!*

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## *Announcements*

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**FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR APRIL** The **Great Fast** began on February 27<sup>th</sup> and continues until our celebration of the Feast of Feasts, **Pascha: our Lord's Resurrection** on April 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 Feasts of the Annunciation (Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>) and Palm Sunday (April 9<sup>th</sup>), *fish, wine, and olive oil are permitted*. There is no fasting from Pascha until the **Ascension of our Lord into Heaven 40 days after Pascha** on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE (FFHP)** As we do every year during the Great Fast, we follow the command of Christ to give alms (money) to the poor. Please use the special FFHP Boxes and Canisters that are provided on the front pew and return them to the church on or after Pascha (April 16<sup>th</sup>).

**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.

**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, 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 not after Wednesday Presanctified and Sunday Divine Liturgy. Because it is so important and for your convenience, Fr. Joe and Fr. Michael will hear confessions after Coffee Fellowship Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fr. Joe is not the only Orthodox priest in the area, or at St. George, and if you would prefer to go for confession 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 Jesus Christ).** (*Revelation 22:14*)

**CLEANING AND DECORATING** We will do our annual major cleaning on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ no joke! And our normal cleaning and decorating for Palm Sunday, on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and for Pascha on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after the morning Vespers Divine Liturgy at 10am -- everyone is welcome to come and help!

The **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY VIGIL** begins after Holy Friday Vespers (April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm). A sign-up poster will be available in the Lounge on April 7<sup>th</sup> 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, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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!



## **THANK YOU & GOD BLESS ...**

... **Hazar Abu-Aita, RN** who donated a *Blood Pressure Monitor* and *Oximeter* (measures oxygen level in blood) in cases of emergencies when they are desperately needed at church!

## **PASCHAL GREETING / RESPONSE USED FOR 40 DAYS**

*Until Ascension on May 25<sup>th</sup>*

**English:** Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

**Arabic:** Al-Maseeh Qam! *Haqqan Qam!*

**Greek:** Christos Aneste! *Alethos Aneste!*

**Ukrainian:** Христос Воскрес! *Воістину Воскрес!*

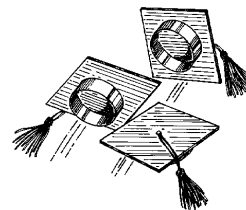
**Slavonic:** Christos Voskrese! *Voistinu Voskrese!*

**Romanian:** Christos a Inviaht! *Adevarat a Inviaht!*

## **GRADUATES/PARENTS**



Please email Fr. Joe ([nija@aol.com](mailto:nija@aol.com)) by May 14<sup>th</sup> to let him know who our graduates are! They will be listed in the next issue of **The VOICE**. Information needed: name of the **High School** or **College/University** and their degree, along with a picture to be posted.



**LET GOD ARISE! LET HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED! LET THOSE WHO HATE HIM FLEE FROM BEFORE HIS FACE! AS SMOKE VANISHES, SO LET THEM VANISH; AS WAX MELTS BEFORE THE FIRE! SO THE SINNERS WILL PERISH BEFORE THE FACE OF GOD; BUT LET THE RIGHTEOUS BE GLAD!**

Why should God in His Infinite mercy not save the stubborn sinners, evildoers, and atheists? St. Nikolai Velimirovic answers: *Because they do not want to be saved. They reject God's call, despise Christ's Cross, trample under foot God's law, persecute the church, insult the priests and the faithful; in a word: they take the side of Satan against God and they never repent.* St. Paul says, *They believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.* (2 Thessalonians 2:12)

### **Midwest Diocesan 2023 Parish Life Conference**

Bishop Anthony and our host parish St. Mary-Palos Heights, Illinois invite you to our Annual **Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference** June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hotel, Conference Registration, and all forms are available at their website: <http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html>. Bishop Anthony and Fr. Joe encourage all of our parishioners to attend! God willing we will have parishioners in the **Bible Bowl** (Thursday night, June 29<sup>th</sup>) and **Senior Presentation** (Saturday night, July 1<sup>st</sup>) ~ come and cheer them on! Please take note of deadlines and make your reservations as soon as possible! We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will participate.

- **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PRESENTATION** will be held at the **Grand Banquet** on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. This annual event is when seniors from all the churches in our Diocese are presented by their parents to His Grace Bishop Anthony. Forms are in the Lounge with a deadline of June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**2023 ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESAN CONVENTION** Hosted by St. George-Phoenix, AZ July 23<sup>rd</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>. Go to <https://ac2023az.org> to book hotel rooms, register for the convention, purchase event tickets, etc. Book now, rooms are going fast!

## OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS

Though you might not be able to come to church on a regular basis, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed.** PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer! If you cannot come, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line, use the QR code to the right, 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 in May

- 6<sup>th</sup>      **First Confessions of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Church School Class**
- 12<sup>th</sup>     **Gala Celebration of our Renovated Banquet Center** (*see fliers for information*)
- 21<sup>st</sup>     Church School **Recognition Day** and **“Palm Sunday Bake Sale”**
- 25<sup>th</sup>     **Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 40 days after Pascha!**

- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.
- ☞ If you would like to host our Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita 810-577-0028.
- ☞ 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 40<sup>th</sup> day after one's falling asleep along with the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6<sup>th</sup> month anniversary. If you would like to make the Holy Bread, please see or contact Aida Nassar 810-433-1515.



Let the little  
children come  
to Me, and do  
not forbid them;  
for of such is the kingdom of God.

(Mark 10:14)

# 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 2023 Budget is \$289,048
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: \$5,559
- 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 2023 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.

THANK YOU!!!

# TO TITHE IS TO LOVE!

## 2023 OFFERING UPDATE

*As of March 17, 2023*

We thank the following families for turning in their 2023 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2023 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. Najeb and Eman Abuaita              | 20. Elias and Amirah Hanna     |
| 2. <b>Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud</b>  | 21. JoAnn Hawkins              |
| 3. Laila Abud                          | 22. <b>Daniel Isaac</b>        |
| 4. Anwar and Janet Abueita             | 23. Sally Joseph               |
| 5. Atallah and Anaam Abueita           | 24. Najwa Joubran              |
| 6. Issa and Jane Abu-Eita              | 25. Reema Khoury               |
| 7. <u>Munther and Ban Al-Kahush</u>    | 26. Dr. Raouf and Judy Mikhail |
| 8. <b>Fr. Mike and Kh. Pam Bassett</b> | 27. Alexandra Nassar           |
| 9. Adeeb and Inam Bathish              | 28. Karam and Aida Nassar      |
| 10. <u>Devin Bathish</u>               | 29. <b>Olga Nassar</b>         |
| 11. Hiam Bathish                       | 30. Victoria Nassar            |
| 12. Douglas Coone                      | 31. George and Jeanette Nassif |
| 13. Issa and Vera Daoud                | 32. Deborah Salim              |
| 14. <u>Tony Daoud</u>                  | 33. Elaine Shaheen             |
| 15. Iman David                         | 34. Richard Shaheen            |
| 16. James David                        | 35. Ric and Martha Shahin      |
| 17. Evelyn Delbridge                   | 36. Bill and Elise Sophiea     |
| 18. <b>Ayman and Wafaa Elias</b>       | 37. Paul and Camela Takach     |
| 19. George and Suad Gantous            | 35. Robert Teunion             |

## 2023 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.

- Put your offering in the **Sunday Tray** or **send it to St. George**.
- Online at <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint>.
- Call the office (810-732-0720) and use a **Credit Card**.
- An **ACH** direct-payment transaction from your 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)

## 2023 بطاقة التبرعات لعام

كنيسة القديس جورج للروم الاورثوذكس فلانت، متشغن

### أريد أن أكون معدودا !

% من قيمة الدخل	المبلغ	الدفعات
	\$	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 الانترنت <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint>
- عن طريق الاتصال على رقم تلفون مكتب الكنيسة (810)732-0720 واستخدام بطاقة الائتمان ( كريدت كارت).
- 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 ألقّت أكثر منهم جميعا"* ( لوقا 3:21)

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
2 <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Fast</i> <b>Mary of Egypt</b>	3  <b>Great Compline</b> 6pm	4	5  Combined <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> & Lenten Refreshments @ <i>St. George</i> 6pm	6	7	8 <b>Lazarus Saturday</b> <b>Liturgy and Breakfast</b> @ <i>*St. George</i> 9:30am Cleaning and Decorating  <b>Great Vespers and</b> <b>Confessions</b> 4pm	
9 <b>Entrance of our</b> <b>Lord into Jerusalem</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> Church School Bake Sale	10	11	12	13	14	15	
<p><i>The Great and Holy Week</i></p> <p>~ see flier for all Divine Services and Activities ~</p>							
16 <b>Pascha – our</b> <b>Lord’s Passover</b> <i>Agape Vespers</i> – 1pm Egg Hunt follows	17 <b>Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>*St. Mary Magdalene</i> 10am	18 <b>Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>**St. Nicholas</i> 10am	19  <b>Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>St. George</i> 6pm	20  Parish Council 6:15pm	21 <b>Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>***Assumption</i> 10am	22  <b>Great Vespers and</b> <b>Confessions</b> 4pm	
23 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha</i> <b>Apostle Thomas</b> <b>Great Martyr George</b> <b>the Trophy-bearer</b>	24  Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	25	26  <b>Apostle Mark</b> <b>the Evangelist</b> Arabic Bible Study 12pm-2pm	27	28	29  <b>Great Vespers and</b> <b>Confessions</b> 4pm	
30 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha</i> <b>Myrrh-bearing</b> <b>Women</b>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>***Assumption</b> 2245 Baldwin Road (between Holly &amp; Fenton Roads) Grand Blanc 810-771-4611         </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>*St. Mary Magdalene</b> 2439 S Long Lake Rd (north of North Road) Fenton 810-750-1401         </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>**St. Nicholas Church</b> 2143 South Center Road (1/2 mile south of Lippincott) Burton 810-744-0070         </div>	

2023

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Rev. Fr. Michael Bassett, Assistant

### Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday  
*Great Vespers* 4:00 PM (from December to March)  
\* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe or Father Michael during the week.
- Sunday  
*Sacrament of Repentance* {Confession\*} 8:30 AM—9:30 AM  
*Matins* {Arabic & English} 8:50 AM  
*Divine Liturgy* 10:00 AM  
*Church School:* Classes are in session following Holy Communion from September to May

### Major Feast Days (see Calendar)

**2022-23 Theme** for  
Church School, Bible  
Bowl, Creative Festivals,  
our Parish Life  
Conference, and  
Archdiocesan Convention



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