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Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 1 to August 31, 2023

Birthdays

August

- Wassim Abousamra Liliana I. Abufarha
- **4** Lauren T. Gantos Abeer N. Rishmawi
- 5 Madisen M. Bathish Deeb Shamshoum
- 8 Waad Abdallah Elham N. Ishak Logan K. Salomon
- 9 Carla Alyateem Daniel B. Bator Hubert A. Rodriguez
- 10 Waj'd A. Al-Atrash Rebecca S. Selby
- 13 Saliman Alsahouri
- 14 Maria AbuAita Waed A. Al-Atrash Ava R. Garcia
- 15 Sally G. Abuaita Nadia Rishmawi
- 16 Maha Alqazaha Michelle Farah
- **17** Christiaan Burbar Andrew Burch
- 18 Enad A. Al-Atrash Raionna R. Qumseya
- 19 Jamal P. Abuaita Gregory "Greg" L. Farah May Y. Gantos Luka D. Mitri
- 20 Janett AbuaitaMounir AwadKatherine D. JosephJasmine JoubranTaylor N. Tipton
- 21 Lucy AbuAita Nicholas "Nick" M. Shadeed
- 22 Gabrielle David Nabeel Fakhoury Yasmine "Katie" K. Farah

- Sandy L. Isaac Pamela L. McCann
- 23 Issa Ibrahim Jonathan N. Rishmawi
- 24 Laila J. Abud
- 25 Fuad Albaba
- 26 Ayva J. Al-Atrash
- 27 John Elias Evan P. Isaac Nadim H. Khoury
- 28 Sahar Abdallah Ryan S. Helal Stephanie N. Silpoch Douglas "Doug" W. Thomas
- 29 Emil F. Abueita Sally J. Shaheen Joseph
- 30 Marie C. El-Chaer
- 31 Ava G. Mitri David A. Salim

Namedays

August

- 6 Jolie Gisele Farah
- 15 Nougod AbuaitaNida' IshaqNaya Mitri
- 20 Sami Abufarha Raed Sami Al-Sahuri Samantha Raed Al-Sahuri Sami Raed Al-Sahuri Samantha Michelle Russell Roger Sami Saadeh
- 21 Jacob Wayne Harrison
- **26** Natalie Youssif Abousamra Adrian Evans
- 29 Nadim Hanna Khoury

Wedding Anniversaries

August

- 2 Mr. and Mrs. Deeb Shamshoum
- 3 Mr. and Mrs. Husam Khair
- 4 Mr. and Mrs. Anwar Abueita Mr. and Mrs. Elias Rishmawi
- 6 Mr. and Mrs. George Abuaita
- 10 Mr. and Mrs. Boulos Fanous
- 11 Mr. and Mrs. Victor Habbass
- 12 Mr. and Mrs. Emil Abueita Mr. and Mrs. Giries Odeh
- 13 Mr. and Mrs. Danial Mitri
- 16 Mr. and Mrs. Rodny Helal
- 17 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sanderson
- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Mousa Rishmawi Mr. and Mrs. Brian Silpoch
- 20 Mr. and Mrs. Luai Helal
- 21 Mr. and Mrs. Youssif Abousamra
- 22 Mr. and Mrs. Maroun Alatrash
- 24 Mr. and Mrs. Said Farah
- 25 Dr. and Dr. George Kardouss
- **27** Mr. and Mrs. Ayman Elias Mr. and Mrs. Marc Smith
- 29 Mr. and Mrs. Hatem Alvateem
- 30 Mr. and Mrs. Samer Abdallah Mr. and Mrs. Abdulla Farah Mr. and Mrs. Walid Hayek Mr. and Mrs. Eyad Rishmawi
- 31 Mr. and Mrs. Nicola Khoury

St. George Parish Picnic @

Davison Township Parks and Recreation (Lake Callis) 1152 North Gale Road, Davison, MI 48423 Admission: when driving in, tell them you are with "St. George"



Sunday, August 27th 12 Noon to 8pm

Immediately after Divine Liturgy

A free will (*voluntary*) offering will be available.

- Food and Drinks are provided. Per park rules, no alcohol or hookah allowed.
- Splash Pad, Soccer, Volleyball, Euchre, Backgammon, and more!
- Fun and Games for the whole family and a great way to meet and have fellowship with our St. George Family!



• For more information or to help out, please contact chairman: Subdeacon Salim Hanna (810-875-3127/salimh91@gmail.com)



DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD ORTHODOX MONASTERY

Mother GABRIELLA - Abbess

36TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE CELEBRATION 2023

Guest of Honor: His Grace Bishop DANIEL Diocese of the Midwest, OCA

Hosted by Archbishop NATHANIEL Bishop ANDREI

PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 14

6:00 pm Vigil of the Feast with Lamentations.

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 am Akathist, 3rd Hour, 6th Hour.

Procession to the Pavilion

10:00 am Hierarchal Holy Liturgy.

2:30 pm Mystery of Holy Unction.

5:30 pm Vespers

6:30 pm Supper

Guests are asked to bring their own lunch.

The monastery will provide refreshments and sweets.
3389 Rives Eaton Road; P.O. Box 128, Rives Junction, MI 49277

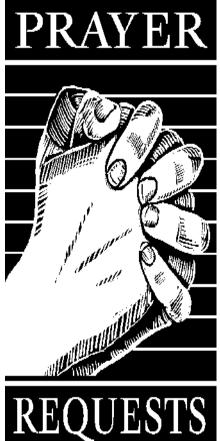
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<u>www.dormitionmonastery.org</u> dormitionmonastery@dormitionmonastery.org

Daily Prayer Life

♦ For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Emil** Joseph (+June 17th), **Elizabeth** (Farah) Shammas (+July 6th, former parishioner), and **Sunita** Nath (+July 13th, Suha Abueita-Nath's mother-in-law).

May their memory be eternal!



- Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our Bishop Anthony, Sahar Abdallah, Reader Fouad and Soad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Shafiqa Abuaitah, Laila Abud, Georgette Abueita, Jane Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alsahouri, Naila Banna, Vera Daoud, Elias Gantos, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Denise Ghattas, Phyllis Good, Ronald Haddad, Daisy Isaac, Karen Mortensen, Laura Nassar, Adam Odeh, Rahmeh Rashmawi, Deborah Salim, Elaine Shaheen, Michael Silpoch, Sandy Thomas, and Christa Whitehead, all first-responders and those suffering from illness, violence, and want throughout the world, especially in our community, the Middle East, and the war in Ukraine; 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, Julia and Maroun Alatrash, Renea and Rakan Bayouk, Dania and Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Natania and Rene Hanna, Aziza and Basheer Hawwash, Letizia and Branden Jones, Christine and Matthew Krinock (daughter of Ayman and Wafaa Elias), Dina and Laith Maymoun, Amanda and Mousa Rishmawi, & Jacqueline (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita) and John Timm.
 - ➤ 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: George Abueita and Kristo (brother and friend of Anwar Abueita), Danial Alghanim (father of Dania Hanna), Sanaa Alqassis (daughter of

Zahra Abuaita), Shafiqa Abuleil (mother of Vicky Nassar), 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), Nejma Khair (mother of Esperanza Abuaita), Scott Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), Scott Allen, Antonia Molina, 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, Cynthia Brooks, Heather Campbell, Joseph Collins, Nancy Maes, and Jeremy and Christa Whitehead (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 Gorbutt (friends of Mariann Hayek), Valland Frangi (sister of Ron Haddad), Megan Meade, Laura Teunion-Smith, and Casey Webb (relatives of Bob Teunion), Gary Stewart and Norman Thomas (father/friend of Steve and Kelly Sanderson), and Samantha Zerka (cousin of Lauren Zerka and Goddaughter and niece of Victoria Zerka).

Congratulations and God bless:

- ❖ Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award We are so proud that our very own Alexandra (Alex) Nassar was chosen to be this year's recipient! The award is given annually in recognition of a member of the Genesee County Bar Association (lawyers) who demonstrates the highest level of professional excellence in advocacy, and who exemplifies the other principles of the American Inns of Court: Professionalism, Ethics, and Civility.
- ❖ Deeb, Narmeen, and newborn Julia Farah Shamshoum (April 17th).



- ❖ Dr. Laila Abdallah and Steven Ismair who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- * 2023 Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference (PLC) hosted by St. Mary-Palos Height, IL. The PLC is sponsored by our Midwest Diocesan Council. All of our Church School students had the opportunity to participate in the Midwest Diocesan's Creative Festivals. The following received awards in the Creative Arts category!

Jowelle Odeh, 4th grade, *Bronze Ribbon* Nour Ishak, 6th grade, *Bronze Ribbon*

Rubina Abuaita, 2nd grade, *Silver Ribbon* Matthew Hayek, 5th grade, *Silver Ribbon*

<u>College Scholarships</u> Though none of our parishioners applied, four (4) were awarded at <u>\$1,000</u> <u>each!</u> Next year, we hope our High School Graduates and College Students will apply!

- ❖ Guess who the new Midwest Teen SOYO Treasurer is? Cezar Abu-Aita!
- ❖ Isabelle Elinor Brushaber who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on May 27th. Godparents: Taylor Vensko and Nadya Nolte. Parents: William and Dr. Olga.



- ❖ Phoebe Caroline Bator who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on June 3rd. Godparents: Dr. Lindsey and Dr. Ryan Brunner. Parents: Daniel and Staci.
- **♦ Elizabeth Kay** and **Natalie Youssif** Abousamra who were brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and First Communion on June 25th. Godparents: **Khalid** and **Reema Abousamra**. Parents: **Abrahim** and **Hannah**.
- ❖ Jack James Burch who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on July 8th. Godparents: Maria Akery and Michael Ross. Parents: Andrew and Stephani
- ❖ **Sophia Rishmawi** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on July 8th. Godparents: **Emil** and **Eline Abueita**. Parents: **Moussa** and **Amanda**.
- ❖ Noa Hanna Tipton who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation on July 15th. Godparents: Adam and Logan Salomon. Parents: Jeffrey and Taylor.

- Anirudh and Suha (Abueita) Nath who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on April 30th. May God grant them many years!
- ❖ Fadi and Miar (Abuaita) Odeh who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on May 28th. May God grant them many years!
- Samer and Marianne Abuaita who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on June 11th. May God grant them many years!
 United in Marriage
- Branden and Letizia Jones who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on June 14th. May God grant them many years!

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR AUGUST The **Dormition Fast** for the **Dormition** (*Falling Asleep or Assumption*) **of the Virgin Mary** begins on Tuesday, August 1st and lasts until the feast on August 15th. The traditional fasting discipline during this fourteen-day period is *no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil and their by-products,* <u>except on Saturdays and Sundays</u> when *wine and olive oil* are allowed. On the Feast of our **Lord's Transfiguration** (August 6th), *fish, wine, and olive oil* are allowed. The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, meat by-products, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on all other Wednesdays and Fridays. On Tuesday, August 29th, we remember the **Beheading of John the Baptist** and the traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed.

<u>Transfiguration of our Lord</u> On the eve of the feast, Saturday, August 5th, we will be having a combined, Pan-Orthodox *Great Vespers* in celebration of the Great Feast of our **Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor**. This will take place at our sister parish of *St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton* beginning at 5pm.

DORMITION (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS The last Great Feast of the liturgical year will be celebrated at our sister parish of Assumption Church in Grand Blanc. This is their Patronal Feast of the Assumption of the Theotokos. We will have a combined, Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers and the Blessing of the Five Loaves, Wheat, Wine, and Oil (Artoklasia) on Monday, August 14th at 6pm with His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit. We will then celebrate a combined, Pan-Orthodox Matins (9am) and Divine Liturgy at 10am on Tuesday, August 15th. All are welcomed!

SUMMER OFFERINGS! Many parishioners are away on vacation, out of the country, or unable to attend due to ill health or travel. During the summer, our parish, like others, experiences less donations, yet our expenses continue. If you will be away, please keep up with your offerings this summer; be good and faithful stewards with the blessings God has given you!



St. George Golf Classic

September 23rd at Flushing Valley Golf Club. **Mark your calendars!**

NEW BANQUET CENTER RENTAL RATES Our renovated Center is beautiful and the rentals are pouring in ~ thank God in all things! For your information, our rates are as follows: Non-Parishioners \$3,500. Parishioners (who regularly offer to St. George) \$2,000. If people belong to St. George but do not offer annually, they are considered, only for renting our Center, as non-parishioners. NOTHING is to be hung from the walls and ceilings. If available, there is an additional cost to decorate the day before. The rules for renting are the same for everyone.

PARENTS: During one of our baptismal receptions, there were many children, some very young, by themselves in the parking lot as cars were driving in and out. PARENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER, children cannot be by themselves while you are anywhere at St. George ~ it is dangerous and we do not want any accidents!



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

(Mark 10:14)

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 September

- **Beginning of the Church New Year!**
- 8th Great Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of the Virgin Mary
- 10th **Church School Year Begins**
- 14th Great Feast of the Finding and Elevation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross
- 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 simply 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 3rd, 9th, and 40th day of one's falling asleep along with yearly anniversaries. 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.

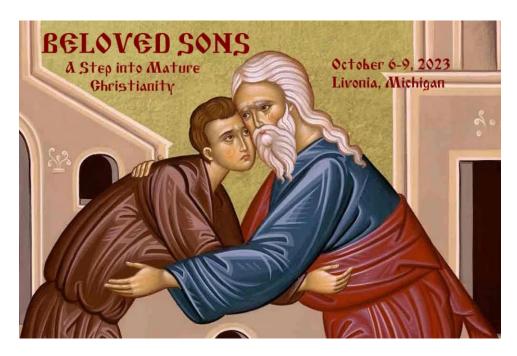
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Sun	Mon	Тие	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(between	*Assumption 45 Baldwin Road Holly & Fenton Roads) Blanc 810-771-4611	Dormition Fast Begins Paraklasis to the Virgin Mary 6pm	2	Paraklasis to the Virgin Mary 6pm	Seven Sleepers of Ephesus	Combined Pan- Orthodox Great Vesper at **St. Mary Magdalene 5pm
Transfiguration of our Lord on Mt. Tabor Ladies Auxiliary Meeting after Liturgy	7	Paraklasis to the Virgin Mary 6pm	9 Apostle Matthias	Paraklasis to the Virgin Mary 6pm	11	Vacation Church School see flier Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm (NOTE TIME!)
13 Leavetaking of the Transfiguration	Great Vespers and Blessing of the 5 Loaves at *Assumption 6pm	Dormition of the Virgin Mary Matins 9am and Divine Liturgy 10am at *Assumption	16 Commemorating the Icon "Not-made-by- Hands" of our Lord in Edessa	Parish Council 6:15pm	18	Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm
20 Prophet Samuel	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Fr. Joe on vacation August $22^{nd} \sim 30^{th}$				Great Vespers and
Venerable Pimen the Great Parish Picnic (see flier)	28 Venerable Moses of Ethiopia Evening Liturgy at *Assumption 6pm	29 Beheading of John the Baptist	30	31 Commemorating the placing of the Belt of the Theotokos in the Church of the Virgin in Constantinople	**St. Mary Magdalene 2439 S Long Lake Rd (north of North Road) Fenton 810-750-1401	
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In loving memory of our fearless leader,
"Abu Said" George Farah,
as we continue our family legacy of supporting St. George.

~ The Farah Family ~



BELOVED SONS: A Step into Mature Christianity

A retreat for MEN!
Friday evening, October 6th thru Sunday afternoon October 8th, 2023
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church
36075 7 Mile Rd, Livonia, MI

Beloved Sons is a retreat for Orthodox men that will help men uncover the voice of the Accuser, silence it, and begin to hear the voice of the Father, Who says to each one of us,

"You are My beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

This will not be a "sit still and listen" kind of retreat. This isn't a conference where speakers say nice things and attendees politely listen. Yes, practical information will be given, but there will also be times for intense group participation when we will work through some of the personal issues that have left us stuck and move towards the abundant life which Christ promised us. The aim isn't just to impart knowledge, but to change lives.

Speakers and Retreat Leaders:

Fr Michael Butler, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Livonia, MI
Fr Hans Jacobse, St Peter Orthodox Church, Fort Myers, FL, Founder of the St. Paisios Brotherhood
Paul Robson, Founder of Maniphesto, a European organization for men's accountability and integrity

Retreat schedule, cost, registration, accommodations, contact and other information can be found at https://www.avg2alpha.com/beloved-sons/

Attendance is limited. Please register early. https://www.avg2alpha.com/beloved-sons/

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V. Rev. Fr. Joseph M. Abud, Pastor Rev. Fr. Michael Bassett, Assistant

Divine Services for the Lord's Day

Saturday

Great Vespers 5:00 PM

* 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



Parish Ministries

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