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# THE VOICE

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Dear St. George Family,

Christ is in our Midst!

As you know, I was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer in January. I did chemotherapy and radiation treatments. After the PET Scan, I saw my oncologist and only by the grace of God the cancer is gone! Thank you for all of your love and prayers ~ please continue to pray for me as I do you.

It has been a blessing and inspiration to be your Pastor ~ your father ~ for the last 36 years ~ where does the time go? You love God, His Holy Church, and each other ~ it has been a joy to be a part of all the good works you have, and continue, to do and want to accomplish for the Glory of God!

After I had back surgery in 2019, I began to think about retirement. The surgery took away my pain, thank God. However, my mobility never returned to what it was. I struggled visiting hospitals and you, my beloved parishioners. My St. George Family in Flint, MI has always been understanding, patient, and so loving to me and my family. Nevertheless, it bothered me so much I could not be the father I wanted to be and that you deserved.

Prior to my cancer diagnosis, it was becoming more obvious to me that it was not fair to you, my faithful parishioners that I could not do what needed to be done. After much prayer, I believed it was God's will for me to seek the blessing of Bishop Anthony and then Metropolitan Saba to retire. I have been granted retirement effective August 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have had many laughs, cries, joys, and sorrows, but in the midst of it all, Christ was our guide for all of the ups and downs in life. I pray He will always be there for us.

I cannot be more thankful for all of you! After Leslee, Nicholas, John, Nawal, Julian, and Joanna, you also have become my family, and theirs, and I thank God for the years He gave me with you!

May God bless you and be with you always.

Love, Fr. Joe

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York  
and Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

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June 19, 2024

The Very Reverend Father Amin Houli  
*via email:* fatherhouli@yahoo.com

Beloved in Christ, Father Amin,

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am appointing you as Pastor of St. George Church in Flint, MI, effective August 1, 2024. Please be in touch with V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Abud (retiring Pastor) to start planning for this transition; he can be reached at 810-444-9108 and njja@aol.com. As is the policy of our archdiocese, the receiving church will pay your moving expenses, so please coordinate this with them.

As you take up this pastorate, please always remember to treat the people entrusted to your care with love, as a father caring for his children. Also, keep in mind that whatever you do, it is on behalf of me and our archdiocese, so please always abide by all our archdiocesan policies and directives. If you ever need anything, do not hesitate to contact the Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy (Davis), who will be your new Archiepiscopal Vicar, or our archdiocese headquarters for guidance.

Wishing you a fruitful ministry in Flint, through the intercessions of the Holy Great-Martyr George, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SABA". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

✠ SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

cc: His Grace Bishop Anthony; Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Jeremy (Davis); V. Rev. Frs. Thomas Zain (Vicar General) and Joseph Abud

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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# St. George Orthodox Church

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic



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

### SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Friday, September 20, 2024

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

**\$150 – Individual Hole Sponsor**

*Sponsorship tee sign*

**\$600 – Foursome/Hole Sponsor**

*Four golfers plus a sponsorship tee sign*

**\$1,000 – Beverage Cart Sponsor**

*Sponsorship banner, tee sign, and a 'Thank You' plaque*

**\$1,250 – Dinner Sponsor**

*Four golfers, sponsorship tee sign & banner*

**\$2,000 – Silver Sponsor**

*Four golfers, sponsorship tee sign, banner, and dinner table cards*

**\$4,000 – Gold Sponsor**

*2 Foursomes, two sponsorship tee signs, sponsorship banner, dinner table cards, and a sponsorship plaque displayed at St. George*

\*Please make all checks payable to:

**St. George Orthodox Church** (memo: *Golf Classic*)

Mail to: **5191 Lennon Road \* Flint, MI 48507**

For more information on the Classic, sponsorships, and/or reserving a spot, please contact:

**Tony Daoud: 810-730-1011, Reem Bathish: 313-492-6358**

**or Kelly Dotson @ Church Office: 810-732-0720**

**Please submit all entries by September 8, 2024**

Golf Team Information - <i>\$125 per golfer</i>		
Golfer #1 (Captain's name):		
Address:		
Phone #:		e-mail:
Golfer #2 (name):		e-mail:
Golfer #3 (name):		e-mail:
Golfer #4 (name):		e-mail:
Division (circle one):		
Men	MIXED- Any combination of men/women/or 4 women	Total Enclosed - \$_____

Dear members of the family of Saint George in Flint,

Greetings in the name of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!

Allow me to introduce myself to you. My name is Father Amin Houli, I was born in Damascus, Syria in 1964. I received my degree of theology at Balamand University in Tripoli, Lebanon and continued my education at the theological school in Athens, Greece. I am fluent in Arabic, Greek, and English. I am happily married to Kh. Rena, we are blessed with two children, Teodora, and Nicholas.

On February 6, 2005, I was ordained a priest. During the 2009 Midwest Parish Life Conference, I was elevated to the rank of Arch Priest.

I thank my brother Fr. Joseph, for his 36 years of service and Ministry to you, may God shelter him, Kh. Leslee, and their family under His wings granting them health, peace, salvation, and visitation in his years of retirement.

As well, I thank my brother Fr. Michael, the members of the parish council, and all who are working to make this transition smooth and peaceful.

It is my great pleasure and honor for my family and I to become members of the St. George family, and for me to serve every one of my new family! I look forward to your love and support as we seek to do God's will.

Let us, you and I continue our journey of life as one family, the family of our Lord Jesus Christ, growing in faith, loving God as much as God loves us.

In His Service,

Fr. Amin

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اعزائي أعضاء عائلة القديس جاورجيوس في مدينة فلينت،

تحية باسم ربنا وإلهنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح!

اسمحوا لي أن أقدم لكم نفسي. اسمي الأب أمين حولي، ولدت في مدينة دمشق، سوريا في عام 1964. حصلت على شهادة في اللاهوت من جامعة البلمند في مدينة طرابلس، لبنان، وتابعت تعليمي في كلية اللاهوت في جامعة أثينا، اليونان. أتقن اللغات العربية واليونانية والإنجليزية.

أنا متزوج من خورية رينا، وقد أنعم الله علينا بطفلين، تيودورا ونيكولاس.

في يوم ٦ شباط لعام ٢٠٠٥ رُسمت كاهناً و خلال مؤتمر حياة أبرشية الغرب الأوسط لعام ٢٠٠٩ إرتقيت الى رتبة متقدم في الكهنة (2009 Midwest Parish Life Conference)

أشكر أخي الأب. يوسف على خدمته ورعايته لكم لمدة 36 سنة. حفظه الله مع خوريته ليسلي وعائلتهما تحت ستر جناحيه مانحاً إياهم الصحة والسلام والخلاص إلى الأبد.

كما أشكر أخي الأب. ميشيل، وأعضاء مجلس الرعية، وجميع الذين يعملون على جعل هذا الانتقال سهلاً وسلمياً.

إنه لمن دواعي سروري بأن أتشرف مع عائلتي الصغيرة أن نصبح أعضاء من عائلة القديس جورجوس وأن أخدم كل فرد في عائلتي الجديدة. وإنني أتطلع إلى محبتكم ودعمكم ونحن نسعى جميعاً لتحقيق مشيئة الله.

دعونا، أنتم وأنا أن نواصل رحلتنا في هذه الحياة كعائلة واحدة، عائلة ربنا يسوع المسيح، ننمو في الإيمان، وأن نحب الله بقدر محبة الله لنا.

في خدمة الرب

الأب. أمين

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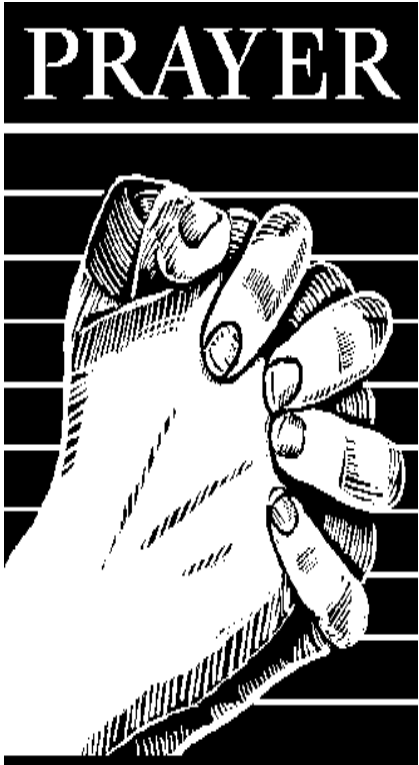
## Daily Prayer Life

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- ◆ For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Chris Russell** (+June 22<sup>nd</sup>, friend of Fr. Michael), **Randall Klomp** (+July 4<sup>th</sup>, friend of catechumen Evan Sandford), and **Ronald Haddad** (+July 6<sup>th</sup>).

*May their memory be eternal!*

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## REQUESTS

- ◆ REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS AND THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING, OR IN NEED, ESPECIALLY HIS SERVANTS: **Archbishop Nathaniel** (Romanian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America), our **Archimandrite Jeremy**, **Fr. Joe Abud**, **Fr. Amin** and **Kh. Rena, Teodora**, and **Nicholas Houli**, **Sahar Abdallah**, **Abeer Abuaita**, **Reader Fouad & Soad Abuaita**, **Philip & Janett Abuaita**, **Rasha Abuaita**, **Sami & Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Laila Abud**, **George Abueita**, **Georgette Abueita**, **Jane Abueita**, **Youssif Abousamra**, **Khaled Al-Khouri**, **William Alsaouri**, **Naila Banna**, **Douglas Coone**, **Vera Daoud**, **Said Farah**, **Joseph Gagne**, **Elias Gantos**, **Phyllis Good**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Mila Mitri**, **Danny Mortensen**, **Karen Mortensen**, **Laura Nassar**, **Jeanette Nassif**, **Adam Odeh**, **Nimer Rishmawi**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Michael** and **Nancy Silpoch**; *all first-responders and those suffering from illness, violence, and want throughout the world and in our community, the Holy Land and all the Middle East, and the war in Ukraine; the supporters and benefactors of St. George, and our St. George Ministries: the members of our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Teen SOYO, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Church School, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Holy Bread Bakers, St. George Preschool, and Ushers.*

- ◆ REMEMBER OUR EXPECTANT PARENTS: **Liana** and **Hanna Abuaita**, **Stephanie** and **Nadim Burbar**, and **Natania** and **Rene Hanna**.

➤ *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:

**Archbishop Nathaniel** (Romanian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America), **Kristo** (friend of Anwar Abueita), **Danial Alghanim** (father of Dania Hanna), **Sanaa Alqassis** (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Shafiq** Abuleil (mother of Vicky Nassar), **Sharon Ballreich** (sister of Nancy Silpoch), **Kameel Srouji** (son-in-law of Hiam Bathish), **Nihad Bannura** (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Georgia Coone**, **Tanika Russell**, **Dennis**, and **Sue** (mother/friends of Doug Coone), **Youssef** and **Georgette Damouni** (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Abdulnour Hanna** (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Philip Jones** (brother-in-law of Lubna Jones), **Larry Judson** (friend of Tim Beers), **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** (niece of Jeanette Nassif), **Kinan Turjman** (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Shirley Zerka** (mother of Victoria), **Michael Bauer**, **Cynthia Brooks**, **Cindy** and **Heather Campbell**, **Joseph Collins**, **Zossima Daugherty**, 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** (relative of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Gloria Nakfoor** (sister of Elaine Shaheen), **Jennifer Craft & Brionna Gorbutt** (friends of Mariann Hayek), **Shawn Kiley** (sister of Sue Salomon), **Megan Meade**, **Danielle Teunion-Smith**, **Laura Teunion-Smith**, & **Casey Webb** (relatives of Bob Teunion), **Mother Macrina**, **Gary Stewart**, **Kamal Kheirallah**, **Barb Maness**, **Matthew Agle**, **Judy Sanderson**, & **Norman Thomas** (family/friends of Steve and Kelly Sanderson), and **Richard Ramsdell** (father of Jodie [Paul] Bathish).

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## ***Congratulations and God bless:***

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**Janet Abueita** and **Kh. Pam Bassett** who took *2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Adult Bible Bowl* during our annual Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference in Chicago, IL.

### College Graduates

#### ***Lindsey Caroline Bathish***

- ❖ Graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Social Work
- ❖ Daughter of Amer and Dr. Melissa



- ❖ **Riyana** AbuAita who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, First Communion on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Godparents: **Mary Khoury** and **Tony Salsa**. Parents: **Raed** and **Rania**.
- ❖ **Liam** Maymoun who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and First Communion on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Godparents: **George** and **Muna Abuaita**. Parents: **Laith** and **Dina**.
- ❖ **Elias** Hanna who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and First Communion on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Godparents: Subdeacon **Alexander Gonser** and **Jennifer Khoshaba**. Parents: Subdeacon **Salim** and **Dania**.



***United in  
Marriage***

- ❖ **Nicholas** and **Stacy** (Laczner) **Shahin** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on July 13<sup>th</sup>. *May God grant them many years!*
- ❖ **Sameh** and **Yara** (Abuaita) **Shoukry** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on July 21<sup>st</sup>. *May God grant them many years!*

## ***Announcements***

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



**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** On the eve of the feast, Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 6:30pm. Then on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am we will celebrate the **Festal Divine Liturgy** at *St. Mary Magdalene*.

**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 Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit. We will then celebrate a combined, Pan-Orthodox **Divine Liturgy** at 10am on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcomed!



**ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC** is Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Flushing Valley Golf Club. The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and to raise money for our church. Hole Sponsorships are needed, which is great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity for a business for only \$150 (see flier on Narthex Table). Donations of prizes, gift cards and/or money to buy gifts are also needed ~ you do not need to be a golfer to support this wonderful event. If you are interested or need more information, contact Tony Daoud (810-730-1011) or Reem Bathish (313-492-6358).

**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!

**UOFM-FLINT, KETTERING, AND MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS** We are re-starting our **Orthodox Christian Fellowship** (OCF) local chapter. Students (or parents), please let Fr. Michael know (989-627-9580 or [frdnmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdnmike@gmail.com)) if you are at any of these schools ~ thanks!

**CATECHISM (INSTRUCTION) CLASSES:** Mondays, 3:30–5pm. These classes are for those who are under instruction to become Orthodox ~ basically an introduction to the Orthodox Faith. All are invited to participate to learn or refresh your knowledge of our faith. The book which is being used is [The Orthodox Faith, Worship and Life by Hieromonk Gregorios of Mt. Athos](#). For more information or to sign up, please contact Fr. Michael (989-627-9580 or [frdnmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdnmike@gmail.com))

## *Thank you and God bless...*

... our **Holy Bread Bakers** for all they do throughout the year: *Aida Nassar, Abeer Abuaita, Sally Abuaita, Eman Abuaita, Eline Abueita, Wadia Albaba, Wafaa Elias, Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Asmahan Helal, Elham Ishak, Renee Mitri, Ric Shahin, and Zahra Hayek.*

- **BAKING OF HOLY BREAD!** Our coordinator is Aida Nassar 810-433-1515. She is very attentive to making sure we have enough Holy Bread every week and what might be frozen is used quickly! If you would like to bake Holy Bread, GREAT, you just have to let Aida know. *Thank you and may God bless the hands of all our Holy Bread bakers ~ some of which becomes the Body of Christ in Holy Communion ~ every Divine Liturgy!*

## **JUNE 2024 MONTHLY OFFERINGS**

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be \$32,833 to meet our 2024 Budget of \$394,600. Our total offerings in June 2024 were \$9,853 ~ which means we were **short \$22,980!** Please keep up with your weekly offerings! If you haven't already, please fill out your 2024 Offering Form (form is in this VOICE), put it in the offering tray or send it to the church, so we all can support the work we are doing at St. George for the glory of God.

## 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! You can simply go to our parish website and donate on-line (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>), 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Church New Year Begins!
- 8<sup>th</sup> Church School Begins!
- 8<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Great Feast of the New Church Year: Nativity (Birth) of the Virgin Mary
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Feast of the New Church Year: Finding and Elevation of the Holy Cross
- 20<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Annual St. George Golf Classic

☞ 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 know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Amin know.

# QUESTION?

If your faith won't get you to church on Sunday,  
can it get you into heaven?

## ST. GEORGE CHOIR

*Every good and perfect gift cometh down from Thee, the Father of Lights* (James 1:17)  
Have you been blessed with the ability to sing for our Lord? Are you using your voice to be a part of the body of Christ, or are you mostly sitting quietly downstairs? Why not raise your voice and be a dedicated choir member! Our choir is being rejuvenated and we need committed people to join us upstairs every Sunday.

Would you step up to the plate and commit so St. George can *sing praises unto the Lord*? Please pray and think about this, whether you are a past or a potential choir member, we need you! We are in need of all parts (sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses). Thank you to our faithful and dedicated choir members and looking forward to welcoming new members! God bless you, Elias Abueita, Director

*Serve the Lord with Gladness: come before His presence with singing!* (Psalms 100:2)

# St. George Parish Picnic

Parish  
Picnic



Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon to 8pm

Immediately after Divine Liturgy

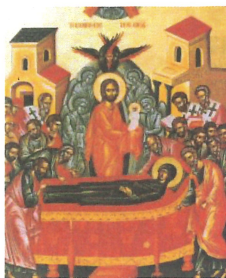
A free will (*voluntary*) offering will  
be available.

- Food and Drinks are provided.
- Fun and Games for the whole family and a great way to meet and have fellowship with our (*your*) St. George Family!
- For more information or to help out, please contact chairman: Anwar (Andy) Abueita (810 394-2918 / [andydollar007@aol.com](mailto:andydollar007@aol.com))

# August

<b>Sunday</b> <i>we remember the Resurrection</i>	<b>Monday</b> <i>we remember the Holy Angels</i>	<b>Tuesday</b> <i>we remember the John the Baptist</i>	<b>Wednesday</b> <i>we remember the Life-Giving Cross</i>	<b>Thursday</b> <i>we remember the Apostles &amp; Nicholas of Myra</i>	<b>Friday</b> <i>we remember the Life-Giving Cross</i>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>we remember the Martyrs &amp; Monastics</i>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                     Dormition Fast                      August 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <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; width: fit-content;"> <b>**Assumption Church</b>                      2245 Baldwin Road                      (between Holly and Fenton Roads)                      Grand Blanc 810-771-4611                 </div>		1	2	3  <i>Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</i>
4 <i>Seven Sleepers of Ephesus</i>	5 <b>Great Vespers and Blessing of wheat, wine, and oil @ *St. Mary Magdalene</b> 6:30pm	6 <b>Divine Liturgy @ *St. Mary Magdalene 10am</b> <b>Transfiguration of our Lord on Mt. Tabor</b>	7	8	9	10  <i>Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</i>
11 <i>Martyr and deacon Euplos of Catania</i>	12	13	14 <b>Great Vespers and Blessing of the Wheat, Wine, and Oil @ **Assumption 6pm</b>	15 <b>Dormition of the Virgin Mary</b> <b>Divine Liturgy @ **Assumption 10am</b> Parish Council 6:15pm	16	17  <i>Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</i>
18 <i>Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria</i>  <b>Parish Picnic</b> (see flier)	19	20 <i>Prophet Samuel</i>	21	22	23	24  <i>Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</i>
25 <i>Titus and Bartholomew of the Seventy Apostles</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>	30	31  Alatrash Baptism 2pm Rishmawi Rehearsal 4pm No Great Vespers

# 2024



***DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD  
ORTHODOX MONASTERY***

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Mother GABRIELLA - Abbess

**37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE  
CELEBRATION  
2024**

**Guest of Honor:  
His Eminence Archbishop DANIEL  
Diocese of the Midwest, OCA**

**Hosted by:  
His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL  
His Grace Bishop ANDREI**

**PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, August 14**

6:00 pm Vigil of the Feast with Lamentations.

**Thursday, August 15**

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

Procession to the Pavilion

10:00 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy.

2:30 pm Mystery of Holy Unction.

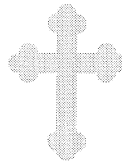
5:30 pm Vespers

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

9AM MATINS

10AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

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# *Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries*

*August 1 to August 31, 2024*

## **Birthdays**

### **August**

- 1** 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** Georgette Abueita  
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 Abuaita  
Mounir Awad  
Jasmine Joubran  
Taylor N. Tipton
- 21** Lucy AbuAita  
Saylor E. Jones  
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** Riyana AbuAita  
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 Abuaita  
Nida' Ishaq  
Naya 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
- 16** Mr. and Mrs. Rodney 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 Alyateem
- 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

*God Grant You All Many Years!*

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Rev. Fr. Michael Bassett, Assistant

### Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday  
*Great Vespers* 4:00 PM (except when noted!)  
\* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Michael during the week.
- Sunday  
*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)

2023-24 Theme for  
Church School, Bible  
Bowl, Creative Festivals,  
our Parish Life  
Conference, and  
Archdiocesan Convention



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