

St. George Orthodox Book Club Fall Series: *WORSHIP IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH*

If you would like to know more about Ancient
Worship in the Modern Church,
contact Deacon Mike (see below)!

First Meeting 2nd Monday of September (9/10) and each 2nd Monday in Oct, Nov, Dec.

Time 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Where Saint George Church: 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI

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Our fall series will start with an Overview of Worship in the Orthodox Church and then focus in detail on the Holy Divine Liturgy as it is the most regular service for Orthodox Christians living in the world.

The Overview will deal with the following: Daily, weekly, yearly and life time (birth, baptism, marriage, holy orders, funeral, etc) cycles of worship; fixed and variable feasts; Old Testament roots; feast days; service books; the Psalter; personal prayer; preparation and thanksgiving and more!

For the focus on the Holy Divine Liturgy we will read and discuss the classic "A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy by Nicholas Cabasilas".

The Author: Saint Nicholas Cabasilas lived in Thessalonica in the fourteenth century. He entered imperial service, was a friend of the emperor, and eventually Archbishop of Thessalonica. His literary legacy is abundant and varied although many of his works are still extant in manuscript.

From Saint Vladimir's Seminary Press: *A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy* begins with observations and description, but it does not end there. Like Cabasilas' Life in Christ, his Commentary is imbued with a fervent sacramental mysticism. For Cabasilas, man's redemption in Jesus Christ is not just a matter of history. It is a saving event in which man is called to participate here and now, in body and spirit as well as intellect, through the sacramental life of the Church. The vitality of worship, and not just its form, therefore is the focus of Cabasilas' thought. His message remains pertinent for us today.

