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SATURDAY: VESPER SERVICE @ 400 P.M.

SUNDAY: ORTHROS @ 8:50 A.M. - DIVINE LITURGY @ 10:00 A.M.

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Services. If you are a first-time visitor, please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you after liturgy, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship! Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "Liturgy" means work of the people that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion for Orthodox Christians: Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should fast (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and striving to always love God and their neighbor. Frequent communion and regular confession are recommended for all faithful Orthodox Christians.

For other Christians: We welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christian's believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signify-

ing a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to venerate (kiss) the Holy Cross and receive the final blessing from the priest. Again, welcome!

**AFTER-FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS
AMPHILOKIOS, BISHOP OF ICONIUM; GREGORY, BISHOP OF
AGRIGENTUM**

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. (Refrain)

Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

الانتيفونا الأولى

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَبَّحٌ جِدًّا فِي مَدِينَةِ إِهْنَا عَلَى جَبَلٍ قُدْسِهِ. فِيكَ قِيلَتْ الْمَفَاخِرُ يَا مَدِينَةَ اللَّهِ.
اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَه، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي قُصُورِهَا بِأَنَّهُ نَصِيرُهَا. مِثْلَمَا سَمِعْنَا كَذَلِكَ رَأَيْنَا فِي مَدِينَةِ رَبِّ الْقُوَاتِ فِي مَدِينَةِ إِهْنَا.
(اللازمة)
ألمجد ... الآن ... (اللازمة)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to ...

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in thereat. (Refrain)

Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. (Refrain)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

الانتيفونا الثانية

الْعَلِيِّ قَدَسَ مَسْكَنَهُ، الْحَمْدُ وَالْبَهَاءُ قُدَامَهُ، الْقَدَاسَةُ وَالْجَلَالُ فِي مَقْدِسِهِ.
اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ: هَلْلُويَا.
هَذَا هُوَ بَابُ الرَّبِّ، وَمِنْهُ يَدْخُلُ الصِّدِّيقُونَ. (اللازمة)
مِنْ قَدَاسَةِ هَيْكَلِكَ، أَنْتَ عَجِيبٌ فِي عَدَالَتِكَ. (اللازمة)
المجد... الآن ... يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ ...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

الانتيفونا الثالثة

لَوْجْهَكَ يَتَضَرَّعُ أَغْنِيَاءُ الشَّعْبِ. ابْنَةُ الْمَلِكِ فِي الدَّخْلِ، مُتَرَدِّدَةً وَمُزَيَّنَةً بِأَشْرَطَةِ ذَهَبِيَّةٍ. تَأْتِي فِي إِثْرِهَا عَدَارَى إِلَى الْمَلِكِ، عَدَارَى مُقَرَّبَاتٍ مِنْهَا يُؤْتَى بِهِنَّ إِلَيْكَ.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKIONIN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن السابع

حَطَّمْتَ بِصَلِيبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّالِحِينَ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطِّيبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، مَانِحًا الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

أبوليتيكيون عيد دخول السيدة باللحن الرابع

الْيَوْمَ الْبَتَوَلُّوْا الَّتِي هِيَ مُقَدِّمَةٌ مَسْرَّةَ اللَّهِ، وَابْتِدَاءُ الْكَرَازَةِ بِخَلَاصِ الْبَشَرِ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي هَيْكَلِ اللَّهِ عِلَانِيَةً، وَسَبَقَتْ مُبَشِّرَةً لِجَمِيعِ الْمَسِيحِ. فَلْنَهْتَفِ نَحْوَهَا بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ قَائِلِينَ: افْرَحِي يَا كَمَالَ تَدْبِيرِ الْخَالِقِ.

TROPARIAN OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

طروبارية القديس جاورجيوس على اللحن الرابع

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

قِنْدَاقِ عِيدِ دُخُولِ السَّيِّدَةِ بِاللَّحْنِ الرَّابِعِ
الْيَوْمَ الْهَيْكَلُ الَّذِي لِلْمُخَلَّصِ، الْكَلْبِيُّ النَّقَاءِ، الْعَدْرَاءُ الْخَدْرُ ذُو الثَّمَنِ الْجَزِيلِ، وَهِيَ الْكَنْزُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ الْإِلَهِ،
إِذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تَدْخُلُ نِعْمَةَ الرُّوحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ مَعَهَا. فَلْتَسَبِّحْهَا مَلَائِكَةُ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهَا الْمِظْلَةُ السَّمَاوِيَّةُ.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

الرسالة (لأحد الرابع والعشرين بعد العنصرة)

الرَّبُّ يُعْطِي قُوَّةً لِشَعْبِهِ.

قَدِّمُوا لِلرَّبِّ يَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَفْسُسَ. (22-14:2)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وَنَقَضَ فِي جَسَدِهِ حَائِطَ السِّيَاحِ الْحَاجِزِ، أَيِ الْعِدَاوَةِ. وَأَبْطَلَ نَامُوسَ الْوَصَايَا فِي فَرَائِضِهِ، لِيَخْلُقَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ فِي نَفْسِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا جَدِيدًا بِأَجْرَائِهِ السَّلَامِ. وَيُصَالِحُ كِلَيْهِمَا فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ مَعَ اللَّهِ فِي الصَّلِيبِ، بِقَتْلِهِ الْعِدَاوَةَ فِي نَفْسِهِ. فَجَاءَ وَبَشَّرَكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ، الْبَعِيدِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالْقَرِيبِينَ. لِأَنَّ بِهِ لَنَا كَلِمَةَ التَّوَصُّلِ إِلَى الْآبِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَلَسْتُمْ غُرَبَاءَ بَعْدَ وَنُزْلَاءَ، بَلْ مُوَاطِنُو الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ بُنِيتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَحَجَرِ الزَّوَايَةِ هُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ نَفْسَهُ الَّذِي بِهِ يُنْسَقُ الْبُنْيَانُ كُلُّهُ، فَيُنْمُو هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنُونَ مَعًا مَسْكَنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

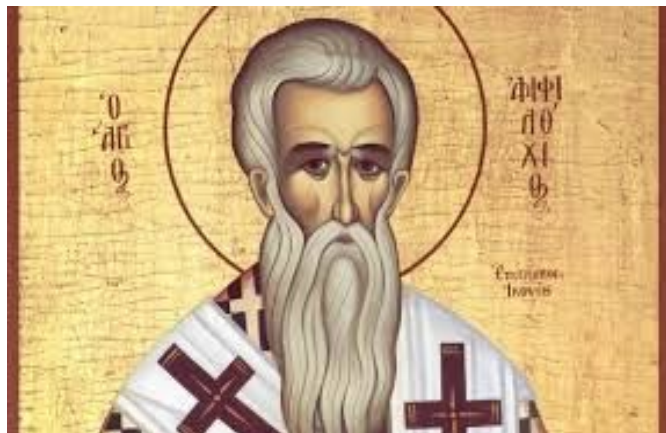
St. Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium

On November 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Holy of Holies, and we commemorate our father among the saints Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium.

Verses

Sent forth in dead man's dress, O Amphilokios,
Though dead, thou dost scatter spiritual ambushes.
On the twenty-third, death took Amphilokios.

Amphilokios was a friend of St. Basil the Great and other great saints of the fourth century. He lived in a cave in asceticism for forty years. After that, he was consecrated Bishop of Iconium. He took part in the Second Ecumenical Council in 381. He zealously fought the impious Macedonius and the Arians. He personally begged Emperor Theodosius the Great to expel all the Arians from every city in the empire, but the emperor did not heed him. Days later, Amphilokios came before the emperor again, but ignored his son, Arcadius, sitting next to him. The saint said to the enraged emperor: "Do you see, O Emperor, how you do not tolerate disrespect to your son? So too, God the Father does not tolerate disrespect to His Son, and is disgusted with the corruptness of those who blaspheme Him." Amphilokios died in great old age in 395. On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum.



2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**The St. George Parish Council set the 2025 General Assembly date to
January 11, 2026 immediately following Divine Liturgy.**

SAVE THE DATE

December 9th 2025

**Men's fellowship . Topic is " the promise land" bring your questions- 6pm at the
church**

ADVENT FAST

On November 15th, The Advent Fast began.

In this period of fasting, we strictly fast on Wednesdays and Fridays.

During other days of the week, eating fish is allowed until December 11th.

ARABIC DIVINE LITURGY

On Wednesday November 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

We celebrate Arabic Divine Liturgy

WANT TO BE AN ANGEL?

**Our parish is once again participating in the North End Soup Kitchen Angel Tree. New this year, we have
the special opportunity to shop for families with children enrolled in our own St. George Preschool!**

Gift range: \$30–\$40

- **Teens (ages 15–17): Gift cards are welcome**
- **Several items may be listed for each child, but you only need to choose one or more to purchase.**
- **Please attach the provided gift tag (with the child's name) to the gift and place everything in a gift bag.**
- **All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 7th!**
- **Gift tags can be picked up after Divine Liturgy in the Banquet Center or by contacting May Gantos (810-869-4012).**
- **If you prefer to make a monetary gift, you may:**
- **Donate online using the QR Code below under the fund titled "Angel Tree", or**
- **Send a donation directly to the church with the memo "Angel Tree", allowing our coordinators to purchase gifts on your behalf.**

For any questions, please speak with our coordinators: May, Gabby, or Lauren Gantos. If you'd like to participate, act today.

Thank you once again, and may God bless your generosity!



Altar Boy Practice Today, November 23rd

All boys ages 8 and up who would like to serve the Lord in His holy house are invited to join us for an altar boy practice after Divine Liturgy today Sunday, November 23rd.

We will review how to serve in the altar and go over the order of the services. Current and new altar boys are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Program

On Dec 21, 2025- Immediately following Divine Liturgy. Followed by a Lenten lunch and a visit from St. Nicholas. Please plan on attending and making this a beautiful Sunday. Practices have been going well. Please continue to check on the Facebook page and bulletin for any added practice dates. Parents, if your children are in Church School grades Preschool -12th, please make sure that they are practicing their class song. We will send a copy home with them this Sunday, again. Their teachers have been practicing with them every Sunday and will continue to do so until the day of the program. All of our children are important, regardless if they are an actor, singing a solo, playing an instrument or singing a Christmas song with their class. Our hope is that we have 100% attendance. Thank you, please reach out to me with any questions @ 810-691-0956. *Janet Abueita*

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS

BELOVED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF ST. GEORGE

EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. (2 CORINTHIANS 9:7)

Our stewardship, offerings, and donations are needed. PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer your gifts! If you cannot come to church, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line (or use the QR code below) 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! Online Donations will accept Credit / Debit Cards or ACH (transfers from a banking account) and can be set for automatic donations. Call the Church Office (810-732-0720) if you need help with this.

Automatic Giving. Did you know most banks and credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. George for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or done automatically weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.



Holy Oblation Offering

- For the health of Timothy Beers on the occasion of his birthday and his family especially Victoria and Shirley Zerka and in loving memory of George, Lourice, Sam, Sadie, Handoumi, Harry, Fred, Louise, Ann, and Angeline.
- For the health of the Shahin and Rhinehart families, and in honor of JoAnn's 93rd birthday.
- For the health of Zahra Hayek and her family, and in loving memory of her newly departed daughter Jackleen Hayek David.
- All the sick and the suffering around the world.
- All Christian's in the middle east.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Issa and Jane Abueita, Soad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami and Shafiqah Abuaitah, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, Fr. Joseph Abud, Munther Al-Kahush, Naila Banna, Tareq Ziad Bannoura, Fr. Gabriel Bilas. Kristy Corcoran, Angel, George and newborn Milava David, Vera Daoud, Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Kelly Dotson, Elias Gantos, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Phyllis Good, Patty Harris, Daisy Isaac, Linda Jamra, Danny Mortensen, Karen Mortensen, Adam Odeh, Betty and Richard Ramsdale, Sdn. Dr. Elie and Samia Sadik, Edward Michael Salim, Kelly and Steve Sanderson, Cathy Sisco, Gary Stewart, Elaine Shaheen, Richard Shaheen, Nancy and Michael Silpoch, Camela Takach, our Catechumens who are under instruction to become members of our Orthodox Faith: Tanner and Heavenly Roland, Alex Benoit, and Katelyn Wells; our Expectant Parents: Stephanie and Nadim Burbar, Letizia and Branden Jones, and Nicole and Jeffrey Farah.

Departed this life in the hope of the resurrection and life eternal Newly departed Simon Rishmawi (10/13), and Laila Ishaq (10/17), Dorraine Seraphim (10/17), Sdn. Paul (10/29), Julius Schlis (10/30).

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open for all parishioners and visitors. If you cannot attend, please pray with us through our livestream which can be seen on our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintGeorgeOrthodoxChurchFlintMI>

If you have a smart TV, you actually have a web browser and YouTube app built in. All you have to do is start the browser app for YouTube and put the link in the address bar.