

# St. George Orthodox Church

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**OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**VENERABLE STEPHEN OF MAR SABBAS MONASTERY IN PALESTINE**

Tone – 4

10<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {*John 21:1-14*}

Altar Servers: **St. Paul** team {Devin Jones, captain}

Next Week – **St. Peter** team

Greeters/Ushers: **Members of Teen SOYO**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Tray for Orthodox Seminaries*

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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10:00am

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**Welcome to St. George!** Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word “*Liturgy*” means *work of the people* which means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God’s grace to enter. For those who have committed themselves to the Orthodox Faith (through Baptism and/or Chrismation) it also means, if prepared, the reception of Holy Communion. Preparation includes the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, prayer, being on time for church, being at peace with others, attending the Divine Liturgy regularly, and fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before). If you are new, just visiting, or have any questions, please introduce yourself to Father Joe. Please know that everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Gospel and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy. All are welcome to our Coffee Fellowship in the hall after Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** {*The Golden-Mouth*}, we sing these special hymns:

**Third Antiphon** (during the Little Entrance)

**Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4**

When the women disciples learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, they cast away parental sin, and proudly told the message to the disciples proclaiming that death hath been spoiled and Christ our God hath risen granting the world great mercy.

**Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel**

**Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4** (*as above*)

**Troparion for St. Stephen—Tone 8**

You have shown yourself, O God-inspired Stephen, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity, O star of the universe and companion of the bishops, O wise one. Through your light, you have enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Therefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**Troparion of St. George—Tone 4**

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.

بما أنك للمأسورين مُحَرَّرٌ ومُعْتَقٌ، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضِدٌ وناصِرٌ وللمرضى طبيبٌ وشافي وعن المؤمنين مكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس الأيسُّ الظفر تشقَع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

### **Kontakion for the Virgin Mary (on a normal Sunday)—Tone 2**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee. Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### **Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-20 {21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}**

Readers: **Elias Abueita** (Arabic) and **Crystal Abdallah** (English)

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56 {7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke}**

#### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Fadi and Evette Rishmawi for the health of their family especially **Caroline** (15 years old) and **Christina** (5 years old) on the occasion of their birthdays -- *May God grant them many years!*
- Ayman and Wafaa Elias for the health of their family and all of the faithful St. George parishioners especially **Mouteeah** (Ayman's sister).

#### **Baptism/Chrismation Days**

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

◆ **Abigail Joseph** – October 29<sup>th</sup>

*May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}*

- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Robert Delbridge** (+September 19<sup>th</sup>, cousin of Jim Delbridge), **Muriel Mansour** (+September 20<sup>th</sup>, friend of parishioners), **Margaret Abraham** (+October 5<sup>th</sup>, mother of Dan), and **Manuel Sanchez** (+October 10<sup>th</sup>, brother of Michelle/brother-in-law of George Farah, Jr.).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Nayef Aboujamra**, **Lucy AbuAita**, **Clemence** (Dn. Mike's mother) and **Jonathan Bassett**, **George Damouni** (brother of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Jessica Dedow** (former parishioner), **Elias Gantos**, **Samira Gantous**, **Camille Ghantous**, **Nadera Ghantous**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **George Ishak** (Amira Hanna's nephew), **Gabby Joubran** (Najwa Joubran's brother-in-law), **Betty Khouri**, **Jean Khouri**, **John Khouri**, **Mariam Khoury**, **Norma Lazar**, **Lourice Matta**, **Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortensen**, **Elaine Salim**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, **Robert Teunion**, **Kinan Turjman** (Sahar Abdallah's nephew).
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Sandra Mitri**, **Marlen Odeh**, and **Suhair Awwad** (former parishioner).

#### **Communion Hymn** (for the Lord's Day)

(*Refrain*) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(*Verse*) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (*Refrain*)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)  
(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Reception of Holy Communion**

- Please remember ONLY ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED THEMSELVES may partake of Holy Communion.
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by *Fadi and Evette Rishmawi*.

**FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN** Fr. Joe and a number of parishioners will be attending the Orthodox Institute or Parish Council Symposium at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, Pennsylvania this Thursday to Sunday (Fr. Joe will be returning Saturday night). ***For emergencies only while Fr. Joe is away***, please call Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-732-2660), Fr. Paul Jannakos (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-629-4427), or Fr. Matthew Butrie of St. Nicholas (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070). Please pray for everyone's safe travels.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: All Sundays in December -- sign-up poster is in the Hall. Hosting information is in the Hall and Lounge and includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15<sup>th</sup> - December 24<sup>th</sup>), no meat or dairy products are to be served.*

**FEED GENESEE** Next Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Soup Kitchen truck will be here to pick-up our donations. Items needed are on a flier in the Lounge. All of the Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint are supporting the work of Catholic Charities in Genesee County by helping to feed the hungry. Remember you may bring your items at any time to be put in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer. May God be with the needy and may He bless those who help them.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS** from Janet Abueita, Director (810-691-0956)

Dear parents, we are having a number of problems with students being on their cell phones and other devices during class. We meet for only 45-50 minutes each week and we are trying to not have any distractions during this short time. Please tell your children to shut their phones off -- or better yet -- take their phones until after Church School. If you have any questions or concerns please talk with me or Father Joe. Thank you and God Bless you for all you do for your children!

### **Thank You and God Bless ...**

... to everyone who donated toward the **SOYO Special Olympics** last week. Our parish collected \$309 to help send special athletes to the 1-week sports camp at the Antiochian Village. May God bless your generosity!

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS** at 2AM this coming Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Before going to bed on Saturday night, remember to set your clocks **BACK** ("fall back") one hour.

**October 28<sup>th</sup> — VENERABLE STEPHEN OF MAR SABBAS**

Saint Stephen the Hymnographer of St Sabbas Monastery, lived the ascetic life at this famous monastery in Palestine. He and Andrew the Blind were among the first to compose a number of hymns (idiomela) for the period between the Publican and Pharisee and Palm Sunday that we sing today. He was consecrated a bishop and fell asleep in the Lord around 790 AD.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROXIES** Proxies are given to those who cannot attend the meeting because of medical treatment or illness, those confined to their homes, or those with written verification of a prior travel commitment. A VOTING member who cannot attend the meeting may have another VOTING member vote on their behalf. An official Proxy Form can be obtained from the Church Office. The deadline to return the form is November 4, 2012.

**Parish Council Vacancies**

If you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate qualified (see below) parishioners for the 3 expiring terms on the Parish Council, please submit names to a member of the Nominating Committee. The committee is composed of Amjad Ishak, Dannie Jones, and Father Joseph. All nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** scheduled for Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm. If you will be attending, please let Fr. Joe know. If this day and time does not work for you, speak with Fr. Joe to reschedule another time.

**Parish Council Qualifications (from our Parish Constitution)**

*No member of the Parish Council shall be under the age of 18 years of age (excluding any ex-officio member) and no Voting Member of the Parish shall be eligible to become a member of the Parish Council unless such person has been a voting member of the Parish for a period of one (1) year and has fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Orthodox faith. Further, nominees must worship at St. George at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month; shall be exemplary (model) members of St. George; participate in extracurricular ministries of the parish (such as: Fundraising, Parish Council committees, Educational, etc.); participate in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion on a regular/frequent basis; has signed the yearly Offering Form; and attend a Nominee Seminar.*

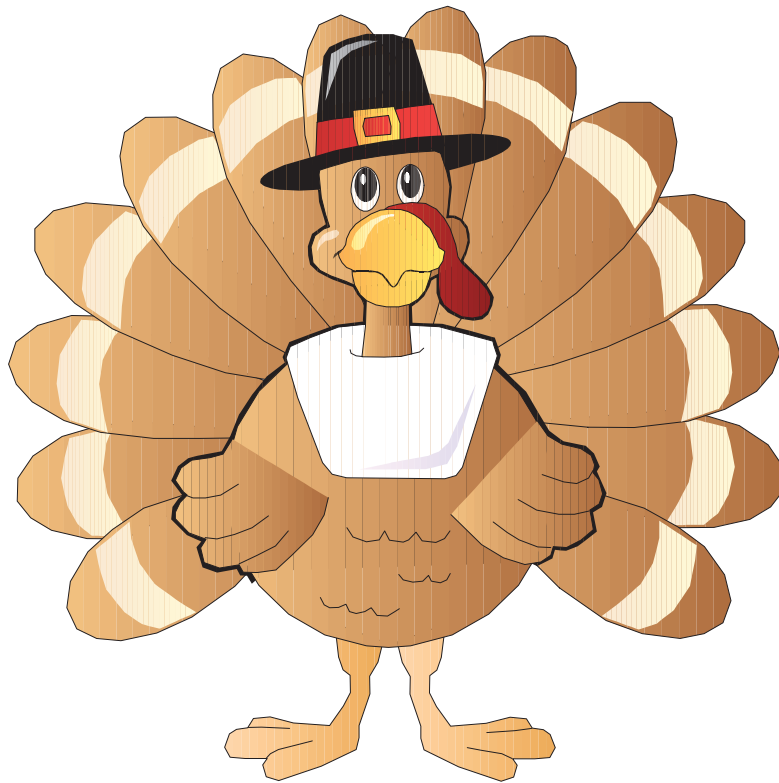
**COMING EVENTS**

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline ( <i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products</i> ) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday	<b>Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark</b> 3-5pm <b>Parish Council Nominee Seminar</b> 7-8pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy</b> 1pm-2:30pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 7-9pm
Thurs-Sun	<b>Orthodox Institute/Parish Council Symposium at the Antiochian Village</b>
Saturday	No Great Vespers <b>Fall 'Back'</b> (before going to bed, move your clocks back 1 hour!)

▶ **NEXT SUNDAY IS OFFERING SUNDAY!** It's exciting that all of our parishioners will have the opportunity to show their love for God and St. George by making a commitment for our future when we fill out our 2013 Offering Form.

# Our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Celebration!!!

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>



Our Church School children (*Preschool thru High School*) are to be dropped off at 2pm. They will prepare their part of the meal, set the tables, do crafts, and have a great time together! We are asking that all the parents are back by **5pm** so that their child is sitting next to them praying at Great Vespers. Following Great Vespers, we will all enjoy the meal prepared by our children! Just a reminder that a \$5 donation per student is asked so that we can purchase the food items needed to make the meal. We will start collecting every Sunday, but no later than November 4<sup>th</sup>! Your child's teacher will collect the \$5 in their classroom. For more information please see Anaam Abueita or Janet Abueita. We are also in need of someone to donate and cook turkeys and help out with clean-up after the dinner. See us as soon as possible for more details.