

St. George Orthodox Church

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26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPHET HABAKKUK

Tone – 1

4th Matins Gospel {*Luke 24:1-12*}

Altar Servers: **St. John** team {Goni Ishak, Captain} Next Week – **St. Michael** team

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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 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud to Thee, O giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1 (*as above*)

Troparion for St. Habakkuk -- Tone 2

Verily, we celebrate the memory of the Prophet Habakkuk. Through him, we implore Thee, O Lord, 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 مُحررٌ ومُعْتِقٌ، وللْفُقراءِ والمَساكينِ عاضِدٌ وناصِرٌ وللمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وشَافٍ وعن المؤمنين مُكافِحٌ ومُحارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشُّهداءِ جاورجيوسُ اللابسُ الظُّفرَ تشقِّعُ إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفوسِنَا.

Kontakion of the Nativity (Birth) of Christ—Tone 3

Today the virgin gives birth to the transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the unapproachable one! Angels, with shepherds, glorify Him! The wise men journey with the star, since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a little child!

اليوم العذراء تأتي إلى المغارة * لتلد الكلمة * الذي قبل الدهور * ولادة لا تُفسر ولا يُنطق بها * فافرحي
أيتها المسكونة إذا سمعت * ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة * الذي سيظهر لنا بمشيئته طفلاً جديداً وهو الله
قبل الدهور.

Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 5:8-19* {26th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:35-43* {14th Sunday of Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- St. George Parish Council for the health of their families and the community of St. George -- *May God grant them many years!*

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:

♦ **Janet Abueita** – December 8th

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

- This morning we pray for the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Khouriya Jean Chromiak** (+November 5th, wife of our former pastor the late V. Rev. Fr. John).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Clemence** (Dn. Mike's mother) and **Jonathan Bassett, George Damouni** (brother of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Jessica Dedow** (former parishioner), **Samira Gantous, Camille Ghantous, Nadera Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Gabby Joubran** (Najwa Joubran's brother-in-law), **Betty Khouri, Jean Khouri, John Khouri, Mariam Khoury, Mary Khoury, Norma Lazar, Lourice Matta, Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortensen, Elaine Salim, Elaine Shaheen, Michael Silpoch, Marie Skafi, William Sophiea Jr., and Kinan Turjman** (Sahar Abdallah's nephew).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Sandra Mitri** and **Marlen Odeh**.

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.
 - If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion. If you have a special need, please let one of the ushers know so we may assist you.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! This morning, we welcome the **Reverend Father Robert Royer**, his wife **Crystal**, and their **Family**. Fr. Robert is assistant pastor of St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton. Fr. Joe is out-of-town until Thursday. ***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 (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070). Please pray for the Abud Family's safe travels.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Khader and Lucy Abuaita*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: December 23rd, and 30th -- 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 15th - December 24th), no meat or dairy products are to be served.*

Parish Xmas Program THIS Saturday, December 8th

- ▶▶ A Christmas Drama "*The Glorious Event*" at 4:30pm
- ▶▶ Great Vespers at 5:30pm and then a Visit from St. Nicholas!
- ▶▶ Lenten Potluck Dinner (*sign up with Anaam or Janet Abueita*)

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED!

1. **PARISH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, DECEMBER 8TH** We are looking for parents to help St. Nicholas fill his goody bag with treats to give our children. If you would like to help out, speak with Janet or Amal Abu-Aita no later than TODAY! Thank you and God bless you for all you do for your children!
2. **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** Practice for ALL STUDENTS will take place TODAY after Church School for 1 hour.

ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER ("Santa Claus") **OF MYRA IN LYCIA**, is the Paternal Feast Day of our sister parish St. Nicholas. On Wednesday, December 5th, Vesperal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Nicholas 2143 South Center Road in Burton (1/2 mile south of Lippincott) at 6pm. All are invited!

HELP TO BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS! Our parish is participating in the local charity *Alternatives for Children & Families Christmas Program*. These children are in foster care and this may be their first Christmas away from their families. The wrapped gifts need to be brought to St. George by TODAY! May Gantos and her family, our coordinators, are also accepting \$\$ donations (TODAY is the LAST DAY) that will go toward buying additional gifts that are needed for these children. Thank you and may God bless you!

FEED GENESEE TODAY Sunday, December 2nd, the Soup Kitchen truck is 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.

2013 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CHURCH CALENDARS Please pick yours up (and other family members and friends) so we do not have to mail them! If your name isn't listed, call the church office. The calendars are given by our Ladies Auxiliary, THANK YOU, LADIES! – please only take 1 per family! Our children will receive their envelopes in Church School. **Parents**, please make sure your child gets their *Offering Envelopes*.

ST. NICHOLAS STORE! KIDS! Want to buy a present for your parents, teachers, grandparents, Godparents, friends, brothers or sisters? Come and visit after Church School where you'll find just the right present! There will be something for everybody on your list! We'll even gift-wrap it for you! But hurry, the store will only be open the next 2 Sundays, December 9th and 16th!

COMING EVENTS

This Week	On Thursday, November 15 th , we began the traditional 40-day CHRISTMAS FAST in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25 th . The CHRISTMAS FAST is divided into two periods. The first period is November 15 th to December 19 th when the traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, or oil</i>) is observed on all days except Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays when, <i>fish, wine, and oil</i> are permitted.
TODAY	Feed Genesee Food Drive after Divine Liturgy until 1pm Christmas Program Practice for ALL STUDENTS for 1hour
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 5pm
Wednesday	Evening Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas at St. Nicholas 6pm NO SOYO Wednesday so everyone can attend Liturgy
Thursday	Altar Society Christmas Decorating 4pm
Saturday	Parish Xmas Program, Great Vespers, and Dinner 4:30pm

December 2nd — **PROPHET HABUKKUK**

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C. Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity, and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers relieve the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37). After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14). The Fourth Ode of the Psalter ("*O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...*") is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.



**St. George
Ladies Auxiliary
invites you to help
them with their
charitable work!!!**

You can help support the charitable work of our Ladies Auxiliary by helping them decorate their Christmas tree.

For a minimum \$10 Donation, an Ornament with your name will be placed on the tree.

All profits will benefit the YWCA Women's Shelter (for abused women) – please be generous!

Number of Ornaments: _____

Minimum \$10 each = _____

Name of donor:

*Please fill out and return to one of the members of the
Auxiliary by December 23rd.*

Thank You!!!

