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Godparent Sunday February 10th

2018-19 Church School Theme

Dear _____,

On Sunday, February 10, 2019 we will be having "Godparent Sunday" at St. George Orthodox Church. It would be an extra special day if you would attend the Divine Liturgy with me. Matins begin at 8:50am and Divine Liturgy begins at 10am. If we are prepared, we can receive Holy Communion together. Fr. Joe is available for confessions on Saturdays after Great Vespers at 5pm, by appointment during the week, or from 8:30am-9:30am on Sunday mornings.

Our St. George Men's Fellowship is having a delicious meal following the service that day. Maybe we could plan on staying and enjoying it together!

I hope that we can be together on this special day!

Love in Christ,



GODPARENT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 10TH

We are excited to announce the
19th Annual **Godparent Sunday**
sponsored by our Church
School.

This day will allow our Godparents and Godchildren to “reconnect” with each other and help us understand the joy and beauty of that special relationship! Please make note of the following:

2018-19 Church School Theme

- ❖ *Children (or parents) INVITE your Godparents to Divine Liturgy and Meal as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents INVITE your Godchildren to Divine Liturgy and Meal as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents and Godchildren should prepare themselves with Confession before February 10th so they can participate in Holy Communion together!*

⇒ An **Invitation** (to be sent by Godparents to Godchildren or Godchildren to Godparents) is on the **previous page**.



***A delicious meal for Godparents, Godchildren, and our
WHOLE parish is being planned!***

Adults -- \$5 Children under 10 years of age -- \$3

~~ All donations will go to our Christian Education Program ~~

TO TITHE IS TO LOVE!

The Bible says a “tithe” is giving 10% of our income to God through His Holy Church. In the Old Testament, the tithe was the maximum.

For Christians (yes, US!),
the tithe is the minimum!

Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

ALL of our **240 families** are asked to make an Offering. Why? Because it is such a blessing to give back to God a little of what He has given us!

- Our 2019 Budget approved at our annual Parish General Assembly in November is \$249,200.
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: \$4,793
- Total Offered by 23 Families/Individuals: \$31,592.00
- Number of Families who need to offer: ALL THOSE WHO BELONG TO OUR ST. GEORGE FAMILY!
- Offering Range: **according to how God has blessed you!**

Your commitment is NEEDED!!!

Please fill out your 2019 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.

TO TITHE IS TO LOVE!

2019 OFFERING UPDATE

As of January 15, 2019

We thank the following families for turning in their 2019 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2019 Offering Form and mail it to the Church or put it in the Sunday Offering Tray.

Thank You and God Bless You!

New this year in Underlined (did not fill out a form last year)
Increase in Offering is **BOLD**

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST!!!

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. and Mrs. Tawfiq Abu Aita | 15. Ms. Daisy Isaac |
| 2. Mr. and Mrs. Jiries Abu-Aitah | 16. Mrs. Sally Shaheen Joseph |
| 3. Fr. and Mrs. Joseph Abud | 17. Mrs. Najwa Joubran |
| 4. Mr. and Mrs. Atallah Abueita | 18. Mr. and Mrs. Samir Meshraky |
| 5. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bathish | 19. Mr. and Mrs. George Nassif |
| 6. Mr. and Mrs. Adeeb Bathish | 20. Miss. Elaine Shaheen |
| 7. Mrs. James Delbridge | 21. Mr. and Mrs. Ric Shahin |
| 8. Mr. and Mrs. Ayman Elias | 22. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takach |
| 9. Mrs. Vera Farah | 23. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Teunion |
| 10. Mrs. Betty Froberg | |
| 11. Mr. and Mrs. George Gantous | |
| 12. Mr. and Mrs. Salim Haddad | |
| 13. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hanna | |
| 14. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hawkins | |

2019 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church ~ Flint, Michigan

I Want To Be Counted!

Frequency	Amount	% of Income
Weekly	\$	
OR Twice Monthly	\$	
OR Monthly	\$	
OR Quarterly	\$	
OR Annually	\$	

~ All Offerings Are Treated Confidentially ~

Please fill out completely.

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
ZIP	
Telephone	

Please CHECK this box if it applies to you.

- I have a concern and wish to be contacted or visited by the priest.
 I have a concern and wish to be contacted or visited by a Parish Council Member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse" (Malachi 3:10)

Seeing the rich bringing their gifts and then a widow bringing a few pennies, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that this widow has put in more than all." (Luke 21:3)

2019 بطاقة التبرعات لعام

كنيسة القديس جورج للروم الاورثودوكس فلنت، متشغن

أريد أن أكون معدودا !

% من قيمة الدخل	المبلغ	الدفعات
	\$	اسبوعيا
	\$	مرتين بالشهر
	\$	شهريا
	\$	كل ثلاثة شهور
	\$	سنويا

كل التبرعات يتم التعامل معها بسرية تامة

الرجاء تعبئة كل البطاقة.

	الاسم / الأسماء
	العنوان
	المدينة
	الرقم
	رقم الهاتف

الرجاء اختيار المربع الملائم

- لدي الإهتمام والرغبة في أن يتم الإتصال بي أو الزيارة من قبل الكاهن.
 لدي الإهتمام والرغبة في أن يتم الإتصال بي أو الزيارة من قبل أعضاء مجلس الكنيسة.

الامضاء _____ التاريخ _____

هاتوا العشور جميعها الى بيت الجزية (ملاخي 10:3)

عندما رأى الأغنياء يتقدمون بتبرعاتهم والأرملة الفقيرة تقدم القليل قال يسوع: "الحق أقول لكم أن هذه الأرملة الفقيرة قد ألفت أكثر منهم جميعا" (لوقا 3:21)

Daily Prayer Life

- ◆ Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa and Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Laila** and **Sahar** Abdallah, **Androlla** Abu Aita, **Manal** Abuaita, **Cesar** and **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Basil** Farah, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Patti** Harris, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nemer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **Kirolous** Meshraky, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion.; *all first-responders, those suffering in the Middle East and City of Flint; the supporters and benefactors of St. George, the members of our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Teen SOYO, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Church School, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*
- ◆ Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Ola** (Michael) Alqazaha, Dr. **Lindsey** (Dr. Ryan) Brunner, **Diana** (Ayman) Khair, **Walaa** (Rami) Khoury, **Natalie** (Shadi) Qumsieh, and **Sandy** (Raad) Qumsieh {daughter of Issa and Esperanza}.
- *Please update Fr. Joe whether the following should remain on our prayer list!*
- ◆ Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Nancy** Maes, **Trish** Lee, **Bryan** Stewart, **Bryan** Campbell, and **Aaron** Avery (family/friends of the Bassetts), **Pastor George**, **Jim** and **Marianne** Crawford (Dormition Monastery), **Michel** Abuaita (father of Mary Khoury), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar/May Gantos), **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Victoria** Zerka and **David** Hill (friends of Timothy Beers), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Shafeka** Qurpan and **George** Ishak (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Joann** (Haddad) Merrelli (former parishioner), **Philip** Jones (brother of Dannie Jones), **James** Gorr (father of Dr. Melissa Bathish), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relative of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Sandra** Fromather (cousin of Diana Rishmawi), **Scott** Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph), **Alan** Laverge and **William** Seymour, Sr. (friends of Elaine Shaheen), **Saliba** Musleh (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam** Odeh (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob and Lois Teunion), **Dennis** Perez (from St. Mary Magdalene), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), and **Fran** Khoury (relative of Evelyn Delbridge).



Congratulations and God bless:

- ❖ **Rene Hanna** and **Natania Pribis** who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- ❖ **Nicholas** (son of Drs. Ron and Kathy) and **Karen Shaheen** and newborn twins **Emily** and **Evelyn** (January 3rd).
- ❖ **Deacon Michael Bassett** for making St. Basil's Bread (*Vasilopita*) for our church and our Preschool in honor of St. Basil the Great whom we remembered on (January 1st). Congratulations and many blessings this year to **Fuad Albaba** and **Eli Helal** who found the special St. Basil coins.





- ❖ **Catherine** Khair who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of her First Communion on December 30th. Godparents: **Thair** and **Ola Hawwash**. Parents: **Husam** and **Wiam**.
 - ❖ **Henry Michael** Burch who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion on January 12th. Godparents: **Peter Vanderkolk** and **Andrea Moussa**. Parents: **Andrew** and **Stephani**.
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Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR FEBRUARY The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed all Wednesdays and Fridays, except the week following the 1st Pre-Lenten Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (February 17th – 23rd), which is Fast Free.

HOUSE BLESSINGS Fr. Joe is continuing House Blessings and wants to finish before the Great Fast begins on March 11th. If you would like your home blessed, please contact the church office (810-732-0720) to add your name to the list as soon as possible. Fr. Joe will call to make an appointment.

NEW TIME FOR MONDAY BIBLE STUDY!

Last month, we moved our Monday Bible Study from the afternoon to the evening from 6-8pm. The main reason was to provide the opportunity for more people to participate! Come and learn as we continue our study of the *Acts of the Apostles*. If you have never attended, start this month. No previous education is necessary! For more information or any questions, please contact with Fr. Joe.

SUMMER CAMP The Summer Camp Program at the Antiochian Village (about 1½ hours from Pittsburgh) serves young people ages 9-17 who come from parishes throughout the Archdiocese. The main goal of the camp program is to "*present to young people a living experience of the Holy Orthodox Faith in their relationship with God and other campers in an uncluttered, natural environment*". For more information and to register, please check out their website at: <https://avcamp.org/summer-camp/>. We go to the 2nd Session, June 30th-July 12th. If you have registered for camp, would like more information, or have questions, please speak with our Camp coordinators, Anaam Abueita (810-686-9744) or Kh. Leslee Abud (810-695-2177)

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We are now able to take Credit or Debit Card purchases and donations. If you would like to make a purchase or a donation, please come to the office during normal Office Hours (see *back page*) or call to do it by phone.

GODPARENT SUNDAY & BRUNCH IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH (SEE FLIER AND INVITATION!) Invitations should be sent by Godchildren to their Godparents (and Godparents to send to their Godchildren). Please send them TODAY!. It will be a wonderful day and we want everyone to be here! When you know who will be attending (Godparents and/or Godchildren), please RSVP in the Church School office. Thank you!!!

Coming Events in March

1st-3rd
11th

Midwest Diocesan Spring Gathering *here at St. George!*
Beginning of the Great Fast

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly offerings need to be \$22,832 to meet our 2019 Budget. Our offerings in December were \$16,076 which means we were **short \$6,756!** Please support the work of God through St. George.

Teen SOYO Wants YOU!!!

All teens of St. George are encouraged to participate in our Teen SOYO (*see Calendar for days and times*). Our group will not be happy until all teens of St. George are participating! Whoever is reading this, please pass it along to a teen in your house or to Godchildren, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sons, & daughters. It doesn't cost a thing to attend, we do fun stuff, and the company is great. If you would like more information, call or text our coordinators, Nataly Odeh at 810-449-8834 or Mariana Yacoub 810-814-0022.

☞ 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 Joe know.



Let the little
children come
to Me, and do
not forbid them;
for of such is the kingdom of God.

(Mark 10:14)

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			Shaded days are Fasting Days. For more information, please see the traditional fasting discipline under "Announcements"!		1 *St. Mary Magdalene 2439 S Long Lake Rd (north of North Road) Fenton 810-750-1401	2 Divine Liturgy Meeting of the Lord in the Temple @ *St. Mary Magdalene 10am Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
3 Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess	4 Bible Study 6-8pm	5	6 Martyr Julian of Homs Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	7	8 Great Martyr Theodore the General	9 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
10 Hieromartyr Haralampos the Wonder Worker Godparent Sunday	11 Hieromartyr Haralampos the Wonder-worker Bible Study 6-8pm	12 Altar Society 6pm	13 Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	14 Auxentios the Priest of Bithynia	15	16 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
17 1 st Pre-Lenten Sunday Publican and Pharisee	18 Leo the Great, Pope of Rome Bible Study 6-8pm	19	20 Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	21 Parish Council 6:15pm	22 OCF @ St. George 7pm	23 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
24 2 nd Pre-Lenten Sunday Prodigal Son	25 Bible Study 6-8pm	26 North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm Exploring our Faith 6-8pm	27 Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	28 Venerable Basil the Confessor		

2019

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 1 to February 28, 2019

Birthdays

28 London Haddad

February

- 1** Said M. Farah
- 2** Ronald "Ron" C. Haddad
Victoria A. Haddad
Christina M. Joseph
- 3** Stephani Burch
Ayman Elias
- 4** Phadia Reed
- 5** Hiam J. Bathish
Victor H. Habbas
- 6** Inam Y. Bathish
Isabella Ibrahim
- 7** Jane N. Abu-Eita
Olga Nassar
- 9** Adam W. Cooper
Shamseh Iseid
- 10** Alexis M. Russell
- 11** Christopher Isaac
Abraham Rashmawi
- 12** Rami Khoury
Christina Nassar
- 13** Mariam Al-Khouri
Samer Ishaq
Christopher S. Jehnsen
Isabelle M. Khouri
- 14** Amirah Hanna
Nawal Iseid
Mariana A. Yacoub
- 18** Joseph "Fr. Joe" M. Abud
- 20** Basil Andoni
Abbey C. Lawrence
Victoria "Vicky" Nassar
- 21** Lawrence "Larry" J. Porada Jr.
- 22** Nicole N. Khoury
Luceille L. Nassar
Sally Rashmawi
- 23** Walid Q. Hayek
- 24** Ramez Alsahouri
- 25** Elia Abuaita
- 26** Majed Rishmawi
- 27** Fouad Abuaita

Namedays

February

- 3** Simon Drake Khouri

Wedding Anniversaries

February

- 14** Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farah
- 18** Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Farah
Mr. and Mrs. Jamil Ghantous
- 22** Mr. and Mrs. Moussa Khouri
- 23** Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph
- 28** Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rishmawi

God Grant You All Many Years!

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V. Rev. Fr. Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Protodeacon Michael Bassett

Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
Great Vespers and Sacrament of Repentance {Confession*} **5:00 PM**
- Sunday
Sacrament of Repentance {Confession*} **8:30 AM—9:30 AM**
Matins {Arabic & English} **8:50 AM**
Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**
Church School follows Holy Communion from September to May

* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe during the week.

Major Feast Days (see *Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint* schedule of Divine Services)

2018-19 Theme for
Church School,
Creative Festivals,
and our
Parish Life Conference



Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL • Anwar Abueita, Chairman 810-771-7152 or andydollar007@aol.com
Parishioners may attend meetings and speak during “Parishioner Comments”.

ALTAR SERVERS • Subdeacon George Gantous, Head Sacristan 810-714-7332 or gantousgeorge@yahoo.com

ALTAR SOCIETY • Theresa Farah, Coordinator 810-412-6041 or theyungwon@aol.com

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LADIES AUXILIARY • Manal Abuaita, President 810-659-5351

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Mariana Yacoub (myacoub0214@icloud.com or 810-814-0022).

USHERS • Jimmy David 810-515-1314 and Anwar Abueita 810-771-7152 or andydollar007@aol.com Coordinators

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Office Hours

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