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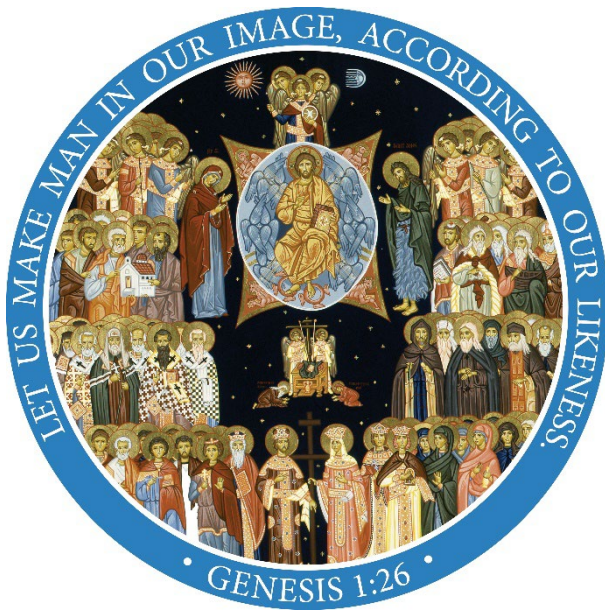


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# Godparent Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>

*2022-23 Church School Theme*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

On Sunday, February 12, 2023 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. Confessions are available on Saturdays after Great Vespers at 4pm, by appointment during the week, or from 8:30am-9:30am on Sunday mornings.

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

Love in Christ,

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# GODPARENT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

We are excited to announce our  
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:

*2022-23 Church School Theme*

- ❖ *Children (or parents) INVITE your Godparents to Divine Liturgy as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents INVITE your Godchildren to Divine Liturgy as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents and Godchildren should prepare themselves with Confession before February 12<sup>th</sup> 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!



***This is an exciting day for Godparents, Godchildren, and our  
WHOLE parish Family!***

**~~ Plan on Attending!!! ~~**



# Godparents

by Fr. Troy Mashburn from *The WORD*, June 1997

In a healthy Orthodox parish, there is a continual flow of births, and consequently baptisms in the parish. Where the parish is genuinely taking the faith to the surrounding world, there is also a steady stream of Chrismations of individuals into the parish and the Kingdom of God. In each of these blessed sacramental events, not only are the priest and the one receiving the sacrament integrally involved, a third person is essentially entwined in the sacrament, that being the Godparent (sponsor). Many times the Godparent's role is minimized, centering only on material aspects of the sacrament. However, he/she has personal responsibilities as well as representative responsibilities for the entire parish that go far beyond material considerations. It is good for us to be reminded of the role of Godparents in the life of the Orthodox Christian.

Regarding their representative role, we must never forget that the entire parish takes responsibility for those "born again" by baptism (or received by Chrimation) into its midst.

Regarding the Godparent's personal role, there are many good descriptions in print already. I have borrowed the following from one of the better ones, Fr. Stanley Harakas' *455 Questions*, wherein he discussed the history and responsibility of Godparents as follows:

"The godparent at a baptism is recorded as early as the year 200AD by Tertullian in his book *De Baptismo*. St. John Chrysostom mentions godparents in his book *On The Psalms*. In the early church, adults, primarily, were baptized. Godparents were chosen for each person. They were nearly always of the same sex of the person to be baptized. Their role was to assure the Church of the moral character of the candidate, to assist at the baptism itself, and to watch over his or her growth in the faith. By the 6<sup>th</sup> century, the practice of infant baptism became dominant. Together, with their previous duties, the godparent is responsible for the spiritual and moral growth of the child. In the East the godparent is known as "*Anadohos*," which literally means, "one who takes responsibility for another" which shows both the role and the significance of the godparent ... When you become a child's godparent, you become the spiritual and religious mentor and guide of your godchild for the duration of both of your lives ...

"The sponsor is a very important person in the baptismal service and in the life of the baptized Christian. In the early Church the majority of persons entering the Church were adults. This meant that they were able to make their own profession of faith, to reject evil and sin, and personally commit themselves to Christ. In infant baptism, which otherwise has much to commend it, this is not possible. The parents make the decision to baptize their child, thus bringing the child into the life of redemption. It is the Godparent, however, who rejects the devil, accepts Christ, and who makes the profession of faith on behalf of the child. It is a mistake for Godparents to think of their role as a merely social one. It is primarily religious and



spiritual. The task of the Godparent does not consist simply in buying a cross and some new clothing, and participating in the service of baptism ... All these things are merely the beginning of the responsibilities of the sponsor. For with these acts, the sponsor assumes a lifelong commitment to care for the spiritual aspects of the life of his or her Godchild. This means several things. First, to see to it, together with the parents, that the child is taught the necessary things for the living of the Christian life. This includes attendance at Church religious education classes, and, most importantly, frequent participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Godparents should also have close personal ties with their Godchildren. They should visit with them regularly, in person, by letter, or on the phone. They should remember their Godchildren on their name days, birthdays



and other holidays. All this should be accompanied by loving counsel and concern in reference to the various stages of their lives with a view to the Christian formation of the Godchild. In later years, during the teens, a Godparent who has done these things during childhood years may prove to be the only one who can influence a young person during those trying and difficult times. Finally, the Godparent should include his or her Godchild in daily prayers.”

All of this may (and should) give prospective Godparents pause before accepting the task. It is a great responsibility. However, we should not flee from it, but embrace it. It will always prove to be just as instrumental for the Godparent’s salvation as it does for the newly baptized or Chrismated. It is in our sharing our lives in Christ with others that we ourselves draw nearer to the Holy Trinity. May God grant us increased understanding of this important role in the Kingdom of God.

# Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

February 2<sup>nd</sup> (celebrated on the eve, February 1<sup>st</sup>, with a Pan-Orthodox Evening Liturgy at St. George)

On this day, the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3<sup>rd</sup>) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, St Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and St Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: *"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel"* (Luke 2:29-32). St Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: *"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed"* (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), *"who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when St Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem"* (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: *"This Child has established Heaven and earth."*

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons on the Feast by the holy bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilocius of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century.



In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague

ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast.

Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: St Andrew of Crete in the seventh century; St Cosmas Bishop of Maium, St John of Damascus, and St Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the eighth century; and St Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica in the ninth century.

On this day we also commemorate the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos known as "the Softening of Evil Hearts" or "Simeon's Prophecy." The Mother of God is depicted without Her Child, with seven swords piercing her breast: three from the left side, three from the right, and one from below. A similar icon, "Of the Seven Swords" (August 13<sup>th</sup>) shows three swords on the left side and four from the right.

The icon "Simeon's Prophecy" symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy of the righteous Elder Simeon: *"a sword shall pierce through your own soul"* (Luke 2:35).

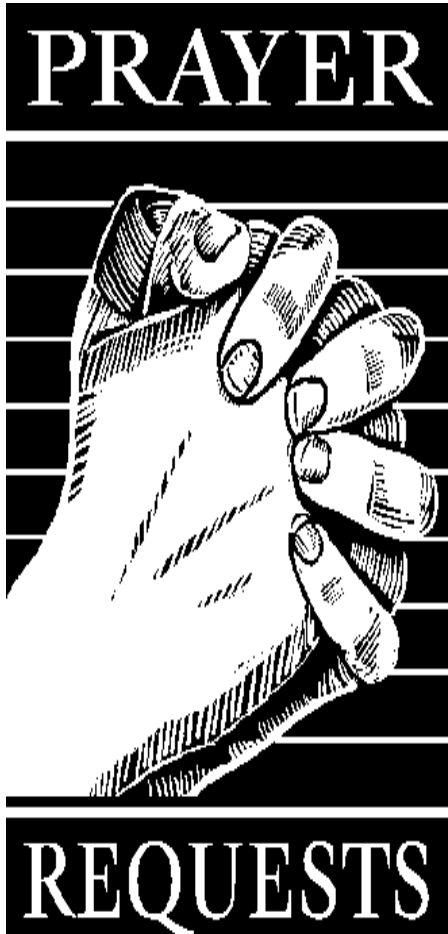
## Daily Prayer Life

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- ◆ For the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Samir** Helal (+December 31<sup>st</sup>, cousin of Asmahan Helal), **Dannie** Jones (+January 3<sup>rd</sup>), **Mariam** Ghanim (+January 4<sup>th</sup>, mother of Manal Abuaita), **Connie** Molina (+January 5<sup>th</sup>, friend of Areen Bathish), **Diana** Petropoulos (+January 10<sup>th</sup>, mother of former parishioner Shamassy Lia Blomgren), **Charles** Sackllah (+January 12<sup>th</sup>, father-in-law of former parishioner Rachel Abuaita Sackllah), **George** Thabit (+January 12<sup>th</sup>, relative of Fr. Michael), and **Habib** Skafi (+January 13<sup>th</sup>).

*May their memory be eternal!*

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- ◆ Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our local hierarch **Bishop Anthony**, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Reader Fouad** Abuaita, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **Youssif** Abousamra, **William** Alsaouri, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Elias** Gantos, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Judy** Mikhail, **Karam** Nassar, **Laura** Nassar, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Christa** Whitehead, *all first-responders, those suffering from illness, violence, and want throughout the world, especially in our community, the Middle East, and from the war in Ukraine; 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, Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*

- ◆ Remember our expectant parents: **Rania** and **Raed** AbuAita, **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khour, **Katrina** and **Gary** Gagne, and **Taylor** and **Jeffrey** Tipton.

➤ *Please update Fr. Joe on how the following are doing and whether they should remain on our prayer list!*

- ◆ Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Danial** Alghanim (father of Dania Hanna), **Sanaa** Alqassis (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Walid** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Debbie Salim), **Nihad** Bannura (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Tanika** Russell, **Dennis**, and **Sue** (friends of Doug Coone), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Philip** Jones (brother-in-law of Lubna Jones), **Larry** Judson (friend of Tim Beers), **Loretta** Karpelenia

(mother of Denise Ghattas), **Scott** Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Antonia** Molina and **Dominique** Vasquez (friends of Areen Bathish), **Saliba** Musleh (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam** Odeh (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Shirley** Zerka (mother of Victoria), **Fr. Dennis** Heifner, **Mother Nektaria**, **Cynthia** Brooks, **Heather** Campbell, **Georgianna** (Gigi) Daugherty, **Nancy** Maes, **Pastors Dave** and **Dawn** Smith, and **Bryan** Stewart (family/friends of Fr. Michael and Kh. Pam Bassett), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Shafeka** Qurpan and **George** Ishak (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Mary** Khal and **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relatives of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Gloria** Nakfoor (sister of Elaine Shaheen), **Jennifer** Craft and **Brionna** Gorbutt (friends of Mariann Hayek), **Valland** Frangi (sister of Ron Haddad), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob Teunion), **Norman** Thomas (friend of Steve and Kelly Sanderson), and **Samantha** Zerka (cousin of Lauren Zerka and Goddaughter and niece of Victoria Zerka).

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## *Congratulations and God bless:*

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- ❖ **Sam George Kardouss** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and First Communion on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Godparents: **George Mohsen** and **Suad Gantous**. Parents: **Dr. George** and **Dr. Carol**.



## *Announcements*

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**FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR FEBRUARY** No fasting the week following the Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican, February 8<sup>th</sup>. **Meat-Fare Sunday** (February 19<sup>th</sup>), the last day we eat *meat, poultry, and their by-products* until Pascha (April 16<sup>th</sup>). The traditional fasting discipline during this **Cheese-Fare Week** (*no red or white meat and poultry*) is observed on all days meaning *eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil and their by-products* may be consumed on all days. Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> is **Cheese-Fare Sunday** and the last day we eat *eggs, cheese, dairy and their by-products* until Pascha (April 16<sup>th</sup>). The **Great Fast** begins on February 27<sup>th</sup> and continues until our celebration of the Feast of Feasts, **Pascha: our Lord's Resurrection** on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on all weekdays; on Saturdays and Sundays, *wine and olive oil* are allowed.

**GODPARENT SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>** (SEE FLIER AND INVITATION!) Invitations should be sent by Godchildren to their Godparents (and Godparents to their Godchildren). Please send them TODAY! It will be a wonderful day and we want everyone to be here!

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS**

Though you might not come to church, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed.** PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer! If you cannot come to church, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorge-flint.org/>) and donate on-line (use the QR code to the right) 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!



## **2022 TOTAL OFFERINGS**

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needed to be \$21,385 to meet our 2022 Budget. Our total offerings in 2022 were \$205,353 ~ which means we were **we short \$51,267!** God bless you for your generosity and let us pray God will always provide! We all need to support our church! If you haven't already, please fill out your 2023 Offering Form as soon as possible and support the work of God through our parish of St. George.

## **Coming Events in March**

18<sup>th</sup>

**The Great Fast continues...**  
**Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat**



Thank you to our 2022 Golf Classic

**Gold Sponsor**

In loving memory of our  
fearless leader,  
**"Abu Said" George Farah,**  
as we continue  
our family legacy of  
supporting St. George.

~ The Farah Family ~

# Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611  
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720  
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810-750-1401  
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

## 2023 Great Fast and Bright Week



### Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten Refreshments

**Great Compline** at St. George (*Mondays, 6pm*) All are welcome every Monday night. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

**Lenten Hours** at St. Nicholas (*Wednesdays, 10:30am*) All are welcome every Wednesday morning.

**Presanctified Divine Liturgy** and **Lenten Refreshments** (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate together the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion at evening liturgies, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. Unfortunately, we will not be having Potluck Lenten Meals this year, but we will break the fast with Lenten Refreshments.

March 8<sup>th</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 6pm

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> **Lenten Retreat** (*more information to follow*)

March 22<sup>nd</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 6pm

March 25<sup>th</sup> **Great Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy** at TBD 10am

April 5<sup>th</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. George 6pm

April 8<sup>th</sup> **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy** at St. George 9:30am

### Bright Week (April 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>)

April 17<sup>th</sup> **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 10am

April 18<sup>th</sup> **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 10am

April 19<sup>th</sup> **Paschal Evening Liturgy** at St. George 6pm

April 21<sup>st</sup> **Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font** at TBD 10am

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# 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 2023 Budget is \$289,048
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: \$5,559
- 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 2023 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.

THANK YOU!!!

# ***TO TITHE IS TO LOVE!***

## **2023 OFFERING UPDATE**

*As of January 23, 2023*

We thank the following families for turning in their 2023 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2023 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. Najeb and Eman Abuaita           | 14. George and Suad Gantous    |
| 2. Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud      | 15. Elias and Amirah Hanna     |
| 3. Laila Abud                       | 16. <b>Daniel Isaac</b>        |
| 4. Anwar and Janet Abueita          | 17. Najwa Joubran              |
| 5. Atallah and Anaam Abueita        | 18. Reema Khoury               |
| 6. Issa and Jane Abu-Eita           | 19. Dr. Raouf and Judy Mikhail |
| 7. <u>Munther and Ban Al-Kahush</u> | 20. Alexandra Nassar           |
| 8. Hiam Bathish                     | 21. Karam and Aida Nassar      |
| 9. Douglas Coone                    | 22. Victoria Nassar            |
| 10. Issa and Vera Daoud             | 23. George and Jeanette Nassif |
| 11. Iman David                      | 24. Ric and Martha Shahin      |
| 12. James David                     | 25. Paul and Camela Takach     |
| 13. Evelyn Delbridge                | 26. Robert Teunion             |



## 2023 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church ~ Flint, Michigan

### I Want To Be Counted!

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

~ Offerings Are Treated confidentially ~ Please fill out completely.

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
ZIP	
Telephone	

### Offerings can be made in different ways.

- Put your offering in the **Sunday Tray** or **send it to St. George.**
- Online at <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint>.
- Call the office (810-732-0720) and use a **Credit Card.**
- An **ACH** direct-payment transaction from your bank account.

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)

## 2023 بطاقة التبرعات لعام

كنيسة القديس جورج للروم الاورثوذكس فلانت، 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	

### يمكن تقديم التبرعات بعدة طرق مختلفة.

- يمكن وضع التبرعات في صينية التبرعات يوم الأحد أو ارسالها الى عنوان الكنيسة.
- عن طريق الانترنت <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint>
- عن طريق الاتصال على رقم تلفون مكتب الكنيسة (810)732-0720 واستخدام بطاقة الائتمان ( كريدت كارت).
- أو عن طريق الدفع أو التحويل المباشر من حسابك المصرفي-ACH.

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 ألقّت أكثر منهم جميعا"* ( لوقا 3:21)

# February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> NO Arabic Bible Study  <i>Pan-Orthodox Evening Divine Liturgy</i> for the Meeting of Christ in the Temple @ St. George 6pm	<b>2</b> Meeting of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple <i>Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene</i> 10am	<b>3</b> Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver and Anna the Prophetess	<b>4</b>  <i>Great Vespers and Confessions</i> 4pm
<b>5</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday</b> of the <b>Publican and Pharisee</b> Ladies Auxiliary after Church School	<b>6</b>  Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	<b>7</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Fr. Joe out-of-town February 7-10</div>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste</b>  <i>Great Vespers and Confessions</i> 4pm
<b>12</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday</b> of the <b>Prodigal Son</b>  Godparent Sunday (see flier)	<b>13</b>  Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm  Men's Fellowship 6pm	<b>16</b>  Parish Council 6:15pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Soul Saturday Liturgy 10am  <i>Great Vespers and Confessions</i> 4pm
<b>19</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday of Judgement</b> (Meatfare Sunday)  Pan-Orthodox Book Club on ZOOM 7pm	<b>20</b> Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm SOYO Monday & Book Club at St. George 6-8pm	<b>21</b>  Altar Society 6pm	<b>22</b> Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>Great Vespers and Confessions</i> 4pm
<b>26</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Pre-Lenten Sunday of Forgiveness</b> (Cheesefare Sunday) <b>Forgiveness Vespers</b> 12:30pm	<b>27</b> The Great Fast Begins!  <b>Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew</b> 6pm	<b>28</b>  <b>Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew</b> 6pm			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">During the winter months, Saturday Great Vespers begins at 4pm.</div>	

2023

# ***Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries***

*February 1 to February 28, 2023*

## **Birthdays**

### **February**

- 1** Iyan R. Al-Qassis  
Said M. Farah
- 2** Ereny Abufarha  
Elias Bannoura  
Ronald "Ron" Haddad  
Victoria A. Haddad  
Christina M. Joseph
- 3** Stephani Burch  
Ayman Elias  
Ibrahim Shamma
- 4** Phadia Reed
- 5** Hiam J. Bathish  
Victor H. Habbas
- 6** Inam Y. Bathish  
Isabella Ibrahim
- 7** Jane N. Abu-Eita  
Olga Nassar
- 8** Mudaffer Rishmawi
- 9** Adam W. Cooper  
Shamseh Iseid
- 10** Alexis M. Russell
- 11** Christopher Isaac  
Abraham Rashmawi
- 12** Rami Al-Qassis  
Christina Nassar
- 13** Mariam Al-Khoury  
Samer Ishaq  
Christopher S. Jehnsen  
Isabelle M. Khoury
- 14** Amirah Hanna  
Nawal Iseid  
Mariana A. Yacoub
- 15** Xavier S. Abdallah
- 18** Joseph "Fr. Joe" M. Abud
- 19** Zain B. Hawwash
- 20** Basil Andoni  
Abbey C. Lawrence  
Victoria "Vicky" Nassar
- 21** Lawrence "Larry" J. Porada Jr.
- 22** Nicole N. Khoury

- Sally Rashmawi
- 23** Walid Q. Hayek
- 24** Ramiz Alsaouri
- 25** Elia Abu-Aita  
George Kardouss
- 26** Majed Rishmawi
- 27** Fouad Abuaita
- 28** Leah N. Farah  
London Haddad

## **Namedays**

### **February**

- 3** Simon Drake Khouri
- 6** Julianos Fouad Awad

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

### **February**

- 14** Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farah
- 18** Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Farah
- 20** Mr. and Mrs. Omar Nassar
- 23** Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph
- 27** Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Tipton

***God Grant You All Many Years!***

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

Rev. Fr. Michael Bassett, Attached

### Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday  
*Great Vespers* 4:00 PM (from December to March)  
\* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe or Father Michael during the week.
- Sunday  
*Sacrament of Repentance* {Confession\*} 8:30 AM—9:30 AM  
*Matins* {Arabic & English} 8:50 AM  
*Divine Liturgy* 10:00 AM  
*Church School:* Classes are in session following Holy Communion from September to May

### Major Feast Days (see Calendar)

**2022-23 Theme** for  
Church School, Bible  
Bowl, Creative Festivals,  
our Parish Life  
Conference, and  
Archdiocesan Convention



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