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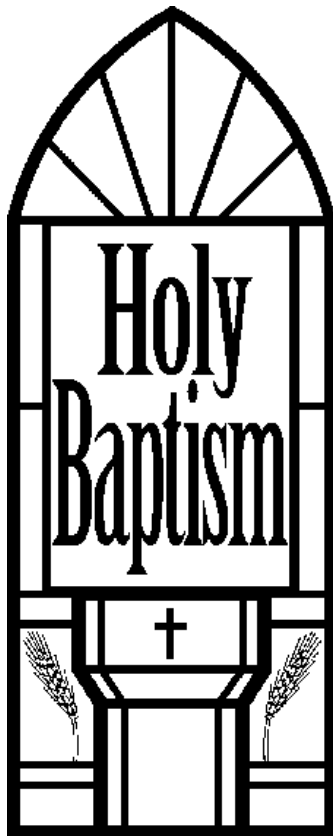
Godparent “Super” Sunday February 11th

Dear _____,

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, we will be having a Godparent “Super” Sunday and Lunch at St. George Orthodox Church. It would be an extra special day if you would attend the Divine Services with me. Matins begin at 8:50am and Divine Liturgy begins at 10am. Also, 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,



GODPARENT “SUPER” SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 11TH

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

This day allows our Godparents and Godchildren to “reconnect” with each other and help us understand the joy and beauty of that special relationship!

2023-24 Church School Theme

Please make note of the following:

- ❖ *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 11th 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!***

Our Men’s Fellowship will provide a free Lunch for everyone!
(Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the meal ~ thanks!)

~~ Plan on Attending!!! ~~

February

Sunday <i>we remember the Resurrection</i>	Monday <i>we remember the Holy Angels</i>	Tuesday <i>we remember the John the Baptist</i>	Wednesday <i>we remember the Life-Giving Cross</i>	Thursday <i>we remember the Apostles & Nicholas of Myra</i>	Friday <i>we remember the Life-Giving Cross</i>	Saturday <i>we remember the Martyrs & Monastics</i>
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>*St. Mary Magdalene 2439 S Long Lake Rd (north of North Road) Fenton 810-750-1401</p> </div>	1 Combined Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers at *St. Mary Magdalene 6pm	2 Great Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple Combined Divine Liturgy at *St. Mary Magdalene 10am	3 Jones Baptism 11am Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm
4 Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple	5	6	7	8	9	10 Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm
11 GODPARENT SUNDAY! <i>(see flier)</i>	12	13	14	15 Parish Council 6:15pm	16	17 Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm FAMILY NIGHT!
18 Leo the Great, Pope of Rome	19	20	21	22	23	24 Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm
25 Beginning of the <i>Triodion!</i> 1st Pre-Lenten Sunday <i>Publican and Pharisee</i>	26	27	28	29	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Fast-free week</p> </div>	

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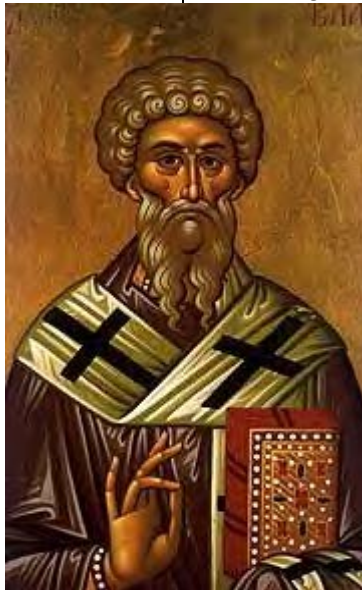
Hieromartyr Blaise Bishop of Sebaste

February 11th

St. Blaise was an Armenian doctor known for his love of God and of people. He was plenteous in mercy, long suffering and loving, leading a life of righteousness in the fear of God, preserving himself from sin. All the faithful respected him and followed him. When the bishop of Sebaste fell asleep in the Lord, St. Blaise was chosen by the people and ordained their bishop. St. Blaise showed vigilant care and concern towards the faith and the faithful in Christ through his example especially during the fierce persecutions that the church of Christ suffered. This occurred during the reign of the Roman Emperors Diocletian (284-305 AD) and Licinius (307-324 AD).

St. Blaise confessed his faith with boldness and courage declaring his love and obedience to Christ, visiting those held captive for the sake of Christ and encouraging them to stay firm in their faith and to never turn back. Likewise he secretly visited Eustratius in prison (who became a Saint of the Church and is remembered on January 9th). They both celebrated the Divine Liturgy and participated in the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Because of the persecutions, many people hid going off into desolate and solitary places. After a short period, St. Blaise did the same and chose Mount Argeos as his solitary place. He went into a cave where he locked himself and could turn his full attention and pure prayers to the almighty God. In that secluded place, something unusual took place. Through

his pure and humble prayers – as well as his Godly life - he attracted an enormous number of wild, ferocious beasts as well as beasts of prey. They started coming to him, as was the case with Adam and Eve before they sinned, waiting for him at the entrance of his cave until he was done with his prayers. He would go out to them, blessing and curing the animals that were sick.



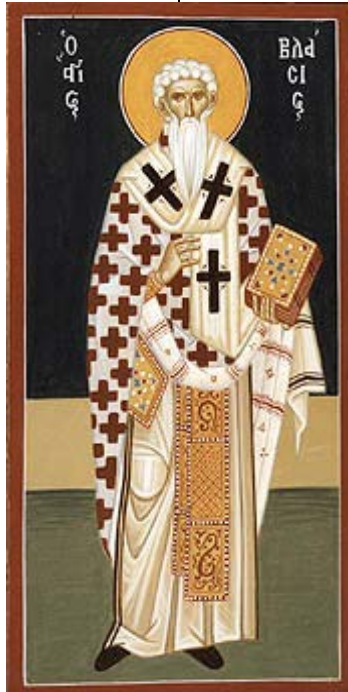
During the reign of the Roman Emperor Lisinius in the year 316 AD, Agricolaus, the governor of Cappadocia, came to Sebaste to persecute the Christians and to put in prison as many as he could. He decided to throw all of them to the wild beasts. Therefore, the governor sent his servants to the

arena to capture wild beasts in order to use them to kill the Christians. When the servants reached the holy man's cave, they saw what astounded and astonished them - numerous wild beasts, lions, leopards, bears, wolves, and others surrounding him as if tamed! The soldiers went back and told the governor what they saw. He ordered that the saint be arrested. Again, those sent out found only a humble man of God. St. Blaise welcomed the soldiers glorifying God (whose will it was for St. Blaise to be martyred). He followed the soldiers like a meek lamb to the slaughter.

Along the way, St. Blaise was “an unusual sight” to the people and his meekness, and the peace resting on him, touched many. What was stranger

was how people were attracted to him; even the sick were “anointed” with healing while he was passing and many other miracles took place; many believed in Christ God through his prayers. It is said that he healed a boy who had a bone stuck in his throat, and also, at the petition of a poor widow, made a wolf (who had taken her pig) return it.

The governor Agricolaus greeted him by calling him a companion of the pagan gods. The bishop’s answer was that these were devils. He was tortured, flogged, and led off to prison. On the way, he was again severely tortured. Seven women went behind him and gathered up the drops of his blood. These women were arrested and compelled to worship the idols of the pagan gods. They answered that the idols needed cleaning. Pretending to do so in a nearby lake, they let the idols sink. Because of this, they were fiercely tortured, but strengthened by the grace of God, these saints endured their torments thinking only of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At their beheading, their bodies were transformed -- becoming like snow while their blood flowed in what looked like milk. One of these had two young sons who begged her to help them attain the Kingdom of God. She entrusted them into St. Blaise’s care.



Again, St. Blaise was brought before Agricolaus and, while not fearing anything, continuously confessed his faith in Christ. It was ordered that he be thrown into a lake. While going down to the water, the Saint crossed himself in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit and walked on the water as if it were dry land. Addressing the pagans (unbelieving people) standing around, he challenged them to come to him while they called on the help of their pagan gods. Sixty-eight of these men answered by entering the water and immediately they drowned. The Saint, listening to the angel that had appeared to him, returned to shore. Agricolaus was outraged because of the loss of his finest servants. He gave orders that St. Blaise and the two boys with him be tortured and beheaded. Before the beheading took place, our Holy Father Blaise prayed for the salvation of the whole world.

He continually prays for those who honor his relics!

We pray to St. Blaise for the health and well-being of domestic animals as well as for protection from wild beasts. We also seek his prayers for healing sore throats and for the doctors who treat them.

***+Through the prayers of our Holy Father Blaise
have mercy upon us +***

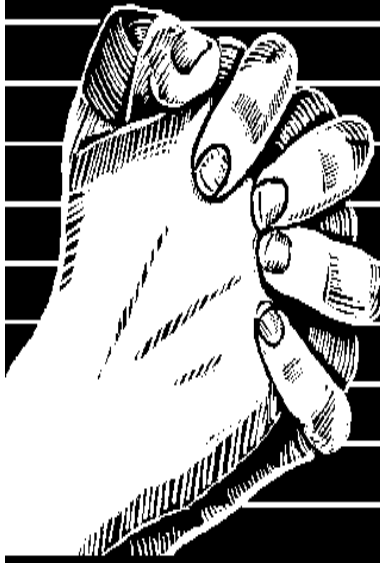
***Our parish is blessed to have a relic of St. Blaise and we will all
have the opportunity to venerate it on February 11th.***

Daily Prayer Life

- ◆ For the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Panayiotis Khair** (+January 12th, uncle of Husam Khair).

May his memory be eternal!

PRAYER



REQUESTS

- ◆ **REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS AND THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING, OR IN NEED, ESPECIALLY HIS SERVANTS:** **Archbishop Alexander** (bishop of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Nicholas), our **Bishop Anthony, Fr. Joe Abud, Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Reader Fouad and Soad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami and Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila Abud, George Abueita, Georgette Abueita, Jane Abueita, Mary Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alsaouri, Naila Banna, Vera Daoud, Said Farah, Joseph Gagne, Elias Gantos, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Phyllis Good, Ronald Haddad, Daisy Isaac, John Joseph, Karen Mortensen, Laura Nassar, Jeanette Nassif, Adam Odeh, Rahmeh Rashmawi, Elaine Shaheen, Michael Silpoch, and Sandy Thomas; all first-responders and those suffering from illness, violence, and want throughout the world and in our community, the Holy Land, the Middle East, and 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, St. George Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.**

- ◆ **REMEMBER OUR EXPECTANT PARENTS:** **Ambur** (daughter of Joseph Haddad) and **Matt Allison**, Drs. **Lindsey and Ryan Brunner, Casandra and Danial Burbar, Amira and Abdulla Farah, Andrea and Josh Jones, Kari** (daughter of John & Theresa Farah) and **Panagiotis Mikroudias, Vera and Luay Sababa, & Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar & Janet Abueita) and **John Timm.**

➤ *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:**

Kristo (friend of Anwar Abueita), **Danial Alghanim** (father of Dania Hanna), **Sanaa Alqassis** (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Shafiq**a Abuleil (mother of Vicky Nassar), **Sharon Ballreich** (sister of Nancy Silpoch), **Kameel Srouji** (son-in-law of Hiam Bathish), **Nihad Bannura** (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Georgia Coone, Tanika Russell, Dennis,** and **Sue** (mother/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), **Nejma Khair** (mother of Esperanza Abuaita), **Scott Lints** (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Scott Allen, Antonia Molina, Reuben Reyes,** and **Dominique Vasquez** (friends of Areen Bathish), **Saliba Musleh** (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam Odeh** (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Eva Saseen** (niece of Jeanette Nassif), **Abdallah Abdallah** (father of Fares Abdallah), **Kinan Turjman** (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Shirley Zerka** (mother of Victoria), **Michael Bauer, Cynthia Brooks, Cindy and Heather Campbell, Joseph Collins, Zossima and Georgiana Daugherty, Nancy Maes, and Jeremy and Christa Whitehead** (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), **Randy** (friend of Evan Sanford), **Valland Frangi** (sister of Ron Haddad), **Megan Meade, Danielle Teunion-Smith, Laura Teunion-Smith, and Casey Webb** (relatives of Bob Teunion), **Mother Macrina, Gary Stewart, Barb Maness, Matthew Agle, Judy Sanderson, and Norman Thomas** (family/friends of Steve and Kelly Sanderson), and **Richard Ramsdell** (father of Jodie [Paul] Bathish).

Congratulations and God bless:



- ❖ **David, Gabriella** (*daughter of Joseph & Mary Jo Ghattas*), and newborn **Edward Joseph Ayyash** (January 10th).
- ❖ **Dr. Matthew, Christine** (*daughter of Ayman & Wafaa Elias*), and newborn **Maximus Paisios** Krinock (January 21st).

- ❖ **Joseph Gagne** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and First Communion on January 27th. Godparents: **Kristina** and **Levi** Cooper. Parents: **Gary** and **Katrina**.



Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR FEBRUARY The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays except February 28th (and March 1st) which are in the fast-free week of the Publican and Pharisee.

GODPARENT SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH (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!

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED! Many years ago, a wheelchair was donated to our church. It got a lot of use by parishioners and visitors who needed it. Unfortunately, that wheelchair became unusable and we are in need of another. If you have one that you no longer use or if you would like to donate so a new one can be purchased, please contact Fr. Michael.

WHAT IS THE TRIODION? The *Triodion* is a liturgical book used in the Orthodox Church for ten (10) weeks from the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (this year on February 25th) until the Great and Holy Saturday (this year on May 4th). On Pascha, this year on May 5th, the church begins using the liturgical book called the Pentecostarion. The *Triodion* is formally and ceremonially introduced and used on the day before the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee at Great Vespers, which begins the liturgical day. The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the beginning of the Great Fast which falls this year on Monday, March 18th. It marks the beginning of time in preparation for our spiritual journey of the Great Fast (sometimes called Lent), a time for Orthodox Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. It is the liturgical book that contains all of the Divine Services for the Great Fast: special hymns, prayers, and scripture readings.

OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe and Leslee will be out-of-town on vacation February 12-26. ***For emergencies only while Fr. Joe is away***, please call Fr. Michael Bassett (St. George, 989-627-9580) Fr. Peter Bistoridis (Assumption, 810-771-4611), Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070). Please pray for Fr. Joe and Leslee's safe travels.

Thank you and God bless...

... our **Holy Bread Bakers** (used at the Divine Liturgy and the Presanctified Liturgy during the Great Fast): *Aida Nassar, Abeer Abuaita, Sally Abuaita, Eman Abuaita, Eline Abueita, Wadia Albaba, Wafaa Elias, Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Asmahan Helal, Elham Ishak, Renee Mitri, Ric Shahin, and Zahra Hayek.*

BAKING OF HOLY BREAD! Our coordinator is Aida Nassar 810-433-1515. She is very attentive to making sure we have enough Holy Bread every week and what might be frozen is used quickly! If you would like to bake Holy Bread (if you need the recipe and prayers, ask Fr. Joe), GREAT, you just have to let Aida know. Thank you and may God bless the hands of all our Holy Bread bakers ~ some of which becomes the Body of Christ in Holy Communion ~ every Divine Liturgy!

☞ If you would like to offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation or Offering*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of you or a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, please call the church office (810-732-0720) by 12 Noon the Wednesday before.

- If the offering is in memory of a loved one, please state if you would like to have a **Memorial Service**, which takes place near the end of Divine Liturgy. It is always appropriate to have a Memorial Service on the 3rd, 9th, and 40th day of one's falling asleep along with yearly anniversaries. It may also be done on the 6th month anniversary. If you would like to bake the Holy Bread, please contact Aida Nassar 810-433-1515. If you would like to purchase it from *Holy Land Bakery* (Khaled and Maysoon Al-Khouri) for \$5 per loaf, call 810-820-8352.

DECEMBER 2023 MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be \$32,833 to meet our 2024 Budget of \$394,600. Our total offerings in 2023 December were \$13,005 ~ which means we were **short \$19,828!** God bless you for your generosity and remember we all need to support our church! Please keep up with your weekly offerings! If you haven't already, please fill out your 2024 Offering Form (form is in this VOICE), put it in the offering tray or send it to the church, so we all can support the work we are doing at St. George for the glory of God.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS

Though you might not be able to come to church on a regular basis, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed.** PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer! If you cannot come, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.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!



Coming Events in March

- 17th Forgiveness Vespers
- 18th Beginning of the Great Fast

☞ If you would like to host our Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or simply in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita 810-577-0028.

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 2024 Budget is \$394,600
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: \$7,588
- 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 2024 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.
THANK YOU!!!

TO TITHE IS TO LOVE!

2024 OFFERING UPDATE

As of January 22, 2024

We thank the following families for turning in their 2024 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2024 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 is Underlined (did not fill out a form last year)
Increase in Offering is **BOLD**

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST!!!

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. <u>Hanna and Liana AbuAita</u> | 11. Daisy Isaac |
| 2. Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud | 12. Najwa Joubran |
| 3. Atallah and Anaam Abueita | 13. Olga Nassar |
| 4. Hiam Bathish | 14. George and Jeanette Nassif |
| 5. Douglas Coone | 15. Richard Shaheen |
| 6. Issa and Vera Daoud | 16. Ric and Martha Shahin |
| 7. James David | 17. Robert Teunion |
| 8. Ayman and Wafaa Elias | |
| 9. Elias and Amirah Hanna | |
| 10. <u>Salim and Dania Hanna</u> | |

2024 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)

2024 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)

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week MARCH 3rd	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 10th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 17th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 24th	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 31st	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 7th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 21st	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

التريودي-الصوم الأربعيني المقدس-الأسبوع العظيم-الفصح المقدس

رznamتكم لعام ٢٠٢٤ من صفحة أرثوذكس Orthodox



الأحد ٢٥ شباط: بداية التريودي - أحد الفريسي والعشار
(لا يصام في هذا الأسبوع يومي الأربعاء والجمعة-أسبوع المخالفين)

الأحد ٣ آذار: أحد الإبن الشاطر

السبت ٩ آذار: سبت الأموات (سبت الرّاقدين)

الأحد ١٠ آذار: أحد مرفع اللحم (أحد الدّينونة)

الأحد ١٧ آذار: أحد مرفع الجبن (أحد الغفران)

الإثنين ١٨ آذار: بداية الصوم الأربعيني المقدس

الأحد ٢٤ آذار: الأحد الأوّل من الصوم - أحد الأرثوذكسيّة



أحد رفع الأيقونات المقدّسة

الإثنين ٢٥ آذار: عيد بشارة والدة الإله

الدّائمة البتوليّة مريم العذراء (مسموح فيه بأكل السمك)

الأحد ٣١ آذار: الأحد الثّاني من الصوم - أحد القديس غريغوريوس بالاماس

الأحد ٧ نيسان: الأحد الثّالث من الصوم أحد الصّليب الكريم المحيي

الأحد ١٤ نيسان: الأحد الرّابع من الصوم أحد أبينا البار يوحنا السّلمي

الأحد ٢١ نيسان: الأحد الخامس من الصوم - أحد أمنا البارة مريم المصريّة

أحد ٢٨ نيسان: أحد الشّعانين (يُسمح بأكل السمك)

الإثنين ٢٩ نيسان: بداية الأسبوع العظيم

سبت ٤ أيار: سبت الثور

أحد ٥ أيار: أحد الفصح العظيم المقدس



إثنين ٦ أيار: الإثنين الباعوث



Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 1 to February 29, 2024

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** Luciana Al-Khoury
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
- 22** Nicole N. Khoury

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

Namedays

February

- 3** Simon Drake Khoury
- 6** Julianos Fouad Awad
- 11** Abbey (Abigail) Cheyenne
Lawrence

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

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Rev. Fr. Michael Bassett, Assistant

Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
Great Vespers 4:00 PM (except when noted!)
* 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)

2023-24 Theme for
Church School, Bible
Bowl, Creative Festivals,
our Parish Life
Conference, and
Archdiocesan Convention



Parish Ministries

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