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

*March 1 to March 31, 2023*

## **Birthdays**

### **March**

- 1** Sean M. McCann  
Emil Rishmawi
- 2** Ariana O. Khouri
- 3** Andrew M. Alkazaha  
Pamela K. Bassett  
Lindsey N. Brunner
- 4** Jeremy A. Meshraky
- 5** O'Myah Vaughn  
Dionte T. Wilson Jr.
- 6** Janet Abueita  
Khaled M. Abueita  
Samir "Sam" H. Khoury  
Amanda Rishmawi  
Martha Shahin
- 7** Andrew "Andy" A. Oliver
- 11** Kali R. Goff
- 12** Alyssa Coon  
Maggie David  
Zeid Helal  
John E. Joseph  
Edward F. Joubran
- 13** Sami Abufarha
- 14** Tony Fakhoury
- 15** Jiries Awad
- 16** Jon Bassett  
Branden B. Jones
- 17** Preston Haddad
- 20** Wadia Albaba  
Oliver G. Fanous
- 21** Amal I. Abuaita  
Nidal Ishaq
- 22** Raji "Roger" J. Salomon
- 23** Sandra "Sandy" H. Mitri
- 24** Ayla L. Abuaita  
Issa Alqazaha
- 25** Maher Abufarha  
Sami Alsahouri  
Najwa Joubran
- 26** Ghada J. Abdallah
- 28** Nicholas F. Abdallah

Miar G. Abuaita  
Vivian N. Isaac  
Mira Rishmawi

- 30** Anthony R. Abueita  
Laura "Laurie" E. Harrison
- 31** Aila Qumsieh

## **Namedays**

### **March**

- 4** Julianna Isabella Helal
- 25** Miar (Mary) George Abuaita

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

### **March**

- 1** Mr. and Mrs. Adnan Yacoub
- 6** Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Khouri
- 13** Mr. and Mrs. Karam Nassar

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

# *The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint*

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 South Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810-750-1701  
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

**Come, Join Us for this Lenten Retreat by  
Archbishop Alexander and Bishop Anthony!**

## **The Cross of Christ – The Scriptures and the Priesthood**



**Bishop Anthony**  
*Diocese of Toledo & the Midwest*  
*Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese*

**Saturday  
March 18, 2023**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
2143 S Center Rd • Burton, MI**

**Please RSVP by March 13 to  
(810) 744-0070 or  
[stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com)**



**Archbishop Alexander**  
*Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo*  
*Orthodox Church in America*

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>10 am</b>       | <b>Divine Liturgy</b>                                      |
| <b>11:30 am</b>    | <b>Lunch (free will offering)</b>                          |
| <b>12 pm</b>       | <b>Registration</b>  |
| <b>12:30 pm</b>    | <b>The Scriptures and the Cross – Archbishop Alexander</b> |
| <b>1:30 pm</b>     | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>1:45 pm</b>     | <b>The Priesthood and the Cross – Bishop Anthony</b>       |
| <b>2:45 pm</b>     | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>3 - 3:30 pm</b> | <b>Questions and Answers</b>                               |
| <b>4 pm</b>        | <b>Cathedral Vigil followed by Confessions</b>             |

### *Guest Speakers*

**Archbishop Alexander** was consecrated on May 5, 2012 as bishop of the Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo (OCA) and on March 30, 2016 was elected to his second see of Dallas and the Diocese of the South (OCA).

**Bishop Anthony** was consecrated on December 11, 2011 as Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest, for the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

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## 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 Assumption 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 Assumption 10am

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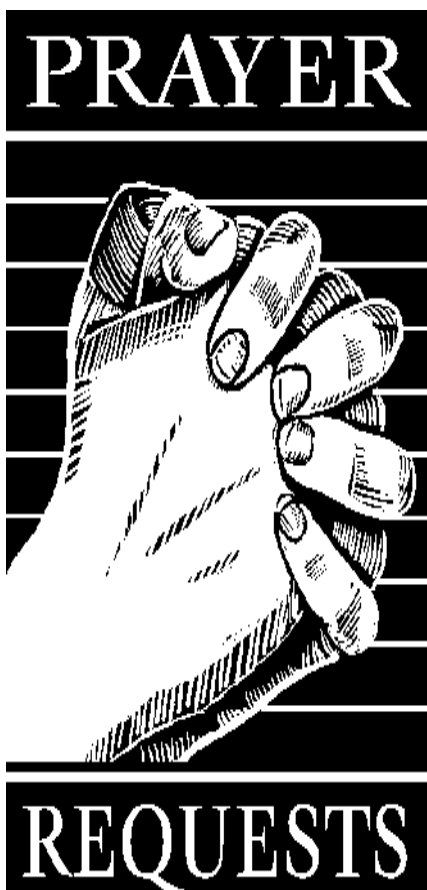
## Daily Prayer Life

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- ◆ For the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Atallah** (+January 23<sup>rd</sup>, uncle of Hiam Ishaq), **Iskandar Farah** (+February 9<sup>th</sup>, brother of Salim), and **Farid Nassar Nassar** (+February 15<sup>th</sup>, Lansing, nephew of Karim Nassar).

*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** Abuaitah, **George** and **Georgette** Abueita (brother and mother of Anwar), **Kristo** (friend of Anwar), **Laila** Abud, **Jane** Abueita, **Youssef** Abousamra, **William** Alsa-houri, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Elias** Gantos, **Denise** Ghattas, **Subdeacon George** Gantous, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Michael** Khal, **Laura** Nassar, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, and **Christa** Whitehead, *all first-responders, those suffering from illness, violence, and want throughout the world, especially in our community, from the shooting at Michigan State University, the Middle East, from the war in Ukraine, and the earthquake in Syria and Turkey; 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, **Jessica** and **Mejhdy** Abu Aitah, **Katrina** and **Gary** Gagne, **Narmeen** and **Deeb** Shamsoum, 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 **Reuben** Reyes, 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), **Mother Nektaria**, **Heather** Campbell, and **Nancy** Maes, (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), **Kameel** Srouji (son-in-law of Hiam Bathish), **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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❖ **Elias Fanous**, Attorney at Law, who was recently invited by Judge Jennie E. Barkey to be one of the attorneys on the *Mental Health Court*.

❖ **Ghassan and Jasanta Al-Khour**i who welcomed their newborn daughter, **Luciana** on February 4<sup>th</sup>.



❖ **Branden Jones** and **Letizia Elli** who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

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## *Announcements*

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**FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR MARCH** The **Great Fast** began 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. On the Great Feasts of the Annunciation (Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>) and Palm Sunday (April 9<sup>th</sup>), *fish, wine, and olive oil* are permitted.

### *The Great Fast continues ...*

Our preparation for the Feast of Feasts (**Pascha**), began on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and lasts until our midnight celebration of **Pascha** on April 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. This preparation is based on our increased participation in the three disciplines Christ gave us: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving (Matthew 6:1-18):

1. Prayer: By attending the Lenten services as well as an increased daily prayer life at home, we spend more time with God.

2. Fasting: By restricting the types and frequency of meals, we experience physical weakness and learn to depend more on God than on ourselves.

3. Almsgiving: By giving to those less fortunate than ourselves, we cease to consider ourselves as the most important of all people (Food for Hungry People and other programs).

**Our real experience of Christ's Resurrection on Pascha depends on how deeply we enter into these three disciplines.** The additional weekday services gives all of us a wonderful opportunity to increase our Prayer life and be strengthened in Fasting and Almsgiving as well. We should strive to come to as many Lenten Services as possible besides Saturday Great Vespers and Sunday Matins and Divine Liturgy. Do you have questions? Speak with Fr. Joe for guidance during this special and holy time of the year!

**Great Compline** صلاة النوم الكبرى – Mondays at 6pm at *St. George*

**Lenten Hours** – Wednesdays at 10am at *St. Nicholas* (see Calendar)

**Presanctified Liturgy** القداس السابق تقد بيسه & Lenten Refreshments, Weds. at 6pm (see calendar for location!)

**Supplication to the Virgin Mary / Madayeh** خدمة المديح – Fridays at 6pm at *St. George*

» (The whole service, which has been divided in the first 4 weeks, is sung on March 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Great Vespers and Confessions** – Saturdays at 4pm at *St. George*

**TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY** On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 5<sup>th</sup>, we have a special procession celebrating the restoring of the Holy Icons into the Orthodox Church. Please be sure our children bring a Holy Icon from home to carry in the procession. If you do not have an icon in your home, we have many beautiful ones in our Bookstore for purchase!

**HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION)** If you are 7 years or older, have been away from the Church, or have not had Confession in the last 2 months and desire to come back and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, please remember you must offer a confession of your sins first. During this time of preparation during the Great Fast is a perfect opportunity. Confessions can be heard before or after most services except not after Wednesday Presanctified and Sunday Divine Liturgy. Fr. Joe is not the only Orthodox priest in the area, or at St. George, and if you would prefer to go for confession to Fr. Michael or one of the other local priests, feel free to do so (*please just let Fr. Joe know*): Fr. Gabriel Bilas from St. Mary Magdalene (810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie from St. Nicholas Church (810-744-0070). **Let everyone in our St. George Family prepare and partake of our Lord in Holy Communion.** The important thing is not who hears your confession, but that you participate in this Holy Sacrament on a regular basis. **Blessed are those who wash their (baptismal) robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life (which is Jesus Christ).** (Revelation 22:14)

**FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE (FFHP)** As we do every year during the Great Fast, we follow the command of Christ to give alms (money) to the poor. Please use the special FFHP Boxes that are provided on the front pew and return them to the church on or after Pascha (April 16<sup>th</sup>).

### Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

During the Great Fast, **THE** "prayer of the fast" is that of St. Ephraim the Syrian. Everyone should add this prayer to their daily prayers and to say this special Lenten prayer as often as you can:

O Lord and Master of my Life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant. (*prostration*)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for Thou are blessed, unto ages of ages. Amen. (*prostration*)

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ وَسَيِّدُ حَيَاتِي، أَعْتَقِنِي مِنْ رُوحِ الْبَطَالَةِ وَالْفُضُولِ وَحُبِّ الرِّئَاسَةِ وَالْكَلامِ الْبَطَالِ. (مطانية)  
وَأَنْعِمْ عَلَيَّ يَا رَبُّ، بِرُوحِ الْعِفَّةِ وَاتِّضَاعِ الْفِكْرِ وَالصَّبْرِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، (مطانية)  
نَعَمْ يَا مَلِكِي وَاللَّهِ هَبْ لِي أَنْ أَعْرِفَ ذَنْبِي وَعَيْبِي، وَأَنْ لَا أُدِينَنَّ إِخْوَتِي، فَإِنَّكَ مَبَارَكٌ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ  
أَمِينَ. (مطانية)

### OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS

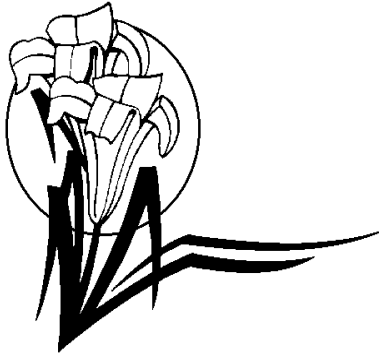
Though you might not be able to come to church on a regular basis, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed.** PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer! If you cannot come, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line,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

9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> The Great and Holy Week

16<sup>th</sup> Pascha ~ the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



# Decorations for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha

*As of February 21, 2023*

5 Icon Flowers for the Madayeh/Akathist

\$35 each

- March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- March 10<sup>th</sup>
- March 17<sup>th</sup>
- March 24<sup>th</sup>
- March 31<sup>st</sup>

2 Icon Flowers (Lazarus Saturday/Palm Sunday) \$35 each

- One Icon
- One Icon

4 Icon Flowers for Holy Week \$35 each

- One Icon
- One Icon
- One Icon
- One Icon

2 pounds of Incense \$70 each

- One Pound
- One Pound

Flowers and Decorations for the Tomb (Taken)

Rose Water / Bay Leaves for Holy Saturday (Taken)

Carnations for the Holy Cross (Taken)

- \$325

Palms (Taken)

- \$255

Donations toward Pascha Flowers (Lilies)

- \$35 each
- \$35 each
- \$35 each
- \$35 each

Fern Arrangements - Palm Sunday/Holy Week

\$45 each

- One Arrangement
- One Arrangement
- One Arrangement
- One Arrangement

2 Icon Flowers for the Resurrection \$35 each

- One Icon
- One Icon

3 Paschal Candles \$100 each

- One Candle
- One Candle
- One Candle

**Please print clearly**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

For the health of:

\_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

*The Living and Departed will be remembered at the service for which the item will be used the first time.*

Please fill out this form, put in an envelope (with check made out to "St. George" memo: "Decorations"), and drop it in the Sunday Offering Tray or send it to the church office.



*St. George Orthodox Church  
Banquet Center Renovation  
Grand Opening Gala*



*Friday May 12, 2023*

*Saint George Banquet Center ~ 5191 Lennon Rd, Flint*

*Private Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - 6pm (offered for \$2,500 sponsor levels & above)*

*Cocktails and Social Hour - 7pm*

*Dinner catered by Chef Luis Fernandes - 8pm*

*Dancing and Entertainment to follow*

*Featuring the singer Jad Soudah*

**Presenting Sponsor - \$50,000 (20 tickets)**

**Diamond Sponsor - \$10,000 (10 tickets)**

**Platinum Sponsor - \$5,000 (8 tickets)**

**Silver Sponsor - \$1,500 (4 tickets)**

**Emerald Sponsor- \$25,000 (20 tickets)**

**Palladium Sponsor - \$7,500 (10 tickets)**

**Gold Sponsor- \$2,500 (6 tickets)**

**Bronze Sponsor - \$1,000 (2 tickets)**

*Individual Tickets - \$200*

*Scan QR Code to purchase tickets or sponsorship*

*Please Make Checks Payable to St. George Orthodox Church*

# St. George Orthodox Church Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala



## Sponsorship Opportunities:

- The Gala will be held on: Friday May 12, 2023 at 7pm at the Renovated St. George Banquet Center
- Individual Tickets = \$200 per person
- Cocktail Attire
- Funds raised to support the recent renovation of St. George Orthodox Church Banquet Center

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	PRESENTING \$50,000 (Only One)	Emerald \$25,000	Diamond \$10,000	Palladium \$7,500	Platinum \$5,000	Gold \$2,500	Silver \$1,500	Bronze \$1,000
Gala Tickets	20	20	10	10	8	6	4	2
Sponsor Name/Logo on all Event Prints & Signage	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sponsor Recognition from Podium during the Gala	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Sponsor Recognition during church's "Coffee Fellowship" on May 14 <sup>th</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Pre-event Private Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 6pm	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Name/Logo on the Permanent Donor Wall	*	*	*	*	*			
Opportunity to address the audience from the podium	*	*						
Host an event, for free, at the newly Renovated Banquet Center	*							
Sponsor Name/Logo on (Step & Repeat) Photo Background	*							

### Please note:

- Your contribution is tax-deductible by the maximum extent allowed by law
- Sponsors are guaranteed to be listed on the event's prints & signage, if received by May 1, 2023
- All Sponsors will have **Premium Reserved Seating** per Sponsorship Level
- Name/Logo **Size & Location** on Permanent Donor Wall per Sponsorship Level
- Below an example of the Permanent Donor Wall to be installed in the Banquet Center Lobby
- Scan QR code to purchase tickets or sponsorship directly through official church website





*St. George Orthodox Church*  
**St. George Orthodox Church**  
**Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala**

*Attn: Kelly Dotson*  
*St. George Orthodox Church*  
*5191 West Lennon Rd.*  
*Flint Township 48507*  
*[kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com)*



*Please print name of Individual or Business as it should appear on printed materials:*

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my: *Visa / MasterCard / American Express*

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to St. George Orthodox Church*

***Those companies eligible for logo recognition (see Sponsor Levels & Benefits) please submit your company/business logo to [kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com) to be included in promotional materials. Logos MUST be received no later than May 1, 2023.***

# 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 February 20, 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             | 19. <b>Daniel Isaac</b>        |
| 2. <b>Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud</b> | 20. Sally Joseph               |
| 3. Laila Abud                         | 21. Najwa Joubran              |
| 4. Anwar and Janet Abueita            | 22. Reema Khoury               |
| 5. Atallah and Anaam Abueita          | 23. Dr. Raouf and Judy Mikhail |
| 6. Issa and Jane Abu-Eita             | 24. Alexandra Nassar           |
| 7. <u>Munther and Ban Al-Kahush</u>   | 25. Karam and Aida Nassar      |
| 8. Adeeb and Inam Bathish             | 26. <b>Olga Nassar</b>         |
| 9. Hiam Bathish                       | 27. Victoria Nassar            |
| 10. Douglas Coone                     | 28. George and Jeanette Nassif |
| 11. Issa and Vera Daoud               | 29. Deborah Salim              |
| 12. <u>Tony Daoud</u>                 | 30. Elaine Shaheen             |
| 13. Iman David                        | 31. Richard Shaheen            |
| 14. James David                       | 32. Ric and Martha Shahin      |
| 15. Evelyn Delbridge                  | 33. Bill and Elise Sophiea     |
| 16. <b>Ayman and Wafaa Elias</b>      | 34. Paul and Camela Takach     |
| 17. George and Suad Gantous           | 35. Robert Teunion             |
| 18. Elias and Amirah Hanna            |                                |

## 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 ألقت أكثر منهم جميعا"* ( لوقا 3:21)



# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
<p><b>*St. Mary Magdalene Church</b> 2439 S. Long Lake Road (between Holly and Fenton Roads) Fenton 810-750-1401</p>		<p><b>** St. Nicholas Church</b> 2143 South Center Road (1/2 mile south of Lippincott) Burton 810-744-0070</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Presanctified Liturgy &amp; Lenten Refreshments</b> @ <i>St. George</i> 6pm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Great Compline and Canon of St. Andrew</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Supplication to the Virgin Mary</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Fast</b> <b>Orthodox Sunday</b></p> <p>----- Procession of Icons ----- Ladies Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Great Compline</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Combined <b>Presanctified Liturgy &amp; Lenten Refreshments</b> @ <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i> 6pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Supplication to the Virgin Mary</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</b></p>	
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Fast</b> <b>St. Gregory Palamas</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Great Compline</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Presanctified Liturgy &amp; Lenten Refreshments</b> @ <i>St. George</i> 6pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Supplication to the Virgin Mary</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Combined Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat (see flier)</b></p>	
<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Fast</b> <b>Adoration of the Cross</b></p> <p>----- Procession of the Holy Cross -----</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Great Compline</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Combined <b>Presanctified Liturgy &amp; Lenten Refreshments</b> @ <i>St. Nicholas</i> 6pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Great Vespers and 4<sup>th</sup> Supplication to the Virgin Mary</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation at Assumption 10am</b></p> <p><b>Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</b></p>	
<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Fast</b> <b>St. John of the Ladder</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Great Compline</b> 6pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Potluck</b> @ <i>St. George</i> 6pm</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Supplication to the Virgin Mary</b> 6pm</p>	<p>April 1</p> <p><b>Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</b></p>	

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

Rev. Fr. Michael Bassett, Assistant

### 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



### Parish Ministries

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