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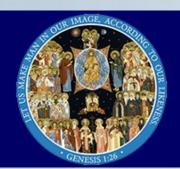
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Diocese of Toledo & the Midwest Parish Life Conference 2023

June 28th - July 2nd Hosted by St Mary Orthodox Church Palos Heights, IL

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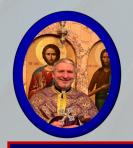
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Click here or scan to register for the PLC!

Join us for a PLC including divine services, our annual Bible Bowl & Oratorical, guest speakers for everyone, fun evening events, daytime activities and more!



Young Adult Speaker: Fr. Mark Hagan



Teen Speaker: Mother Gabriella



Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jeremy Davis



Women's Speakers: Cynthia Damaskos Molly Sabourin

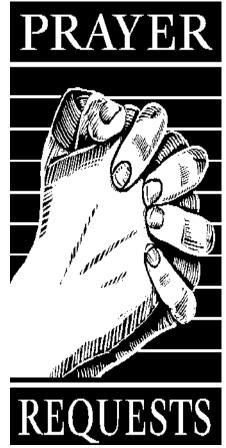


Christian Ed. Speaker: Bob Snyder

Daily Prayer Life

♦ For the servant of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Thelma** Yuelle (+March 26th, friend of Daisy Isaac), **Laura** Nichols (+April 8th, former office secretary), **Hilda** Ibrahim (Abufarha) (+April 12th, grandmother of Rafat and Ihsan), **Beverly** Bardwell (+April 15th, aunt of Dr. Lauren Zerka), **Issa** Awad (+April 19th, father of Amal Abuaita and Walaa Al-Qassis), and **Fr. Angelo** Artemas (+April 20th, friend of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee).

May their memory be eternal!



- Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our father and Metropolitan Saba, our Bishop Anthony, Sahar Abdallah, Reader Fouad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Shafiqa Abuaitah, Laila Abud, Jane Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alsahouri, Naila Banna, Areen Bathish, Vera Daoud, Elias Gantos, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Denise Ghattas, Phyllis Good, Ronald Haddad, Daisy Isaac, Michael Khal, Laura Nassar, Deborah Salim, Elaine Shaheen, Michael Silpoch, Christa Whitehead, all first-responders and those suffering from illness, violence, and want throughout the world, especially in our community, the Middle East, 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, St. George Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.
- ◆ Remember our expectant parents: Rania and Raed AbuAita, Julia and Maroun Alatrash, Aziza and Basheer Hawwash, Dina and Laith Maymoun, and Narmeen and Deeb Shamshoum.
 - ➤ 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:

 Nejma Khair (mother of Esperanza Abuaita), George and Georgette
 Abueita and Kristo (brother, mother, and friend of Anwar Abueita), 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), Kameel Srouji (son-in-law of Hiam Bathish), 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), **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 (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, **Laura** Teunion-Smith, 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).

Congratulations and God bless:

- **Jeffrey**, **Taylor**, and newborn **Noa Hanna** Tipton (March 23rd).
- Gary, Katrina, and newborn Joseph Anton Gagne (March 27th).
- ❖ Mejhdy (son of Jiries and Sharon), Jessica, and newborn Levi Abu-Aitah (April 21st).



Mariane Rishmawi and George Chammas who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR MAY There is no fasting from Pascha until the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven on the 40th day of Pascha on May 25th. On the remaining Friday and Wednesday, the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products) is observed.

PASCHAL GREETING / RESPONSE USED FOR THE 40 DAYS OF PASCHA

Until Ascension on May 25th

Arabic: Al-Maseeh Qam! *Haggan Qam!* **Greek**: Christos Aneste! *Alethos Aneste!*

English: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! | Ukrainian: Христос Воскрес! Воїстину Воскрес! **Slavonic**: Christos Voskrese! *Voistinu Voskrese!* **Romanian:** Christos a Inviaht! *Adevarat a Inviaht!*

GRADUATES/PARENTS



Please email Fr. Joe (njja@aol.com) by May 14th to let him know who our graduates are! They will be listed in the next issue of **The** VOICE. Information needed: name of the High School or College/University and their degree, along with a picture to be posted.



LET GOD ARISE! LET HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED! LET THOSE WHO HATE HIM FLEE FROM BEFORE HIS FACE! AS SMOKE VANISHES, SO LET THEM VANISH; AS WAX MELTS BEFORE THE FIRE! SO THE SINNERS WILL PERISH BEFORE THE FACE OF GOD; BUT LET THE RIGHTEOUS BE GLAD!

Why should God in His Infinite mercy not save the stubborn sinners, evildoers, and atheists? St. Nikolai Velimirovic answers: Because they do not want to be saved. They reject God's call, despise Christ's Cross, trample under foot God's law, persecute the church, insult the priests and the faithful; in a word: they take the side of Satan against God and they never repent. St. Paul says, They believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:12)

Midwest Diocesan 2023 Parish Life Conference

Bishop Anthony and our host parish St. Mary-Palos Heights, Illinois invite you to our Annual **Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference** June 28th-July 2nd. Hotel, Conference Registration, and all forms are available at their website: http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html. Bishop Anthony and Fr. Joe encourage all of our parishioners to attend! God willing we will have parishioners in the **Bible Bowl** (Thursday night, June 29th) and **Senior Presentation** (Saturday night, July 1st) ~ come and cheer them on! Please take note of deadlines and make your reservations as soon as possible! We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will participate.

➤ <u>HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PRESENTATION</u> will be held at the **Grand Banquet** on Saturday, July 1st. This annual event is when seniors from all the churches in our Diocese are presented by their parents to His Grace Bishop Anthony. <u>Forms are in the Lounge with a deadline of June 4th.</u>

2023 ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESAN CONVENTION Hosted by St. George-Phoenix, AZ July 23rd -30th. Go to https://ac2023az.org to book hotel rooms, register for the convention, purchase event tickets, etc. Book now, rooms are going fast!

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS! Our Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha celebration was a wonderful experience for all who attended. We are all busy, but put the following dates on your calendar NOW so we don't let other things (sports events, meetings, family gatherings, vacations, etc.) get in the way of the Lenten services and the celebration of the **Feast of Feasts!** Next year (2024), the Great Fast begins on March 18th, Lazarus Saturday is on April 27th, Palm Sunday is April 28th, the Great and Holy Week begins the evening of April 28th, and Pascha is on May 5th. [For your information, our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions will be celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord on March 31st.]

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS

Though you might not be able to come to church on a regular basis, <u>our steward-ship</u>, <u>offerings</u>, <u>and donations are still very badly needed</u>. 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 June

Descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost

- 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.
- If you would like to host our Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita 810-577-0028.
- If you would like to offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation or Offering*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of 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 after one's falling asleep along with the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6th month anniversary. If you would like to make the Holy Bread, please see or contact Aida Nassar 810-433-1515.

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 <u>240 families</u> 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: <u>according to how God has</u> <u>blessed you!</u>



<u>Your</u> 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 April 20, 2023

We thank the following families for turning in their <u>2023 Offering</u> 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 <u>Underlined</u> (did not fill out a form last year) Increase in Offering is **BOLD**

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST!!!

- 1. Najeb and Eman Abuaita
- 2. Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud
- 3. Laila Abud
- 4. Anwar and Janet Abueita
- 5. Atallah and Anaam Abueita
- 6. Issa and Jane Abu-Eita
- 7. Munther and Ban Al-Kahush
- 8. Fr. Mike and Kh. Pam Bassett
- 9. Adeeb and Inam Bathish
- 10. Amer and Dr. Melissa Bathish
- 11. Areen Bathish
- 12. Devin Bathish
- 13. Hiam Bathish
- 14. Douglas Coone
- 15. Issa and Vera Daoud
- 16. Tony Daoud
- 17. Iman David
- 18. James David
- 19. Evelyn Delbridge
- 20. Ayman and Wafaa Elias
- 21. Ramzi and Soheir Farah
- 22. Elias Gantos
- 23. George and Suad Gantous
- 24. Carol Haddad
- 25. Elias and Amirah Hanna

- 26. JoAnn Hawkins
- 27. Daisy Isaac
- 28. Daniel Isaac
- 29. Branden Jones
- 30. Josh and Andrea Jones
- 31. Sally Joseph
- 32. Najwa Joubran
- 33. Reema Khoury
- 34. Dr. Raouf and Judy Mikhail
- 35. Alexandra Nassar
- 36. Karam and Aida Nassar
- 37. Olga Nassar
- 38. Victoria Nassar
- 39. George and Jeanette Nassif
- 40. Deborah Salim
- 41. Logan Salomon
- 42. Raji and Sue Salomon
- 43. Elaine Shaheen
- 44. Richard Shaheen
- 45. Ric and Martha Shahin
- 46. Bill and Elise Sophiea
- 47. Paul and Camela Takach
- 35. Robert Teunion
- 36. Jeffrey and Taylor Tipton

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.easytithe.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:
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"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 التبر عات 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

يمكن تقديم التبرعات بعدة طرق مختلفة.

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

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

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

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 ~

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Sun	Mon	Тие	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm	Ladies Auxiliary 6pm	Arabic Bible Study 12pm-2pm	4	5	6 Diocesan Women Zoom Meeting 11am Great Vespers and First Confessions 5pm
7 4 th Sunday of Pascha Raising of the Paralytic	Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	9	Arabic Bible Study 12pm-2pm	11	Renovation GALA 6pm	Burbar Baptism 5pm No Great Vespers
14 5 th Sunday of Pascha Samaritan Woman	Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm	16	Arabic Bible Study 12pm-2pm	Parish Council 6:15pm	19	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
21 6 th Sunday of Pascha Healing of the Blind Man Church School Recognition Day	Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	Men's Fellowship 6pm	24	Ascension of our Lord on the 40 th Day Combined, Pan- Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene 10am	26	Brushaber Baptism 11am Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
7 th Sunday of Pascha Holy Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council Odeh/Abuaita Wedding at St. George-Troy, MI	Office Closed	30	Arabic Bible Study 12pm-2pm			
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Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1 to May 31, 2023

Birthdays

May

- Abeer S. Abuaita Lauren E. Silpoch
- **2** Reema Y. Abousamra Tarek Jarayseh
- 3 Rula Alkazaha Taym R. Al-Qassis George Rishmawi Niveen Rishmawi
- 4 Adrian EvansKelly L. Sanderson
- 5 Bianca V. Baverle Marla Jarayseh
- 6 George A. Gantous
- 7 Chelsy E. Abufarha Munther Al-Kahush
- 8 Abla Abufarha George Ishaq Michael "Mike" J. Silpoch
- 9 George I. Abuaita Hanna E. Abu-Aita Aziza E. Hawwash Jowelle G. Odeh
- 10 Eli R. Helal Julianna I. Helal
- 11 Vera I. Daoud
- 12 Walaa Al-Qassis Issa Y. Daoud Troy S. Farah Catherine H. Khair Nancy L. Silpoch
- 13 Mirna R. Abuaita
- 14 Lina Abu-Aita Sami R. Al-Sahuri Jennifer J. Farah
- 15 Mary J. GhattasRobert "Bob" Sophiea
- Julianos F. Awad James "Jimmy" David Ambur K. Haddad Abigail C. Joseph

- Alfred Nassar
- 17 Hatem Alyateem Fadi Ghantous Amira Haddad
- 18 Nasri M. Abdallah George Abueita Michael G. Alqazaha Phoebe C. Farah Steven W. Hayek
- 19 Emil H. Joseph II Sophia M. Rishmawi
- 20 Alyssa D. Khoury Elias Skafi
- 21 Marina T. Elia
- 22 Raed AbuAita Samantha Alyatim Elizabeth L. Joseph
- 25 Joelle G. Bayouk
- **26** Lily M. Rishmawi Elaine M. Shaheen
- 27 Jeffrey "Jeff" P. Farah Hanadi Kokaly Nataly G. Odeh
- 28 Kholoud Hayek Khaled Isaac Laura Nassar
- 29 Wiam Khair Mary Kokaly
- 30 Hiam Andoni Rakan Y. Bayouk Kristina K. Cooper Lukas E. Cooper
- 31 Waleed Y. El-Chaer Adonis G. Farah Amal G. Hayek

Namedays

May

- 1 Jeremy Wade Harrison
- 8 John Elias

John Ameen Farah Zane (John) Troy Farah John Edward Joseph Adam John Odeh Jonathan Nimer Rishmawi John Theodore Yankopulos

- 9 Christopher Scott Jehnsen Christopher Fotis Yankopulos
- 21 Alayna (Helen) Ayman Abuaita
 Elaine Fakhoury
 Ronald "Ron" Haddad
 Qusta Hayek
 Ella (Helen) Khalil Isaac
 Elena Elizabeth Rodriguez
 Elaina Elise Tijerina

Wedding Anniversaries

May

- 6 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas David
- 7 Mr. and Mrs. Jiries Abu-Aitah
- 10 Mr. and Mrs. Raed Al-Sahuri
- 11 Mr. and Mrs. Rami Al-Qassis
- 15 Mr. and Mrs. Khalil Abousamra Mr. and Mrs. John Farah
- 16 Mr. and Mrs. Danial Burbar Mr. and Mrs. Farid Nassar
- 18 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Joubran
- **20** Mr. and Mrs. Fady Jaraysa Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCann
- 21 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Reed
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. David Salim
- 26 Dr. Ryan and Dr. Lindsey Brunner
- 28 Mr. and Mrs. Rakan Bayouk Mr. and Mrs. John Elias Dr. and Mrs. David Gantos

God Grant You All Many Years!

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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 5:00 PM

* 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

PARISH COUNCIL • Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Chairman 810-875-3127 or salimh91@gmail.com Parishioners may attend meetings and speak during "Parishioner Comments" with any concerns or questions.

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