

St. George Orthodox Church

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May 24, 2020

Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!* المسيح قام! حقا قام!

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

Tone 5

8th Matins Gospel {*John 20:11-18*}

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

Matins p.44
8:50am

Divine Liturgy p.91
10:00am

Memorial Service
Trisagion p.183

Live Streaming of Divine Services

ALL services are served only with clergy, an altar server, and a few chanters. They are not open to the public. Please view our livestream at:

YouTube ~ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpLWfxMIJK4uQOV41ekE6Wg> or

Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/St-George-Flint-254638524560302/>

If you have a smart TV, you actually have a web browser and YouTube app built in. All you have to do is start the browser app for YouTube and put the link in the address bar.

In the **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** {*the Golden-Mouth*},
The **Special Hymns** we sing are on the Bilingual sheets from Fr. Joe's Email.

Holy Bread Offerings

- Ayman and Wafaa Elias for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Ibrahim** Hanna (40 day, uncle of Wafaa), **Joselyn, Elias, Ibrahim, Elias, Salim, Badia, and Ghais**.
- Tawfiq Abuaita and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of wife, mother, and grandmother **Androlla** (1 year).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Helga** Lamb (+April 30th, mother of Rick, owner of Swartz Funeral Home), **Yacoub** Zureikat (+May 10th, father of Sahar Abdallah and Dr. George), **Farida** Andoni (+May 16th, sister-in-law of Basil Andoni), **Gaylord** Mannor (May 19th, father of Cindy Zureikat), **Maryellen** Jensen (+May 20th, friend of Jeanette Nassif), and **Archpriest Elias** Bitar (+May 21st, relative of Jeanette Nassif and Kh. Leslee Abud).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Anwar** Abueita, **Eman** Abufarha, **Wadia** Albaba, Dr. **Usama** Albedd (Sally Abuaita's brother), **Naila** Banna, **Emil** J. Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Awatef** Deligorges, **Micheline** El-Chaer, **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Sandy Thomas), **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Daisy** Isaac, **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Mary** Khal (sister of Aida Nassar), **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Habib** Skafi, **William** Sophiea Jr, **Lois** Teunion; **Martin**, **Jennifer** [daughter of Najwa Joubran], and newborn **Ava** Khoshaba (May 10th).

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Renea** (Rakan) Bayouk, **Andrea** Jones [daughter of Nasri and Carol Haddad], and **Katie** (Philip) Quackenboss [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen].

Communion Hymn *(for the Lord's Day)*

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! *(Refrain)*

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! *(Refrain)*

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! *(Refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge and includes bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. For more information, contact Manal Abuaita (810-577-0028).

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, AND DONATIONS This is a very difficult time for us and everyone around the world as we deal with COVID-19. Though parishioners are not able to attend church, PLEASE help our parish by continuing to send your offerings to St. George. This can simply be done by going to our website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) or by mailing your offerings to St. George 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507.

PARKING LOT PLEDGES Our goal is \$80,000 (we have raised over \$40,000 so far including half of the Valentine Gala profits) and we are so thankful for those who have donated and pledged. If you have not already, please pick up a form, fill it out, and send it to the church. Remember our donations to the Parking Lot are separate (above and beyond) our weekly offerings. Again, thank you to our donors!

Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud
Dn. Mike and Pam Bassett
St. George Preschool
Khader and Lucy Abuaita
Anwar and Janet Abueita
Laila Abud

Anonymous
Ladies Auxiliary
Tony Daoud
Ayman and Wafaa Elias
John and Theresa Farah
Betty Froberg

Dr. David and May Gantos
Bill and Sue Shaheen
Richard Shaheen
Bob and Lois Teunion

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN AND THE SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER ON THE 40TH DAY AFTER PASCHA!

We will be celebrating this feast with our combined Pan-Orthodox Divine Services at St. Mary Magdalene being live-streamed as follows:

Great Vespers for Ascension on Wednesday, May 27th at 5pm

<https://youtu.be/a7QhZoqK41A>

Divine Liturgy for Ascension on Thursday, May 28th at 10am

<https://youtu.be/zdGazAaN7Es>

COMING EVENTS

This Week	There is no fasting until our celebration of the Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40 th day after His Resurrection (May 28 th).
Wednesday	Pan-Orthodox <i>Great Vespers for our Lord's Ascension</i> (see above) 5pm
Thursday	Combined Pan-Orthodox <i>Ascension Divine Liturgy</i> (see above) 10am
Saturday	<i>Great Vespers</i> 5pm

United Together ~ The pandemic cannot separate us from one another

by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

As we struggle during this pandemic, it is good to remember that we are all united as one. We find our place of silence, sequestered in our homes and apartments, but in our aloneness, we encounter God. Even in our separation from one another.

Even in our isolation from one another, as we suffer separation from the communal services in our churches, kept apart due to the Covid-19 pandemic stay at home lockdown, we are together. Even as we are unable to physically participate in the Divine Liturgy, we are united together in the Heavenly Banquet.

Each celebration of the Eucharist unites us with each other and the whole of the Church. Together we who are members of the Church Militant, are united with the Church Triumphant in heaven. Nothing can separate us from Christ, and from each other. In our suffering and loneliness, we are one with the martyrs who have gone on before us, and with the saints whose heavenly intercession we so depend.

Even as we are barred from our parish's celebration of the Divine Liturgy, forbidden, as we are, to congregate in our temples, we are together, united together in the Mystical Supper. Like the spokes of a wheel, gathered around the center, we are one with each other, through the unity of the Church, and made one flesh in Jesus Christ.

So, take heart my dear ones. We Christians have endured pandemics before, and like our forbearers, we will survive this one. Remembering that nothing is allowed by God that is without salvific benefits, we will find ourselves, once again, standing next to our friends, relatives, and fellow believers, celebrating the Divine Liturgy, perhaps even experiencing it as never before. The City of God is on a high hill, standing brightly before us, and we have reason to rejoice.

