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Holiday Bake Sale

Sunday, November 19th



Our Auxiliary will be selling a variety of items including Arabic sweets! If you would like to donate sweets for our ladies to sell or if you have any questions, please contact chairwoman Sally Abuaita at sally_iaf@sbcglobal.net.

As always, thank you for your Support!

St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

Remembered in the church on the 1st Saturday of November (November 4th) with Divine Liturgy at 10am

The holy bishop was probably born on or about November 8, 1860. Fleeing Damascus due to religious persecutions, Michael and Mariam Hawaweeny went to Beirut where the saint was born and baptized with the name Rafla. They returned to Damascus in 1861, and sent their son to elementary school. Although the boy was a good student, his father could not afford for him to continue his studies. Providentially, Deacon Athanasios Atallah (later Metropolitan of Homs) arranged for Rafla's acceptance as a student of the Patriarchate of Antioch in order to prepare for the holy priesthood.

In 1879, Rafla was tonsured a monk by Patriarch Hierotheos and became his personal attendant. Later, he was sent to the Theological School at Halki, where he was ordained to the diaconate in 1885. Upon graduation, Deacon Raphael returned to his homeland and accompanied the Patriarch of Antioch on his pastoral visitations to various parishes.

The saint's thirst for knowledge was so great that he asked the Patriarch to permit him to continue his theological education in Russia, promising to return as the Patriarch's Russian-language secretary. Deacon Raphael was accepted at the Theological Academy at Kiev, and in 1889 he was appointed as head of the Antiochian representation Church (metochion) in Moscow. At the request of the Patriarch of Antioch, he was ordained to the holy priesthood, then raised to the rank of archimandrite.

The Antiochian Patriarchate had been under the rule of foreign bishops since 1766. This was an intolerable situation for Father Raphael, who wrote many articles urging that the administration of the Church of Antioch be returned to its native clergy and people. His outspoken criticisms led Patriarch Spyridon to suspend Father Raphael from priestly functions. Eventually, St. Raphael was persuaded to ask the Patriarch's forgiveness. The Patriarch reinstated him, but transferred him to the canonical jurisdiction of the Church of Russia. While teaching at Kazan's Theological Academy, Archimandrite Raphael was invited to come to New York to become the pastor of that city's Arab Orthodox community.

St. Raphael arrived in New York on November 2, 1895. One of the first things he did was to establish the church of St. Nicholas in New York. The parish later moved to Brooklyn. In addition to his pastoral duties there, he was given responsibility for all the scattered children of Antioch in North America. He spent the rest of his life traveling across the continent seeking out Orthodox Arabs and gathering them into a harmonious spiritual family in the Church. He comforted his people in sorrow and shared their joys. He baptized their children, blessed their marriages, and buried their dead. He was a beloved spiritual father who organized many parishes and provided priests to serve them. At the time of St. Raphael's death, the Arab mission had 30 parishes and 25,000 faithful.

As many people know, St. Raphael was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America (1904). He was also a tireless laborer who strove to build up the Church (1 Corinthians 14:12), and his great love and sacrifice for his flock mark him as a true pastor. The books and articles he has left behind give us an indication of his personality. He was a man of prayer who was consumed with zeal for the house of the Lord (Psalm 68:9). He protected his flock from false teachings and from straying into other pastures. He bore illness and affliction with patience, ever glorifying the Name of the Lord.

On February 27, 1915, he rested from his labors and fell asleep in the Lord. We honor him as our father, teacher, and heavenly intercessor.

By his holy prayers, may we be accounted worthy of the heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

[one of the 12 Great Feasts in the Church's Year]

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

November 21st (celebrated this year on Monday, November 20th at Assumption Church in Grand Blanc)

According to Holy Tradition of the Church, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Sts Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the

historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. *"If anyone were to ask me,"* said St Jerome, *"How the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."*

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

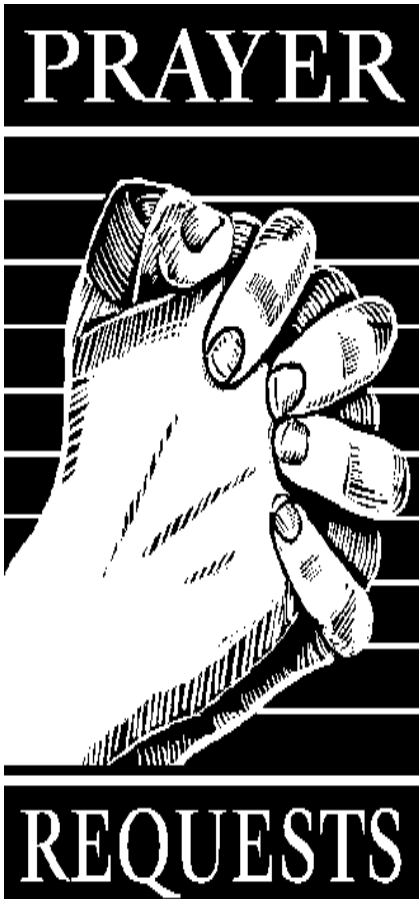
St Gregory of Nyssa, in the fourth century, also mentions this Feast. In the eighth century, Sts Germanos and Tarasios, Patriarchs of Constantinople, delivered sermons on this special and blessed Feast of the Entrance.

The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God's blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.

Daily Prayer Life

- ◆ For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Jean Parks** (+September 28th, mother of Judy (Dr. Raouf) Mikhail) and **Yvonne Holwey** (+October 7th, friend of Fr. Joe and mother of Chris Holwey).

May their memory be eternal!



- ◆ Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: our **Bishop Anthony**, **Sahar Abdallah**, **Reader Fouad** and **Soad Abuaita**, **Philip** and **Janett Abuaita**, **Rasha Abuaita**, **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Laila Abud**, **Georgette Abueita**, **Iliyana Abueita**, **Jane Abueita**, **Youssif Abousamra**, **Mariam Al-Khour**, **Ola Alqazaha**, **William Alsahouri**, **Naila Banna**, **Vera Daoud**, **Said Farah**, **Elias Gantos**, **Subdeacon George** and **Suad Gantous**, **Phyllis Good**, **Ronald Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Karen Mortensen**, **Laura Nassar**, **Jeanette Nassif**, **Adam Odeh**, **Rahmeh Rashmawi**, **Elaine Shaheen**, and **Michael Silpoch**; **Jason Dine** who is under instruction/catechism to become Orthodox; *all first-responders and those suffering from illness, violence, and want throughout the world and in our community, the Middle East especially the victims in the Holy Land, 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: **Julia** and **Maroun Alatrash**, **Ambur** (daughter of Joseph Haddad) and **Matt Allison**, **Gabriella** (daughter of Joseph and Mary Jo Ghattas) and **David Ayyash**, **Renea** and **Rakan Bayouk**, Drs. **Lindsey** and **Ryan Brunner**, **Casandra** and **Danial Burbar**, **Dania** and **Subdeacon Salim Hanna**, **Andrea** (Haddad) and **Josh Jones**, **Christine** (daughter of Ayman and Wafaa Elias) and Dr. **Matthew Krinock**, **Kari** (daughter of John and Theresa Farah), and **Panagiotis Mikroudis**, **Vera** and **Luay Sababa**, & **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and 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:

George Abueita and **Kristo** (brother and friend of Anwar Abueita), **Danial Alghanim** (father of Dania Hanna), **Sanaa Alqassis** (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Shafiq** 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 Coon**, **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), **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** (niece of Jeanette Nassif), **Kinan Turjman** (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Shirley Zerka** (mother of Victoria), **Dn. Hallvard**, **Cynthia Brooks**, **Cindy Campbell**, **Joseph Collins**, **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), **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**, and **Norman Thomas** (father/friends of Steve and Kelly Sanderson), and **Richard Ramsdell** (father of Jodie [Paul] Bathish).

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR NOVEMBER The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesdays and Fridays until November 15th. On Wednesday, November 15th, we begin the traditional forty-day **Nativity Fast** (also called *the Christmas or Advent Fast*) in preparation for the **Nativity of Christ** on December 25th. The Fast is divided into two periods. The first period is until December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products*) is observed on all days except Tuesdays and Thursdays when *wine and oil* are allowed and Saturdays and Sundays when *fish, wine, and oil* are allowed. There is no fasting on November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day.

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الصالة استتجار عند مسؤولية إخلاء:

من اي خارج او داخل مناسبة أي في تواجدهم أثناء ومسؤول بالغ شخص برفقة الأطفال جميع يكون أن يجب إصابة أو خاصة اغراض فقدان عن مسؤولية الكنيسة تكون لن. الأرثوذكسية جورج القديس كنيسة ممتلكات الاطفال مراقبة عن المسؤولين هؤلاء قبل من تقصير عن ناتجة اشخاص

NEW BANQUET CENTER RENTAL RATES Our renovated Center is beautiful and the rentals are pouring in ~ thank God in all things! For your information, our regular Friday and Saturday full day rates are as follows: Non-Parishioners \$3,500. Parishioners (who regularly offer to St. George) \$2,000. If people belong to St. George but do not offer annually, they are considered, only for renting our Center, as non-parishioners. NOTHING is to be hung from the walls and ceilings. If available, there is an additional cost to decorate the day before. The rules for renting are the same for everyone.

2023 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Members in good standing both spiritually (*attending church*) and in their financial stewardship (*offerings to the church*) are considered Voting Members and may speak and vote on any non-canonical matter presented at the meeting. Report Packets with Minutes and the Proposed 2024 Budget will be mailed at the end of October. Please review the Report Packet that will be sent and plan on attending.

- **GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER** is defined in our Constitution as: *all persons, regardless of sex, eighteen (18) years of age and over, who have been baptized and accepted as members of the Holy Orthodox Church according to its teachings, who accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Church and who subscribe to the temporal maintenance of the Parish, through payment of such dues, pledges and assessments* (includes tithes).
- **General Assembly Proxies** are given to those who cannot attend the meeting because of medical treatment or illness, those confined to their homes, or those with written verification of a prior travel commitment. A VOTING member who cannot attend the meeting may have another VOTING member vote on their behalf. PLEASE NOTE: To better our procedures for Proxies, they will be available in the church office beginning on Sunday, October 15th and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, November 5th. Only one (1) is given and cannot be replaced. Proxies received after November 5th will be considered invalid.

Thank you and God bless...

... all of those who donated to our **2023 Banquet Center Renovation**. The *Giving Tree* of donors has been installed in the foyer. Thank you, again, to our BCR Committee who did an outstanding job ~ **it couldn't have happened without all of you!**

ST. GEORGE LADIES AUXILIARY Our next gathering is Sunday *after Church School*, November 5th ~ PLAN ON IT! ALL women of St. George are welcome!

ST. GEORGE ALTAR SOCIETY Our next gathering is Tuesday, November 14th at 6pm ~ PLAN ON IT! We will be changing the Candles and Clothes to **Christmas Fast RED** ~ ALL women of St. George are welcome!

ST. GEORGE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Our next gathering is Tuesday, November 21st at 6pm ~ PLAN ON IT! ALL men of St. George are welcome!

ARE YOU REGISTERED? If you are at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days, you are eligible to vote. In order to Vote in the November Elections, you must be registered and can do so at any Secretary of State office or at mvic.sos.state.mi.us. Since Proposal 3 passed in 2018, there is no deadline to register: *Michigan allows same-day registration*. Further, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan can request an absentee voter ballot without providing a reason. Register or get absentee ballot information at mvic.sos.state.mi.us.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 5th. Before going to bed on Saturday, November 4th, please remember to set your clocks **BACK** ("fall back") one hour.



GREAT FEAST! This month, we celebrate one of the twelve Great Feasts in the church's year ~ the **Entrance of the Virgin Mary into the Temple**. On Monday, November 20th, we will have a combined Pan-Orthodox celebration at *Assumption Church (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439)* with an **Evening Vesperal Divine Liturgy** at 6pm. All are invited to attend, no RSVP required!

HELP TO BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS! For Christmas, our parish is again participating in the **North End Soup Kitchen Angel Tree**. Many children are looking for "angels" to brighten their Christmas. Gift range is between \$20 and \$30. Attach the provided gift tag which has the child's name, the code number to the gift, and place in gift bags. Please return the gifts by December 3rd. The Angel Tree with tags can be picked up during Coffee Fellowship. If you have any questions, please speak with our coordinators May (810-869-4012), Gabby, or Lauren Gantos. Money donations are also being accepted to purchase gifts. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

The **CHRISTMAS (Nativity) FAST** begins on November 15th. Preparation for celebrating the Birth (*Nativity*) and Baptism (*Theophany*) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continues until after the Christmas Divine Liturgy on Sunday evening, December 24th at 6pm. Around the world, Orthodox Christians are preparing for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. This is a very special time of year! We are preparing ourselves even though the rest of the world will be celebrating, eating, and drinking, before the Feast of Christmas. Our time for celebrating takes place with the Twelve Days of Christmas December 25th-January 5th. Everyone is encouraged to **KEEP THE FAITH and THE FAST**, stand firm, and look to your reward in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church teaches us to *fast* from certain foods as a *spiritual discipline or exercise*. If you can't do it every day, do it as often as possible and enjoy a blessed Holy Season!

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!





ST. GEORGE CHOIR

Every good and perfect gift cometh down from Thee, the Father of Lights (James 1:17)

Have you been blessed with the ability to sing for our Lord? Are you using your voice to be a part of the body of Christ, or are you mostly sitting downstairs? Why not raise your voice and be a dedicated choir member! Our choir is being rejuvenated and we need committed people to join us upstairs every Sunday. Would you step up to the plate and commit so St. George can *sing praises unto the Lord*? Please pray

and think about this, whether you are a past or a potential choir member. We need you! We are in need of all parts (sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses). Thank you to our faithful and dedicated choir members and looking forward to welcoming new members! God bless you, Elias Abueita, Director

Serve the Lord with Gladness: come before His presence with singing! (Psalms 100:2)

QUESTION?

If your *faith* won't get you to church on Sunday,
can it get you into heaven?

Coming Events in December

16th Parish Christmas Program for ALL of our St. George Family

25th Nativity (Birth in the flesh) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

- 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 simply 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 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.

BAKING OF HOLY BREAD! Aida Nassar 810-433-1515 is our coordinator. 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, 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 ~ which becomes the Body of Christ in Holy Communion ~ every Divine Liturgy!*

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

November 1 to November 30, 2023

Birthdays

November

- 1** Ayman Khair
- 2** Batoul Burbar
Wafaa Elias
Nida' Ishaq
Zain Jaraysa
Feryal Joubran
Nicola "Nick" Khoury
- 3** Maher Alatrash
- 4** Annabella S. Abdallah
Carole Kardouss
Elena E. Rodriguez
- 5** George AbuAita
Laith G. Maymoun
- 6** Jillian S. Isaac
- 7** Zayna D. Andoni
Nimer Iseid
Victoria "Vicky" I. Shamma
- 8** Jouri M. Abdallah
Salwa Abousamra
Jiries A. Abu-Aitah
Michael T. Bassett
Nisreen G. Rodriguez
- 9** Daisy A. Isaac
- 10** Suha E. Nath
Jeffrey "JP" P. Tipton
- 11** Alayna A. Abuaita
Ereni Abuaita
Anirudh Nath
Samantha M. Russell
- 12** Yvette M. Ghantous
- 13** Brian M. Silpoch
- 14** Daniel Daoud
George Fanous
- 15** Issa "Chris" Y. Abu-Eita
Timothy "Tim" S. Beers
Adrian "Anan" Khouri
Christina Mikhail
Danielle Mikhail
- 17** Adeeb R. Bathish

Marissa L. McCann
Nashwa E. Meshraky

- 18** Maria J. Ahmed
Majdi Alkazaha
- 19** Marcellus "Marcello" S. Abufarha
Melissa A. Bathish
Jolie G. Farah
Natalie Kokaly
Yasmeen G. Mitri
Mousa Rishmawi
- 20** Blanka AbuAita
Daniel Dubon
Mariah E. Tijerina
- 21** Issa A. Burbar
Farida Dubon
JoAnn M. Hawkins
Souheil Nassar
- 22** Souria Farah
Amira-Amy N. Helal
Letizia Jones
- 23** Adriana R. Abuaita
Khaled P. Abuaita
Issa T. David
- 24** Sharbel E. Abueita
- 25** Marcos L. Abuaita
Ramy Abueita
Tatiana I. Hanna
Xenia E. Hanna
Adam B. Hawwash
Ziyad Ibrahim
- 27** Husam Khair
- 28** Michael "Mike" Abdallah
Sharon L. Abu-Aitah
Wren Johnson
- 29** Lindsey C. Bathish
- 30** Fares Abdallah
Lina A. Elia
Mario Ibrahim
Issa G. Odeh

Namedays

November

- 6** Leonardo Jaraysa
- 8** Michael "Mike" Abdallah
Angel Suheil Abuaita
Ayla (Gabriella) Laith Abuaita
Michael Khaled Abueita
Michael Anthony Yacoub Abueita
Michael G. M. Alqazaha
Michael T Bassett
Micheline El-Chaer
Michelle Hanan Farah
Michelle Farah
Said Michael Farah
Shane Michael Gantos
Leland "Lee" Michael Harris
Michael Hayek
Mario Ibrahim
Michael Joseph McCann
Kiroious Michael Meshraky
Michael Mortensen
Eddie Nassar
Angela Eyad Rishmawi
Micheline Russell
Reese Michael Salim
Brian Michael Silpoch
Michael "Mike" Joseph Silpoch
Robert Michael Teunion
- 11** Victor Hafez Habbas
Hadil Victor Habbass
- 14** Khaled Philip Abuaita
Philip Abuaita
Tamer Philip Abuaita
Evan Philip Isaac
- 15** Habeeb Ghattas
- 16** Matthew Khaled Abueita
Levi (Matthew) Wesley Cooper
Matthew Wael Hayek
Souheil Nassar
Brendan Matthew Silpoch
Matthew "Matt" Marvin Thomas

God Grant You All Many Years!

- 21 Angela Marie Nassar
22 Elizabeth (Cecilia) Kay
Abousamra
25 Laura Catherine Farah
Yasmine "Katie" Kathleen Farah
Katrina L Gagne
Katherine Devahn Joseph
Katrín Munir Mitri
Kelly (Katherine) Lynn Sanderson
30 Andrew Majdi Alkazaha
Andres Qumsieh
David Andrew Salim
Nicholas Andrew Shahin

Wedding Anniversaries

November

- 6 Mr. and Mrs. Nabeel Fakhoury
8 Mr. and Mrs. Ziyad Ibrahim
12 Mr. and Mrs. Salim Farah
16 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Abuaita
19 Mr. and Mrs. Nadim Abu Aita
22 Mr. and Mrs. Maher Abufarha
25 Mr. and Mrs. Laith Maymoun
26 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bator
27 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Isaac

ATTENTION!

If parishioners such as you, a family member, or friend's name does not appear in
THE VOICE under *Birthdays, Anniversaries, or Namedays*, it is because we do not have your information on our church computer.

Please e-mail our Office Manager, Kelly, at kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com and your name will be added.

God Grant You All Many Years!

November

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>
	<p>*Assumption 2245 Baldwin Road (between Holly & Fenton Roads) Grand Blanc 810-771-4611</p>		<p>1 Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian Arabic/English Bible Study 12:30-2pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Dedication of the church of the Great Martyr George in Lydda</p>	<p>4 Divine Liturgy for Raphael of Brooklyn 10am Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</p>
<p>5 Martyrs Galaktion and Epistima of Homs 8th-12th Grades w/ FJ Ladies Auxiliary <i>after Church School</i></p>	<p>6 Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Archangel Michael, Gabriel, and all the bodiless powers of Heaven</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</p>
<p>12 John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria 2023 Parish General Assembly</p>	<p>13 John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm</p>	<p>14 Apostle Philip Altar Society Dinner Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>15 Christmas Fast Begins Arabic/English Bible Study 12:30-2pm Advent Service 6pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Orthodox Women Talk by Fr. Joe (see flier) Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm</p>
<p>19 Prophet Obadiah</p>	<p>20 Evening Divine Liturgy at *Assumption 6pm</p>	<p>21 Great Feast: Entrance of the Virgin Mary into the Temple Men's Fellowship 6pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Give Thanks to our Lord in all things!</p>	<p>24 Clement, Bishop of Rome</p>	<p>25 Great Vespers and Confessions 4pm Milo Abulaitah Baptism 5pm</p>
<p>26 Venerable Alypius the Stylite Kosrow Baptism 1pm</p>	<p>27 Bible Study 1:30-3:30pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Arabic/English Bible Study 12:30-2pm Advent Service 6pm</p>	<p>30 Apostle Andrew the First Called</p>		

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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**



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