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MIDDLE EASTERN TAKE-OUT LUNCHEON

**Thursday, October 21st, 2021
11am-2pm**

Meal includes:

Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew (*Yahnee*), Rice, Hummus,
Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a Bottled Water

Vegetarian Plate available

Cost is \$12 per meal

Free Delivery with eight (8) or more lunches!

**To place your order, more information, & free deliveries call:
St. George at 810-732-0720**

DEADLINE for orders is October 17th!!!

Separately sold by the dozen ONLY at \$18 each:

Item	Number of Dozens	Price (\$18 per dozen)
Kibbee		
Meat Pies		
Spinach Pies		
Date Cookies (<i>Kaak</i>)		
TOTAL		

Name _____

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 1 to October 31, 2021

Birthdays

October

- 1** Julia A. Bathish
- 2** Luai Abuaita
Andrea Haddad
- 3** Issa Abuaita
Maysaa Al-Khoury
Habeeb Ghattas
Nour S. Ishak
- 5** Tamer P. Abuaita
Muhammad Bannoura
- 6** Ramzi R. Qumseya
- 7** Panayotis "Pano" Deligorges
- 8** Esperanza Abuaita
Neveen Farah
Salam Nassar
- 9** Julius D. Andoni
Amanda Haddad
Alexander J. Sahoury
- 10** Joseph "Joe" T. David
- 11** Majd T. Abuaita
Caroline F. Rishmawi
- 12** Lana G. Elia
Waseem Fakhoury
- 13** George M. Abuaita
Majdal A. Al-Atrash
Ella K. Isaac
- 14** Peter E. Dubon
Elias Mitri
- 15** Kim L. McKeon
- 16** Hiam Ishaq
Rasha Ishaq
- 17** Naila Banna
- 19** Jude F. Awad
Bassem Farah
- 20** Janet Alsahoury
Elias Rishmawi
Taghreed Rishmawi
- 21** Angel S. Abuaita
Qusai Bannoura
- 22** Ryan D. Brack

- Danielle R. Isaac
- Greyson Y. Iseid
- Susan "Sue" K. Salomon
- 23** Gizelle F. Awad
Jeffrey R. Sophiea
- 25** Ghassan "Jason" K. Al-Khoury
- 27** Jessica M. Meshraky
- 28** George Nassar
Christina F. Rishmawi
Alexandria E. Tijerina
- 29** Killian N. Newsome
Nicholas "Nick" Saseen
Kyle Takach
Daniel E. Tijerina
- 30** Fadi Bannoura
Laila Dubon
Hadil V. Habbass
Maher Qazaha
- 31** Michael A. Abueita
Iman T. David

October

- 2** Mr. and Mrs. Issa Daoud
- 4** Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takach
- 8** Mr. and Mrs. Khaled Al-Khoury
- 17** Mr. and Mrs. Raji Salomon
- 19** Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alqazaha
- 27** Mr. and Mrs. Habeeb Ghattas

Namedays

October

- 1** Romanos AbuAita
- 3** Denise Ghattas
- 6** Issa Thomas David
Thomas "Tom" Fyaz David
- 18** Lukas Edward Cooper
Luka Danial Mitri
- 19** Jowelle Giries Odeh
- 23** Emil James Bathish
James "Jimmy" David
James "Jim" Otto Russell

Wedding Anniversaries

God Grant You All Many Years!

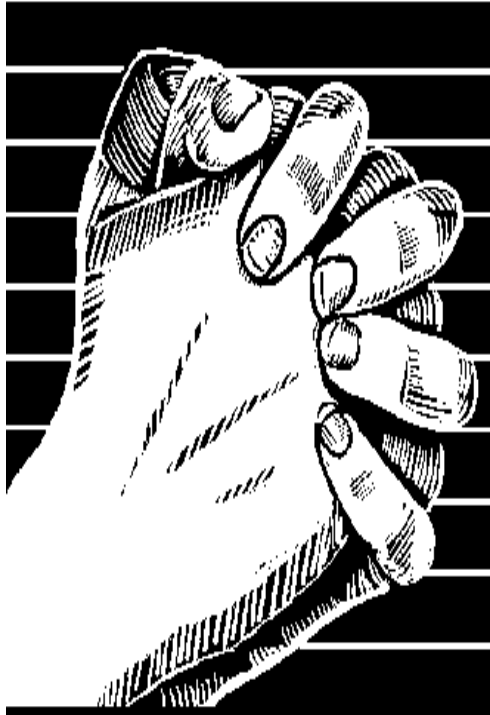
Daily Prayer Life

- ◆ For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Thuraya** Elias (+August 23rd, mother of Ayman), **Violate** Musleh (+Sept. 2nd, mother of Eman Banoura), **Boulos** Mashni (+ September 15th, brother of Ray), and **Salwa** Abu-Aitah (September 26th).

May their memory be eternal!

- ◆ Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David,

PRAYER



Vera Farah, **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Juliette** Qumsey, **Roger** Saadeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** and **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, and **Michael** Silpoch; *all first-responders and medical personal, those who worked and those who continue to work on a COVID-19 cure, those suffering in our community and the Middle East, 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, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*

- ◆ Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khoury, **Haneen** and **Benan** Burbar, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Elise** and **Jarrett** Lane [daughter of Habeeb & Denise Ghattas and Jill Smith], and **Kari** and **Panagiotis** Mikroudis [daughter of John and Theresa Farah].

➤ *Please update Fr. Joe if the following should remain on our prayer list!*

- ◆ Remember the friends of St. George parishioners: **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Gerry** Alcorn, **Angelo** and **Chrisodolus** Bastounis, **Heather** Campbell, Chaplain **Mark** and **Marcia** Green, **David** Jordan, **Becky** Meredith, **Zoe** Moore, **Bryan** Stewart, and **Monica** Wotring (family/friends of Fr. Mike and Pam Bassett), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Ranna** Esho (friend of Batoul Burbar), **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Nihad** Bannura (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Shafeka** Qurpan and **George** Ishak (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Joann** (Haddad) Merrelli (former parishioner), **Philip** Jones (brother of Dannie Jones), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Mary**

REQUESTS

Khal and **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relatives of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Scott** Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph) **Alan** Laberge and **McKenzie** McClure (friends of Elaine Shaheen), **Saliba** Musleh (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam** Odeh (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob Teunion), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe), **Dominique** Vasquez (friend of Areen Bathish), **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Gracyn** Haskins (granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Lan** Kiley (niece of Raji and Sue Salomon), and **Shirley** Zerka (mother of Victoria).

Congratulations and God bless:

The newly elected officers of *St. George Teen SOYO*:

Lana Abu-Aita, President
Nataly Odeh, Vice-President
Andrew Alkazaha, Treasurer and Secretary

❖ **Hadil Habbas** and **Sami Kashou** who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

❖ **Leah Nicole Brunner** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of her First Communion on August 16th. Godparents: **Jeffrey Farah** and **Laura McCann**. Parents: **Dr. Ryan** and **Dr. Lindsey**.

❖ **Daniel Noah Dubon** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion on September 11th. Godparents: **Danial Mitri** and **Sandra Mitri**. Parents: **Peter** and **Farida**.



❖ **Abdulla**, **Amira**, and newborn **Selena** Farah (September 8th).

❖ **Tamer** [son of Khader and Lucy], **Mirna**, and newborn **Mila** Abuaita (September 15th).

❖ **Andrew**, **Rachel** [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita], and newborn **Dalia Nahil** Sackllah (September 22nd).

❖ **Maroun** and **Julia** (Qazaha) **Alattrash** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on August 22nd.

❖ Subdeacon **Salim** and **Dania** (Alghanim) Hanna who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on September 19th.



Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR OCTOBER The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesdays and Fridays.

YOUTH MONTH All of the members of our Teen SOYO are encouraged to participate in the Sacraments of Repentance and Communion during this month. Confessions are heard as usual on Saturdays after Great Vespers, Sunday mornings between 8:30-9:30am, or by appointment during the week. **New meeting day, SOYO Mondays 6-8pm!** Come and have fun!!!

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS Though everyone is not attending church due to the pandemic or other reasons, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed.** PLEASE help our/your parish by continuing to bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507. You can also go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate online.

2021 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual **General Assembly** is scheduled for Sunday, November 14th, 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. 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.*
- **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 are available in the church office beginning on Sunday, October 24th and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, November 7th. Proxies received after November 7th will be considered invalid. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our **Credentials Committee** (Anwar Abueita, Fadi Rishmawi, or Fr. Joe).

Parish Council Vacancies

- If you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate qualified (see below) parishioners for the 3 expiring terms on the Parish Council, please submit names to a member of the **Nominating Committee** (Emil Abueita, Habeeb Ghattas, or Fr. Joe). The deadline to be a nominee is October 26th and all nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** on Tuesday, October 26th from 7-8pm. If you will be attending, please let Fr. Joe know. If this day and time does not work for you, speak with Fr. Joe to reschedule another time before the deadline of October 26th.

Parish Council Qualifications (from our Parish Constitution)

- *No member of the Parish Council shall be under the age of 18 years of age (excluding any ex-officio member) and no Voting Member of the Parish shall be eligible to become a member of the Parish Council unless such person has been a voting member of the Parish for a period of one (1) year and has fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Orthodox faith. Further, nominees must worship at St. George at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month; shall be exemplary (model) members of St. George; participate in extracurricular ministries of the parish (such as: Fundraising, Parish Council committees, Educational, etc.); participate in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion on a regular/frequent basis; has signed the yearly Offering Form; and attend a Nominee Seminar.*

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be \$21,385 to meet our 2021 Budget. Our offerings in August were \$18,668 ~ which means we were **short \$2,717!** God bless you for your generosity and let us pray God will always provide! If you haven't already, please fill out your 2021 Offering Form as soon as possible and support the work of God through our parish of St. George.

Sayings of the Saints

So let us ask God for the remission of our sins, which is possible only through the sacrament of confession, and let us cleanse our soul continually from the passions. Let us observe Christ's commandments, entreating Him ceaselessly to grant us genuine repentance, real, and enduring. Repentance that will last until our last breath in this transient (temporary) life. Saint Symeon the New Theologian (born 949 A.D., passed March 12, 1022 A.D.)

ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFESSION Making a private confession in the presence of a priest is essential to the working out of our salvation. There is no forgiveness of sins without participation in this Sacrament or Mystery of the Church. St. James tells us that we should, "*confess your sins to one another.*" It goes without saying that without repentance there can be no absolution. But many people do not utilize this mystery of the Church for an assortment of reasons that really have no validity. "*I don't respect the priest; The priest isn't 'holy enough' to hear my confession; Only Catholics do that, we don't do that;* we try to circumvent answering for our own sinful behaviors. The reality is, like it or not, it **is** necessary to make a private confession. Unlike in the Middle East, Europe, and other parts of the world where there are a limited number of confessors appointed by the bishop, most every priest in the United States has been granted the hearing of confessions at his ordination. This means that the ordaining bishop has given the priest the authority to witness confessions and give absolution on his behalf. If you see yourself in any of the excuses written here, or others, you must do something about that. There are monasteries—several in the state of Michigan alone, 3 other Orthodox priests in the Flint Area, opportunities to make appointments for confession that fit into your busy schedule, and information available on the sacrament if you find you just don't understand why this is necessary. As we enter the New Church Year, Dormition Fast, this is the great time to re-think Holy Confession and to experience the Love of God. Christ calls all of us and invites us to repair our broken relationship with Him! Can we say "no" to His call and love?

Coming Events in November

- 13th **Parish Thanksgiving Dinner**
- 14th **Annual Parish General Assembly**
- 15th **Nativity** (Christmas or Advent) **Fast Begins**

- ☞ If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Fr. 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.

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
October is Youth Month					Romanos the Melodist	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
3 Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite K and 1 st Grades with Fr. Joe	4 Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	5 Ladies Auxiliary 6pm	6 Apostle Thomas, called the "Twin" Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm	7	8	9 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
10 Holy Martyrs Eulampios & Eulampia at Nicomedia 2 nd & 3 rd Grades with Fr. Joe	11 Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	12	13 Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm	14	15	16 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
17 Sunday of Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council 4 th , 5 th , & 6 th Grades with Fr. Joe	18 Luke the Evangelist Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	19 Prophet Joel Altar Society 6pm	20 Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm	21 Middle Eastern Take-Out Lunch 11am-2pm Parish Council 6:15pm	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> Midwest Clergy Retreat & Fall Gathering Loveland, OH </div>	23 Apostle James Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
24 Great-martyr Arethas (al-Haarith) and companions in Arabia	25 Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	26	27 Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm	28	29	30 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
31 Apostles Stachios, Apellos, and Narcissos of the Seventy 7 th & 8 th Grades with Fr. Joe	1	2	3	4	5	6

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

Rev. Fr. Michael Bassett

Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
Great Vespers 5:00 PM
- Sunday
Sacrament of Repentance {Confession*} 8:30 AM—9:30 AM
Matins {Arabic & English} 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Church School: Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, classes are meeting by video conferencing.

* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe during the week.

Major Feast Days (see Calendar)

**2021-22 Theme for
Church School,
Creative Festivals,
and our
Parish Life Conference**



Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL • Fadi Rishmawi, Chairman 810-625-5790 or fadi19@msn.com
Parishioners may attend meetings and speak during "Parishioner Comments".

ALTAR SERVERS • Subdeacon George Gantous, Head Sacristan 810-714-7332 or gantousgeorge@yahoo.com

ALTAR SOCIETY • Theresa Farah, Coordinator 810-412-6041 or theyungwon@aol.com

CHOIR • Elias Abueita, Director 810-620-4897 or eliasabuaita.124@gmail.com

CHURCH SCHOOL • Janet Abueita, Director 810-691-0956 or coocita@aol.com

LADIES AUXILIARY • Manal Abuaita, President 810-659-5351

TEEN SOYO • President Lana Abu-Aita, (lanaabuaita12@yahoo.com or 810-221-6729)

USHERS • Jimmy David 810-835-9737 and Areen Bathish 810-394-2918 Coordinators

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP • Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Parish Coordinator 810-875-3127 or salimh91@gmail.com

Office Manager

Kelly Dotson (kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com); office 810-732-0720
