

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SATURDAY: VESPER SERVICE @ 400 P.M.

SUNDAY: ORTHROS @ 8:50 A.M. - DIVINE LITURGY @ 10:00 A.M.

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Services. If you are a first-time visitor, please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you after liturgy, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship! Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "Liturgy" means work of the people that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion for Orthodox Christians: Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should fast (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and striving to always love God and their neighbor. Frequent communion and regular confession are recommended for all faithful Orthodox Christians.

For other Christians: We welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a

oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to venerate (kiss) the Holy Cross and receive the final blessing from the priest. Again, welcome!

<p style="text-align:center">SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS GREAT-MARTYR NIKITAS THE GOTH AND THOSE WITH HIM</p>
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THE FIRST ANTIPHON

O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions. Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. (Refrain) Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning. Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. (Refrain) God is our King before the ages. He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Refrain)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all peoples. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

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TROPARIAN OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As the deliverer of captives and the protector of the poor, as the physician of the feeble and combatant of kings, holy champion and great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

HOLY OBLATIONS 9/15/2024

Dr. Ron Shaheen and Dr. Kathy Kudray Family / Hiam Bathish

Karam and Aida Nassar / Victoria Nassar / Kari Mikroudis

PRAYER LIST



Dr. Ron Shaheen and Dr. Kathy Kudray Family for the health of their family. Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially sons Fred, Omar, Sarah, and Salam. Hiam Bathish for her health, health of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, especially daughter Reem on her birthday. Victoria Nassar for the health of her family, especially daughter Alexandra on the occasion of her birthday, and daughter Heather. Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: Fr. Jeremy, Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Reader Fouad & Soad Abuaita, Philip & Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami & Shafiq Abuaitah, Laila Abud, George Abueita, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alshouri, Naila Banna, Douglas Coone, Vera Daoud, Said Farah, Joseph Gagne, Elias Gantos, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Phyllis Good, Daisy Isaac, Danny Mortensen, Karen Mortensen, Laura Nassar, Adam Odeh, Elaine Shaheen, Michael and Nancy Silpoch; your servants Maria Kirk, Evan Sandford, and Jaden Turner who are in catechism (under instruction) to become members of our Orthodox Faith; George and Mariane [Rishmawi] Chammas and Steve and Laila [Abdallah] Ishmair who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. We also pray for our Expectant Parents: Liana and Hanna Abuaita, Stephanie and Nadim Burbar, Natania and Rene Hanna, and Dania and Subdeacon Salim Hanna. For the health of the Farah, Gantos, and Mikroudis families especially



for Cassandra on the occasion of her baptism and Jacob who was recently baptized.

Departed this life in the hope of the resurrection and life eternal: George and Beatrice and brother Kenneth Shaheen. Emil, Dannie, Adeeb, and Inam Bathish. Jamil Nassar. Servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: John Mays (+August 4th , great- grandfather of Evan Sanford), Adeeb Bathish (+August 6th , brother-in-law of Hiam Bathish), Nimer Rishmawi (+August 12th , father of Moussa), and Danial Alghanim (+August 15th , father of Dania Hanna) George Mansour (+ Sep 7th , uncle of Kari Mikroudis).

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for our students who are celebrating the day of their New Birth: Jude Awad~ September 23th ~ Sharbel Abueita September 24th

May they be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things.

Prayers Answered! -

Basil Andoni recently had a kidney transplant. He would like to thank all those who have kept him in their prayers and continue to.

FR. JOE'S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

Please send a 30 second video to Salim Hanna for Father Joe on his retirement. State a congratulatory wish, or a remembrance of something special you want him to know about. Send the message by September 30th to salimh91@gmail.com. Salim will compile the messages into a collage video to be shown at the Retirement Luncheon on October 6th. Thank You!

ST. GEORGE 19TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

~~September 20th~~-at Flushing Valley Golf Club.

Postponed until May 10th ~ mark your calendars!



Teen SOYO Wants YOU!!!

All teens of St. George are encouraged to participate in our teen group – Teen SOYO (Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations). Our group has dedicated leadership who will not be happy until all teens of St. George are participating! Whoever is reading this please pass it along to a teen in your house or to Godchildren, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sons, & daughters. We are gathering on Wednesday, September 18th 6:30-8:00pm! If you would like to know more, come to our get-togethers, scan the QR code to sign up, or contact President Cezar Abuaita (810-986-1434 or cezrabuaita@icloud.com).



OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS

BELOVED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF ST. GEORGE

EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. (2 CORINTHIANS 9:7)

Our stewardship, offerings, and donations are needed. PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer your gifts! If you cannot come to church, you can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line (or use the QR code to the left) 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!

EASYTITHE OR CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS We use EasyTithe so everyone can make online one-time donations or donations that are automatically done for you! Go to our St. George Website (see above). If you need help, just come to the office or call 810-732-0720 during Office Hours.

AUTOMATIC GIVING Did you know most banks and credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. George for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or done automatically weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.



REMINDER(S):

SUNDAY 9-15-2024

- **WE ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE THE PROCESSION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS.**
- **WELCOMING FATHER AMIN AND HIS FAMILY TO THE FAMILY OF ST. GEORGE CHUCH IN FLINT.**
- **GEORGE & MARIANE (RISHMAWI) CHAMMAS – REMOVAL OF MARRIAGE CROWNS.**
- **ADULT CAMP 2024 (SEPT. 20-23) - ADULT CAMP IS FOR ANYONE AGES 21+ LOCATED AT THE AV.**
- **DO YOUR PRAYERS AT HOME AND READ THE BIBLE.**

SAINT(S):

HOLY MARTYR NIKITAS

On September 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Elevation of the Holy Cross, and we commemorate the contest of the Holy Great-Martyr Nikitas the Goth.

Verses

Burned, Nikitas, thou becomest a victory-bearer, or rather say, a fire-bearing victory bearer.

On the fifteenth Nikitas was cast into the furnace.

Nikitas was a disciple of Theophilus, Bishop of the Goths, who participated in the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325. When the Gothic prince Athenarik began to torture Christians, Nikitas stood before the prince and denounced him for his paganism and inhumanity. Subsequently harshly tortured, Nikitas confessed his faith in Christ even more strongly, and prayed to God with thanksgiving. On his breast under his robe Nikitas bore an icon of the Most-holy Theotokos with the Pre-eternal Christ Child standing and holding the Cross in His hands. The Holy Theotokos had appeared to him and comforted him. Finally, the torturer threw the soldier of Christ into the fire, where the holy martyr breathed his last, but his body remained untouched by the fire. His companion Marianus took his body from the land of the Goths to the town of Mopsuestia in Cilicia. There, he built a church dedicated to Nikitas, and placed the miracle-working relics of the martyr in it. Nikitas suffered and was glorified in the year 372.

Midwest Diocese
FAMILY FALL
Gathering

October 18-20, 2024
Clergy: October 17-19

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS

How to Build a Young Adult Ministry
with Fr. Mark Hagan



How to Build a Men's Ministry
with Fr. Michael Nasser

Offsite Teen SOYO Service Project for
ICCF Community Homes (ICCF.org)



Registration Now Open!

stnicholasgr.com/fall-gathering
\$50 - Adults / \$30 - Kids 12 & under

Great Room Rates through September 25!
1 King Bed Suite: \$109 / 2 Queen Beds Suite: \$119

Be Sure to Come Join Us!

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open for all parishioners and visitors. If you cannot attend, please pray with us through our livestream which can be seen on our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintGeorgeOrthodoxChurchFlintMI>

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.