

St. George Orthodox Church

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October 10, 2021

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Greeters/Ushers for Youth Month: Nadine Khoury and Nataly Odeh

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.

Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Services. 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. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, and being at peace with others. Everyone is invited to receive the final blessing of the priest and Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

Epistle Reader for Youth Month

Nataly Odeh

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

- Fuad and Wadia Albaba for the health of their family and in loving memory of son **Elias** (12 year), and parents **Shaheen, Zani, Elias**, and **Souriya**.
- **Amjad** and **Elham** Ishak for the health of their family especially daughter **Nour** on the occasion of her birthday ~ *May God grant her many years!*

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Violate** Musleh (40 day, mother of Eman Banoura), **Boulos** Mashni (+September 15th, brother of Ray), **Salwa** Abu-Aitah (September 26th), **Samantha** Farah (+September 27th, daughter of Sam and Tracy), and **Ty** Gorbett (+October 1st, friend of Mariann Hayek).
- 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), **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Jennifer** Craft and **Brionna** Gorbett (friends of Mariann Hayek), **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Ranna** Esho (friend of Batoul Burbar), **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Gracyn** Haskins and Dr. **Michelle** Borg (granddaughter /daughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nicola** Khoury, **Lan** Kiley (niece of Raji and Sue Salomon) **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Juliette** Qumseya, **Roger** Saadeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** and **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, and **Michael** Silpoch; **Abdulla**, **Amira**, and newborn **Selena** Farah (Sept. 8th); **Tamer** [son of Khader and Lucy], **Mirna**, and newborn **Mila** Abuaita (Sept. 15th); **Andrew**, **Rachel**, [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita] and newborn **Dalia Nahil** Sackllah (Sept. 22nd); **Benan**, **Haneen**, and newborn **Giovanni** Burbar (Sept. 27th).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khoury, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Elise** and **Jarrett** Lane [daughter of Habeeb & Denise Ghattas and Jill Smith], **Kari** and **Panagiotis** Mikroudis [daughter of John and Theresa Farah], and **Yara** and **Mudaffer** Rishmawi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Amjad and Elham Ishak*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 17th, November 7th, 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. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are served.*

MY CHURCH BAGS These were put together for our *Preschool* Children! PARENTS, please see your child takes care, replaces all of the items, and returns the bag to the rack by the Narthex Table at the end of Divine Liturgy ~ thank you !

ARE YOU VACCINATED? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND NEED ANSWERS? We are blessed to have a number of medical professionals in our parish and all of them want you to get your Covid-19 vaccine as soon as possible. There is lots of wrong information on TV and social media. Don't be fooled; it could cost you, your family, or friends in a tragic way! If you have any questions or need truthful information, please contact Dr. Lindsey (Farah) Brunner: text ONLY, please 810-908-9213 or Infarah2009@hotmail.com. **If you or someone you know needs help making an appointment or need to be driven to one, please call the church 810-732-0720.**

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ...

... **EVERYONE** who supported our *Teen SOYO Bake Sale* last Sunday ~ it was a tremendous success because of you!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS!

Things have been going very well. As stated many times and in Father Joe's emails, before entering the Church School Wing everyone must sanitize their hands and wear a mask brought from home. It has been difficult for some children to keep the mask on. Therefore, I'm encouraging parents to please talk to your children, teaching them to always wear their mask properly while in Church School which our staff is also doing.

The deadline for registering was extended for 3 weeks, but is now closed. For safety reasons, we are trying to minimize the number of students in each classroom. We don't want to refuse any of our children the opportunity to learn about God. Please, call me with any questions.

Save the Date!

Trunk or Treat ~ October 28th at 5pm **Parish Thanksgiving Dinner** ~ November 6th

More information to come, mark your calendars so your children don't miss out!

Thank you, again and always for all you do! May God bless you and your children as we work with you for your children's growth in their life in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Janet Abueita, Director

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCEDURES As of October 1st, the Genesee Health Department recommends everyone wears masks while indoors. Please remember we can venerate icons by bowing (*not kissing or touching at this time*) and the same for the priest's hand and the chalice at Holy Communion. Further, only our clergy and chanters may sing. We all want the safest place for all of our parishioners to worship. We know that combining masks and vaccines will protect ourselves and our community against this fast-changing virus. **PLEASE FOLLOW:**

1. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask inside our church buildings.
2. **PLEASE, if you are not vaccinated** because of medical or other reasons, **you must wear a mask and maintain social distancing.**
3. Pews in the back of the church are for **those who are not vaccinated** and **those who would like to be social distanced.**

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
TODAY	2nd and 3rd Grade Class with Fr. Joe
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm
Wednesday	Baking Kibbee 10am
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

JUST WHOSE FAITH IS IT? ~ *The Evangelical and Apostolic Faith*

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

One of the most powerful reasons for embracing Orthodoxy is to be found in the
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Church's insistence that She holds to the evangelical and apostolic doctrine of the Ancient Church. In an age when everything is up for change, there is a certain security and stability when one institution (the Church) stands firm in her Apostolic Authority, and refuses to allow popular culture or political correctness to influence her rightful role as the hospital for the soul.

"It is not lawful to differ even by a single word from the evangelical and apostolic doctrine, or to think otherwise than as the blessed Apostles and our fathers learned and taught concerning the Holy Scriptures." (Saint Leo the Great)

We know from the very foundations of the Church, set down in the Gospels, and in the Apostolic Canons, that the Church exists not to judge, but to bring healing. Her mission is to make whole those who would enter into her gates, as entering into a hospital. She forces no one, for one who is forced is not open to healing. Yet the Church is also aware that sin is not really a private matter, for all sin affects everyone. She knows that even private sins have an effect on the whole universe. Therefore, the Church continues, as She has from ancient times, to give witness to the commandments of God, the hope found in the Gospel of Christ, and the forgiveness and healing that can lead to wholeness.

The Church may seem to be a backward looking institution, irrelevant for our times, a view that has caused many denominations to alter basic foundational teachings in order to please a non-religious society. This has led numerous denominations to allow the enactment of laws to ordain women as clergy, perform same-sex marriages, and bow down to modern views on abortion that have led to the death of thousands of innocents.

As an Orthodox monk who stands out in appearance, what with my long white beard and black robe, I demonstrate that I am attempting to live a faith that is not of this world. Like all Orthodox clergy, I teach by my presence in a modern and fallen world, that my faith is an ancient one, and that change is not necessary. For the faith of our fathers is just as relevant today, as it was two thousand years ago. What the Church has to offer today, is just as effective in bringing about the healing of the soul, as in ancient times.

The sad state of American Christianity has as its basis, a constant attempt to conform to an ever-changing society, and with each change, there is less and less of an authentic, ancient Christianity to be seen. It could be compared to using an old family cake recipe, dropping one ingredient or changing another with each passing generation. In the end, is it really great, great, grandmother's cake recipe, or is it something else?



Trunk or treat

Sponsored by
St. George Church School

OCTOBER 28TH at 5:00pm

Bring candy to handout to all the children!

Decorate the back of your car!

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME



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5191 Lennon Rd
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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Awareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE 40TH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP IN MAKING THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE. APPROXIMATELY 300 ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN OUR CAMP EACH YEAR. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS TRAVEL FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, TO LIVE IN SERVICE TO OTHERS AND TO FULFILL THE CALL TO DO ALL THINGS

As working for the Lord, not for men. (Col. 3:23)



Next Sunday, October 17, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 40th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2022. Your donations make it possible for every athlete to attend this event free of charge and also help Teen SOYO members travel to serve as Coaches at the camp. As an expression of gratitude for your donation to this effort, teens will be handing out bookmarks with an icon of Christ blessing the children.

Thank you for considering the support of this wonderful ministry that allows our children to be a blessing to others!

Please make checks payable to your local Teen SOYO group with "SOAD 2021" in the memo.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately \$70,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.



**Special
Olympics**

ENSURE THE LEGACY

Banquet and Awards Presentation



September 27, 2021

Dear Friends,

For over 40 years, the Arab American Heritage Council (AAHC) has celebrated Arab culture and empowered Arab Americans in Genesee County. We have provided arts & culture programs, educational workshops, immigration and translation services, and encouraged Arab American civic participation and engagement. Despite the COVID pandemic, we are thrilled to announce that we are hosting our annual Ensure the Legacy Banquet to celebrate our community's achievements, award scholarships to young Arab Americans, and gather in unity with one another.

The 24th Ensure the Legacy Banquet will be:

When: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 5:30pm

Where: Northbank Center Grand Ballroom
432 N. Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48502

Honorees

Community Contributor of the Year:
Flint Nurses

Physician of the Year:
Dr. Jamal Farhan

Arab American of the Year:
St. George Ladies Auxiliary

Tickets: \$100 General Admission
RSVP Date: Monday, October 25, 2021

We hope that you will join us and our community in supporting this event. Please take a moment to consider this special opportunity to show your commitment to the Arab community. We thank you in advance for your consideration and would be honored for you to join us.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Nassar
President

Dr. Abd Alghanem
Committee Chair

Devin Bathish
Executive Director

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Please email your list of attendees to staff@aahcflint.org by October 25, 2021.

Ad submission deadline is October 25, 2021. 300 DP/ resolutions, PSD format, PDF are preferable. Full-Page: 8.5 x 11 in. Half-Page: 8.5 x 5.5 in. Quarter-Page: 4.25 x 5.5 in. Please email artwork to: staff@aahcflint.org by October 25, 2021 to guarantee inclusion in the program. Make all checks payable to the AAHC.