

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.

CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT

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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 signify-

Ing 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!

HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

& FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

HIEROMARTYR JACOB OF HAMATOURA MARTYRS KARPOS, POPYLOS, AGATHODOROS & AGATHONIKA AT PERGAMOS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JACOB OF HAMATOURA IN TONE THREE

Thou didst flourish like Lebanon's cedar, * with no fear thou didst suffer martyrdom, * thou becamest, O saint Jacob, a true victor. * For thou didst conquer death with thy mortal flesh, * when thou didst tame all the passions by humility. * And while burning like incense as a true sacrifice, * thou intercedest with Christ to grant us all the Great Mercy.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick,

O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

مُبَارِكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا .

لَأَنَّكَ عَدَلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا .

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى تَيْطُسِ .

يا ولدي تيطس، صادقة هي الكلمة وإياها أريد أن تُقرَّرَ حتَّى يَهْتَمَّ الذين آمنوا بالله في القيام بالأعمال الحسنة، فهذه هي الأعمال الحسنة والنافعة. أما المباحثات الهذيانية والأنساب والخصومات والمماحكات التاموسية فاجتنبها، فإنها غير نافعة وباطلة. ورجل البدعة بعد الإنذار مرة وأخرى أعرض عنه. عالماً أن من هو كذلك قد اعتسف، وهو في الخطيئة يقضي بنفسه على نفسه. ومتى أرسلت إليك أرتيماس أو تيخيوس، فبادر أن تأتيني إلى نيكوبولس لأنني قد عزمت أن أشتي هناك. أما زيناس معلم التاموس وأبلوس، فاجتهد أن تُسَيِّعَهُمَا مُتَأَهِّبِينَ لئلا يُعوزَهُمَا شيءٌ. ولتتعلم ذوونا أن يقوموا بالأعمال الصالحة للحاجات الضرورية حتَّى لا يكونوا غير مُثْمِرِينَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ جميعُ الذين معي، سلِّم على الذين يُحِبُّوننا في الإيمان، التَّعَمَّةُ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ. آمين.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ لوقا الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ.

قال الربُّ هذا المثل: خَرَجَ الزَّارِعُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وفيما هُوَ يَزْرَعُ، سَقَطَ بَعْضُ عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ، فَوُطِئَ وَأَكَلَتْهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ. والبَعْضُ سَقَطَ عَلَى الصَّخْرِ، فَلَمَّا نَبَتَ يَبَسَ لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ رُطُوبَةٌ. وَبَعْضُ سَقَطَ بَيْنَ الشُّوكِ، فَنَبَتَ الشُّوكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَقَهُ. وَبَعْضُ سَقَطَ فِي الأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ، فَلَمَّا نَبَتَ أَثْمَرَ مِائَةَ ضِعْفٍ. فَسَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا المَثَلُ. فَقَالَ: لَكُمْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرَارَ مَلَكُوتِ اللهِ، وَأَمَّا البَاقُونَ فَبِأَمْثَالٍ، لِكَيْ لَا يَنْظُرُوا وَهُمْ نَاطِرُونَ، وَلَا يَفْهَمُوا وَهُمْ سَامِعُونَ. وَهَذَا هُوَ المَثَلُ: الزَّرْعُ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ اللهِ. وَالذِّينَ عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ هُمُ الذِّينَ يَسْمَعُونَ، ثُمَّ يَأْتِي إبْلِيسُ وَيَنْزِعُ الكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ لِيَلَّا يُؤْمِنُوا فَيَخْلُصُوا. وَالذِّينَ عَلَى الصَّخْرِ هُمُ الذِّينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الكَلِمَةَ وَيَقْبَلُونَهَا بِفَرَحٍ، وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ أَصْلٌ، وَإِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَى حِينٍ، وَفِي وَقْتِ التَّجْرِبَةِ يَرْتَدُّونَ. وَالذِّي سَقَطَ فِي الشُّوكِ، هُمُ الذِّينَ يَسْمَعُونَ ثُمَّ يَذْهَبُونَ فَيَخْتَنِقُونَ بِهَمُومِ هَذِهِ الحَيَاةِ وَغِنَاها وَمَلْدَاتِها، فَلَا يَأْتُونَ بِثَمَرٍ. وَأَمَّا الذِّي سَقَطَ فِي الأَرْضِ الجَيِّدَةِ، فَهُمُ الذِّينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الكَلِمَةَ فَيَحْفَظُونَهَا فِي قَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ صَالِحٍ، وَيُثْمِرُونَ بِالصَّبْرِ. وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نَادَى: مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ لِلسَّمْعِ فَلْيَسْمَعْ.

Coffee hour is not hosted today. If you'd like to contribute, you can make a donation to cover costs; thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Reader Fouad and Soad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami and Shafiqa Abuaitah, Laila Abud, George Abueita, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alsahouri, Basil Andoni, Naila Banna, Stephanie, Nadim and newly born Alayna Burbar, 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, George Nassif, 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. We also pray for our Expectant Parents: Liana and Hanna Abuaita, Natania and Rene Hanna, and Dania and Subdeacon Salim Hanna. Betty Ramsdale, Kevin Myott, Kristy Corcoran.

Servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: John Mays George Mansour (+ Sep 7th , uncle of Kari Mikroudís), *Issa Jiries Ibrahim (+ Sep 23rd , brother of Ghada Abdallah)*. Nijme Khair (+Sep 26th Mother of Esperanza Abuaita) Elaine Moore (+ Oct 3rd Ric Shahin's mother in law), Robert Clark (+ Oct 6th Kelly Dotson's stepfather).

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for our students who are celebrating the day of their New Birth: Zeina Abuaita~ October 23rd ~ Ryan Mitri October 28th

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

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday October 16th , 2024.

We are celebrating Arabic Divine Liturgy at 6:00 pm.

Church School News

Sunday, October 20, 2024, Father Amin will have his first children's sermon, be on time. Saturday, Nov 2, 2024, on your calendars. Starting this Sunday October 13, we will open registration for the children that would like to attend and participate, this is for grades 1st - 12th graders. Each child is asked to donate \$5 to help us cover the cost of all the food that needs to be purchased to prepare the meal. Children may give their donation to their teachers starting this Sunday. The children are asked to be dropped off at 1:30 PM. to prepare their part of the meal and do many activities. Parents are to return at 4:00 PM. sharp, to sit with their child at Vespers. After Vespers we will all enjoy the meal that your children helped prepare. We also need 7 cooked turkeys, please talk to Amal Abuaita, Evette Rishmawi or stop by the church school office with any questions, any donations are welcome. As in the past years, we will be sending food to the "Angels Hands" in Owosso, teaching our children how important it is to "feed the hungry". Thank you Church school director- Mrs. Janet

26th Annual Midwest Basketball Tournament

In Canton Ohio, November 8-10, 2024

Division I: Ages 12-15 / Division II: Ages 15-18 / Division III: Ages 19+

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 Thursday, October 18th. 5:00pm—6:30 pm. If you would like to know more, come to our get-togethers, scan the QR code to signup, or contact President Cezar Abuaita (810-986-1434 or cezaruabuaita@icloud.com).



There is a Ladies Auxiliary Meeting today right after church

REMINDER(S):

HOME BLESSING PLEASE CONTACT FR. AMIN AT OFFICE: (810) 732-0720 OR

CELL: (248) 709 1186

SAY YOUR PRAYERS AT HOME AND READ THE BIBLE.

The Voice News Letter

**You will be receiving the news letter of our parish four times a year, starting
the beginning of January 2, 2025.**

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.



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!

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\$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.