

# St. George Orthodox Church

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October 24, 2021

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH THROUGH THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Christ is in our Midst!**

*He is and ever shall be!*

Youth Month Greeters/Ushers: **Lana Abu-Aita 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.

## Youth Month Epistle Reader

**Nadine Khoury**

## Holy Bread Offerings (Oblations)

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Boulos** Mashni (40 day, brother of Ray), **Salwa** Abu-Aitah (September 26<sup>th</sup>), **Samantha** Farah (+September 27<sup>th</sup>, daughter of Sam and Tracy), **Ty** Gorbutt (+October 1<sup>st</sup>, friend of Mariann Hayek), and **Najeh** Elias (+October 18<sup>th</sup>, brother of Ayman).

- 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), **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsaouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Jennifer** Craft and **Brionna** Gorbutt (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, **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; **Tamer** [son of Khader and Lucy], **Mirna**, and newborn **Mila** Abuaita (September 15<sup>th</sup>); **Andrew**, **Rachel**, [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita] and newborn **Dalia Nahil** Sackllah (September 22<sup>nd</sup>); **Benan**, **Haneen**, and newborn **Giovanni** Burbar (September 27<sup>th</sup>).
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khouri, **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 *The Beit Sahour USA Organization*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: November 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 15<sup>th</sup> - December 24<sup>th</sup>), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are served.*

**YOUTH MONTH** All of the members of our Teen SOYO are encouraged to participate in the Sacraments of Repentance and Communion during this month. If you do not do so on a regular basis, confessions are heard as usual on Saturdays after Great Vespers, Sunday mornings between 8:30-9:30am, or by appointment during the week. **PARENTS**, encourage your teens!

**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](mailto: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 *Ladies Auxiliary Middle Eastern TAKE-OUT Lunch and Bake Sale* ... to the ladies who outdid themselves (again!) with their hours of fruitful labor which produced a delicious lunch, our delivery drivers, and those who donated. It was an outstanding success!

# CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS!

Things are going well, but attendance fluctuates from week to week. We are taking all the proper precautions, wearing masks, sanitizing our hands and keeping our Church School Wing clean.

We have a few events coming up. On **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday at 5pm, we will be having a **Trunk or Treat** (see *flier*) in the parking lot. Anyone interested in decorating their car or giving out candy, please contact me at 810-691-0956. All cars that are participating, must arrive no later than 4:30pm. Please drive to the back of the parking lot so cars can be lined up. If you will be bringing your children, please park in the front and arrive at 5pm. Make sure you all wear your costumes!!! We will be having a prize for the most original and funniest costumes.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> event is our annual **Church School Parish Thanksgiving Dinner** on Saturday, **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. High School children need to be at the church at 2pm. Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Graders need to be dropped off at the church by 3pm to prepare their part of the meal, set tables, and do activities. This year we are not collecting \$5 per child as in the past, but if you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the food, it is very much appreciated. We also need 5 turkeys (cooked and sliced) brought to the Banquet Center before 5pm that day. Contact me for more details. Students (parents!) need to RSVP by October 31<sup>st</sup> to their teacher for planning purposes. We will start asking the children this Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Besides meals for all of our parishioners, we will cook more to give to the Soup Kitchen in Owosso as our service project. We want to teach our children how important it is to help feed the needy. Masks must be worn for this indoor event in the Banquet Center by everyone.

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*

## 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.
Monday	<b>Bible Study: Gospel of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist</b> 3-5pm <b>SOYO Monday</b> 6-8pm
Tuesday	Combined <b>Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy</b> for the <b>Great Martyr Demetrios at Assumption</b> (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439) 10am
Wednesday	<b>Arabic-English Bible Study Gospel of St. Matthew</b> 12-2pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

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## **HOLY SCRIPTURE AND HOLY TRADITION ~ *The Church's Holy Tradition is our guide to the Holy Scriptures***

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

The Bible can only be understood through the interpretation of the Church? Why?, because the Holy Scriptures came forth from the Church.

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The protestant reformers in the 16<sup>th</sup> century (like Martin Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Melancthon, etc.) dumped the papacy (the Roman Catholic Church) only to replace that institution with themselves as the ultimate authority. Since reason and logic ruled, there was no room for the

intuitive, thinking nature of the heart. Thus the interpretation of the Bible became a debatable subject between believers; ending in new denominations multiplying like rabbits.

The New Testament Bible is the written account of the first Christians experience with God and was a living, oral tradition inspired by the Holy Spirit, and put down in written form. To think that it is therefore open to personal interpretation, apart from the Church from which it sprang, is the cause of over thirty-five thousand different denominations today (Orthodox, Catholics, and everyone else)!

## Scripture vs. Tradition?

- ◆ **Not really separate or next to each other:**
  - Scripture on one side?
  - Tradition on the other?
- ◆ **Rather, Scripture is a part of Tradition:**
  - “Tradition” existed *before* the Bible was written
  - “Tradition” continued *after* the Bible was written
  - The Bible is an important “Core” of Tradition
  - Scripture & Tradition interact with each other

The Orthodox Church has kept the early teachings and liturgical traditions precisely because she has refused to interpret Scripture apart from that which was always taught. Her Divine services connect us to the early Church precisely because they are the same liturgical services used by the early Church.

Orthodoxy is increasingly becoming known in America, and more and more people are being drawn to her. But we don't convert people to Orthodoxy by words and debate, but by the example of our lives. Judging others cannot be a part of our witness to the truth of Orthodoxy. Giving witness to the transformational power of the Church is what convicts others of the truth of our faith.

We must pray for our friends and loved ones who do not yet know Orthodoxy, yet we should also give thanks for those who know Jesus Christ. It is a joy to have God as our Father and a needed and extra benefit to have the Church as our Mother. But in case we forget, it is of no value whatsoever to be Orthodox if we do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

SO THEN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
STAND FIRM AND HOLD FAST  
TO THE TEACHINGS WE PASSED ON TO YOU,  
WHETHER BY WORD OF MOUTH OR BY LETTER.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:15

# Trunk or treat

Sponsored by  
St. George Church School

OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> at 5:00pm

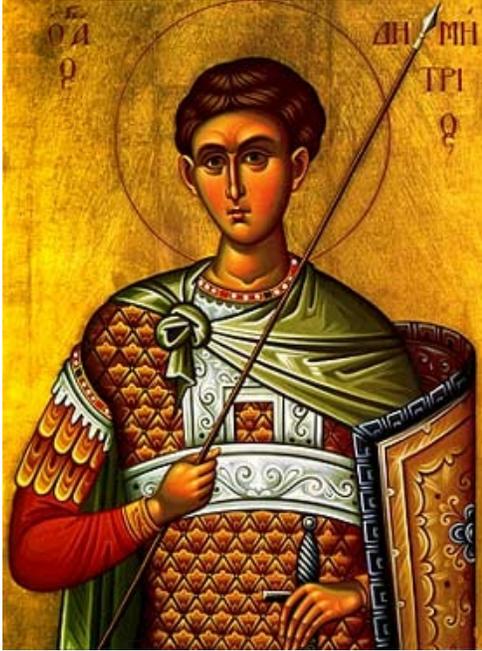
Bring candy to handout to all the children!

Decorate the back of your car!

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME



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**PARISH FEAST DAY**  
**THE 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**OF ST. DEMETRIOS**  
**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

JOIN US AND HIS EMINENCE  
METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS OF DETROIT  
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF  
SAINT DEMETRIOS THE MYRRH-STREAMER!

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**SCHEDULE**

Sunday - October 24th

**Orthros: 8:50 am**

**Hierarchical Liturgy: 10:00 am**

With His Eminence  
Metropolitan Nicholas  
*Feastday Glendi*  
*after the Liturgy*

Monday - October 25th

**Festal Vespers: 6:00 pm**

With His Eminence  
Metropolitan Nicholas  
and the clergy of the Metropolis  
*Philoptochos Reception*  
*to follow*

Tuesday - October 26th

**Orthros: 9:00 am**

**Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am**

*Philoptochos Reception*  
*to follow*

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THIS GREAT SAINT**  
**AND THE FEAST DAY OF OUR CHURCH!**