

# St. George Orthodox Church

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V. Rev. Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Protodeacon Michael Bassett

October 4, 2020

## HIEROMARTYR HIROTHEOS, FIRST BISHOP OF ATHENS

### Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open with a limited number of parishioners each week. Only those who are scheduled may attend. If you are not on the list and would like to be part of the rotation, please contact Fr. Joe (810-732-0720 or [njja@aol.com](mailto:njja@aol.com)). View our livestream at:

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.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** *{the Golden-Mouth}*,  
The **Special Hymns** we sing are on the Bilingual sheets from Fr. Joe's Email.

### Holy Bread Offerings

- Roger and Claire Saadeh and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Karen** Howder (40 day, mother of Claire).
- Fuad and Wadia Albaba for the health of their family and in loving memory of son **Elias** (11 year), and parents **Shaheen, Zani, Elias, and Souriya**.
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita and family for the health of their family especially son **Ayham** on the occasion of his birthday ~ May God grant him many years!
- Protodeacon Michael and Pam Bassett for the health of their family and the health and well-being of **Arianna** Moore 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: **Jalal** Zatouneh (+August 25<sup>th</sup>, nephew of Karam Nassar), **Diana** Zuraiqat (+September 8<sup>th</sup>, cousin of Dr. George Zureikat and Sahar Abdallah), **Eloisa** Rishmawi (September 15<sup>th</sup>, mother of Emil Rishmawi), **Hanna** (Shawki) Khoury (+September 21<sup>st</sup>), and **Saliba** Totah (+September 24<sup>th</sup>, brother-in-law of Basil Andoni).
- 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), **Sami** and **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Anwar** Abueita, **Wadia** Albaba, **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Kendall** Ayoub (brother of Cam Takach), **Naila** Banna, **Emil** J. Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Evelyn** Delbridge, **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Sandy Thomas), **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Nassem** Helal (father of Amani Helal), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr, and **Lois** Teunion; **Philip**, **Katie** [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen], and newborn **Sophia** Quackenboss (September 26<sup>th</sup>).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Juliana** (Essa) AbuAita and Dr. **Lindsey** (Dr. Ryan) [Farah] Brunner.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!

Last Sunday, our Director Janet Abueita introduced our staff, our program, and we had our 1<sup>st</sup> Zoom video gathering between our teachers and their students. It was great! We want ALL of our St. George children in our education program. To make this happen, we need email addresses for all children and their parents! Please send them to Janet ([cooeita@aol.com](mailto:cooeita@aol.com)) as soon as possible so they can enjoy and learn about our life in Christ. Every month, our registered students will receive a packet of fun things in the mail. Then on the last Sunday of each month our teachers will have a CS Zoom Sunday at 12 Noon! Be a part of the FUN and send your email addresses to Janet TODAY!

**OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS** Though everyone cannot attend church due to limited capacity or other reasons, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed**. PLEASE help our/your parish by continuing to bring or send your offerings to St. George. You can simply go to our parish website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) and donate on-line or you can bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507.

**PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCEDURES** Because of serious health concerns, **we all must wear masks at all times**. 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**. When you come to church, the front is roped off so the singing of the clergy and chanters can keep everyone safe (*singing, like sneezing and coughing, can propel air droplets 20 feet!*) ~ if you want to sing, please do it **very softly and with your mask on**.

## **PARKING LOT PLEDGES: WE NEED YOU!**

Our goal is \$80,000 (we have raised almost \$43,000) and we are so thankful for those who have donated and pledged. If you have not already, please pick up a form, fill it out, and send it to the church. Remember our donations to the Parking Lot are separate (above and beyond) our weekly offerings. Again, thank you to our donors!

Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud  
Rose Ayoub  
Dn. Mike & Pam Bassett  
St. George Preschool  
Jamal and Manal Abuaita  
Khader and Lucy Abuaita  
Anwar and Janet Abueita  
Laila Abud

Anonymous  
Ladies Auxiliary  
Tony Daoud  
Ayman and Wafaa Elias  
John and Theresa Farah  
Betty Froberg  
Dr. David & May Gantos  
Ronald Haddad

Elias and Amirah Hanna  
George & Jeanette Nassif  
Fadi & Evette Rishmawi  
Bill and Sue Shaheen  
Richard Shaheen  
Bob and Lois Teunion

## COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline ( <i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i> ) is also observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday	<b>Bible Study:</b> <i>Gospel of John the Evangelist and Theologian</i> 6-8pm
Tuesday	<b>Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b> 5:30pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Bible Study:</b> <i>Gospel of John the Theologian</i> 12-2pm
	<b>Relationship Project</b> 7:30pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers</b> 5pm



## **The Holiness of the Church ~ *the holiness of the divinely founded Church of Christ***

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

During each and every celebration of the Divine Liturgy, we, as the people of God, recite the Nicene Creed. This ancient declaration is the very core of our common faith, and connects us to the teachings of the Ancient Church. In this creed we declare that we believe in “The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church”. The word “holy” is something we often fail to see as having anything to do with us, personally. The Church is holy, but we are not, we tell ourselves. Yet the first Christians called themselves “the holy”, precisely because they knew the Holy Spirit was in their midst, sanctifying the Church. They knew they were not simply members of a religious body, but that they WERE the Church.

Because the Holy Spirit sanctifies the Church, they, as members of the Body of Christ, were sanctified, even if they often fell short of the Glory of God. But how could the Church be holy when she so often experiences moments of darkness, and when even her priests and bishops fall short the standards set forth in the Gospels? How can we call the Church holy, when we are all such sinners?

The Church is holy because her founder is holy, and because Christ has never abandoned His Church. The Church is holy because she is guided by the Holy Spirit. She is holy because she is always being purified and transformed anew, by the Holy Spirit. The Church is not holy because of anything we have done, but because God has made her holy.



If the holiness of the Church was dependent upon her people, most of us would have to be banned from membership. Yet, this very holiness is based upon the fact that the Church does not turn away any sinners, but welcomes us with open arms. Because of the great mercy of God, and His tender love for us, we enter the very threshold of the Church with the expectation we will receive healing and forgiveness.

It is within the boundaries of the Church that even the weakest of sinners can become holy, for holiness is the destiny of every Christian. Every Christian is called to holiness because our weakness is overcome by the strength of God's mercy. It is not about living extraordinary lives, but about being transformed by an extraordinary God.

## The Holy Spirit Living in You

Romans 8:5-17

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. <sup>8</sup>That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)



September 28, 2020

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Dear Fr. Joe and Parishioners,

Christ is in our midst!

In 2020, Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) has been at the forefront of virtual ministry accommodating the needs of college students, largely due to the resiliency of our students and leaders. This ministry is making a difference in the lives of thousands of college students both on-campus and virtually, and the enclosed infographic provides a glimpse of the impact we are having.

**Partner with OCF to support college students.** From October 1 to November 19, donations to OCF specifically from parishes, organizations, and businesses will be matched if we reach our goal of raising \$25,000.00. Your gift up to \$500 will be *doubled* thanks to a generous grant from The Renaissance Fund.

Would your parish and/or any affiliate organizations consider offering a donation during this fifty-day period to support OCF and college students?

**College students need us now.** They want to live faithfully. They want to be engaged in their faith. They want their faith to engage them. OCF remains committed to building community, strengthening faith, and bringing Christ's love to college students. We are only able to do this with your support and prayers. **We need you now.** This past summer, over 200 new individual donors responded to a call to support students. Join our growing network of donors to ensure that OCF not only exists, but thrives.

Contributions can be made by visiting [www.ocf.net/matchmydonation](http://www.ocf.net/matchmydonation) or by check, payable to Orthodox Christian Fellowship, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445. Thank you for your commitment to Orthodox college students and our ministry.

In His Service,



Dn. Marek Simon  
Executive Director



Orthodox Christian Fellowship encourages parishes, families, and individuals to support college students throughout the year. Below are some ways to both celebrate and serve Orthodox students in your community!

# Sunday, October 4 is College Student Sunday!

## Pray for them!

Remember them in your daily prayer, particularly those college students you know.



## Make space for them!

Include them during coffee hour, special parish events, and worship services. Give them access to all the wonderful things the parish has to offer!



## Help get them to Church!

Offer college students a ride to church, or Uber gift cards make great gifts to ensure safe transportation!



## Mentor them!

Help to build up your college students to serve your parish by including them on special project committees or inviting them to learn more about your parish's leadership model.



## Show them you care!

It's amazing how far a note of encouragement or small care package during stressful school times can help a college student's morale. Invite a student or students to share a meal with a parish family as a wonderful act of kindness.



## Connect them to OCF!

Visit our website and follow @ocfministry on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on all of our exciting opportunities!



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In 2020, OCF is leading the way in virtual ministry.

Since March, four new programs were launched engaging over

**1,100** STUDENT ATTENDEES

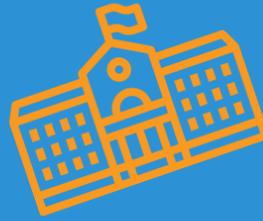


Weekly Discussions & Chapel	653
Racial Reconciliation Series	250
Weekly Small Groups	216
Summer Leadership Institute	54

**47**



STUDENTS IN NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLES



**290**

ON-CAMPUS CHAPTERS

**50**

Student gatherings hosted by National OCF in 2020



New OCF donors since May 2020

**223**

**WANT MORE?**

VISIT [OCF.NET/OCF-EVERYWHERE/](http://OCF.NET/OCF-EVERYWHERE/) FOR FALL 2020 HAPPENINGS!

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**

FROM OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 19, DONATIONS SPECIFICALLY FROM PARISHES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND BUSINESSES WILL BE **MATCHED** IF WE REACH OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$25,000.00.

TO DONATE VISIT [WWW.OCF.NET/MATCHMYDONATION](http://WWW.OCF.NET/MATCHMYDONATION)



## Prayer Service for Law Enforcement

*Please join the Catholic clergy in a prayer service to support and encourage our partners in law enforcement as they protect and serve.*

**Date: Saturday, 10 October 2020**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Location: St. Pius X Catholic Church  
G3139 Hogarth Avenue  
Flint, Michigan 48532**

**Law enforcement of all faiths welcome!!  
Guest Speaker: Trooper Justin Clarke**

*Officers and their families as well as retirees are welcome to attend*

*Officers are welcome to attend in uniform*

*Light refreshments served afterwards outside*

*We ask everyone who is over the age of 10 and medically able to wear a mask while in the church*

**Please RSVP by 1 October to: [StrouseA1@michigan.gov](mailto:StrouseA1@michigan.gov)**