

# St. George Orthodox Church

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NOVEMBER IS **IOCC** (*INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES*) MONTH

**ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, URIEL, SELAPHIEL, JEHUDIEL,  
BARACHIEL, AND JEREMIEL AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN**

## 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

- Basil and Hiam Andoni for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Saliba** Totah (40 day, brother-in-law of Basil).
- George and Jeanette Nassif for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Sylvia** (11 year), **Jack, George, Mineera, Ace, Joe, Mamie, Angie, Jenny, Amelia, Mary,** and **Martha**.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Alyess** Qusta Khoury (+October 16<sup>th</sup>, sister of Catherine Khoury and aunt of Khalid Al-Khouri) and **Lila** Abud (+October 21<sup>st</sup>, aunt of Fr. Joe).
- 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), **Zahra** Abuaita, **Sami** and **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Fr. Joseph** Abud, **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), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Barbara** Gress, **Carol** Haddad, **Ronald** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Nassem** Helal (father of Amani Helal), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr, **Paul** Takach (husband of Cam), and **Lois** Teunion.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Juliana** (Essa) AbuAita, **Nawal** (John) Abud [son of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee], **Katrina** (Gary) Gagne, Dr. **Lindsey** [Farah] (Dr. Ryan) Brunner, and **Jenny** [Abueita] (Tony) Salsa.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELP TO BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS!** For Christmas, our parish is participating in the **North End Soup Kitchen Angel Tree** this year. Thirty children are looking for "angels" to brighten their Christmas. Gift range is between \$30 and \$50. Gift cards are OK for children 15-17 years old. Several items may be requested, but you only need to pick one or more of these items. Attach the provided gift tag that has the child's name, the code number to the gift, and place in gift bags. All gifts must be returned by December 6<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Nicholas! The *Angel Tree* with tags can be picked up after Divine Liturgy in the Lounge or by contacting May Gantos (810-869-4012). If you would like to make a donation so our coordinators can purchase gifts, please send it to the church with the memo *Angel Tree*. If you have any questions, please speak with our coordinators May, Gabby, or Lauren Gantos. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

**MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY TAKE-OUT LUNCH** Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this NEW event for our community, family, and friends THIS Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm. There are only take-out or delivered meals ~ no food will be served in the Banquet Center. Please note: the deadline for orders has passed! Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries. To help or more information, please contact Manal Abuaita (810-577-0028) or Anaam Abueita (810-962-1033). Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 10am – \$\$ Donations are welcomed to offset our costs. This week's cooking schedule is as follows beginning at 12pm each day: Monday *Spinach Pies* and Wednesday *Cooking and Preparation*.

**CHURCH SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!** We want ALL of our St. George children in our education program. To make this happen, we need email addresses for our children and their parents! Please send them to Director Janet Abueita ([cooeita@aol.com](mailto:cooeita@aol.com)) as soon as possible so none of our children are left out and they can enjoy and learn about our life in Christ. 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. As always, THANK YOU for your generosity and love of our St. George!

## 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.

## 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>Cooking Spinach Pies</b> for Take-Out Lunch 12 Noon
Wednesday	<b>Cooking and Preparing</b> for Take-Out Lunch 12 Noon <b>The Relationship Project</b> 8pm
Thursday	<b>Middle Eastern Community Take-Out Lunch</b> 11am-2pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers

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

Our goal is \$80,000 (we have raised over \$46,000) 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  
Subdeacon George and  
Suaad Gantous

Ronald Haddad  
Elias and Amirah Hanna  
Samir & Nashwa Meshraky  
George & Jeanette Nassif  
Fadi & Evette Rishmawi  
Raji and Sue Salomon  
Bill and Sue Shaheen  
Richard Shaheen  
Bob and Lois Teunion

### **Building Confidence ~ *Much of what we think we need is born from our own immaturity***

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


When we find ourselves caught up in what we want, or what we think we need, we become despondent that things are not going the way we'd hoped. Disappointed, we start to wonder why God has failed to give us that which we've so sought after, that thing, or situation, that became the dominant theme of our prayers. Caught up in trying to reach a goal, and failing, we forget that it may not have been God's will for us from the very beginning. Relying on our own notion of what we need, we end up disappointed, or even disillusioned, and we blame God.

Much of what we think we need is born from our own immaturity, for as we've focused on what we think we need, we fail to quietly surrender to the will of God, and fail to trust in the knowledge that God knows what we really need. We fail during such times to trust God and surrender to His will for us. We forget that God knows what we really need, and fail to consider the long term good. When we quit struggling against the will of God, we find the grace sufficient to prayerfully enduring our trials, knowing that God gives us that which is for our salvation. Like a loving earthly father, our God allows us

to endure that which will make us strong and He will lead us to victory over our fallen nature. Prayerfully enduring trials will, in God's time, make us stronger, and we will become more faithful children of the Most High.

This kind of faithful living leads us to know the truth of the words, *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* (Romans 8:28) When we trust God, those moments of disappointment make sense, and the bigger picture is clearly set before us.

*"Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise."* (Hebrews 10:35-36)



*“With all your heart you  
must trust the Lord and not  
your own judgment. Always let  
Him lead you, and He will clear  
the road for you to follow.”*

**—Proverbs 3:5-6**