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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

Mother Abbess Gabriella & The Community of
The Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery on
Thursday, January 23, 2020, at *Assumption Greek Orthodox Church* for our

~ 8th Annual Winter Dinner To Support ~

The Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery

Donation Requested

$35 Adult / $25 Student

The Mothers will be bringing the Monastery Gift Shop to Flint!

Evening Schedule

- ✓ *5:30 - Vespers sung by the Mothers of Dormition Monastery*
- ✓ *6:15 - Social Time & Bookstore Open*
- ✓ *6:45 - Dinner & Speakers*
- ✓ *8:30 - Benediction*

Names	Donation

See Your Parish Rep to make a reservation, volunteer your time or be a sponsor
OR: Contact Assumption Church at (810) 771-4611

☞ ***MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO: Assumption Church*** ☜

- ✓ Assumption Church ..... Lori Photiou
- ✓ St. George Church..... Dn. Michael Bassett
- ✓ St. Mary Magdalene Church ..... Dn. Michael Schlaack
- ✓ St. Nicholas Church..... Lena Bakousidis

~ 100% of your donation goes to Dormition Monastery ~

ALL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH
2245 E Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc Township

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St. George Orthodox Church

Valentine Gala

Friday, February 7, 2020

at the St. George Banquet Center

***Cocktail Hour** - 7pm*
***Dinner catered by Chef Luis Fernandes** (Redwood Steakhouse) - 8pm*
Dancing and Entertainment provided by Bassam Saleh

Reservations - $100 per person *Evening Attire: Cocktail*
Funds raised support the good works of St. George!

(Door Prize) ***$500 Somerset Shopping Spree***
(Raffle Prizes) ***Diamond Pendant** donated by Diamond Galleria ~ Michel & Nadia Hamati*
***Two International Flights to the Holy Land** (excluding June-August) donated by Mousa Rishmawi*

Sponsorships Received as of December 20th:

DIAMOND
Sorenson Gross Construction Company
Diamond Galleria (in kind)
The Farah Family in memory of George Farah

GOLD
Basil and Hiam Andoni
Dannie and Lubna Jones
The Great Put-On (Raji and Susan Salomon)
Salim and Randa Farah in memory of Peter
Phillip Abuaita, Sons, & Families

PLATINUM
Best Western Plus (Majdi and Maher Alqazaha)
Ziyad Ibrahim, Amjad Ishak, and Fadi Rishmawi & Families
Walid and Wael Hayek & Families and Saher Helal & Family

BRONZE
John and Theresa Farah
George and Jeanette Nassif
William and Susan Shaheen
Nassar Families in memory of Souheil, Jamil, and Khader
Express Auto Sales, Tire, & Service (Rodny and Amira Helal)
Khader Abuaita & Family
Honorable Judge Joseph J. Farah

Valentine Gala Sponsorship Levels & Benefits:

Diamond -- $2,500:

10 tickets with Diamond Seating
Company Logo on Step & Repeat Backdrop
Company recognized on Sunday, February 9th during church's Coffee Fellowship
Company recognized from podium at event program
Company Logo on all event's prints & signage*

Platinum -- $1,500:

8 tickets with Platinum Seating
Company recognized on Sunday, February 9th during church's Coffee Fellowship
Company recognized from podium at event program
Company Logo on all event's prints & signage*

Gold -- $1,000:

6 tickets with Gold Seating
Company recognized from podium at event program
Company Logo on all event's prints & signage*

Silver -- $800:

4 tickets with Silver Seating
Company Logo on all event's prints & signage*

Bronze -- $500:

2 tickets with Bronze Seating
Company Name on all event's prints & signage*

Please note: Your contribution is tax-deductible by the maximum extent allowed by law.
*Sponsors guaranteed to be listed on the event's prints & signage if received by January 22nd.

Sponsorship Form

Please print name of Individual or Business, as it should appear on printed materials:

_____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____ Total amount enclosed $ _____

Please charge my: Visa / MasterCard / American Express Account #: _____ Expires: ___/___

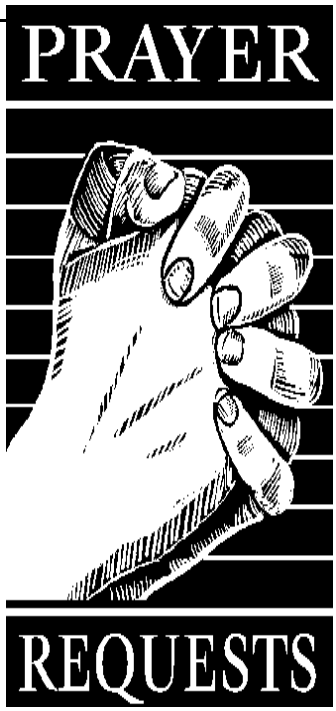
Those companies eligible for logo recognition (see Levels & Benefits), please submit your company/business logo to Office Manager Kelly Dotson.
Logos MUST be received no later than January 22nd to be included in all promotional materials.

Please mail check and send form by fax or email (kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com) **to:**
St. George Orthodox Church • 5191 Lennon Road • Flint, MI 48507 • Fax 810-732-0324

Daily Prayer Life

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Majdi** Elias Alatrash (+November 29th, Beit Sahour) and **Nayfeh** (Sawalha) Alsahouri (+November 30th).

May their memory be eternal!



- Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar** Abdallah, **Housam** Abousamra, **Georgette** Abueita, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Phyllis** Good, **Shawna** Hale, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Reem** Ramirez, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; *all first-responders, those suffering in the Middle East and City of Flint; the supporters and benefactors of St. George, the members of our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Teen SOYO, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Church School, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*
- Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Renea** (Rakan) Bayouk and **Dina** (Laith) Maymoun**.**

➢ *Please update Fr. Joe if the following should remain on our prayer list!*

- Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Mother Nektaria**, **Nancy** Maes, **Bryan** Stewart, **Gerry** Alcorn, **Alyssa** Coon, and **Aaron** Avery, **Cindy**, **Bryan** and **Heather** Campbell (family/friends of Dn. Mike and Pam Bassett), **Michel** Abuaita (father of Mary Khoury), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar/May Gantos), **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Karen** Howder (mother of Claire Saadah), **Shafeka** Qurpan and **George** Ishak (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Joann** (Haddad) Merrelli (former parishioner), **Philip** Jones (brother of Dannie Jones), **James** Gorr (father of Dr. Melissa Bathish), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relative of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Sandra** Fromather (cousin of Diana Rishmawi), **Scott** Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph), **Alan** Laberge and **William** Seymour, Sr. (friends of Elaine Shaheen), **Saliba** Musleh (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam** Odeh (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob and Lois Teunion), **Dennis** Perez (from St. Mary Magdalene), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Fran** Khoury (relative of Evelyn Delbridge), and **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George).

Congratulations and God bless:

❖ **Raghda Ishaq** and **Alexander Wayne** who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

❖ **Sally Shaheen Joseph** who recently received the *2019 Sybyl Award*! The award is named after Sybyl Atwood who helped tens of thousands of people find social services and volunteer opportunities. After her passing in 2007, the Sybyl Award was created to recognize those in the community who epitomize Sybyl's energy, passion, and dedication to this community.

❖ **Ghassan** and **Jasanta** (Kahush) **Alkhouri** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on December 1st.

❖ **Adam Hawwash** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion on December 15th. Godparents: **Demetri Mitri** and **Maheera Abufarha**. Parents: **Basheer** and **Aziza**.

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR JANUARY From Christmas through January 4th, there is no fasting as we celebrate the Twelve Days of our Lord's Nativity (Birth)! The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products)* is observed on all other Wednesdays and Fridays.

PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY Unfortunately, we did not have a quorum and could not have our annual parish meeting. It has been rescheduled for January 12, 2020~please plan on attending!

RESCHEDULED GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROXIES are given to those who cannot attend the meeting because of medical treatment or illness, those confined to their homes, or those with written verification of a prior travel commitment. A VOTING member who cannot attend the meeting may have another VOTING member vote on their behalf. PLEASE NOTE: To better our procedures for Proxies, they are available in the church office beginning on Sunday, December 15th and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, January 5th. Proxies received after January 5th will be considered invalid. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our **Credentials Committee** (Anwar Abueita, Fadi Rishmawi, or Fr. Joe).

ST. GEORGE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY All Women of St. George are invited to attend this Christmas Lunch Party at the Redwood Steakhouse (5304 Gateway Center, Flint, MI 48507 off Hill Road and US 23) on Sunday, January 5th at 1:30pm. The cost is $25 per person, must be paid in advance to reserve your spot, and the deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 29th. To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Hiam Bathish (810-238-2152) or Wafaa Elias (810-630-0639). There will be no gift exchange, but please donate to our Church with an extra Christmas Gift!

VISITING MINISTRY We've started a new ministry! Our ministry will be doing weekly and biweekly visits to the sick (parishioners from the Sunday Bulletin) and shut-ins. We want our brothers and sisters who are sick and/or always at home to know we care about them and they will never be forgotten. We invite anyone interested to join us. Please contact our coordinators Manal Abuaita (810-577-0028) or Jeanette Nassif (810-845-0481) for any questions or more information.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND BLESSING OF WATER This great feast takes place on Monday, January 6th. (we will be celebrating it on Sunday, January 5th). If you would like to have your home and/or business blessed, please email or call the office. Fr. Joe will contact you to schedule a day and time.

Bishop Anthony's Speaker Fund

The Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest answered the call of Bishop Anthony when he requested the establishment of a Speaker Fund. This fund enables His Grace to bring in special speakers to our Conferences and workshops throughout our Diocese. His goal is *"…to witness and reach out to our communities and attract new members through education at our diocesan gatherings"*. Gifts may be given by a group or individuals.

Honor His Grace Bishop ANTHONY on his Birthday & Name's Day of the Feast of St. Anthony the Great, January 17th. Send your donation to:

Bishop Anthony's Speaker Fund
c/o Liza Nahas Midwest Antiochian Women Treasurer
13407 Creektree Lane, Fishers, IN 46038

Contribute by January 1st and a Birthday & Name's Day greeting will be sent in your name to His Grace.

8TH ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER (SEE FLIER!) This is taking place on Thursday, January 23rd at Assumption Orthodox Church in Grand Blanc (all proceeds support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI!). ***Vespers*** will be sung by the Nuns at 5:30pm. **Social Hour** with *Displays and Gift Shop from the Monastery*, along with *visiting with the nuns* is at 6:15pm. **Dinner and Presentations** begin at 7pm with the **Benediction** at 8:30pm. The cost is $35 for Adults and $25 for Students. To make your reservation or any questions, please see Protodeacon Michael TODAY. Deadline for reservations is January 19th.

Thank you and God bless

... **Tony Daoud** for donating a new audio system for our Banquet Center!
... **Hiam Andoni**, **Evelyn Delbridge**, **Wafaa Elias**, **Elaine Gejoff**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Laura Nichols**, and **Debbie Salim** for donating their time every month to prepare The VOICE to be mailed!

WINTER CAMP Information for this program at the Antiochian Village is available at their web page: avcamp.org/other-programs/winter-camp/. The dates are February 14th-17th. If you want to get in, register AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please mark your calendars and come help feed the hungry during our once-a-month commitment at the Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, January 28th from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599).

☞ If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Fr. Joe know.

Coming Events in February

2nd	Great Feast of the **Presentation of our Lord into the Temple**
7th	**Valentine Gala**
9th	**Godparent Sunday**

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 1 to January 31, 2020

Birthdays

January

1 Abrahim Y. Abousamra
Abeer Alyateem
Luai Helal
Ameera Rishmawi

2 Anthony "Tony" Y. Abueita
Denise Ghattas

3 Joseph "Joe" Farah
Diane G. Ghattas
Yacoub N. Iseid
Susan Qazaha

4 Jeneviav "Jennifer" A. Abuaita

5 Eman Abuaita
Ivy Amor Khouri
Karam Nassar

6 Essa AbuAita
Charles "Chuck" Koory

7 Johnathan W. AbuFarha
Matthew Alatrash

8 Issa Ishaq
Sandra "Sandy" K. Thomas

9 Dalia Masaad
Andrew McDonald
Julie K. Salim

11 Mary Khoury
Adam Monkaba

12 Lana Abu-Aita
Halim Ghazale

13 Khalil Abousamra
William "Will" D. Sophiea

14 Alexander "Alex" J. Ghattas

15 Amirah B. Abuaita
Anaam Abueita
Issa S. Odeh
Jamil "Jim" A. Rishmawi

16 Carri L. Farah
Daniel "Danny" P. Tijerina

17 Rania AbuAita

18 Anwar "Andy" Y. Abueita
Anthony I. Daoud

19 Elias S. Abuaita
John A. Farah

20 Rimi H. Abuaita

21 Julian M. Alkazaha
Qusta Hayek
Michael Mortensen

22 Housam Abousamra
Leland "Lee" M. Harris
Dannie E. Jones

23 Tikeyha J. Alexander
Daniel "Danny" Gantos

24 Jamil N. Haddad
Deborah "Debbie" Salim
Robert M. Teunion

25 Hazar G. Abu-Aita
Elaine Fakhoury
Rene E. Hanna
Marlen F. Odeh
Essa B. Shomali

26 Natania E. Hanna
Reema Khoury

27 Leslee A. Abud
Christina Deligorges

28 Sami H. Abuaitah

29 Alexander G. Benson
Nihal Fanous
Benjamin Monkaba

30 Majd Abufarha

31 Emma M. Joseph

Namedays

January

1 Basel Hanna Abuaita
Basil Andoni

3 Jeneviav "Jennifer" Anton Abuaita
Jennifer Jeaneen Farah

7 Jon Bassett

14 Benjamin Gary Benson
Nina Thomas Smith

17 Anthony Khaled Abuaita
Anthony "Tony" Yacoub Abueita
Anthony Robert Anwar Abueita
Anthony Issa Daoud
Tony Fakhoury
Hubert Anthony Rodriguez

21 Maximus Raed Abuaita

22 Majd Timothy Abuaita
Timothy "Tim" S. Beers

25 Gregory "Greg" Lotof Farah

Wedding Anniversaries

January

10 Mr. and Mrs. George Gantous

18 Mr. and Mrs. Issa Abu-Eita

27 Mr. and Mrs. Issa Abufarha

28 Drs. Ronald Shaheen & Kathy Kudray

God Grant You All Many Years!

To Tithe is to Love!

The Bible says a "tithe" is giving 10% of our income to God through His Holy Church. In the Old Testament, the tithe was the maximum.

For Christians (yes, US!), the tithe is the minimum!

Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

ALL of our **240 families** are asked to make an Offering. Why? Because it is such a blessing to give back to God a little of what He has given us!

- Our proposed 2020 Budget is $241,800.
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: $4,650
- Number of Families who need to offer: ALL THOSE WHO BELONG TO OUR ST. GEORGE FAMILY!
- Offering Range: ***according to how God has blessed you!***

Your commitment is NEEDED!!!
Please fill out your 2020 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.

2020 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church ~ Flint, Michigan

I Want To Be Counted!

Frequency	Amount	% of Income
Weekly	$	
OR Twice Monthly	$	
OR Monthly	$	
OR Quarterly	$	
OR Annually	$	

~ All Offerings Are Treated Confidentially ~

Please fill out completely.

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
ZIP	
Telephone	

Please CHECK this box if it applies to you.

☐ I have a concern and wish to be contacted or visited by the priest.
☐ I have a concern and wish to be contacted or visited by a Parish Council Member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse" (Malachi 3:10)

Seeing the rich bringing their gifts and then a widow bringing a few pennies, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that this widow has put in more than all." (Luke 21:3)

2020 بطاقة التبرعات لعام

كنيسة القديس جورج للروم الاورثودوكس فلنت، متشغن

أريد أن أكون معدودا !

الدفعات	المبلغ	% من قيمة الدخل
اسبوعيا	$	
مرتين بالشهر	$	
شهريا	$	
كل ثلاثة شهور	$	
سنويا	$	

كل التبرعات يتم التعامل معها بسرية تامة

الرجاء تعبئة كل البطاقة.

الاسم / الأسماء	
العنوان	
المدينة	
الرقم	
رقم الهاتف	

الرجاء اختيار المربع الملائم

☐ **لدي الإهتمام والرغبة في أن يتم الإتصال بي أو الزيارة من قبل الكاهن.**
☐ **لدي الإهتمام والرغبة في أن يتم الإتصال بي أو الزيارة من قبل أعضاء مجلس الكنيسة.**

الامضاء _____ التاريخ _____

هاتوا العشور جميعها الى بيت الجزية (ملاخي 10:3)

عندما رأى الأغنياء يتقدمون بتبرعاتهم والأرملة الفقيرة تقدم القليل قال يسوع: "الحق أقول لكم أن هذه الأرملة الفقيرة قد ألقت أكثر منهم جميعا" (لوقا 3:21)

January

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
			1 New (Civil) Year **Circumcision of Christ** **Basil the Great**	**2**	**3** **Venerable Genevieve of Paris** ***Royal Hours for Theophany*** **6pm**	**4** ***Great Vespers*** **and Confessions** 5pm
5 **Our Lord's Theophany Blessing of the Waters** *(celebrated)* Ladies Xmas/ Theophany Lunch 1:30pm	**6** **Theophany of our Lord** Bible Study 6-8pm	**7**	**8** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**9**	**10**	**11** ***Great Vespers*** **and Confessions** 5pm
12 **Martyr Tatiana of Rome** Parish General Assembly	**13** Bible Study 6-8pm	**14** **Nino, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of Georgia**	**15** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**16** Parish Council 6:15pm	**17** **Anthony the Great** OCF @ St. George 7pm	**18** ***Great Vespers*** **and Confessions** 5pm
19 **Macarios the Great of Egypt**	**20** Bible Study 6-8pm	**21** **Venerable Maximos the Confessor**	**22** **Apostle Timothy** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**23** **Dormition Monastery Winter Dinner** *(see flier) at *Assumption* 5:30pm	**24**	**25** ***Great Vespers*** **and Confessions** 5pm
26 **Xenophon and his Companions**	**27** Bible Study 6-8pm	**28** North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm Exploring our Faith 6-8pm	**29** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**30**	**31**	

***Assumption**
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(between Holly & Fenton Roads)
Grand Blanc 810-771-4611

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Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
  Great Vespers and Sacrament of Repentance {Confession*} **5:00 PM**
- Sunday
  Sacrament of Repentance {Confession*} **8:30 AM—9:30 AM**
  Matins {Arabic & English} **8:50 AM**
  Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**

Church School follows Holy Communion from September to May

* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe during the week.

Major Feast Days (see Calendar)

2019-20 Theme for
Church School,
Creative Festivals,
and our
Parish Life Conference

Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL • Anwar Abueita, Chairman 810-771-7152 or andydollar007@aol.com
Parishioners may attend meetings and speak during "Parishioner Comments".

ALTAR SERVERS • Subdeacon George Gantous, Head Sacristan 810-714-7332 or gantousgeorge@yahoo.com

ALTAR SOCIETY • Theresa Farah, Coordinator 810-412-6041 or theyungwon@aol.com

CHOIR • Elias Abueita, Director 810-620-4897 or eliasabuaita.124@gmail.com

CHURCH SCHOOL • Janet Abueita, Director 810-771-7152 or cooeita@aol.com

LADIES AUXILIARY • Manal Abuaita, President 810-659-5351

TEEN SOYO • Co-Presidents George Abuaita, (gabuaitasoyo@gmail.com or 810-449-8834)
Hanna Abuaita (hanna.abuaita84@gmail.com)

USHERS • Jimmy David 810-835-9737 and Anwar Abueita 810-771-7152 or andydollar007@aol.com Coordinators

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP • Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Parish Coordinator 810-875-3127 or salimh91@gmail.com

Office Hours

OFFICE MANAGER: Kelly Dotson kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com
Monday 10am-4pm, Tuesday 12:30-4pm, Wednesday 12:30-4pm, Thursday 10am-4pm, and Friday 10am-4pm