

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.

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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 signifying 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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE AND THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS APOSTLE THOMAS INNOCENT, APOSTLE TO THE AMERICAS; VENERABLE KENDEAS OF CYPRUS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THOMAS IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding

greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيراثَكَ.

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُحْ إِلَهِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كورنثوس.

يَا إِخْوَةُ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَمَرَ أَنْ يُشْرِقَ مِنْ ظُلْمَةِ نَوْرٍ، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا لِإِنَارَةِ مَعْرِفَةِ مَجْدِ اللَّهِ فِي وَجْهِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. وَلَنَا هَذَا الْكَنْزُ فِي آنِيَةِ حَرْفِيَّةٍ، لِيَكُونَ فَضْلُ الْقُوَّةِ لِلَّهِ لَا مِنَّا. مُتَضَائِقِينَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، وَلَكِنْ غَيْرَ مُنْحَصِرِينَ. وَمُتَحَيِّرِينَ، وَلَكِنْ غَيْرَ يَائِسِينَ. وَمُضْطَّهَدِينَ، وَلَكِنْ غَيْرَ مَخْذُولِينَ. وَمَطْرُوحِينَ، وَلَكِنْ غَيْرَ هَالِكِينَ. حَامِلِينَ فِي الْجَسَدِ كُلَّ حِينٍ إِمَاتَةَ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، لِتُظَهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضاً فِي أَجْسَادِنَا. لِأَنَّ نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءَ نُسَلِّمُ دَائِماً إِلَى الْمَوْتِ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ، لِتُظَهَرَ حَيَاةُ الْمَسِيحِ أَيْضاً فِي أَجْسَادِنَا الْمَائِتَةِ. فَالْمَوْتُ إِذَنْ يُجْرَى فِيْنَا، وَالْحَيَاةُ فِيكُمْ. فَإِذَا فِيْنَا رُوحَ الْإِيمَانِ بِعَيْنِهِ، عَلَى حَسَبِ مَا كُتِبَ "إِنِّي آمَنْتُ، وَلِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ"، فَنَحْنُ أَيْضاً نَوْمِنُ وَلِذَلِكَ نَنْكَلِمُ. عَالِمِينَ أَنَّ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ سَيُقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضاً بِيَسُوعَ فَتَنْتَصِبُ مَعَكُمْ. لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، لِكَيْ تَتَكَاثَرَ النِّعْمَةُ بِشُكْرِ الْأَكْثَرِينَ، فَتَزْدَادَ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd

went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ .

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ مُنْطَلِقًا إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ اسْمُهَا نَايْنُ، وَكَانَ كَثِيرُونَ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ وَجَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ مُنْطَلِقِينَ مَعَهُ. فَلَمَّا قَرَّبَ مِنْ بَابِ الْمَدِينَةِ، إِذَا مَيْتٌ مَحْمُولٌ، وَهُوَ ابْنٌ وَحِيدٌ لِأُمِّهِ، وَكَانَتْ أَرْمَلَةً، وَكَانَ مَعَهَا جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا الرَّبُّ، تَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهَا وَقَالَ لَهَا: "لَا تَبْكِي." وَدَنَا، وَلَمَسَ النَّعْشَ فَوَقَّفَ الْحَامِلُونَ. فَقَالَ: "أَيُّهَا الشَّابُّ، لَكَ أَقْوَلُ قُمْ." فَاسْتَوَى الْمَيْتُ، وَبَدَأَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، فَسَلَّمَهُ إِلَى أُمِّهِ. فَأَخَذَ الْجَمِيعَ خَوْفًا، وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: "لَقَدْ قَامَ فِيْنَا نَبِيٌّ عَظِيمٌ، وَافْتَقَدَ اللَّهُ شَعْبَهُ."

HOLY OBLATIONS 10/06/2024

**Fuad and Wadia Albaba for the health of their family and in loving memory of Elias,
Mykael, Mousa, Shaheen, Zani, Elias, Souriya, Georgette, and Mary.**

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 Shafiqah Abuaitah, Laila Abud, George Abueita, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, William Alshahouri, Basil Andoni, Naila Banna, 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, Adam Odeh, Elaine Shaheen, Michael and Nancy Silpoch; Betty Ramsdale, Kevin Myott, Kristy Corcoran; Stephanie, Nadim and newly born Alayna Burbar; the catechumens Maria Kirk, Evan Sandford, and Jaden Turner who are 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.

Servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: John Mays, George Mansour (+ Sep 7th, uncle of Kari Mikroudis), *Issa Jiries Ibrahim* (+ Sep 23rd, brother of Ghada Abdallah). Nejma Khair (+Sep 26th Mother of Esperanza Abuaita), Elaine Moore (+ Oct 3rd, Mother-in-Law of Ric Shahin).

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.

Church school News

Important dates coming up- Sunday, October 20, 2024, Father Amin will have his first children's sermon, please be on time, you don't want to miss it. Also, mark your calendars: Saturday Nov 2, 2024, Our annual Church School Pre-Thanksgiving dinner. As in the past grades 1st-12th will prepare part of the meal, that we will all enjoy with our families after Vespers. More information coming soon.

REMINDERS:

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.

Divine Liturgy

Wednesday October 16th , 2024.

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

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 Saturday, October 12th. 12:00pm—5:00! If you would like to know more, come to our get-togethers, scan the QR code to sign up, or contact President Cezar Abuaita (810-986-1434 or cezrabuaita@icloud.com).



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.



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+

Holy Apostle Thomas

On October 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostle Thomas

Verses

Thomas, who sought to thrust his hand in Thy side,
Is now pierced in his side for Thy sake, O Word.
On the sixth with long spears, they undid Didymus.

Thomas was also called “The Twin,” one of the original Twelve Apostles. Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The Lord said to Thomas: Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas replied: My Lord and my God (John 20:27-28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would each go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. Thomas converted many to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops. Before his martyric death, he and the other apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem for the burial of the Most-holy Theotokos. Arriving too late, he wept bitterly, and the tomb of the Holy Most-pure One was opened at his request. The Theotokos’ body was not found in the tomb: the Lord had taken His Mother to His heavenly habitation. Thus, in his tardiness Thomas revealed to us the wondrous glorification of the Mother of God, just as he had once confirmed faith in the Resurrection of the Lord by his unbelief. On this day, we also commemorate our father among the saints Innocent, Apostle to the Americas; and Venerable Kendeas of Cyprus.



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)



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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

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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.