

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.

CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT

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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 Christian's believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signify-

ing 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!

**AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN; MARTYR ATHENODOROS OF
MESOPOTAMIA;
VENERABLE GREGORY, FOUNDER OF GREGORIOU MONASTERY
ON ATHOS**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

TROPARIAN OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

طروبارية القديس جاورجيوس على اللحن الرابع

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

**KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE
THREE**

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

قِنْدَاقُ تَقْدِمَةِ الْمِيلَادِ بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّالِثِ

اليومَ العذراء، تأتي إلى المغارة، لتلد الكلمة الذي قبل الدهور، ولادة لا تُفسر ولا يُنطقُ بها، فأفرحي أيُّها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة، الذي سيظهر بمشيئته طفلاً جديداً وهو إلهنا الذي قبل الدهور.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true—and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

الرسالة

(للأحد السادس والعشرين بعد العنصرة)

لتكن يا رب رحمتك علينا، ابتهجوا أيها الصديقون بالرب.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس. (5:8-19)

يا إخوة، أسلكوا كأولادٍ للنور (فإن ثمر الروح هو في كلِّ صلاحٍ وبرٍّ وحقٍّ) مُختبرين ما هو مرضيٌّ لدى الربِّ. ولا تشتركوا في أعمال الظلمة غير المثمرة بل بالأحرى وبخوا عليها. فإن الأفعال التي يفعلونها سراً يفتضح ذكراً أيضاً. لكن كلَّ ما يوبَّخ عليه يعلن بالنور. فإن كلَّ ما يعلن هو نورٌ. ولذلك يقول: استيقظ أيها النائم وقم من بين الأموات فيضيء لك المسيح. فانظروا إذن أن تسلكوا بحذرٍ لا كجهلاء بل كحُكماء، مُفتدين الوقت فإن الأيام شريرةٌ. فلذلك لا تكونوا أغبياء بل افهموا ما مشيئة الربِّ. ولا تسكروا بالخمير التي فيها الدعارة بل امتلئوا بالروح، مُكلمين بعضكم بعضاً بمزاميرٍ وتسابيحٍ وأغاني روحيةٍ مُرتمين ومرتلين في قلوبكم للربِّ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And

there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

الإنجيل (للاحد العاشر من لوقا)

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر- (17-10:13)

في ذلك الزمان، كان يسوع يعلم في أحد المجامع يوم السبت، وإذا بامرأة بها روح مريض منذ ثماني عشرة سنة، وكانت منحنية لا تستطيع أن تنتصب البتة. فلما رآها يسوع، دعاها وقال لها: إنك مُطلقة من مرضك. ووضع يديه عليها، وفي الحال استقامت، ومجدت الله. فأجاب رئيس المجمع، وهو مغتاظ لإبراء يسوع في السبت، وقال للمجمع: هي سته أيام ينبغي العمل فيها، ففيها تأتون وتستشفون، لا في يوم السبت. فأجاب الرب وقال: يا مراني! أليس كل واحد منكم يحل ثوره أو حماره في السبت من المدود وينطلق به فيسقيه؟ وهذه، وهي ابنة ابراهيم التي ربطها الشيطان منذ ثماني عشرة سنة، أما كان ينبغي أن تطلق من هذا الرباط يوم السبت؟ ولما قال هذا، حزي كل من كان يقاومه، وفرح الجمع بجميع الأمور المجيدة التي كانت تصدر منه.

St. Ambrose

On December 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Ambrose, bishop of Milan.

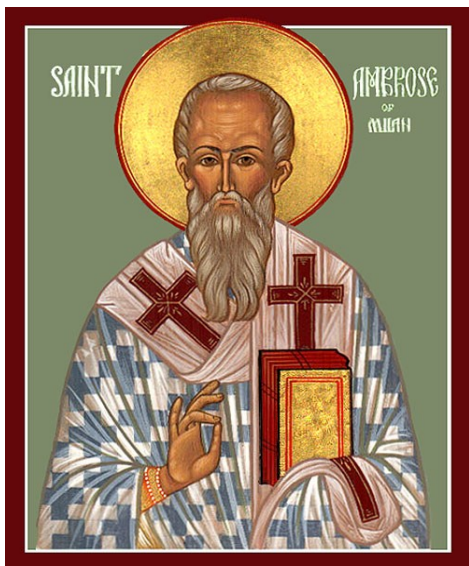
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Ambrose, having shed his corruptible body, hath fitly partaken of divine ambrosia.

On the seventh Ambrose came upon immortal terrain.

His father was the imperial governor of Gaul and Spain, and a pagan, while his mother was a Christian. On the death of his father, the Emperor made him governor of Liguria, of which province Milan was the chief city. When the bishop of Milan died, there was great dissention about the choice of a new bishop. Ambrose went into the church to keep order. Thereupon, a child at its

mother's breast cried out: "Ambrose for bishop!" All the people took this to be the voice of God, and unanimously elected Ambrose as their bishop, although it was against his will. Ambrose was baptized, and passed through all the necessary ranks in one week. As bishop, he strengthened the faith of the Orthodox, restrained heretics, adorned churches, spread the Faith among the pagans, wrote many instructive books and was an example of a true Christian and a true shepherd. Ambrose died peacefully at daybreak on Pascha in 397. On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Athenodoros of Mesopotamia; and Venerable Gregory, founder of Gregoriou monastery on Athos.



THE ST. GEORGE CHURCH NEW YEAR PARTY

**ON DECEMBER 31ST YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
NEW YEAR 2026**

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT :

**CEZAR ABUAITA/ RAED ABUAITA/ AREEN BATHISH/
MIKE KHOURY/ FADI ODEH**

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

ALL LADIES OF ST. GEORGE ARE INVITED

@REDWOOD LODGE ON SUNDAY 12/28/2025. AT 1:30 P.M.

RSVP TO JANET ABUEITA / AREEN BATHISH

2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The St. George Parish Council set the 2025 General Assembly date to January 11th, 2026 immediately following Divine Liturgy.

SAVE THE DATE

December 9th 2025

Men's fellowship: Topic is " the promise land" bring your questions -6pm at the church

ADVENT FAST

In this period of fasting, we strictly fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. During other days of the week, eating fish is allowed until December 11th. Then, strict fasting starts from December 12th-24th.

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, and daughters. 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 stgeorgeflintsoyo.advisor@gmail.com).

Christmas Program

On Dec 21, 2025, immediately following Divine Liturgy, with a Lenten lunch and a visit from St. Nicolas after. Please plan on attending and making this a beautiful Sunday. Practices have been going well. Please continue to check on the Facebook page and bulletin for any added practice dates. Parents, if your children are in Church School grades Pre School -12th, please make sure they are practicing their class song. We will send a copy home with them this Sunday, again. Their teacher has been practicing with them every Sunday and will continue to do so until the day of the program. All of our children are important, regardless if they are an actor, singing a solo, playing an instrument or singing a Christmas song with their class. Our hope is that we have 100% attendance. Thank you, please reach out to me with any questions 810-691-0956.

Janet Abueita , Church School Director

WANT TO BE AN ANGEL? - DEADLINE TODAY!

Our parish is again participating in the North End Soup Kitchen Angel Tree. We have 31 children looking for “angels” to brighten their Christmas! The gift range is between \$30 and \$40. 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 to the gift and place it in gift bags. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 7th! The tags can be picked up after Divine Liturgy in the Banquet Center or by contacting May Gantos (810-869-4012). You can make an online donation (see QR CODE BELOW) under the "Angel Tree" FUND or send it directly to the church with the memo "Angel Tree" so our coordinators can purchase gifts. If you have any questions, speak with one of our coordinators May, Gabby, or Lauren Gantos. If you want to do this, do it TODAY; ~ call May or make a donation online. Again, thank you, and may God always bless your generosity!

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 below) 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! Online Donations will accept Credit / Debit Cards or ACH (transfers from a banking account) and can be set for automatic donations. Call the Church Office (810-732-0720) if you need help with this.

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.



Holy Oblation Offering

- For the health of Gisele Farah and her family.
- For the health of Zahra, Elia, Basel, Luai, Eman, Ibtisam, Sanaa, Juliette, Elaine, Jeries and their families, and in loving memory of Hanna (8yr), Elias , Khristo, Huda, Amal, Khristine, and Anwaar .
- For the health and safe travels of the Shahin family, and especially for Nicholas on the occasion of his 30th birthday.
- Jamal and Manal Abuaita for the health of their family, especially Philip and Manal for their birthdays, and in loving memory of Nidal Odeh.
- Karam and Aida Nassar in loving memory of Said Farah (6 mth).
- All Christians in the middle east.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: Sahar Abdallah, Abeer Abuaita, Issa and Jane Abueita, Soad Abuaita, Philip and Janett Abuaita, Rasha Abuaita, Sami and Shafiqah Abuaitah, Georgette Abueita, Youssif Abousamra, Fr. Joseph Abud, Munther Al-Kahush, Elia and Nadia Awwad, Naila Banna, Tareq Ziad Bannoura, Fr. Gabriel Bilas, Kristy Corcoran, Angel, George and newborn Milava David, Vera Daoud, Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Elias Gantos, Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous, Phyllis Good, Patty Harris, Daisy Isaac, Linda Jamra, Danny Mortensen, Karen Mortensen, Adam Odeh, Betty and Richard Ramsdale, Sdn. Dr. Elie and Samia Sadik, Edward Michael Salim, Kelly and Steve Sanderson, Cathy Sisco, Gary Stewart, Elaine Shaheen, Richard Shaheen, Nancy and Michael Silpoch, Camela Takach, our Catechumens who are under instruction to become members of our Orthodox Faith: Tanner and Heavenly Roland, Alex Benoit, and Katelyn Wells; our Expectant Parents: Stephanie and Nadim Burbar, Letizia and Branden Jones, and Nicole and Jeffrey Farah.

Departed this life in the hope of the resurrection and life eternal Newly departed Sdn. Paul (10/29), Julius Schlis (10/30), and Jackleen David (11/19).

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