

St. George Orthodox Church

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MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH

3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – ADORATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

أحد السجود للصليب الكريم المحيي (الأحد الثالث من الصوم)

Tone 7 7th Matins Gospel {John 20:1-10}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

Greeters and Ushers: **Hiam Andoni, Vera Daoud, Betty Froberg, and Suad Gantous**

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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8:50am

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10:00am

Memorial Service

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship in our Banquet Center!

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. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (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 attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** (Bilingual sheets on the Narthex table), we sing the **Special Hymns** on the Bilingual sheets on the Narthex table:

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 4:14-5:6* {3rd Sunday of the Great Fast}

Reader: **Hiam Bathish** (Arabic) and **Lubna Jones** (English)

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:34-9:1* {3rd Sunday of the Great Fast}

Holy Bread Offerings

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Rudy Jones** (+February 6th, Dannie's father), **John Isaac** (+February 13th), and **George Rutherford** (+February 23rd, known to Protodeacon Michael).
- 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**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Shafiqah Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Maher Alatrash**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Alex Deligorges**, **Fadi** and **Micheline El-Chaer**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Elaine Gejoff**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol**

Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Salwa** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Daniel** Isaac, **Nawal** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh**, **Nicola**, and **Saba** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Deborah** and **Mary** Salim, **Widad** Salomon, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophia Jr., **Lois** Teunion (wife of Bob).

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Dunya** Abufarha (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman) **Ghaida** Awad, and **Rachel** Sackllah (daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita).

Reception of Holy Communion

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion. *“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

- Since Church School is staying in church after Communion for the *Procession of the Holy Cross*, our children parents can receive Holy Communion together! Everyone may wait in their pew until an usher comes to dismiss you.
- As a reminder, please do not talk in church. We are here to pray and worship God. When people talk and greet each other, we are being rude to God while distracting those who are praying and preparing themselves for HOLY COMMUNION. Please wait until Coffee Fellowship to say hello and visit with one another. In the communion line, the only people who may talk are those who are asking and receiving forgiveness from one another.

- فقط للتذكير بطريقة ودية: الرجاء عدم الكلام داخل الكنيسة. نحن هنا للصلاة وتقديم فروض العبادة لله. عندما نتحدث ونقدم التحية للآخرين داخل الكنيسة، فنحن نساهم في تقديم اهانة لله، ونشنت أولئك الذين يصلون ويهيئون أنفسهم لتناول القربان المقدس. يرجى الانتظار حتى الدخول الى صالة الكنيسة عندها يمكنكم تناول القهوة والقاء التحية على الآخرين، الاشخاص الوحيديين الذين يسمح لهم بالحديث هم فقط من يسألون ويقبلون المسامحة وطلب المغفرة قبل تناول.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation for your coffee and food to help cover our costs, thanks!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: March 25th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge and includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. For more information, please see Manal Abuaita. *During the Great Fast (February 19th – April 7th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are served.*

HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION) If you are 8 years or older, have been away from the Church, or have not had Confession in the last 2 months and desire to come back and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, please remember you must offer a confession of your sins first. During the **Great Fast** is a perfect opportunity. For your convenience, Fr. Joe will be hearing confessions after Coffee Fellowship next Sunday, March 18th. Father Joe is not the only

Orthodox priest in the area and if you would prefer to go for confession to one of the other local priests, feel free to do so (*please just let Fr. Joe know*): Fr. Angelo Maggos from Assumption Church (810-771-4611), Fr. Gabriel Bilas from St. Mary Magdalene (810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie from St. Nicholas Church (810-744-0070). The important thing is not who hears your confession, but that you participate in this Holy Sacrament on a regular basis. **Blessed are those who wash their (baptismal) robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life (Christ in Holy Communion).** (*Revelation 22:14*)

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE We are very fortunate to have several scholarships available to those who wish to further their education. Some applications and qualifications are in the Lounge (*Antiochian Women* and see *below*). All Others can be located at: www.antiochian.org/scholarships. Please do not miss the DEADLINES!

ELINOR BOURJAILY ENDOWMENT FUND This fund is again offering scholarships for College Students. Applications are available in the Lounge. The deadline is March 30th so pick one up TODAY and send it in!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On March 4th, our offerings were \$2,865, so we were short \$2,765 ☹ If you have not already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support God's work at St. George!

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We can make donations and purchases by Credit or Debit Card. This can be done by coming to the office or calling during normal Office Hours (see below).

➤ **OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays and Thursdays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). This week the office is closed on Friday. She can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The Great Fast began on February 19 th and continues until our celebration of PASCHA: our Lord's Resurrection on April 8 th . The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on all weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays, <i>wine and olive oil</i> are allowed.
Monday	Great Compline صلاة النوم الكبرى 6:30pm
Wednesday	Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas 10am Combined Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy القداس السابق تقد يسه & Lenten Potluck at Assumption (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, 810-771-4611) 6pm
Friday	Little Compline and Akathist to the Virgin Mary خدمة المديح (<i>Madayeh</i>) 6:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

MARCH 11TH ~ 3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST (ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS)

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Adoration and Veneration of the Holy and Life-giving Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the Lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as the reality by which man must live to be saved. "*He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me*" (Matthew 10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "*the power of God and the wisdom of God*" for those being saved (1 Corinthians 1:24).



With the help of God, we have reached the middle of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labor set before us becomes apparent. Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Great Fast.

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- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.
 - If you have an item that you would like to place in the Weekly Bulletin, please call the church office by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before.
 - If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.
 - If you would like to offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, you may phone the church office (810-732-0720) by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before. If in memory of a loved one, please state whether you would like to have a **Memorial Service** near the end of Divine Liturgy. It is always appropriate to have this on the 3rd, 9th, and 40th day after one's falling asleep and on the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6th month anniversary.

St. George Ladies Auxiliary

Falafel Luncheon

Sunday, March 18th

at

St. George Orthodox Church

5191 Lennon Road

Flint, MI

Menu

Falafel, Hummus, Tahini, Salad, Pickles, Pita Bread,

Dessert, Coffee, and Juice

\$7 - Eight years and older

\$5 - Seven years and younger

All proceeds go to the Antiochian Women's 2018 Project,

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