

*The First Resurrection on Holy Saturday*

*Our Lord's Descent into Hades to Raise the Old Testament Righteous*



*The Second Resurrection on Pascha*

*The Myrrh-bearing Women witnessing our Lord's Empty Tomb*



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April 24, 2022

**Our Lord's Great and Holy Pascha (Passover): the  
Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ**

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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.

**Welcome to St. George!** Thank you for attending today's Divine Services. 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. 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. Everyone is invited to the final blessing and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially **Fred, Omar, Sarah, and Salam**.
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita for the health of their family especially children **Watan, Karim, Ayham, and Majd** and in loving memory of grandmother **Rahma**, aunt **Mary**, and aunt **Androlla**.
- Atallah and Anaam Abueita for the health of their family especially son **Ramzy** on the occasion of his birthday ~ *May God grant him many years!*

### **BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS**

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

◆ **Romanos and Rubina AbuAita** ~ April 29<sup>th</sup>

*May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. (Baptismal Service)*

- This morning we also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Charles Koory** (+April 15<sup>th</sup>) and **Hazem Alyatim** (+April 17<sup>th</sup>, son of Tony).

- 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, **Shafiq** Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Laila** Abud, **Anwar** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Emil** Bathish, **Cynthia** Brooks (sister of Fr. Michael), **Douglas** Coone, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** and **Victor** David, **Ranna** Esho (friend of Batoul Burbar), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Nasri** Haddad, **Nadia** Ibrahim (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy** Isaac, **Dannie** Jones, **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Laura** Nassar, **Sarah** Nassar, **Jowelle** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Georgette** Yusuf, and **Michael** Zerka (uncle of Lauren Zerka); **Douglas Anatolius** Coone who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of his First Communion.
  - Remember in your prayers those who are with child: **Staci** and **Daniel** Bator, **Casandra** and **Daniel** Burbar, **Joselien** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **David** Houry, **Sandy** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **Raad** Qumsieh, and **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet) and **John** Timm.
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## Announcements

- For the next forty days, until the Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we greet each other with **Christ is Risen!** and respond **Indeed He is Risen!**
- Our Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to our **Paschal Breakfast** immediately following the Paschal Liturgy. Let us break the fast together! Thank you to the newly forming St. George Men's Fellowship for donating our breakfast.
- **Vespers of Love (Baa'ooth or Agape Vespers) and Egg Hunt** This afternoon on Pascha, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This service, along with our Bright Week Liturgies, are a continuation of our celebration of Pascha. *If your children did not come this morning, then you NEED to come to this service so our children can sing "Christ is Risen", process with candles, etc. like we did.* At the service, the Gospel is read in different languages. If you would like to read, come to church by 12:45pm. Also, please have your children bring a basket to collect their goodies at the Egg Hunt.
- **Thank you to all parishioners** who baked, bought, and gave their support to our Church School Program! The *Palm Sunday Bake Sale* was a huge success!
- The national **Food For Hungry People** program during the Great Fast is now over. Please empty your boxes and send your donation to the church either with a check or online at our website: <https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>.
- **Out-of-Town** Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee will be on vacation April 28<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>. **For emergencies only** while he is away, please call *Fr. Michael Bassett* (St. George, 989-627-9580), *Fr. Jarrod Russell* (Assumption, 810-771-4611), *Fr. Gabriel Bilas* (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or *Fr. Matthew Butrie* (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for their safe travels.

- **Thank you** to our *Chanters* (**Anwar**, **Janet**, and **Elias** Abueita, **Sally** Abuaita, **Kh. Pam** Bassett, **Hiam** Bathish, and **Aida** Nassar) and *Choir members*; our other Parish Ministries: Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Altar Servers, Altar Society, and Holy Bread Bakers; **Vera** Daoud for polishing all of our silver church items; **Kelly** Dotson (our office manager) and **Munther** Al-Kahush; for all of their hard work which enabled everything to be as beautiful as possible for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Paschal!

<u>Bright Week – No Fasting</u>	
Pascha-Sunday	<i>Vespers of Love</i> { <i>Baa'ooth</i> or <i>Agape Vespers</i> } 1pm
Monday	<b>Bright Monday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton</i> 10am
Tuesday	<b>Bright Tuesday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>St. Nicholas in Burton</i> 10am
Wednesday	<b>Bright Weds. <u>Feast of St. George Paschal Liturgy</u></b> at <i>St. George</i> 6pm
Friday	<b>Bright Friday Paschal Liturgy</b> at <i>Assumption in Grand Blanc</i> 10am
Saturday	<i>Great Vespers</i> 5pm

## Paschal Greeting and Response

*Until our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Pascha (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

**English:** Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

**Arabic:** Al-Maseeh Qam! *Haqqan Qam!*

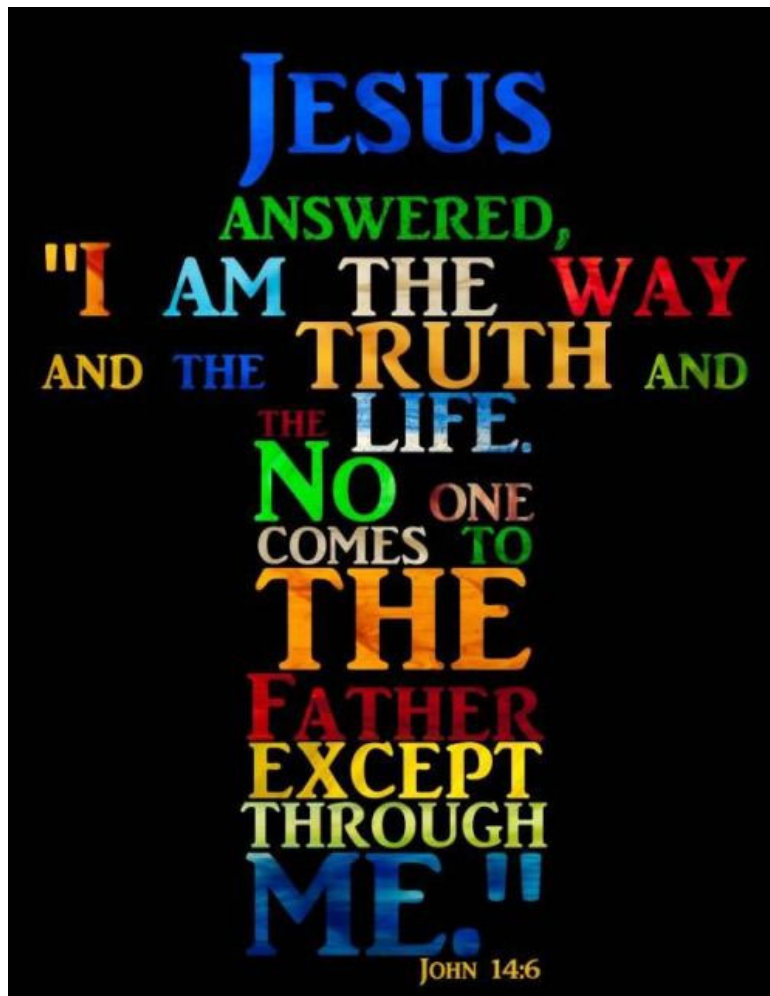
**Greek:** Christos Aneste! *Alethos Aneste!*

**Slavonic:** Christos Voskrese! *Voistinu Voskrese!*

**Ukrainian:** Христос Воскрес! *Воїстину Воскрес!*

**Armenian:** Christos Hariav e Merelotz! *Ortniale Christosi Haroutiune!*

**Romanian:** Christos a Inviaht! *Adevarat a Inviaht!*



His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Right Reverend  
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

Diocese of Toledo and  
The Midwest

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Great and Holy Pascha 2022 ~ Reflections on the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Midwest Diocese,

**المسيح قام! حقاً نفل! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

Death is not normal. It is not a part of the life cycle. Even though it says in Ecclesiastes: *“For everything there is a season, a time to be born and a time to die,”* the Christian considers it to be unfinished business! Christians challenge death in a fight to the death. That is the whole meaning of Lazarus Saturday when Christ strikes the first blow in that ultimate contest. Death, it says in the hymns, *“is put on notice”*. We don’t explain death; we exterminate it. The whole Gospel is shouting: Christ is Risen! We win!

Okay, the part of physically dying remains until Our Lord’s Second Coming (for Christians coming from the words of our Lord, we call our physical death *“falling asleep in the Lord”*). But that is not to die really. Jesus said: *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”* (John 12:24) Christ died and rose again and is *“The first fruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ.”* (1 Corinthians 15:23) After we are buried, we bloom!

*“God did not make death and He does not delight in the death of the living.”* (Wisdom of Solomon 1:3) *“God created man for incorruption, and made him the image of His own eternity (or nature)”* (Wisdom of Solomon 2:23). In other words, God made us in the Image of His Son. That’s why God, in Christ, could become like us when He was born of the Holy Theotokos. We are alike and we look alike!

God wants to give us everything He has given to His Son because He sees Christ’s resemblance in us. All Our Lord’s familiar features are in us. *“What no eyes has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.”* (1 Corinthians 2:9; Isaiah 64:4)

It says movingly and powerfully in the hymns of the Great and Holy Week, and especially in matins of Holy Thursday, that Our Lord came from heaven to earth, becoming one of us, to look for us. *“Adam, where are you?”* He cried, *“where are my beloved ones all my loved ones?”* Christ suffered so much as He went searching for us though the thicket and thorns of the world become wilderness because of sin. He had to cut His own trail, make His own path through the swamp of sin to build a road for our salvation. He was scourged, scratched and scorched, beat and bloodied, wounded and killed.

But He wouldn’t stop looking until He found us helpless in Hades. Thus, He took us by the hands and raised us up out of the darkness and shadows of death into the bright sunshine of the *“never ending Day of His Kingdom,”* when He rose again on Pascha Sunday.

Death is not a final farewell. It is a family reunion *“with the spirits of the righteous made perfect.”* And it is a joyful greeting: *“I couldn’t wait to be with you again ~ and forever and ever!”*

May the message of our Resurrected Lord always live in our minds and hearts.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

+Bishop ANTHONY  
Bishop of Toledo  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

*“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)*

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# Donations for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha ~ THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ALL OF OUR DONORS!

## Akathist/Madayeh Fridays:

- **Jamal and Manal Abuaita** for the health of their family especially **Philip, Janett, Mariam**, children **Dr. Tamer, Samir, and Dr. Yara** and in loving memory of **Elaine, Asma, Mary, Mounir, Hanan, Androlla, and Hanna**.
- **Hiam Bathish** for the health of her **children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren** and in loving memory of husband **Emil, Yacoub** and **Marie Farah, Naif and Julia Bathish**.
- **Najwa Joubran** for the health of her family especially the **Jennifer, Martin, Emma, and Ava** and in loving memory of her **departed family members**.
- **Ziyad and Mary Ibrahim** for the health of their family especially **Nadia, Issa, Melissa, Mario, and Isabella** and in loving memory of **Issa and Nassim**.

## Carnations for the Holy and Life-giving Cross (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast):

- Drs. **Ron Shaheen and Kathy Kudrey** for the health of their family especially grandchildren **Emily and Evelyn** and in loving memory of parents **George and Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth**.

## 2 pounds of Incense:

- **JoAnn Hawkins** for the health of the **Hawkins, Moore, Rhinehart, and Shahin Families** and in loving memory of departed members of the **Brackett, Hawkins, Moore, Ojile, Rhinehart, Shadeed, and Shahin Families**.
- **Issa and Lina Burbar** for the health of the **Burbar, Damouni, Rizk, Kassis, Abu-Diwan, Hannoush, Gantos, Zerka, Haddad, Shehadeh, Afara, Khoury, and Hayek Families** and in loving memory of **Abdallah, Amal, Maria, Diab, Karameh, Lawrence, John, George, Saideh, Joseph, Jad, Bishara, Elias, Mary, Josephine, Baseem, Saeed, Joseph, Melaki, Michael, Housam, and Hiafa**.

## Palms and Fern Arrangements:

- *The Palms* are offered by **Amer** and Dr. **Melissa Bathish** for the health of **Hiam, Madison, Emil, Julia, and Lindsey** and in loving memory of parents **Emil Bathish and Jim and Carolyn Gorr**.
- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **Fares and Sahar Abdallah** for the health of their family especially children **Laila, Crystal, and Nicholas** and in loving memory of **Hilda and Yacoub Zureikat, Sylvia Sophiea, and all departed family and friends**.
- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **George and Jeanette Nassif** for the health of the **Nassif, Farah, Saseen, and Abdella Families** in loving memory of son **Paul**.

- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **Martin** and **Jennifer** Koshaba for the health of their family especially **Emma, Ava, and Fareda.**
- A *Fern Arrangement* offered by **John** and **Lauren** Zerka for the health of **Daniel** and **Nazera** Czerniak, **Lindsay** and **Korey** Lester, **Kameel** Ansara, **Milad** and **Georgette** Zerka, **Danny** and **Asmahan** Zerka, **Joyce** and **Ryan** Seklee, and their Families and in loving memory of **Leonard** and **Evelyn** Czerniak, **Jeanette** and **Andrew** Cassis, and **Laurie** Crisp.

### Flowers for Palm Sunday Icon:

- *Flowers for the Lazarus Saturday Icon* offered by **Issa** and **Esperanza** Abuaita for the health of their family.
- *Flowers for the Palm Sunday Icon* offered by **Jamal** and **Manal** Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Philip, Janett, Mariam, Dr. Tamer, Samir,** and **Dr. Yara** and in loving memory of **Elaine, Asma, Mary, Mounir, Hanan, Androlla,** and **Hanna.**

### Holy Week Items:

- *Flowers for the Bridegroom, Crucifixion, Un-Nailing of Jesus from the Cross, and the Entombment Icons* offered by **Ayman** and **Wafaa** Elias for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Ibrahim, Salim, Badia, Ghaith, Joselyn,** and **Elias.**
- *Crown of Thorns* offered by Drs. **Ronald** Shaheen and **Kathy** Kudray for the health of their family especially grandchildren **Emily** and **Evelyn** and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth.**
- *Flowers for the Tomb of Christ* offered by the **Ghattas Family** for the health of the **Ghattas** and **Khouri Families** and in loving memory of **George, Lucy, Salwa, Edward, Diane, Yousif, Freda, Elia, Ajaeb, Eskander, Daad, Kamelia, Fouad,** and **Samira.**

### Bay Leaves:

- **Father Michael** and **Khouriya Pam** Bassett for the health of their family especially sons **Christopher** and **Jonathan.**

### Paschal Icons:

- **Najwa** Joubran for the health of her family especially the **Jennifer, Martin, Emma,** and **Ava** and in loving memory of her **departed family members.**
- **Ziyad** and **Mary** Ibrahim for the health of their family especially **Nadia, Issa, Melissa, Mario,** and **Isabella** and in loving memory of **Issa** and **Nassim.**

### Paschal Candles:

- (2) **Majdi** and **Rula** Alkazaha for the health of their family especially children **Andrew** and **Julian** and in loving memory of Uncle **Khalil** Ibrahim.
- **Fares** and **Sahar** Abadallah for the health of their family especially children **Laila, Crystal,** and **Nicholas** in loving memory of **Hilda** and **Yacoub** Zureikat, **Sylvia** Sophiea, and all **departed family** and **friends.**

### Paschal Flowers:

- **Edward** and **Feryl** Joubran for the health of their family especially children **Jasmine** and **Eddie** and **Alberta** Kelush and in loving memory of **Frank** and **Joyce** Joubran.

- **Janet** Abueita for the health of her family especially husband **Anwar** on the occasion of his Name's Day and children and grandchildren **Tony, Chrissy, Haleena, Maliyah, Anthony, Michael, Iliyana, Jacqueline, John, Jenny, Tony, Matthew, and Lukas** and in loving memory of **Peter, Alice, Asmahan, Nasim, Basim, and Yacoub.**
- **Hiam** Bathish for the health of her **children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren** and in loving memory of husband **Emil, Yacoub** and **Marie** Farah, and **Naif** and **Julia** Bathish.
- **Najwa** Joubran for the health her family especially **Jennifer, Martin, Emma, and Ava** and in loving memory of all **departed family members.**
- **Dr. David** and **May** Gantos and Family for the health of the **Gantos, Damouni, Farah, Rizk, Kassis, Burbar, Haddad, Abu-Diwan, Hannoush, and Afara** Families and in loving memory of **Laura, Shane, Shafik, Kamelah, Najeyeh, Abdo, Shoukry, Lynn, Diab, Kareme, John, Lawrence, Mary, Elias, Jad, Joseph, Sayed, Bishara, Josephine, Basseem, George, and Rush.**
- **Zahra** Hayek for the health of her family and in loving memory of husband **Qusta.**
- **George** and **Hiam** Ishaq for the health of their family especially **Nusta, Nida, Nidal, and Samer.**
- **Karam** and **Aida** Nassar for the health of their family especially **Fred, Salam, Omar, and Sarah** and in loving memory of **Rasmia** and **Nichola.**
- **Amjad** and **Elham** Ishak for the health of their family especially children **Goni, Julia, and Nour** and in loving memory of **Nasri, Sabat, Nassim, Maha, and Amal.**
- **Mousa** and **Amanda** Rishmawi for the health of their family especially children **Jonathan** and **Julia.**
- **Kelly** Sanderson for the health of her family and in loving memory of mother **Donna** and Uncle **Jim.**
- **Victoria** Nassar for the health of her family especially children **Heather** and **Alexandra** and in loving memory of husband **Jamil.**
- **Fadi** and **Evette** Rishmawi for the health of their family especially children **Caroline, Mariane, Amany, and Christina** and in loving memory of **Nassim** Ishak and **Odeh** Rishmawi.
- **Richard** Shaheen for the health of his family and in loving memory of parents **Fred** and **Mamie** Shaheen, sister **Patricia** and **Harry** Haddad, and niece **JoAnn** Merrelli.
- **Benan** and **Haneen** Burbar for the health of their family especially children **Christiaan** and **Giovanni.**
- **Doug** and **Sandy** Thomas for the health of their family especially **Averie, Emmy, Maddie, Laney, Morgan, Jordan, and Landon** and in loving memory of **Alex** and **Jean** Khouri, **Marvin, Virginia,** and **Ken** Thomas.

### *Paschal Eggs:*

- **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita for the health of their **children** and **grandchildren** especially **George** and **Kiara's** upcoming wedding ~ *may God grant them many years!* ~ and in loving memory of **Issa, Nahil,** and **Hanna.**

### *Paschal Floral Arrangements and White Bows:*

- **Timothy** Beers and **Victoria** Zerka for the health of their families especially Godchildren **Branden, Tanner, and Sofie** and Vicky's mother **Shirley** and in loving memory of **George, Lourice, Sam, Sadie, Handoumi, Harry, Louise, and Fred.**