

St. George Orthodox Church

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Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Father Michael Bassett, Attached

Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

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. 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 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, and being at peace with others. Everyone else, including visitors, are invited to receive the final blessing of the priest and Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy. Again, welcome!

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

- Tony Alyatim and family for the health of their family and in loving memory of son **Hazem** Alyatim (40 day).
- Ihsan and Reema Abufarha for the health of their family especially daughter **Ereny** on the occasion of her baptism, **Rafat, Saba, Jihan, Jane, Siham, George, Shawkat, Arwa, Jumana, Ruba** and their Families and in loving memory of **Seham, Nasri, Juwana, Saba, Attalah, Butros, Michael, Elias, Zahra, Suad, Zahia, Helana, Reema, Jamela, and Elias.**

Baptism/Chrismation Days

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

- **Liam** Cooper and **Kirolous** Meshraky ~ May 15th
- **Ava** Mitri ~ May 28th

May they be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Archbishop Paul** of Chicago and the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America (OCA, +April 24th), **Charles** Koory (+April 15th), and **Hasna** Ghantous (+April 25th).
- 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, **Shafiqa** Abuaithah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Khader** AbuAita, **Laila** Abud, **Anwar** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **Daniel** Alghanim (father of Dania Hanna), **William** Alsahouri, **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Emil** Bathish, **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), **Jamil** Ghantous, **Phyllis** Good, **Nasri** Haddad, **Nadia** Ibrahim (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy** Isaac, **Dannie** Jones, **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Laura** Nassar, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Larry** Sisk (brother of Carol Haddad), **Georgette** Yusuf, and **Michael** Zerka (uncle of Lauren Zerka); **Daniel**, **Staci**, and newborn **baby girl** Bator (May 18th); **Ereny** Abufarha who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and her First Communion.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Casandra** and **Daniel** Burbar, **Joselien** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **David** Khoury, **Sandy** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **Raad** Qumsieh, and **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet) and **John** Timm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no COFFEE FELLOWSHIP today.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 29th, June 5th, 19th, and 26th ~ 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, contact **Manal Abuaita** (810-577-0028).

RECOGNITION DAY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5TH!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO WE CAN ALL CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF, AND THE END OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE We are very fortunate to have several scholarships available to those who wish to further their education. Some applications are in the Lounge and others are located at: <https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/386>. Please note THE DEADLINES!

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS



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 (use the QR code to the right) 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!

St. George Men's Fellowship

We want and need a Men's Fellowship to share experiences, encouragement, support, and biblical study. The Men's Fellowship at St. George Flint will provide a variety of opportunities to connect, build community, and have fun. We are thinking of bi-monthly gatherings, opening with a teaching from Fr. Joe/speaker followed with a social activity such as dinner, cards, etc. Other activities include: cooking meals at church, fundraising campaigns, and various ministry tasks at church. We pray you will find this fellowship fun and helpful in your Christian development and maturity. Please text or call Tony Daoud at 810-730-1011 to be added to our group text. This group text is strictly for fellowship activities and to inform you on events of our group and church. If you prefer e-mail, you can send your information to Tonydaoud00@gmail.com. All men of St. George are welcome and participation is highly encouraged! God willing, our 1st gathering is coming soon.

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline There is no fasting until the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven 40 days after Pascha on June 2nd.

Monday Baking Spinach Pies 12 Noon

Bible Study: *Gospel of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist* 3-5pm

SOYO Monday 6-8pm

Wednesday Take-Out Lunch Preparation 10am

No Arabic-English Bible Study

Thursday **Middle Eastern Community TAKE-OUT LUNCH** 11am-2pm

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm

The Disturbed Heart ~ *And the Forgetfulness of the Things of God*

by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

The passions that create a state of unrest in our hearts cause us to forget the real purpose of our life, which is union with God. Saint Basil the Great tells us we cannot approach the knowledge of the truth with a disturbed heart.

Conflict, downheartedness, lust, worry, and judging others, are all things that cannot be allowed to distract us from the goal. Letting ourselves become troubled, or full of

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anxiety, does nothing to further our journey into the heart. Giving ourselves over to the passions depletes us, and leaves us stopped along the side of the narrow path into the Kingdom of God.

We must not be so self-consumed as to have no compassion for others. Saint Basil the Great tells us that a man who has two coats or two pair of shoes, when his neighbor has none, is a thief. In the Holy Scriptures we read, *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell in it."* (Psalm 24:1) No one can be saved, according to Saint John Chrysostom, without giving alms and without caring for the poor. We are stewards of what belongs to God, and now is the perfect time to share the gifts of God's creation with one another as much as we can. To store up earthly possessions, according to Christ, is the height of foolishness, and a rich man shall hardly be saved (Luke 12:15-21).

When we turn our attention towards the needs of others, our focus changes, and we are no longer consumed with self. In this turning of the heart towards those in need, we are turning our hearts to God. *"Verily I say unto you, Since you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me."* (Matthew 25:40) In our fasting, time spent in prayer, and acts of alms giving (charity), we are energized in our battle against the passions, and our hearts become at rest in Christ.

A hand with a red glow is reaching over a stack of Euro banknotes and several coins. The background is dark with a bright light source, creating a dramatic effect. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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LUKE 12:15

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