

St. George Orthodox Church

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Protodeacon Michael Bassett

June 6, 2021

Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open for all parishioners or 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. 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 is invited to receive the final blessing of the priest and Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Shammasy Pam Bassett in loving memory of **Catherine** Jane Verbosky (9 day, sister of Dn. Mike) and for the health of her husband **William**, children **Danielle** and **Patrick**, grandson **Breydon**, and sister **Cynthia**.
- Subdeacon George and Suad Gantous for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Melad** Abu Sinni (9 day, brother of Suad), **Jamil** Abu Sinni (+May 11th, cousin of Suad), and **Anisee** Abu Sinni (16 year, mother of Suad).
- Ayman and Wafaa Elias for the health of their family especially nephew **Salim** and **Dania** on their engagement, son **John** and **Mariah** on their 4 year anniversary, and nephew **Rene** and **Natania** on their 2 year anniversary ~ *May God grant them 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 week:

- **Andrew** Alkazaha – June 6th

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

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Nadia** Kaileh Qatato (+May 5th, aunt of Aida Nassar), **Mitri** Saleh (+May 14th, brother of Susan Qazaha), **Pastor David** Ross (+May 16th, friend of Dn. Mike), **Michael** Joseph (+May 18th, nephew of Sally Joseph), and **Thomas** Morrow (+May 23rd, father of Christina Joseph).
- 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, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Shafiqah** Abuaitah, **Anwar** Abueita, **Elaine** Abueita, **Wadia** Albaba, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Thuraya** Elias (mother of Ayman), **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Gracyn** Haskins (granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Marlen** Odeh, **Giries** Qumseya, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** and **Elise** Sophiea Jr.; **Christopher** Abueita and **Lindsey** Musgrave who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Mirna** (**Tamer**) Abuaita [son of Khader and Lucy], **Haneen** (**Benan**) Burbar, **Rachel** (**Andrew**) Sackllah [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita], and **Sarah** (**Matthew**) Thomas [son of Doug and Sandy].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU VACCINATED? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND NEED ANSWERS? We are blessed to have a number of medical professionals in our parish and all of them want you to get your Covid-19 vaccine as soon as possible. There is lots of wrong information on TV and social media. Don't be fooled; it could cost you or your family and friends in a sad way! If you have any questions or need truthful information, please contact Dr. Lindsey (Farah) Brunner: text ONLY, please 810-908-9213 or Infarah2009@hotmail.com. **If you or someone you know needs help making an appointment or need to be driven to one, please call the church 810-732-0720.**

COMBINED PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES THIS WEEK Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate these beautiful services and feast day! If you cannot attend, please pray with us by live-stream:

- **Leave-taking of Pascha Divine Liturgy** at *St. Nicholas in Burton* Wednesday, June 9th at 9:30am. Live-stream link <https://youtu.be/rrl8WLzYNEw>
- **Ascension Great Vespers** at *St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton* Wednesday, June 9th at 6pm. Live-stream link: <https://youtu.be/xfvpxNuu6QA>
- **Ascension Divine Liturgy** at *St. Nicholas in Burton* Thursday, June 10th at 10am. Live-stream link: <https://youtu.be/xJKWPYbr32w>

Again, all are welcome ~ make plans to attend in person!

BANQUET CENTER SUPERVISOR NEEDED Our Center is open for business and beginning June 1st we will be at 50% capacity (150 people). We are in need of a Rental Supervisor to be here during rentals. Most rentals are on weekends (Friday-Sunday). Pay varies per rental. If you are interested, please call the office 810-732-0720 and leave a message. **This is a perfect part-time job for ANYONE!**

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL AND PICNIC, JUNE 27TH

We are this year's host! Anwar Abueita is coordinating and looking for anyone to play and to help with the food and drinks. Please see or contact Anwar as soon as possible. It will be a blessed time of fellowship and fun with all of our brothers and sisters! See flier for more information.



PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCEDURES Our Parish Council is continually evaluating the quickly changing directives and guidance from Metropolitan Joseph, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our state government. We all want the safest place for all of our parishioners to worship. Because of serious health concerns, **everyone** (except the clergy and chanters) **must correctly** (our mouths and nose) **wear masks at all times**. If this is difficult for you, please watch our live-stream. Remember we are venerating icons by bowing (*not kissing or touching*) and the same for the priest's hand and the chalice at Holy Communion. Further, **our clergy and chanters are the only ones who should be singing at this time**. If you feel the need to sing, please do so **softly and with your mask on**.

ORDINATION TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD As Fr. Joe previously announced, Bishop Anthony will be with us the July 4th weekend to visit and to ordain Protodeacon Michael Bassett to the Holy Priesthood. He will be staying at St. George and is not being sent to another parish. It will be a blessing to have His Grace with us and for all of us to witness Dn. Mike's ordination. Mark your calendars ~ more information to follow!

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE MINISTRY

We are looking for a special person to lead our Preschool & Childcare Ministry. The Preschool has been in operation since 2018 and has had over 30 children in attendance. Though currently closed and without a Program Director we have a valid Child Care License. With proper staffing and leadership it could be reopened at any time. Dn. Michael, Kh. Leslee, Kelly (our Church Office Manager) and others are ready to assist you! We have a list of previous clients as well as a growing list of families looking for the intimate, faith based setting that we offer. Rooms are set up, in place, and waiting for children! Curriculum is purchased, learning centers are in place, and there is plenty of outdoor play space! This is an excellent opportunity for the right person to provide a needed service / ministry to the community and help generate revenues for St. George Church and have nearly full autonomy with minimal risk. If you are interested or you know someone who might be, contact the Preschool at 810-732-1500, stgeorgeschool17@gmail.com, or talk with Dn. Michael or Kh. Leslee.

Paschal Greeting and Response

Used until Our Lord's Ascension on the 40th day after Pascha (June 10th)

English: Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*
Arabic: Al-Maseeh Qam! *Haqqan Qam!*

Greek: Christos Aneste! *Alethos Aneste!*
Slavonic: Christos Voskrese! *Voistinu Voskrese!*

COMING EVENTS

This Week	There is no fasting until this Friday (June 11 th) after our celebration of the Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40 th day after His Resurrection (June 10 th).	
Monday	Bible Study: <i>Gospel of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian</i>	6-8pm
Weds/Thurs	Pan-Orthodox Divine Services (see above)	
Saturday	Abueita/Musgrave Wedding	3pm
	No Great Vespers	

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THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH ~ *The Corporate Nature of Salvation*

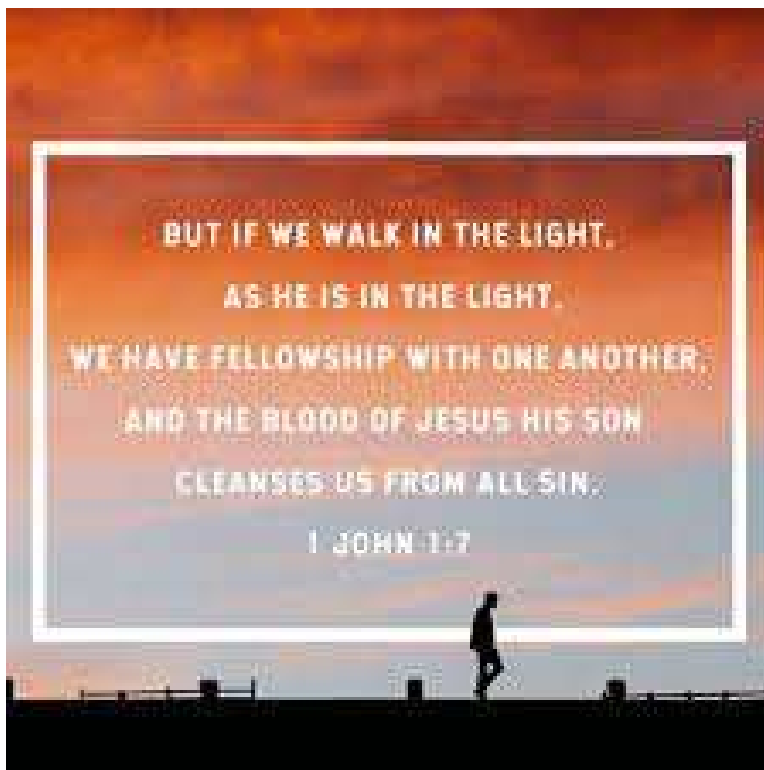
by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

There is a certain emptiness in trying to live the Christian life outside the life of the Church. This is because it is impossible to truly live as a Christian without the Church. The reading of the scriptures, and our commitment to prayer, are important foundations in the life of a Christian, but they are incomplete without the mystical and sacramental life that is found within the Church.

If we hope to grow spiritually, we will take advantage of the Mysteries that are found only within the Church. Without the Mystery of Penance and the absolution of the Church (Sacrament of Holy Confession), we have no hope of transformation and holiness, for without the corporate life of the Church, our sins keep us captive. Without the Mystery of Christ's Body and Blood, received during the celebration of the Church's Divine Liturgy, the healing of the soul remains undone, and salvation is next to impossible.

The center of the Church's Eucharistic liturgy is to be found in the descent, the appearance, the divine presence of the resurrected Christ, and is central to every moment of the liturgy. As believers, the partaking of Communion is actually that moment when we are encountering the living person of the Lord who enters the congregation as "King of the universe borne invisibly over their spears by the angelic hosts." This act is so central to the life of a Christian, as to make it the necessary component to being a Christian.

*St. John wrote his gospel, 3 short letters, and the Book of Revelation.
Get out your bible, read St. John's 1st Letter, chapter 1 ~ love, FJ*



The Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County Softball Game



**Drinks & Food
will be provided.**

For Questions call
St. George Orthodox Church –Host
810-732-0720
or contact your parish coordinator.

**Sunday, June 27, 2021
3:00pm**

**St. Pius X Catholic School
Baseball Field
(3139 Hogarth Ave. Flint, MI 48532)**

✝ **St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
2439 S. Long Lake Rd– Fenton**

✝ **St. George Orthodox Church
5191 Lennon Rd, - Flint**

✝ **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
2143 Center Rd—Burton**

✝ **Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Rd.—Grand Blanc**

