

St. George Orthodox Church

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July 3, 2022

Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Father Michael Bassett, Attached

Christ is in our Midst!

He is and ever shall be!

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*)

- Sub-deacon Salim and Dania for the health of **Danial** (Dania's father) and the **Alghanim** and **Hanna** Families.
- Khader and Lucy AbuAita for the health of their family especially sons **Raed**, **Essa**, **Tamer**, and their Families.
- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Saher** Abu Aita (+May 29th, son of Tawfiq), **Georgette** Yusuf (+June 4th), **Althea** Kresbach (+June 23rd, aunt of Kh. Pam Bassett), **Jose** Ramirez (+June 24th, known to Reem Bathish), **Stojan** Prusac (+June 25th, from St. Nicholas, friend of parishioners), and **Charles** Thabet (+June 28th, uncle of Fr. 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, **Sally** Abuaita, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Anwar** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Danny** Andoni, **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Deborah Salim), **Emil** Bathish, **Douglas** Coone, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Victor** David, **Kelly** Dotson, **Elias** Gantos, **Christopher** George, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Jamil** Ghantous, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Nadia** Ibrahim (mother of Ziyad), **Daisy** Isaac, **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Judy** Mikhail, **Laura** Nassar, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe), **Rhoda** Wheat and **Valland** Frangi (sisters of Ron Haddad), and **Michael** Zerka (uncle of Lauren Zerka); **Daniel**, **Staci**, and newborn **Phoebe Caroline** Bator (May 18th). **Nawa** Mitri (daughter of Demetri and Abeer) who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and 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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and is hosted by *Khader and Lucy Abuaita*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: July 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st ~ 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).

OUR ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX PICNIC AND SOFTBALL GAME IS NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 10TH AND WE ARE THE HOSTS!

(Please see flier on the Lounge Bulletin Board) Contact our coordinator Anwar (Andy) Abueita at 810-394-2918 or andydollar007@aol.com to help with the picnic or if you would like to play. Thank you to Fr. Anthony Strouse, pastor and the faithful of St. Pius X Catholic Church for extending their hospitality to our Orthodox faithful!



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 left*) 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!

COMING EVENTS

Fasting Discipline The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.

Thursday **Parish Council Dinner Meeting** 6:15pm

Saturday **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm

Piety and Hypocrisy ~ Putting Aside all Hypocrisy and Living for Christ

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

How easy it is to worship with all piety and correctness while standing in a service within an Orthodox temple, yet make no effort to live Orthodoxy during the rest of our week. If we are abusive towards our spouse, abrasive with a coworker, and short tempered with a neighbor, all the piety and liturgical correctness of our Sunday morning is of no value.

If we cheat on our taxes, steal pens from the office, or refuse to point out an error to a clerk who has failed to ring up an item, we will have reduced our life in Christ to no more than membership in a club. If we walk past a child who is being bullied, without intervening, we have become the bully. If we fail to call the police when we hear a neighbor pleading with an abusive husband, not wanting to get involved, we are a wife beater. If we smile at the racist joke of a coworker, we are just as guilty of racism as he.

Being a Christian is far more than adherence to a set of doctrines, or the adaptation of liturgical forms of worship and piety. To be a follower of Christ is not like joining the Elks Club, where paying your dues and attending meetings makes you a member. Taking the name of the Savior for ourselves, and calling ourselves Christian, must mean that we imitate the Savior's life. It must mean that others see Christ in us, each and every hour of our day.

We must be the neighborhood peacemaker, the one who is quick to forgive when wronged, the person who is always looking for ways of being in service to others. If we truly wish to be called a Christian, we must put aside hypocrisy in all its forms, and live Christ. We must work towards changing the world, just as did Saint Seraphim of Sarov, who told us that if we acquire peace in our heart, we will save a thousand around us. Justice and peace does not come with revolution, but comes when the hearts of men and women are transformed by the Holy Spirit, and this change can only begin, when we put aside all hypocrisy, and replace it with genuine, heartfelt commitment to Jesus Christ, living in imitation of the Savior.

hypocrite.

Hypocrisy is the state of pretending to have beliefs, opinions, virtues, feelings, qualities, or standards that one does not actually have.

Hypocrisy involves the deception of others and is thus a lie.

Through Your Cross



SAVE THE DATE

Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School Day Camp

Saturday, August 27, 2022

10:30am –4:00pm

Great Vespers 5:00pm

at Groveland Oaks Campground– Holly, MI

Details & Registration TBD

Hosted by

St. Mary Magdalene Parish

*The Pan-Orthodox Churches
of Genesee County*

Holy Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
(2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI)

St. George Orthodox Church
(5191 Lennon Rd Flint, MI)

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox
Church
(2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
(2143 S Center Rd Burton, MI)



St. George Parish Picnic @

Davison Township Parks and Recreation (Lake Callis)

1152 North Gale Road, Davison, MI 48423

Admission: when driving in, tell them you are with "St. George"



Sunday, August 21st
12 Noon to 8pm

Immediately after Divine Liturgy

A free will (*voluntary*) offering
will be available.

- Food and Drinks are provided. Per park rules, no alcohol or hookah allowed.
- Splash Pad, Soccer, Volleyball, Euchre, Backgammon, and more!
- Fun and Games for the whole family and a great way to meet and have fellowship with our St. George Family!
- For more information or to help out, please contact chairman:
Raed AbuAita (810-394-7653/ raedabuaita@gmail.com)

