

St. George Orthodox Church

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Christ is in our Midst! *He is and ever shall be!*

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! 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. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion for Orthodox Christians: Orthodox Christians fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command *to eat His Body and drink His Blood*. In order to be properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should fast (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 striving to always love God and their neighbor. Frequent communion and regular confession are recommended for all faithful Orthodox Christians.

For other Christians: We welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately, we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (*antidoron*) which will be given when coming forward to venerate (kiss) the Holy Cross and receive the final blessing from the priest. Again, welcome!

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.

Holy Bread Offerings (*Oblations*)

- Ayman and Wafaa Elias for the health of their family especially daughter-in-law **Mariah** on the occasion of her birthday ~ *May God grant her many years!* ~ and in loving memory of daughter **Joselyn** (10 year).
- Najwa Joubran for the health of her family and in loving memory of husband **Emil** (15 year) and niece **Joselyn** Elias (10 year).
- St. George Campers who received a *Joselyn Elias Scholarship* and their Parents for the health of their families, **Lana** Abuaita, and the **Antiochian Village Staff**, and in loving memory of **Joselyn** Elias (10 year).

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION DAYS

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

- **Qusai** Bannoura and **Naya** Mitri ~ July 9th
- **Andrew** Abu Aita and **Mark** Abu Aita ~ July 10th
- **Fadi** Bannoura ~ July 11th

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

- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Archbishop Nathaniel** (Romanian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America), our **Bishop Anthony**, **Fr. Joe** Abud, **Fr. Amin** and **Kh. Rena**, **Theodora**, and **Nicholas** Houli, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Abeer** Abuaita, **Reader Fouad & Soad** Abuaita, **Philip & Janett** Abuaita, **Rasha** Abuaita, **Sami & Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **George** Abueita, **Georgette** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Youssif** Abousamra, **Khaled** Al-Khoury, **William** Alsahouri, **Naila** Banna, **Douglas** Coone, **Vera** Daoud, **Said** Farah, **Joseph** Gagne, **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Mila** Mitri, **Danny** Mortensen, **Karen** Mortensen, **Laura** Nassar, **Jeanette** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Nimer** Rishmawi, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch; your servants **Jaden** Turner, **Evan** Sandford, and **Maria** Kirk who are in catechism (under instruction) to become members of our Orthodox Faith; **Nicholas** Shahin and **Stacy** Lecznar who are to be united in the *Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*.
- We also pray for the servants of God who has fallen asleep in the Lord: **Sally** Joseph (+May 26th), **Mira** Prusac (+June 14th, from St. Nicholas), and **Chris** Russell (+June 22nd, friend of Fr. Michael) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- We also pray for our Expectant Parents: **Liana** and **Hanna** Abuaita, **Stephanie** and **Nadim** Burbar, and **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BANQUET CENTER RENTAL Our Center is rented today. Please be respectful to our renters and their guests by not disturbing their event ~ Thank You!

GIFT CARDS Our summer campers will have Gift Cards for sale today!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is in our Lounge and not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs, thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: July 14th, August 4th, 11th, and 25th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information are in the Lounge. Hosting includes bringing whatever you wish to serve, setting up, and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$30. **For more information**, please contact our coordinator Manal Abuaita 810-577-0028. *During the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Fast (August 1st-14th) no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, or their by-products are to be served.*

OUR ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX PICNIC AND SOFTBALL GAME IS TODAY, JULY 7TH!

Please see flier on the Lounge Bulletin Board. Contact our coordinator Anwar (Andy) Abueita at 810-394-2918 or andydollar007@aol.com if you would like to play!

CATECHISM (INSTRUCTION) CLASSES: Mondays, 3:30–5pm. These classes are for those who are under instruction to become Orthodox ~ basically an introduction to the Orthodox Faith. All are invited to participate to learn or refresh your knowledge of our faith. The book which is being used is [The Orthodox Faith, Worship and Life by Hieromonk Gregorios of Mt. Athos](#). For more information or to sign up, please contact Fr. Michael (989-627-9580 or frdmike@gmail.com)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be \$7,588 to meet our 2024 Budget. On Sunday, June 23rd our offerings were \$1,685; we were short \$5,903! 😞 **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!** If you have not already, fill out your *2024 Offering Form*, put it in Sunday's Offering Tray or send it to the church (5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507). May God bless you for supporting His parish of St. George and offering as He wants for our salvation!

<u>COMING EVENTS</u>	
Fasting Discipline	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Saturday	Shahin Wedding at St. Nicholas Church (Greek) in Ann Arbor No Great Vespers

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North America Saints

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to *"lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us"* and *"run with patience the race that is set before us"* (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the

Russian merchant Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. **Saint Herman of Alaska** (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The **Protomartyr Juvenal** was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, **Saint Peter the Aleut** was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the 19th century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were **Saint Innocent** Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and **Saint Jacob** Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetov died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow.

Saint Tikhon (Bellavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow.

Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. Saint Tikhon's grave was discovered on February 22, 1992 in the smaller cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don Monastery when a fire made renovation of the church necessary.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. **Saints John Kochurov** (October 31) and **Alexander Hotovitzky** (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

Through the prayers of the North American Saints, save us!



REDEDICATION



WEEKEND



ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH



July 19th & 20th



**2439 S. Long Lake Rd
Fenton, MI 48430**



**Look down from Heaven of
God and Behold, and Visit
this Vineyard which you
have planted with Your
right hand, and establish it!**



**Full schedule
AND
ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

To reserve banquet tickets

810-750-1401

smmocafernton@gmail.com

or see a council member
during coffee hour

**Kindly RSVP for the
banquet by
Friday, July 12, 2024**

21st Annual Elias D. Chinonis

Golf Classic

August 19, 2024

at Pine Knob Golf Course



5580 Waldon Road • Clarkston, MI 48348

\$135 per Golfer • *Breakfast & Dinner Included*

• *Registration 8:00AM • Breakfast Buffet 8:30AM • Shotgun Start 10:30AM*

Join us after golf for: Dinner Buffet/Cash Bar/Prizes & Raffles

More Info: John Kaloydis • 810-922-2047 • jekaloydis@comcast.net

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