

St. George Orthodox Church

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August 18, 2024

BLESSINGS ON THE DORMITION (*FALLING ASLEEP/ASSUMPTION*) OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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*)

- Faten Rishmawi and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather **Nemer** Al-Rishmawi (3/9 day).
- Subdeacon Salim and Dania Hanna for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Danial** Alghanim (3 day, father of Dania).
- Rose Ayoub and Cam Takach for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Kendall** Ayoub (2 year, son of Rose and brother of Cam).
- Michael and Nancy Silpoch for the health of their family and in loving memory of Nancy's parents **Frank** (22 year) and **Mary** Salim (6 year) and Michael's parents **Rudolph** (36 year) and **Mildred** (32 year) Silpoch. ~ *may their memory be eternal!*

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:

- **Zade** Al-Atrash ~ August 18th
- **Leyla** and **Zayna** Andoni and **Jiries** Awad~ August 19th

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 **Fr. Jeremy**, **Fr. Amin** and **Kh. Rena**, **Teodora**, 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, **Youssif** Abousamra, **William** Alsahouri, **Naila** Banna, **Douglas** Coone, **Vera** Daoud, **Said** Farah, **Joseph** Gagne, **Elias** Gantos, **Subdeacon George** Gantous, **Phyllis** Good, **Daisy** Isaac, **Mila** Mitri, **Danny** Mortensen, **Karen** Mortensen, **Laura** Nassar, **Adam** Odeh, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch; your servants **Maria** Kirk, **Evan** Sandford, and **Jaden** Turner who are in catechism (under instruction) to become members of our Orthodox Faith.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Molly** McCarron (+July 12th, cousin of Fr. Michael), **Jihan** Mitri (+July 20th, sister-in-law to Elias Mitri), **George** (Jiries) Ghanem (+July 26th, brother of Manal Abuaita), **Cyril** Yonov (+July 31st, friend of Fr. Michael), **Shawn** Kiley (+Aug. 4th, sister of Sue Salomon), **John** Mays (+Aug. 4th, great-grandfather of Evan Sanford), and **Adeeb** Bathish (+August 6th, brother-in-law of Hiam Bathish) ~ *may their memory be eternal!*
- We also pray for our *Expectant Parents*: **Liana** and **Hanna** Abuaita, **Stephanie** and **Nadim** Burbar, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, and **Dania** and **Subdeacon Salim** Hanna.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no Coffee Fellowship ~ our **Parish Picnic** begins immediately after Divine Liturgy ~ see you there!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: August 25th, September 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th ~ 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**, contact coordinator Manal Abuaita 810-577-0028.

THE CRY OF THE FORERUNNER this September 27-29 in Livonia, MI. This Orthodox Men's Retreat, led by Fr. Michael Butler, Fr. Hans Jacobse, and Paul Lloyd Robson, offers an opportunity to deepen your Orthodox faith through the life and preaching of St. John the Baptist. Experience Orthodox worship, group work, physical challenges, and fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men. Whether you're a young man seeking direction or an older man ready for renewal, this retreat is for you. Limited to 100 participants. Early bird registration saves \$25 before September 1st. Visit <https://www.avg2alpha.com/cry-of-the-forerunner/> for details and registration. Optional: attend the 17th Annual Male Bonding Party afterwards.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be \$7,588 to meet our 2024 Budget. On Sunday, August 11th our offerings were \$2,160; we were short \$5,428! 😞 **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!

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 (or 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!

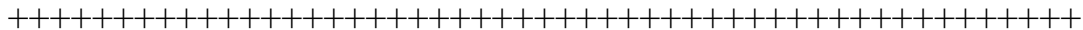
EASYTITHE OR CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS We use EasyTithe so everyone can make online one-time donations or donations that are automatically done for you! Go to our St. George Website (see above). If you need help, just come to the office or call 810-732-0720 during Office Hours.

➤ **AUTOMATIC GIVING** Did you know most banks and credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. George for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or done automatically weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.

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.

Saturday ***Great Vespers*** and ***Confessions*** 4pm



Holy Dormition ~ The Dormition or Falling Asleep or Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The last Great Feast of the Church Year.

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

According to the teachings of the Orthodox Church, Mary, having spent her life after Pentecost supporting and serving the nascent Church, was living in the house of the Apostle John, in Jerusalem, when the Archangel Gabriel

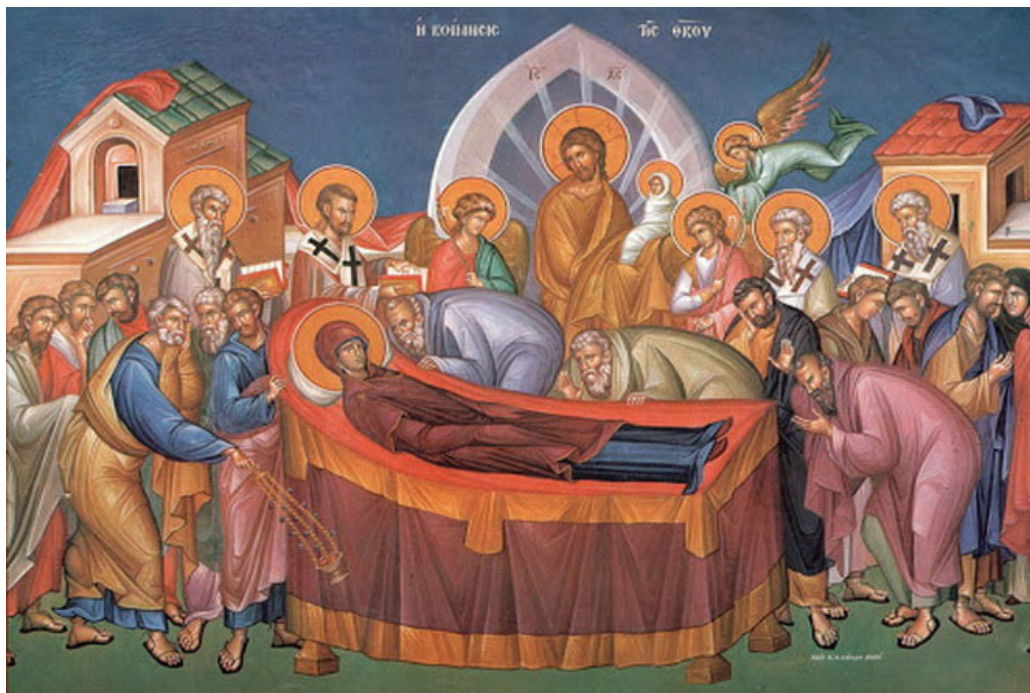
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revealed to her that her repose would occur three days later.

The apostles, scattered throughout the world, are said to have been miraculously transported to be at her side when she died. The sole exception was Thomas, who had been delayed. He arrived three days after her death and is said to have seen her body leaving to heaven. He asked her “Where are you going, O Holy One?” and then she took off her girdle (belt) and gave it to him and said “Receive this my friend” then she disappeared.

Thomas was taken to his fellow Apostles and asked to see her grave so that he could bid her goodbye. Mary had been buried in Gethsemane, according to her request. When they arrived at the grave, her body was gone, leaving a sweet fragrance. An apparition is said to have confirmed that Christ had taken her body to heaven after three days to be reunited with her soul.

The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary died a natural death, like any human being; that her soul was received by Christ upon death; and that her body was resurrected on the third day after her repose, at which time she was taken up, bodily only, into heaven. Her tomb was found empty on the third day because she had already undergone the bodily resurrection which all will experience at the Second Coming, and stands in heaven in that glorified state which the other righteous ones will only enjoy after the Last Judgment.



St. George Orthodox Church

19th Annual Golf Classic



Flushing Valley Golf Club
 1124 E Main Street
 Flushing, MI 48433

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Friday, September 20, 2024

- **-10am SHOTGUN START**
- **-HOT DOG LUNCH AT TURN**
- **-DINNER/AWARDS AT FINISH**
- **-RAFFLES**
- **-GIVE AWAYS**
- **-ALL ARE WELCOME**

\$150 – Individual Hole Sponsor

Sponsorship tee sign

\$600 – Foursome/Hole Sponsor

Four golfers plus a sponsorship tee sign

\$1,000 – Beverage Cart Sponsor

Sponsorship banner, tee sign, and a 'Thank You' plaque

\$1,250 – Dinner Sponsor

Four golfers, sponsorship tee sign & banner

\$2,000 – Silver Sponsor

Four golfers, sponsorship tee sign, banner, and dinner table cards

\$4,000 – Gold Sponsor

2 Foursomes, two sponsorship tee signs, sponsorship banner, dinner table cards, and a sponsorship plaque displayed at St. George

*Please make all checks payable to:

St. George Orthodox Church (memo: *Golf Classic*)

Mail to: **5191 Lennon Road * Flint, MI 48507**

For more information on the Classic, sponsorships, and/or reserving a spot, please contact:

Tony Daoud: 810-730-1011, Reem Bathish: 313-492-6358

or Kelly Dotson @ Church Office: 810-732-0720

Please submit all entries by September 8, 2024

Golf Team Information - <i>\$125 per golfer</i>		
<i>Golfer #1 (Captain's name):</i>		
Address:		
Phone #:		e-mail:
<i>Golfer #2 (name):</i>	e-mail:	
<i>Golfer #3 (name):</i>	e-mail:	
<i>Golfer #4 (name):</i>	e-mail:	
<i>Division (circle one):</i>		
Men	MIXED- Any combination of men/women/or 4 women	Total Enclosed - \$_____



WELCOME

To our new pastor,
Fr. Amin and Kh. Rena Houli
Teodora and Nicholas

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!

Sunday, September 15th

Special Coffee Fellowship Potluck

Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name:

<u>A-F</u>	<u>G-J</u>	<u>K-R</u>	<u>S-Z</u>
Main Dish	Desserts	Relish Dish or Bread	Salad or Side Dish

More information? See Aida Nassar or Jeanette Nassif

