

St. George Orthodox Church

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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 3 1st Matins Gospel {*Matthew 28:16-20*}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, 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, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has done a mighty act with His own arm. He has trampled down death by death and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades granting the world the great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3 (*same as above*)

لتفرح السماويات وتبتهج الأرضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزرا" بساعده، ووطئ الموت بالموت، وصار بكرًا" للاموات. وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنح العالم الرحمة العظمى.

Troparion for St. George—Tone 4

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Nativity (*Birth*) of the Virgin Mary—Tone 4

By your holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; your people do celebrate it, having been saved from the

penalty of their transgressions, crying to you: *The barren gives birth to the Theotokos who nourishes our life.*

إنَّ يواكِمَ وحنَّةً من عارِ العَقْرِ حَزْرًا. وأدَمَ وحواءَ من فسادِ الموتِ اعتقا بمولِدِكَ المقدسِ أيتها الطاهرة. فلهُ يُعَيِّدُ شَعْبِكَ إذ قد نجا من وسمَةِ الزلاّتِ هاتفاً نحوكَ. العاقِرُ تلدُ والدَةَ الإلهِ المغذِيَةَ حياتنا.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11* {12th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 19:16-26* {12th Sunday of St. Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Nakhleh Khoury and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of wife, mother, and grandmother **Miriam** (3 year), **Jamil**, **Abouna Saba**, **Aziza**, **Issa**, **Nazer**, **Elias**, **Jamieleh**, **Mitri**, **Farida**, **Ibrahim**, **Katrina**, **Anton**, **Henneh**, **Bishara**, **Henneh**, **Issa**, **Hilwa**, **Issa**, **Miriam**, **Naheel**, **Miriam**, **Ishak**, **Karla**, **Elweza**, **Msarra**, **Hilwa**, **Antonana**, and **Rihana**.
- Iman, George, and Gabrielle David for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband and father **Hanna** (10 year).

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 coming week:

Amany Rishmawi – August 28th

Elias Mitri – August 30th

May our children 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: **Norma Eileen Salim** (+July 21st, former parishioner), **Gabriel Beilfuss** (+July 21st, friend of Protodeacon Michael), **Josephine** (Romley) **Attala** (+July 31st, cousin of the Salim Family), and **Wabiha Khair** (+August 17th, aunt of Esperanza Abuaita).
- 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**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Hanna Abuaita**, **Shafiq Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Karen Hargreaves**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland & Ronald Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **John & Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Saliba Musleh** (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Laura Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.** **Andrea Gazis** (daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen) and newborn **Georgios** (August 13th); **Haneen Burbar** and newborn **Christaan** (August 17th).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Chrissy Abueita**, **Ola Alqazaha**, **Lameese Porada** (daughter of Jiries and Sharon Abu-Aitah) and **Jenny Salsa** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita).

Communion Hymn (for the Lord's Day)

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reception of Holy Communion

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may

partake of Holy Communion. *“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

- As a reminder, please do not talk in church. We are here to pray and worship God. When people talk and greet each other, we are being rude to God while distracting those who are praying and preparing themselves for HOLY COMMUNION. Please wait until Coffee Fellowship to say hello and visit with one another. In the communion line, the only people who may talk are those who are asking and receiving forgiveness from one another.

- فقط للتذكير بطريقة ودية: الرجاء عدم الكلام داخل الكنيسة. نحن هنا للصلاة وتقديم فروض العبادة لله. عندما نتحدث ونقدم التحية للاخريين داخل الكنيسة، فنحن نساهم في تقديم اهانة لله، ونشتت أولئك الذين يصلون ويهيئون أنفسهم لتناول القربان المقدس. يرجى الانتظار حتى الدخول الى صالة الكنيسة عندها يمكنكم تناول القهوة والقاء التحية على الاخريين، الاشخاص الوحيديين الذين يسمح لهم بالحديث هم فقط من يسألون ويقبلون المسامحة وطلب المغفرة قبل التناول.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENTAL Today, our Banquet Center is rented during Divine Liturgy. Please be respectful to our renters and their guests by not disturbing their event. Thank you! There is no Coffee Fellowship because our Parish Picnic begins immediately after Divine Liturgy at the Flint Swim and Racquet Club 1126 Elms Rd, Flint, MI 48532 ~ see you there!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: September 3rd and 24th ~ 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, please see Manal Abuaita.

YOU HAVE AN IDEA? Is there an event or activity you have wished would take place at St. George and it has not yet? For example, a Fish Fry or Falafel Friday, a Movie Night, anything creative and different. These are only a few suggestions. **Teens** we would love an idea from any of you. This invitation is for anyone to offer a suggestion. You know we have Euchre Night? It started with someone’s idea of bringing fun into the church and offering it as a fundraiser. Well, this is YOUR opportunity to get involved. All you need to do is offer the idea, get involved as a leader or volunteer, and let’s get going with the event! Contact a member of the Parish Council TODAY!

HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE We are looking for a couple of individuals to take on a “history” project: organizing old photos and other historical items of which we have a number of boxes. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Joe.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,710 to meet our 2017 Budget. On August 20th, our offerings were \$4,278, so we were short \$432 ~ so close, but ☹️ **Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months!**

COMING EVENTS

This Week	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. On Tuesday, we remember the Beheading of John the Baptist with our traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>).
Tuesday	Combined Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 10am
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

AUGUST 29TH (TUESDAY) ~ BEHEADING OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST [St. Matthew 14:1-12] Herod Antipas, son of the elder Herod, who was the slayer of the children of Bethlehem at the time of the birth of the Lord Jesus, was ruler of Galilee at the time when John the Baptist was preaching. This Herod was married to the daughter of Aretas, an Arabian prince. However, Herod, an evil sprout of an evil root, put away his lawful wife and unlawfully took unto himself Herodias as his mistress, the wife of his brother Philip, who was still living. John the Baptist stood up against this lawlessness and strongly denounced Herod who then cast John into prison. At the time of a banquet in his court in Sebastia in Galilee, Salome the daughter of Herodias and Philip danced before the guests. The drunken Herod was so taken by the dance, he promised Salome he would give her whatever she asked of him, even half of his kingdom. Being persuaded by her mother, Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist. Herod gave the order, John was beheaded in prison, and his head brought to him on a platter. John's disciples took the body of their teacher by night and honorably buried it. Herodias pierced the tongue of John with a needle in many places and buried the head in an unclean place. However, God's punishment quickly befell this group of evil doers. Prince Aretas, in order to cleanse his daughter's honor, attacked Herod with his army and defeated him. The defeated Herod was sentenced by the Roman Caesar, Caligula, to exile at first to Gaul and later to Spain. As exiles, Herod and Herodias lived in poverty and humiliation until the earth opened up and swallowed them. Salome died an evil death on the Sikaris (Sula) river. The death of St. John occurred before the Pascha [Passover] but its celebration on August 29 was established because, on that day, a church, which had been built over his grave in Sebastia by Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena, was consecrated. In this church the relics of John's disciples, Eliseus and Audius, were also placed.

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- If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.
- **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm). The Office is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kelly can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.
- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.