

# St. George Orthodox Church

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Rev. Father Michael Bassett, Assistant

September 5, 2021

## 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. 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 (*Oblations*)

- The Children of Nakhleh Khoury and their Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of father **Nakhleh** (40 day).
- Father Michael and Khouriya Pam Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Adeeb** Saad (10 years, uncle of Fr. Mike).

#### 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:

- **Nadine** Khoury ~ September 11<sup>th</sup>

*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: **Mariam** Alsous Rishmawi (+July 30<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Salem Rashmawi and Fadi Rishmawi), **Charles** Stewart (+August 10<sup>th</sup>, uncle of Kelly Sanderson), **Zahra** Abuaita Al-Khoury (+August 21<sup>st</sup>, aunt of Khaled Al-Khoury), and **Thuraya** Elias (+August 23<sup>rd</sup>, mother of Ayman).
- 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, **Salwa** Abu-Aitah, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Shafiqa** Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Gracy**n Haskins (granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Daisy** Isaac, **Nicola** Khoury, **Lane** Kiley (niece of Sue Salomon) **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Roger** Saadeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** and **Elise** Sophiea Jr., **Shirley** Zerka (mother of Victoria); **Leah Nicole** Brunner who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation; **Daniel** Dubon who is to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation.
- We also pray for our expectant parents: **Mirna** and **Tamer** Abuaita [son of Khader and Lucy], **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khoury, **Haneen** and **Benan** Burbar, **Amira** and **Abdallah** Farah, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Elise** and **Jarrett** Lane [daughter of Habeeb & Denise Ghattas and Jill Smith], **Kari** and **Panagiotis** Mikroudis [daughter of John and Theresa Farah], and **Rachel** and **Andrew** Sackllah [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita].

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL** is hosted by *the Family of Nakhleh Khoury*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 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).

## CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!

Everyone received a letter and one registration form in the mail. All of our children/students, need to register using the NEW form. Please fill out one form for each child and bring it to church and give it to our Church School Director, Janet Abueita.



**ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC** is Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Flushing Valley Golf Club. The Classic is for fellowship, fun, and to raise money for our church. Hole Sponsorships are needed, which is great for remembering a loved one, health of your family, or publicity for a business for only \$125 (see flier on Narthex Table). Donations of prizes, gift cards and/or money to buy gifts are also needed ~ you do not need to be a golfer to support this wonderful event. If you are interested or need more information, see Tony Daoud (810-730-1011).

**PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCEDURES** As of today, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Genesee Health Department recommends everyone wears masks while indoors. Please remember we can venerate icons by bowing (*not kissing or touching at this time*) and the same for the priest's hand and the chalice at Holy Communion. Further, **only our clergy and chanters may sing**. We all want the safest place for all of our parishioners to worship. We know that combining masks and vaccines will protect ourselves and our community against this fast-changing virus. **PLEASE FOLLOW:**

1. It is recommended everyone wears a mask inside our church buildings.
2. **PLEASE, if you are not vaccinated** because of medical or other reasons, **you must wear a mask and maintain social distancing**.
3. Pews in the back of the church are for **those who are not vaccinated** and **those who would like to be social distanced**.

Our live-stream will continue.

**YOUNG ADULTS** Our parish is looking to help our youth, in college and those beginning their careers, remain engaged in their life in Christ, especially during the complexities of the pandemic and the stresses of college life. To do this we need your help. Specifically, we need the contact information (e-mail) for our young adults so we can reach out to them to link them up with their local Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) and an Orthodox church in their area. You can call the parish office 810-732-0720 or have your child, grandchild, or Godchild send an email to [saintgeorgegflint@gmail.com](mailto:saintgeorgegflint@gmail.com).

**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, your family, or friends in a tragic way! If you have any questions or need truthful information, please contact Dr. Lindsey (Farah) Brunner: text ONLY, please 810-908-9213 or [lnfarah2009@hotmail.com](mailto:lnfarah2009@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.**

**FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN** Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee will be out-of-town September 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. **For emergencies while Fr. Joe is away**, contact please *Father Michael Bassett* (St. George, 989-627-9580), *Fr. Jarrod Russell* (Assumption, 810-771-4611), *Fr. Gabriel Bilas* (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or *Fr. Matthew Butrie* (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee's safe travels.

### **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.
Tuesday	Combined Pan-Orthodox <b>Great Vespers</b> for the <b>Nativity of the Virgin Mary</b> at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 6pm
Wednesday	Combined Pan-Orthodox <b>Divine Liturgy</b> for the <b>Nativity of the Virgin Mary</b> at <i>St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton)</i> 9am
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

## **IMPARTING LOVE ~ As Christians We Need to Impart Christ's Love to Others**

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

Several years ago I was sitting in a Seattle coffee house, laptop open, working on correspondence. Two young college-age men were sitting at a table about two feet away. One of them made a rude remark that was obviously meant for my ear. He suggested to his friend that only a stupid old man would believe in God. I smiled at them and continued to work on my laptop.

Before leaving the café, I purchased two gift cards and asked the barista to give them to the two young men sitting at the table next to mine, but only after I left.

About two weeks later I visited the same café, and found the same two young men sitting at a table by the window. As I seated myself at a back table, they both came over and asked if they could sit with me for a moment. I smiled broadly and said I would be delighted to have them join me. One of the young men then asked me why I purchased gift cards for them, since I obviously heard his nasty comment about me.

I told them that God had told me to buy them the cards, and that the gifts were from God. One of the young men teared up and asked for my forgiveness. I told him I forgave him the very moment he uttered those words because Christ loved them. How could I not love them if God loved them, I asked?

God offers us abundant chances to show His love for other people, and sometimes the most unlovable that come into our presence are the very ones who need our love the most.

*Get out your bible, find the Gospel of St. John, and read Chapter 13 where the below verse comes from and see what else our Lord and Savior says. Love, FJ*





THE PAN-ORTHODOX CHURCHES  
OF GENESEE COUNTY

# NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS



VESPERS & LITIJA  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH  
6:00PM

DIVINE LITURGY  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH  
9:00AM



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