

St. George Orthodox Church

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V. Rev. Father Joseph M. Abud, Pastor

Protodeacon Michael Bassett

September 6, 2020

THE MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL IN COLOSSAE

Live Streaming of Divine Services

St. George is open with a limited number of parishioners each week. Only those who are scheduled may attend. If you are not on the list and would like to be part of the rotation, please contact Fr. Joe (810-732-0720 or njja@aol.com). View our livestream at:

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.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** *{the Golden-Mouth}*,
The **Special Hymns** we sing are on the [Bilingual sheets from Fr. Joe's Email](#).

Holy Bread Offerings

- Kh. Suheila Khoury, George, Suheil, and Jalal Abuaita and their Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of parents **Nahil** (19 year) and **Issa** (17 year) and brother **Hanna** (2 ½ year).

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who celebrated their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this week:

- **Nadine Khoury** – September 11th

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: **Archdeacon David Nimer** (+August 5th, relative of the Farah Family), **Thomas Dilullo** (+August 2nd, friend of Dn. Mike), **Karen Howder** (+August 23rd, mother of Claire Saadeh), and **Jalal Zatounch** (+August 25th, nephew of Karam Nassar).
- 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**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett), **Anwar Abueita**, **Wadia Albaba**, **Nabil Andoni** (brother of Vera Daoud), **Kendall Ayoub** (brother of Cam Takach), **Naila Banna**, **Emil J. Bathish**, **Levi Cooper**, **Vera Daoud**, **Jimmy David**, **Evelyn Delbridge**, **Vera Farah**, **Averie Fisher** (niece of Sandy Thomas), **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Elias Gantos**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Shawna Hale**, **Donald Hawkins**, **Nassem Helel** (father of Amani Helal), **Daisy Isaac**, **Nawal** and **Nimer Iseid**, **Michael Khal**, **Hanna** (Shawki) Khoury, **Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **George Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Deborah Salim**, **Nicholas Saseen**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr**, and **Lois Teunion**; **Abdulla** and **Amira** (Abdallah) Farah who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Juliana** (Essa) AbuAita and **Katie** (Philip) Quackenboss [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, AND DONATIONS Though everyone cannot attend church due to limited capacity or other reasons, our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still needed. PLEASE help our parish by continuing to send your offerings to St. George. This can simply be done by going to our website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) or by mailing your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507.

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCEDURES Because of serious health concerns, we all must wear masks at all times. 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. When you come to church, the front is roped off so the singing of the clergy and chanters can keep everyone safe (singing, like sneezing and coughing, can propel air droplets 20 feet!) ~ if you want to sing, please do it very softly and with your mask on.

PARKING LOT PLEDGES

Our goal is \$80,000 (we have raised over \$41,000 so far including half of the Valentine Gala profits) and we are so thankful for those who have donated and pledged. If you have not already, please pick up a form, fill it out, and send it to the church. Remember our donations to the Parking Lot are separate (above and beyond) our weekly offerings. Again, thank you to our donors!

Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud
Rose Ayoub
Dn. Mike and Pam Bassett
St. George Preschool
Jamal and Manal Abuaita
Khader and Lucy Abuaita
Anwar and Janet Abueita
Laila Abud

Anonymous
Ladies Auxiliary
Tony Daoud
Ayman and Wafaa Elias
John and Theresa Farah
Betty Froberg
Dr. David and May Gantos
Ronald Haddad

Elias and Amirah Hanna
George and Jeanette Nassif
Fadi and Evette Rishmawi
Bill and Sue Shaheen
Richard Shaheen
Bob and Lois Teunion

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.
Monday	Combined Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Virgin Mary 6pm at St. Nicholas (2143 South Center Road, Burton 810-744-0070)
Tuesday	Combined Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos at St. Mary Magdalene (2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton) 10am
Wednesday	The Relationship Project Zoom Gathering 7:30pm
Thursday	Usher Meeting 4pm Church School Staff Meeting 6pm
Saturday	Great Vespers 5pm Abuaita Baptism 6pm

THE RELATIONSHIP PROJECT

An invitation has gone out to all of our teens and recent high school graduates for *THE RELATIONSHIP PROJECT!* Parents, Godparents, and grandparents, please check encourage them to join! Please see the attached flier. If you have any questions, please contact Kh. Leslee Abud (laabud@aol.com or 810-845-8162.

The 12 Great Feasts in the Church Year

The Church Year begins on September 1st and ends on August 31st. Our celebration of *Pascha, our Lord's Resurrection from the dead* is not part of this list because it is the Feast of Feasts!

Feasts of our Lord

- *Exaltation of the Cross* (September 14)
- *Nativity of our Lord* (Christmas - December 25)
- *Theophany or Epiphany* (January 6)
- *The Meeting of our Lord* (February 2)
- *Palm Sunday* (one week before Pascha)
- *Ascension of our Lord* (40 days after Pascha)
- *Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost* (50 days after Pascha)
- *Transfiguration* (August 6)

Feasts of the Mother of God:

- *Nativity of the Theotokos* (September 8)
- *Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple* (November 21)
- *Annunciation* (March 25)
- *Dormition of the Theotokos* (August 15)

**WORLD CLASS
GIVES BACK! BAR-B-Q**

**4 DAYS OF AMAZING BBQ!
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
SOUP KITCHENS!**

Thurs., September 10 - Sun., September 13
Thursday - Saturday 11 am to 11 pm
Sunday 11 am - 9 pm

NORTH SAGINAW ST. AT PIERSON RD., FLINT

SLOW HICKORY ROASTING • FALL OFF THE BONE TENDER!

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties are looking for volunteers to help with an upcoming fundraiser, *The Ginormous Tent Sale*. The sale will be held at ELGA Credit Union (Burton Branch) 2305 South Center Road in Burton. Set up will be August 30th – September 2nd, the sale is September 3rd-7th, and tear down September 8th-9th. If you can lend a hand, please call Theresa Hurley on 810-853-0097~thank you!



GRIEF & LOSS
Support Group

At Catholic Charities, we understand grief and loss is difficult. We hope you will find healing, support, hope, strength, and understanding interacting with others who have had similar experiences.

OPEN TO EVERYONE
THURSDAYS
5 PM - 6 PM
FREE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
901 CHIPPEWA STREET

Contact Linda Itson to reserve your spot.
810-232-9950 ext. 250

www.CatholicCharitiesFlint.org

Confession ~ *In confession we humble ourselves before another person*

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

It is only out of delusion we believe we do not need others to see, understand, and treat our spiritual sickness. Anyone who believes that he alone can cure his spiritual diseases has isolated himself from a Mystery of the Church and will come to ruin. Only with the help of others are we saved, for within the Christian faith, salvation comes not in a self-focused void, but in the collective nature that is the Church. The Mystery of Confession, established by Our Lord, is a clear sign of the biblical truth that we need the Church, and we need the Mystery of Confession.

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In confession we do not simply regret past evil but recognize the darkened vision of our own condition, in which sin, by separating us from God, has reduced us to a divided, autonomous existence, depriving us of both our natural glory and our true freedom. *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9)

The Mystery of Confession is important because on it constitutes the cure of spiritual illness. Since the goal of the Christian life is transformation in Christ, ridding ourselves of the corrupt and diseased fallen self, it must begin with the death of the ego. We humble ourselves before the priest when we confess our sins. Christ hears us because of our act of humility in baring our souls in front of another person. Thus, Scripture establishes confession, recounts Christ's gift of authority to the Apostles and their successors to bestow forgiveness to penitents, and exhorts us to confess even to one another (James 5:16). It is through one another we achieve humility and, mystically, this joins us to Christ.

GINORMOUS TENT SALE!

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CREDIT UNION

Burton Branch
2305 S. Center Rd., Burton

LABOR DAY WEEKEND!
SEPTEMBER 3-7

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY

9AM - 6PM

SUNDAY 12PM - 6PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF
SHIAWASSEE & GENESEE COUNTIES
WWW.CCSGC.ORG



Once a man was asked,
"What did you gain by
regularly praying to God?

The man replied, "Nothing.."
But let me tell you what I lost:
Anger, Ego, Greed, Depression,
Insecurity, and Fear of Death."

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

September 1, 2020

Beloved Faithful in Christ,

Greetings and blessings to you and your loved ones in the Name of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we begin a new ecclesiastical year, I write to offer my heartfelt and fervent prayers to our Lord, that He will bless us all abundantly with His grace and love for mankind: healing the sick, comforting the afflicted, guiding those in spiritual and civil authority, strengthening those ministering unto others, pacifying the nations, and bringing unity to our fractured society.

Although this past year has presented us with many difficulties, we have also seen countless acts of heroism and self-sacrifice, kindness and generosity. When we needed to limit the numbers of faithful in our churches, our parishes responded with using technology to broadcast the services as well as making creative use of the space available and increasing the number of services to accommodate more people.

When we needed to close the camping programs this summer, the staffs of our camps did an unprecedented and excellent job reaching the youth through virtual programs – this year I even heard much positive feedback from parents who got to experience a taste of what their children do at camp through this medium. I also learned that our Antiochian Village counselors, realizing the financial difficulties the camp faced this summer, took the initiative to donate and fundraise – bringing in \$35,000! These situations have been far from ideal, but I am proud of the clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese!

We do see some hopeful signs that the surge in case numbers we saw during the summer is subsiding, but we should continue with common sense precautions as we enter the fall months. We ask our pastors and parish councils to do their due diligence in remaining up to date on all the local health guidelines and regulations. Our previous directives remain in force in this Archdiocese, and they must be applied and interpreted within the framework of your local conditions.

Regarding our Sunday schools, our preference is to remain cautious about in-person gatherings. If a parish is in an area where there is limited transmission and the schools

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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have opened, we grant our blessing to open if the parish can abide strictly to the [CDC guidelines for schools](#) and any relevant local regulations. We would recommend waiting to begin in-person instruction until the end of September to gauge the success of the local schools in reopening. All our parishes, however, have our blessing to continue with online instruction for the youth.

Parishes may continue to have in-person parish council and organizational meetings, Bible studies, etc. of small groups with appropriate precautions. Again, parishes should be mindful of their local conditions and policies in making these decisions. Any fundraisers, coffee hours, or food service should continue to be curbside pick-up and individual serving containers, following the public health guidelines in your area. We also recommend using the fall months to plan your gatherings outdoors as much as practicable.

We will not be able to have annual parish meeting in-person this fall. These meetings can be held virtually, and we encourage parishes that have their elections during their fall meetings to explore online or mail-in methods of voting. Any questions may be sent to our chancellor, Archdeacon Emile Sayegh - emile@sayeghandsayeghlaw.com

I would like to remind our faithful that we are continuing to collect donations to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ affected by the explosion in Beirut. We are working in close cooperation with His Eminence Metropolitan Elias of Beirut and Dean Triantafilou of IOCC to ensure all the donations are distributed quickly and effectively to those in need. If you have not yet contributed to this worthy cause, please do so as soon as possible by visiting our website [here](#).

Our church year ends in celebration of the falling asleep of our All-Holy Lady, the Theotokos, and the new one begins with the celebration of her nativity. I call on all of our faithful to offer fervent intercessions to the Theotokos as we close this difficult year marked by pandemic, tension, and violence. May she, as the Joy of All Who Sorrow and Champion Leader, bring spiritual joy in the midst of these worldly tribulations and lead us to days of peace, health, salvation, visitation and furtherance in all good things.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed and grace-filled new year, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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