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St. George

Parish Picnic

at

Flint Swim & Racquet Club

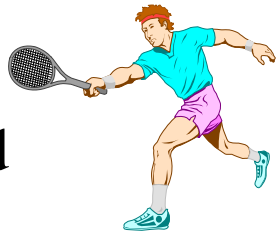
1126 North Elms Road {just north of Calkins}

Sunday, August 27th

12 Noon -- 6pm

A free will (voluntary) offering will be available.

- Food and Drinks are provided.
- Swimming, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball, Euchre, Backgammon, etc.



- Fun and Games for the whole family and a great way to meet and have fellowship with other parishioners!

ANIMALS AND THE BIBLE

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2017

August 7th—9th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI

810-771-4611

2017 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

1st Child Name _____

Grade Starting in Fall _____ Birth Date_____ Age _____

2nd Child Name _____

Grade Starting in Fall _____ Birth Date_____ Age _____

3rd Child Name _____

Grade Starting in Fall _____ Birth Date_____ Age _____

Home Church _____

Parent Names_____

Home Address _____

Email _____

Main Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Food Allergies : Y or N If yes, please explain _____

Other medical concerns Y or N If yes, please explain: _____

_____

Family Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone _____

Preferred Hospital:_____

List of persons who have permission to pick up the child: _____

_____

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church has my permission to photograph/film my child, stated above, in any manor or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VCS program.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church has my permission to seek medical attention for my child in the case of an emergency.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Saint George Church is working to open a Daycare / Pre-School Center that will:

1. Minister to our Parish and Local Community
2. Bring revenue into our parish

We are searching for ***(must meet LARA* requirements)***:

1. A Program Director
2. A Lead Caregiver
3. Assistant Caregivers & Volunteer Workers

We need "Start Up" Volunteers to help:

1. Locate and acquire various items
2. Ready our facility for inspections
3. Prepare various items for the School
4. Pray for this ministry

An opening day is not firm, but we are looking for September 2017!

We have been working hard on this project for many months. Whether we succeed or not is in God's Hands and nothing is certain until we hire our staff, complete inspections, and receive license approval from the State of Michigan. We wanted at this time to include our Parish Family and Friends in this project as we have reached the point where we need your help and your prayers.

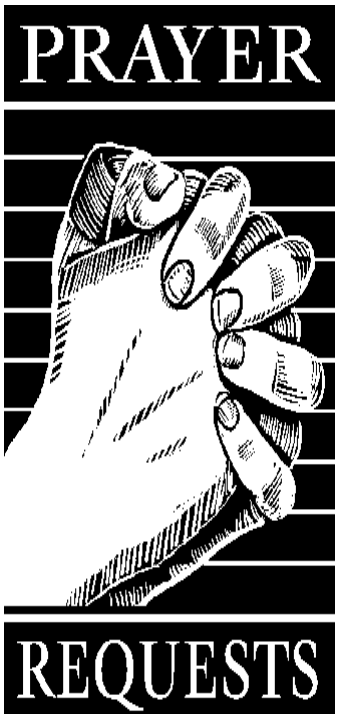
For further information, please CONTACT:
Khouryia Leslee Abud (stgeorgeschool17@gmail.com / 810-845-8162) or
Deacon Michael Bassett (frdnmike@gmail.com / 989-627-9580).

*State of Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs: Licensing Rules For Child Care Centers

Daily Prayer Life

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Dorothy Maschke** (+June 25th, aunt of Sharon Abu-Aitah), **Lorraine Roum** (+June 25th, friend of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee), **Kh. Stefanie Yazge** (+June 29th, friend of Fr. Joe and Leslee), **Raymond Shaheen** (+July 9th, brother of Sally Joseph), and **Nasim Abuaita** (+July 14th, father of Raed).

May their memory be eternal!



- Remember our parishioners and those 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**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Ceasar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Alex** and **Panayotis Deligorges**, **Vera Farah**, **George Gantous**, **Karen Hargreaves**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland** & **Ronald Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **John** & **Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Laura Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr**.; *those who are suffering in the Middle East, Ukraine, and the City of Flint, the supporters and benefactors of St. George, the members of our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Teen SOYO, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Church School, Ushers, and YAF/OCF (Young Adult Fellowship/Orthodox Christian Fellowship).*
- Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Chrissy Abueita**, **Ola Alqazaha**, **Haneen Burbar**, **Andrea Ferris** (former parishioner), **Lameese Porada** (daughter of Jiries and Sharon Abu-Aitah) and **Jenny Salsa** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita).

➢ *For the following, please update Fr. Joe whether they should remain on our prayer list – Thank You!*

- Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Clemence Bassett**, **Jonathan Bassett**, **Cynthia Brooks**, **Catherine Verbosky**, and **Shawna Hale**, (family/friends of Dn. Mike and Pam Bassett), **Kinan Turjman** (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Michel Abuaita** (father of Mary Khoury), **Mariam Ghanim** (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Youssef** and **Georgette Damouni** (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Abdulnour Hanna** (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Maha Qassis** and **Nadia Ibrahim** (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Shafeka Qurpan** and **George Ishak** (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Joann** (Haddad) **Merrelli** (former parishioner), **James Gorr** (father of Dr. Melissa Bathish), **Elias Ibrahim** and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Hanna Abu-Nimer** (relative of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Jenna Marsico** (niece of Jim Delbridge), **Scott Lints** (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Tom Ellenburg** (friend of Sally Joseph), **Saliba Musleh** (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam Odeh** (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Elaine Gejoff**, **Marcella Moorman**, and **Dennis Perez** (from St. Mary Magdalene), **Gloria Zelenko** (from St. Nicholas), **Casey Webb** (grandson of Bob Teunion), **Sanaa Alqassis** (former parishioner), and **Habib Kheirallah** (brother of Kamal).

Congratulations and God bless:

❖ **Dannie Jones** who was voted the Saginaw Valley Conference Coach of the Year by his peers, the other coaches! Dannie coaches the Powers Catholic High School Girls Tennis team which finished Top 10 in the State for the 4th consecutive year!

❖ **Devin Jones** who was hired as the Executive Director of the Arab-America Heritage Council!

- **Rami** and **Walaa Alqassis** on the birth of their daughter **Tia** (June 4th).

United in Marriage

- **John** and **Mariah** (Schlis) **Elias** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on May 28th.
- **Rakan** and **Renae** (Rishmawi) **Bayouk** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on May 28th.
- **Issa** and **Sezgeen** (Shomali) **Abuaita** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on July 16th.

- **Romanos** and **Rubina Abuaita** who were brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of their First Communion on April 29th. Godparents: **Tony** and **Jenny Salsa** and **Nicola** and **Mary Khoury**. Parents: **Raed** and **Rania**.
- **Maya Abuaita** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of her First Communion on June 11th. Godparents: **Emil** and **Eline Abueita**. Parents: **Dr. Alee** and **Shurouq**.
- **Greyson** and **Sloane Abu-Aitah** who were brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of their First Communion on July 9th. Godparents: **Terrence Bilodeau** and **Jennifer Gitchell** and **Ted** and **Monica Barrie**. Parents: **Jason** and **Crystal**
- **Nasri Abdallah** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion on July 19th. Godparents: **Ayad Alallam** and **Amira Abdallah** Parents: **Michael** and **Waad**,

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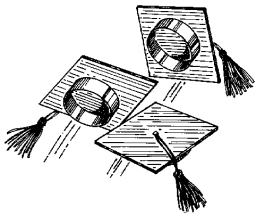

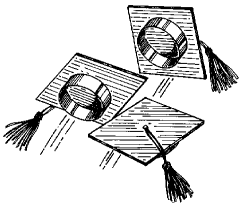

Class of 2017 *continued*

College Graduates

John Elias

- Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations
- Son of Ayman and Wafaa

Mariah Schlis-Elias

- Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Zoology degree
- Wife of John Elias

Samer Abuaita

- University of Michigan-Flint with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems
- Son of the Jamal and Manal

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR AUGUST The **Dormition Fast** (*fast for the Virgin Mary's Falling Asleep or Assumption*) is from August 1st-14th in preparation of our celebration of the Mother of God's Falling Asleep on August 15th. The traditional fasting discipline during this fourteen day period is *no meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, milk, dairy products, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products,* except on Saturdays and Sundays when *wine and olive oil* are allowed and on the Feast of our **Lord's Transfiguration** (August 6th), when *fish, wine, and olive oil are allowed*. The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products)* is observed on all other Wednesdays and Fridays. On the Feast of the **Beheading of John the Baptist** (August 29th), the traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products)* is observed.

SUMMER OFFERINGS! Many parishioners are away on vacation, out of the country, or unable to attend due to ill health or travel. During the summer, our parish, like others, experiences less donations, yet our expenses continue. If you will be away, please keep up with your offerings and be a good and faithful steward!

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please mark your calendars and come to help out during our once-a-month commitment at the Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, August 22nd from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim and Evelyn Delbridge (810-630-2353). Since our children are out of school, this is a perfect time for the whole family to help "*feed the hungry*"!

MIDWEST DIOCESAN 2017 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

- **Janet Abueita** and **Pam Bassett** won the *Adult Bible Bowl* for the 2nd year in a row!
- **Reem Hayek** (daughter of Wael and Kholoud) received a 2nd place award in the *Creative Arts Festival for 8th Grade*; **Shane Gantos** (son of Dr. David and May) received a 3rd place award in the *Creative Arts Festival for 11th Grade*; and **Reema Abousamra** (daughter of Yousiff and Salwa) received a 3rd place award in the *Creative Writing Festival for 12th Grade*. We had a number of participants from our parish in this Church School sponsored event, but want MORE next year!
- **Majd Abuaita** (son of Khaled and Sally) received one of the *$750 College Scholarships* from the Midwest Diocesan Council!

We are SOOOOOOOOO proud of all of you!

Mark your calendars for next year's 2018 Midwest Parish Life Conference hosted by St. Elias-Sylvania, OH June 20-24, 2018!

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD On Sunday, August 6th, we will be celebrating the Great Feast of our Lord's Transfiguration . As is the custom, we will be blessing grapes and other fruit at the end of Liturgy. Please bring your grapes and fruit and put them on the table in the front of the church to be blessed.

DORMITION (*ASSUMPTION OR FALLING ASLEEP*) OF THE THEOTOKOS We will be having a Pan-Orthodox celebration with our brothers and sisters at Assumption Church (2245 Baldwin Road [between Holly and Fenton Roads] Grand Blanc 810-771-4611) of their Patronal and Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos beginning with Great Vespers and the Blessing of the Five Loaves, Wheat, Wine, and Oil (*Artoklasia*) with His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit on Monday, August 14th at 6pm. We will end the celebration with Divine Liturgy (10:30am) on Tuesday, August 15th.

Coming Events in September

8	**Great Feast of the Nativity *(Birth)* of the Virgin Mary**
10	**Beginning of Church School**
15	**Great Feast of the Finding and Elevation of the Holy and Life-giving Cross**
30	**Family Night!!!**

August

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
	***Assumption** 2245 Baldwin Road (between Holly & Fenton Roads) Grand Blanc 810-771-4611	**1** **Dormition Fast Begins**	**2**	**3** **Abufarha Baptism 5pm**	**4** **Seven Sleepers of Ephesus** **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (*OCF*) 7pm**	**5** ***Great Vespers* and Confessions** 5pm
6 **Transfiguration of our Lord on Mt. Tabor** Food Drive Ladies Auxiliary Meeting after Liturgy	**7** **Vacation Church School** *(see flier and registration form)*	**8**	**9** **Apostle Matthias**	**10**	**11** Euchre Tournament 6:30	**12** ***Great Vespers* and Confessions** 5pm
13 **Leavetaking of the Transfiguration**	**14** ***Great Vespers and Blessing of the 5 Loaves*** *at *Assumption* 6pm	**15** **Dormition of the Virgin Mary** ***Divine Liturgy*** at *Assumption 10:30am	**16** **Commemorating the Icon "Not-made-by-Hands" of our Lord in Edessa**	**17** Michigan Clergy Deanery in Troy 12pm Parish Council 6:15pm	**18**	**19** ***Great Vespers* and Confessions** 5pm
20 **Prophet Samuel**	**21**	**22** North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm	**23**	**24** **Hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania**	**25**	**26** ***Great Vespers* and Confessions** 5pm
27 **Venerable Pimen the Great** **Parish Picnic** *(see flier)*	**28** **Venerable Moses of Ethiopia**	**29** **Beheading of John the Baptist**	**30**	**31** **Commemorating the placing of the Belt of the Theotokos in the Church of the Virgin in Constantinople**		

2017

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 1 to August 31, 2017

Birthdays

August

1 Wassim Abousamra
Liliana Abufarha
Erica S. Shamma

2 Basel H. Abuaita

4 Lauren T. Gantos
Abeer N. Rishmawi

5 Madisen M. Bathish

6 Christopher I. Abueita
Huda Abusaada

7 Tamer Haddad

8 Elham N. Ishak
Logan K. Salomon

9 Ceasar Banna
Hubert A. Rodriguez

10 Georgette Abueita
Waj'd A. Al-Atrash

12 Iyad I. Abufarha

14 Waed A. Al-Atrash
Jonathan Shomali

15 Sally G. Abuaita
Nadia Rishmawi

16 Maha Alqazaha
Michelle Farah

17 Layan Abusaada
Nadia Hamati

18 Enad A. Al-Atrash
Raionna R. Qumseya

19 Jamal Abuaita
Dunyia T. Abufarha
Gregory "Greg" L. Farah
May Y. Gantos
Luka D. Mitri

20 Janett Abuaita
Mounir Awad
Katherine D. Joseph
Taylor N. Salomon

21 Lucy AbuAita
Gabriella "Gabby" F. Ghattas
Andrea M. Rishmawi
Nicholas "Nick" M. Shadeed

22 Christina M. Andoni
Gabrielle David
Nabeel Fakhoury
Yasmine "Katie" K. Farah
Sandy L. Isaac
Pamela L. McCann

23 Issa Ibrahim
Ramzi R. Mashni
Jonathan N. Rishmawi

24 Laila J. Abud

25 Fuad Albaba

26 Ayva J. Al-Atrash

27 Evan P. Isaac
Nadim H. Khoury
Salim Zarour

28 Sahar Abdallah
Stephanie N. Silpoch
Douglas "Doug" W. Thomas

29 Emil F. Abueita
Sally J. Shaheen Joseph

30 Marie C. El-Chaer

31 Ava G. Mitri
David A. Salim

Namedays

August

5 Lauren (Theresa) Terese Gantos

15 Nougod Abuaita
Nida Ishaq

20 Bassem "Sam" Samy Abdo
Sami Basel Abuaita
Sami Hanna Abuaitah
Sami Abufarha
Sami Alsahouri
Raed Sami Al-Sahuri
Samantha Raed Al-Sahuri
Sami Raed Al-Sahuri
Samantha Michelle Russell
Roger Sami Saadeh

21 Jacob Wayne Harrison

29 Nadim Hanna Khoury

Wedding Anniversaries

August

1 Mr. and Mrs. Ceasar Banna
Mr. and Mrs. Nabil Haddad

4 Mr. and Mrs. Anwar Abueita

6 Mr. and Mrs. George Abuaita

7 Mr. and Mrs. Salim Zarour

8 Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Abuaita

9 Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Rishmawi, Jr.

10 Mr. and Mrs. Boulos Fanous

11 Mr. and Mrs. Victor Habbas

12 Mr. and Mrs. Emil Abueita
Mr. and Mrs. Isam Masaad
Mr. and Mrs. Giries Odeh

13 Mr. and Mrs. Danial Mitri
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Teunion

15 Mr. and Mrs. Jamiel Shamma

16 Mr. and Mrs. Rodny Helal

17 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sanderson

18 Mr. and Mrs. John Salomon

19 Mr. and Mrs. Mousa Rishmawi
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Silpoch

20 Mr. and Mrs. Amjad Abusaada
Mr. and Mrs. Luai Helal

21 Mr. and Mrs. Youssif Abousamra

22 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zeidan

24 Mr. and Mrs. Said Farah

27 Mr. and Mrs. Ayman Elias
Mr. and Mrs. Marc Smith

30 Mr. and Mrs. Walid Hayek
Mr. and Mrs. Eyad Rishmawi

31 Mr. and Mrs. Nicola Khoury

God Grant You All Many Years!

30TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE CELEBRATION 2017

DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD ORTHODOX MONASTERY

Guests of Honor:
His Eminence Archbishop ALEXANDER (OCA)
His Grace Bishop PAUL (OCA)
His Grace Bishop ANTHONY (Antiochian)

Hosted by
His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL

PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 14

5:00 pm	Light Supper
6:30 pm	Vigil of the Feast with Lamentations.

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 am	Akathist, 3rd Hour, 6th Hour, Vesting of the Hierarchs and procession to the Pavilion
10:00 am	Hierarchal Holy Liturgy.
12:45 pm	Lunch
2:30 pm	Mystery of Holy Unction.
5:30 pm	Vespers
6:30 pm	Supper

Directions: *I94 to exit 138 - Rt. 127 North. Go 7½ mi. Take "Berry Rd./Rives Jct." exit; turn left (If exiting from 127 South, turn right). At stop sign (app. 1 mi.), turn right. The monastery is located on the left side of the road.*

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V. Rev. Fr. Joseph M. Abud, Pastor
Protodeacon Michael Bassett

Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
  Great Vespers and Sacrament of Repentance {Confession*} **5:00 PM**
- Sunday
  Sacrament of Repentance {Confession*} **8:30 AM—9:30 AM**
  Matins {Arabic & English} **8:50 AM**
  Divine Liturgy **10:00 AM**

Church School follows Holy Communion from September to May

* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe during the week.

Major Feast Days (see *Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint* schedule of Divine Services)

2016-17 Theme for Church School, Creative Festivals, our Parish Life Conference, and the Archdiocesan Convention

Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

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Parishioners may attend meetings and speak during "Parishioner Comments".

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USHERS • Jimmy David 810-515-1314 and Anwar Abueita 810-771-7152 or andydollar007@aol.com Coordinators

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SUMMER Office Hours

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