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Christmas Decorations

I would like to donate _____
Poinsettia plants @ $20.00 each.

Poinsettias = $_____

Other decorations = $_____

TOTAL = $_____

At the Prothesis service where the bread and wine is prepared to offer at the Christmas Liturgy (which becomes the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion), Father will remember the 'Living' and 'Departed' members of our family and friends.

Please print clearly!

For the health of:

_____

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In loving memory of:

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From: _____

Deadline: Sunday, December 17th

Make checks payable to *St. George Orthodox Church/Decorations*

Please include this form and your donation in a **Pew Envelope**
and place it in the Sunday Offering Tray – Thank You!

George, Saint of Nonviolence

Yesterday [*i.e., November 3*], the Orthodox Church celebrated the commemoration of the rebuilding of the church of the Holy Great-martyr George in Lydda and the transfer of his relics there. This Palestinian saint took Christ as his sole model in order to live according to His teachings and to bring his life into harmony with them, especially the cross, the distinguishing sign of true Christianity, not of just any Christianity that raises it as a slogan for sectarian mobilization.

George, the officer in the Roman army, was martyred because he refused to offer sacrifices in pagan rites, just as he refused to confess the divinity of the emperor. He willingly accepted martyrdom, abandoning his weapon and casting it aside. He did not resist with violence, but rather his resistance was non-violent, a simple declaration of his faith in Christ the Lord, Redeemer and Savior. He accepted martyrdom in order not to betray his faith and its fundamental principles or act against his firm conviction.

The majority of Christians have made George into a different person who has nothing to do with the martyr George. They have turned his icon, which is rich in symbolism, into a legendary hero and denied his martyrdom. They have made him into a warrior, when he refused to use his weapon against those who tormented him, beat him, and caused him to experience every sort of torture. This legendary icon has contributed to making many people say, as a reaction, that George never lived because he fought and felled the dragon. So if dragon is a legend, then the whole thing is a legend. But George the officer lived under the Roman Empire and was martyred during the era of persecutions (303-304).

There are two fundamental elements that we see in the icon: the dragon, which symbolizes evil, and the young woman, who symbolizes the Church. This dragon (the Evil One) demanded that the people of the city offer him a young virgin every day as a ransom for the entire city. George rejected this communal concession to evil and he endeavored to resist it. He defended the young woman (the Church) that the dragon wanted to kill and destroy. His war was not of this world. It was a war imposed upon him by his zeal for the Church, so that she would not be transformed into an institution of this world. He wanted the Church not to offer any concession, no matter how simple, to the forces of evil, but rather for her to resist them and eliminate them.

There is an essential lesson provided by this icon, which is ignored by many people who act contrary to it. The icon intends to remind the faithful that the essential less of George's martyrdom lies in that his steadfastness in faith and martyrdom and his refusal to submit to his tormentors are what made Christianity endure. The only thing that destroys Christianity is its transformation into one of the institutions of this transient world.

The distortion of George's image was increased through its use in launching wars and massacres that have nothing to do with the Christian faith or the teachings of the Church. If someone wants the great powers of the world to launch a war in the political, economic and military interest of his country, you see him taking the place of George on the back of the horse and killing the dragon. In fact, it would be more appropriate to draw a picture showing a dragon fighting another dragon, not a saint who has committed many crimes against the innocent people of the country targeted for war. But the dragons are many and there is a battle of dragons without saints or righteous ones.

Christianity does not accept any distinction between an ordinary evil and a greater evil. Evil is evil, so putting it into degrees as though that legitimizes the evil that we see as ordinary and acceptable in order to prevent a greater evil, but which others might see as a great evil, and what we see as normal they see as something great that must be eliminated. This happens because we don't agree on what is the ordinary evil and what is the greater evil. So dragons battle with a clear conscience.

Saint George is the saint of nonviolence who through nonviolence defeated the Roman Empire. The empire that wanted to put an end to Christianity was went extinct, while the Church was victorious over the great empire through nonviolence and continues to live by the grace of her Lord. Do not insult us, O dragons of this world, by using the image of Saint George or of any other saint in your wars and assaults. George is nobler than you and immeasurably superior. Leave him in peace, lest your condemnation be multiplied.

جاورجيوس قدّيس اللاعنف

يوم أمس احتفلت الكنيسة الأرثوذكسيّة بتذكار تجديد هيكل القدّيس العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس في اللدّ ونقل جسده إليه. هذا القدّيس الفلسطينيّ الأصل اتّخذ المسيح مثالاً وحيدًا يحيا بمقتضى تعاليمه وانسجامها مع أحداث حياته، ولا سيّما الصليب، العلامة الفارقة التي تميّز المسيحيّة الحقّ، وليس أيّ مسيحيّة ترفعه شعارًا لتزكية التعبئة الطائفيّة .

جاورجيوس الضابط الكبير في الجيش الرومانيّ استشهد لأنّه رفض تقديم الذبائح في الشعائر الوثنيّة، كما رفض أن يقرّ بألوهة الإمبراطور. فقبل طوعًا الشهادة، وخلع سلاحه عنه ورماه، ولم يقاوم بالعنف، بل كانت مقاومته لا عنفيّة، مجرّد الإعلان عن إيمانه بالمسيح الربّ الفادي والمخلّص. قبل الاستشهاد كي لا يخون إيمانه ومبادئه الأساسيّة، أو أن يتصرّف ضدّ قناعاته الراسخة.

جاورجيوس جعلته غالبيّة المسيحيّين شخصًا آخر لا يمتّ بصلة إلى الشهيد جاورجيوس. فأيقونته المليئة بالرموز جعلته بطلاً أسطوريًّا، ونفت عنه الشهادة. جعلته مقاتلاً، وهو رفض استعمال السلاح ضدّ الذي عذّبوه وجلدوه وأذاقوه كلّ ألون التعذيب. هذه الأيقونة الأسطوريّ أسهمت في جعل الكثير من الناس، على سبيل الضدّ، يقولون عن جاورجيوس أنّه لم يحيَ أصلاً لأنّه قاتل التّنين وصرعه. والتنّين أسطورة، الرواية إذًا كلّها أسطورة. فيما جاورجيوس ضابط عاش في ظلّ الدولة الرومانيّة واستشهد زمن الاضطهادات.(304-303)

ثمّة عنصران أساسيّان نراهما في الأيقونة: التنّين الذي يرمز إلى الشرّ، والفتاة التي ترمز إلى الكنيسة. هذا التنّين (الشريّر) كان يطالب أهل المدينة أن يقدّموا له كلّ يوم فتاة عذراءفدية عن المدينة كلّها. رفض جاورجيوس هذا التنازل الجماعيّ أمام الشرّ، فقام بمقاومته. دافع عن الفتاة (الكنيسة)، التي أراد التنّين (الشرّ) أن يقتلها وينفي وجودها. حربه لم تكن من هذه الدنيا، كانت حربًا فرضتها عليه غيرته على الكنيسة وعدم تحوّلها إلى مؤسّسة من هذه الدنيا. كان يرغب بألاّ تقدّم الكنيسة أيّ تنازل ولو بسيط أمام قوى الشرّ، بل أن تقاوها وتقضي عليها.

ثمّة عبرة أساسيّة تقدّمها الأيقونة، وهي التي يغفلها معظم الناس ويتصّرفون على العكس منها. فالأيقونة تريد أن تذكّر المؤمنين بأنّ استشهاد جاورجيوس عبرته الأساسيّة تكمن في أنّ ثباته على الإيمان واستشهاده، وعدم خضوعه لمعذّبيه، هما اللذان جعلا المسيحيّة تستمرّ. لا يقضي على المسيحيّة سوى تحوّلها إلى مؤسّسة من مؤسّسات هذه الدنيا الفانية.

لقد زاد تشويه صورة جاورجيوس عبر استخدامها في شنّ حروب ومجازر لا تمتّ بصلة إلى الإيمان المسيحيّ ولا إلى تعاليم الكنيسة. فإذا شاء أحد عظام هذا العالم شنّ حرب لأجل مصالح بلده السياسيّة والاقتصاديّة والعسكريّة تراه يحتلّ مكان جاورجيوس على ظهر الحصان ويقتل التنّين. بالحقيقة، كان يجدر بالأحرى أن تُرسم صورة تُظهره تنّينًا يقاتل تنّينًا آخر، لا قدّيسًا ارتكب الكثير من الجرائم بحقّ أبرياء من البلد المقصود بالحرب. لكنّ التنانين كثيرة، وهي معركة تنانين من دون قدّيسين ولا أولياء صالحين.

المسيحيّة لا تقبل التمييز بين شرّ عاديّ وشرّ أعظم. الشرّ شرّ، ووضعه في درجات كأنّه يشرّع الشرّ الذي قد نراه شرًّا عاديًا نقبله لمنع الشرّ الأعظم، فيما يراه سوانا شرًّا عظيمًا، وما نراه عاديًّا يراه عظيمًا يتوجب القضاء عليه. فتقع الواقعة بسبب عدم اتّفاقنا على ما الشرّ العادي وما هو الشرّ الأعظم. تنانين تتقاتل وضميرها مرتاح.

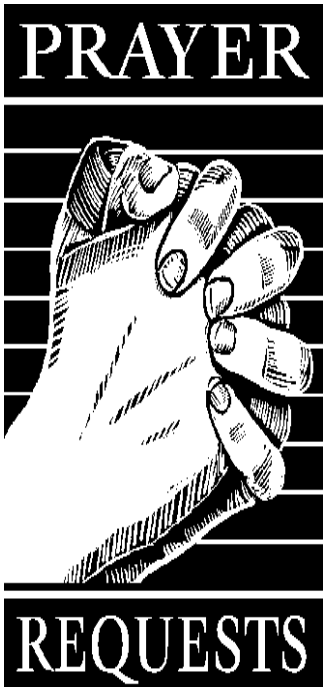
القدّيس جاورجيوس هو قدّيس اللاعنف الذي انتصر بلاعنفه على الدولة الرومانيّة. اندثرت الإمبراطوريّة التي أرادت القضاء على المسيحيّة، فيما انتصرت الكنيسة بلاعنفها على الإمبراطوريّة العظمى وما زالت تحيا بنعمة ربّها. فلا تهينونا يا تنانين هذه الدنيا عبر استعمالكم صورة جاورجيوس أو سواه من القدّيسين في حروبكم وغزواتكم. جاورجيوس أشرف منكم وأسمى بما لا يقاس. فدعوه بسلام كي لا تكون دينونتكم مضاعفة.

Daily Prayer Life

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Jihan Damouni** (+Oct. 29th, sister of Emil Bathish), **Ghadeer Al-Awash** (+Oct. 30th, cousin of Raeda Andoni), and **Qusta Qassis** (+November 8th, nephew of George Ishaq and Issa Odeh)

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**, **Shafiqa Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Ceasar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Tom David**, **Vera Farah**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Salwa Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **John** & **Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Danny Mortensen**, **Basem** and **Laura Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr**.; *those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, the earthquakes in Mexico, the mass shooting in Las Vegas and Texas, the fires in Northern California, the terror attack in New York City, and for all first-responders; 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, our local OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), and our St. George Preschool Ministry.*



- Remember the servant of God who is with child: **Ola Alqazaha**

➢ *Please update Fr. Joe whether the following should remain on our prayer list!*

- Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **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), **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **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** and **Casey Webb** (relatives of Bob Teunion), **Elaine Gejoff**, **Marcella Moorman**, and **Dennis Perez** (from St. Mary Magdalene), **Gloria Zelenko** (from St. Nicholas), and **Sanaa Alqassis** (former parishioner).

Congratulations and God bless:

❖ **Lawrence** and **Lameese** (Abu-Aitah) **Porada** on the birth of their first child **Avery Elizabeth** (November 2nd).

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR DECEMBER . On Wednesday, November 15th, we began the traditional forty-day ***CHRISTMAS*** *(Advent)* ***FAST*** in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25th. The Fast is divided into two periods. The first period is November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline *(no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products)* is observed on all days except Tuesdays and Thursdays when *wine and oil* are permitted and Saturdays and Sundays when *fish, wine, and oil* are permitted. The second period is December 20th through 24th when the traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil*) is observed every day, with *wine and oil* permitted on Saturday and Sunday. From Christmas through January 4th, there is no fasting as we continue to celebrate our Lord's Nativity (Birth).

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, December 26th 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*"!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT We have this on the 2nd Friday of the month (December 8th). Registration is at 6:30pm and Play begins at 7pm. This is organized and chaired by Hiam Andoni. If you would like to help out for a couple of hours, volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Hiam (810-813-1076 or handoni@hotmail.com) for more information.

PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB We meet on Tuesdays 6-8pm at St. George. We are continuing in our current book *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. All are invited to join! Any questions or if you would like more information, contact Protodeacon Michael Bassett frdnmike@gmail.com or 989-627-9580.

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We are now able to take Credit or Debit Card purchases and donations. If you would like to make a purchase or a donation, please come to the office during normal Office Hours (see below) or call to do it by phone.

What is the "X" in **X**mas? The first letter of the Greek word for *Christ*!

Divine Services for the Christmas Fast and Christmas Eve

- Wednesdays (6th, 13th, and 20th) in December ***Nativity Fast Evening Service*** – 6pm
- Friday, December 22nd – ***Royal Hours of Christmas*** – 6pm
- Sunday before Christmas, December 24th:
  Matins – 8:50am ***Divine Liturgy*** – 10am
- Christmas Services, Sunday night, December 24th:
  Christmas Festal Matins – 7:50pm ***Christmas Divine Liturgy*** – 9pm
- Christmas Day, December 25th begins the **12 Days of Christmas** until January 5th!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES Because of the huge diversity of family commitments, customs, and social obligations, if you cannot attend our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord on Christmas Eve, Assumption and St. Mary Magdalene will be celebrating Divine Liturgy at 10am on Christmas Day, December 25th:

Assumption 2245 East Baldwin Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
St. Mary Magdalene 2439 South Long Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430

ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS If any of our local members of the Order of St. Ignatius would like to usher, be greeters, and/or read the Epistle on Sunday, December 17th, please let Fr. Joe know. Fr. Joe will provide you with the Epistle reading in Arabic and/or English.

ST. GEORGE BOOKSTORE Do some Christmas shopping in our Bookstore! We have many items that make excellent gifts: The Orthodox Study Bible, children's books, Icons, CD's, jewelry, gift certificates, etc.!

THE SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION) The Christmas Fast is THE TIME for all parishioners to receive the Holy Sacrament of Repentance (Confession) -- especially if you plan on receiving Holy Communion at Christmas Divine Liturgy (December 24th). Fr. Joe hears Confessions on Sundays between 8:30am-9:30am, by appointment during the week, and on Saturday evenings after Great Vespers which is the perfect time when Father is not rushed. Please do not wait until the last minute! For your convenience, Fr. Joe will be hearing confessions after Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, December 17th. If you would like to have one of the other Orthodox priests hear your confession, please call Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-771-4611), Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070. PLAN NOW and BE PREPARED!!! **Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life *(Christ in Holy Communion).*** *(Revelation 22:14)*

ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER ("Santa Claus") **OF MYRA IN LYCIA**, is the Paternal Feast Day of our sister parish St. Nicholas. On Tuesday, December 5th, we will celebrate with our brothers and sisters from St. Nicholas 2143 South Center Road in Burton (½ mile south of Lippincott) an ***Evening Divine Liturgy*** at 6pm. All are invited!

Pre-Christmas Family Night ~~ *Saturday Evening, December 16th*

- Great Vespers at 4pm (note time change!)
- Christmas Program by our Church School
- A Visit from St. Nicholas
- Lenten Potluck Dinner

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED!

PRE-CHRISTMAS LENTEN POTLUCK Please bring what is listed below according to the first letter in your last name. If you have any questions, please see or call Janet Abueita 810-771-7152.

A-J	K-P	S-Z
Main Dish	Side Dish or Bread	Drink or Desserts

HELP TO BRIGHTEN A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS! For Christmas, our parish is participating in the **North End Soup Kitchen *Angel Tree*** this year. 30 children are looking for "angels" to brighten their Christmas. Gift range is between $20 and $30. Attach the provided gift tag which has the child's name, the code number to the gift, and place in gift bags. Please return the gifts by December 10th. The Angel Tree with tags can be picked up during Coffee Fellowship. If you have any questions, please speak with our coordinator May Gantos (586-531-8120). Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Coming Events in JANUARY

18 Combined Pan-Orthodox **Dormition Monastery Dinner**
20 **Chanter and Choir Workshop**
27 FAMILY NIGHT!

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly offerings need to be $24,390 to meet our 2018 Budget. Our offerings in September were $13,993 which means **we were short $10,379**! Please support the work of God through St. George.

☞ If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Fr. Joe know.

December

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
					1	**2** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
3 **Prophet Zephaniah**	**4** **Great Martyr Barbara of Syria** **Venerable John of Damascus** Bible Study 3-5pm	**5** **Evening Divine Liturgy** *at *St. Nicholas* for St. Nicholas 6pm	**6** Arabic/English Bible Study 12:30-2pm **Advent Service** 6pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	**7**	**8** Euchre Tournament 6:30pm	**9** **Conception of the Virgin Mary by Righteous Anna** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
10 **Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphos of Alexandria**	**11** Bible Study 3-5pm	**12** **Spyridon the wonder-worker and Bishop of Trimythous** Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm	**13** Arabic/English Bible Study 12:30-2pm **Advent Service** 6pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	**14** Parish Council 6:15pm	**15**	**16** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm Parish Pre-Christmas Celebration follows
17 **Holy Forefather of Christ Prophet Daniel**	**18** Bible Study 3-5pm	**19** Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm	**20** Arabic/English Bible Study 12:30-2pm **Advent Service** 6pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	**21**	**22** **Great Martyr Anastasia** **Royal Hours for Christmas** 6pm	**23** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
24 **Holy Fathers of Christ** **Xmas Matins 7:50pm** **Xmas Liturgy 9pm**	**25** *Christ is Born! Glorify Him!* المسيحُ وُلِدَ! فمجدوه!	**26** North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm	**27** **Protomartyr (1st martyr) Stephen the Archdeacon**	**28**	**29** **14,000 Infants slain by Herod in Bethlehem**	**30** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
31 **Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King, and James the brother of the Lord**						

2017

TO TITHE IS TO LOVE!

2018 OFFERING UPDATE

The Bible says a "tithe" is giving 10% of our income to God through His Holy Church. In the Old Testament, the tithe was the maximum.

For Christians, the tithe is the minimum!

ALL of our **240 families** are asked to make an Offering. Why? Because it is such a blessing to give back to God a little of what He has given us!

- Our 2018 Budget approved at our annual Parish General Assembly in November is $292,690.
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: $5,630
- Number of Families who need to offer: ALL THOSE WHO BELONG TO OUR ST. GEORGE FAMILY!
- Offering Range: ***according to how God has blessed you!***

Your commitment is NEEDED!!!
Please fill out your 2018 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST!!!

THANK YOU!!!

2018 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church ~ Flint, Michigan

I Want To Be Counted!

Frequency	Amount	% of Income
Weekly	$	
OR Twice Monthly	$	
OR Monthly	$	
OR Quarterly	$	
OR Annually	$	

~ All Offerings Are Treated Confidentially ~

Please fill out completely.

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
ZIP	
Telephone	

Please CHECK this box if it applies to you.

☐ I have a concern and wish to be contacted or visited by the priest.
☐ I have a concern and wish to be contacted or visited by a Parish Council Member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse" (Malachi 3:10)

Seeing the rich bringing their gifts and then a widow bringing a few pennies, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that this widow has put in more than all." (Luke 21:3)

2018 بطاقة التبرعات لعام

كنيسة القديس جورج للروم الاورثودوكس فلنت، متشغن

أريد أن أكون معدودا !

الدفعات	المبلغ	% من قيمة الدخل
اسبوعيا	$	
مرتين بالشهر	$	
شهريا	$	
كل ثلاثة شهور	$	
سنويا	$	

كل التبرعات يتم التعامل معها بسرية تامة

الرجاء تعبئة كل البطاقة.

الاسم / الأسماء	
العنوان	
المدينة	
الرقم	
رقم الهاتف	

الرجاء اختيار المربع الملائم

☐ **لدي الإهتمام والرغبة في أن يتم الإتصال بي أو الزيارة من قبل الكاهن.**
☐ **لدي الإهتمام والرغبة في أن يتم الإتصال بي أو الزيارة من قبل أعضاء مجلس الكنيسة.**

الامضاء _____ التاريخ _____

هاتوا العشور جميعها الى بيت الجزية (ملاخي 10:3)

عندما رأى الأغنياء يتقدمون بتبرعاتهم والأرملة الفقيرة تقدم القليل قال يسوع: "الحق أقول لكم أن هذه الأرملة الفقيرة قد ألقت أكثر منهم جميعا" (لوقا 3:21)

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 1 to December 31, 2017

Birthdays

December

1 Samir S. Meshraky
2 Jackleen Q. David
4 Carol A. Haddad
5 Majeda Abuaita
Manal Abuaita
Philip Abuaita
Sandy Haddad
6 Joshua B. Andoni
7 Elias Alqazaha
9 Ellis "Al" P. Salim
Nicholas A. Shahin
10 Atallah "Arthur" Y. Abueita
Natu Tewolde
11 Issa Abufarha
Daniel "Danny" A. Isaac
Essa G. Yacoub
12 Laura C. Farah
Andrea Sahouri
15 Olivia E. Benson
Gizelle Khouri
16 Evelyn Delbridge
Shane M. Gantos
Tanas Khoury
Adam J. Odeh
Fadi G. Odeh
Adnan "Eddie" Yacoub
17 Thomas "Tom" F. David
Mariann Hayek
18 Elias G. Mitri
19 Eman Abufarha
Karen Hargreaves
Angela D. Qazaha
20 Amer "Amo" E. Bathish
Reem W. Hayek
Lubna Jones
Natalie M. Khoury
Christine Krinock
21 John H. Abuaita
Nesrine Al Daoud
22 Benjamin G. Benson
23 Leyla D. Andoni
George E. Mitri
24 Matthew K. Abuaita
Stacy L. Tijerina
25 Midhat Abu Aita
Chrissy L. Abueita
26 Mary J. Farah
Rodny E. Helal
28 Joseph "Joe" Ghattas
Mairna Ishaq
Kaissar "Ceasar" Khouri
29 Cameron D. Smith
30 Romanos AbuAita
Matthew W. Hayek
Mary A. Meshraky
31 Jenny E. Abuaita
Zahra Abuaita
Angela E. Rishmawi

Namedays

December

6 Laila Nicole Abdallah
Nicholas Fares Abdallah
Nicholas "Nick" Paul Abud
Nicholas Thomas David
Rana (Nicole) May Fanous
Landon Nicola Gantos
Vivian Nicole Isaac
Nicola "Nick" Khoury
Mila Nicole Mitri
Killian (Nicholas) Nickola Newsome
Taylor Nicole Salomon
Nicholas "Nick" M. Shadeed
Nicholas "Nick" Andrew Shaheen
12 Roland "Rollie" Haddad
13 Luceille Lee Nassar
17 Daniel "Danny" James Andoni
Leyla Danielle Andoni
Zayna Danielle Andoni
Daniel Daoud
Daniel "Danny" Gantos
Daniel "Danny" Allen Isaac
Danielle Renee Isaac
Eric Daniel Isaac
Dannie E. Jones
Danial Elias Mitri
Danny Mortensen
Daniel Rodriguez
Daniel Elliis Tijerina
22 Stacy (Anastasia) Lynn Tijerina
27 Steven Walid Hayek
Stephanie Nicole Silpoch
29 Joseph Assaf
Joseph Jae Brack
Ryan David Brack
Chase Alexander David
Joseph "Joe" Thomas David
Waleed Youssef El-Chaer
Youssef El-Chaer
Joseph "Joe" Farah
David John Gantos
Alexander "Alex" Joseph Ghattas
Joseph "Joe" Ghattas
Joseph "Joe" Nasri Haddad
Evan (Joseph) Walid Hayek
31 Cameron David Smith

Wedding Anniversaries

December

4 Mr. and Mrs. Jubrael Rishmawi
5 Mr. and Mrs. Wael Hayek
23 Mr. and Mrs. Nader Abu-Farha
Mr. and Mrs. Maher Qazaha
Mr. and Mrs. Ric Shahin
27 Dr. and Mrs. Bassem Abdo
Mr. and Mrs. William Shaheen Jr.
28 Mr. and Dr. Osama Rabadi
29 Mr. and Mrs. Troy S. Farah

God Grant You All Many Years!

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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)

2017-18 Theme for
Church School,
Creative Festivals,
and our
Parish Life Conference

Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

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