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Godparent Sunday February 11th

2017-18 Church School Theme

Dear_____,

On Sunday, February 11, 2018 we will be having "Godparent Sunday" at St. George Orthodox Church. It would be an extra special day if you would attend the Divine Liturgy with me. Matins begin at 8:50am and Divine Liturgy begins at 10am. If we are prepared, we can receive Holy Communion together. Fr. Joe is available for confessions on Saturdays after Great Vespers at 5pm, by appointment during the week, or from 8:30am-9:30am on Sunday mornings.

Our St. George Men's Fellowship is having a delicious meal following the service that day. Maybe we could plan on staying and enjoying it together!

I hope that we can be together on this special day!

Love in Christ,

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GODPARENT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 11TH

We are excited to announce the 18th Annual **Godparent Sunday** sponsored by our Church School.

This day will allow our Godparents and Godchildren to "reconnect" with each other and help us understand the joy and beauty of that special relationship! Please make note of the following:

2017-18 Church School Theme

- *Children (or parents) INVITE your Godparents to Divine Liturgy and Meal as soon as possible!*
- *Godparents INVITE your Godchildren to Divine Liturgy and Meal as soon as possible!*
- *Godparents and Godchildren should prepare themselves with Confession before February 11th so they can participate in Holy Communion together!*

⇨ An **Invitation** *(to be sent by Godparents to Godchildren or Godchildren to Godparents)* is on the **previous page**.

A delicious meal for Godparents, Godchildren, and our WHOLE parish is being planned!

Adults -- $5 Children under 10 years of age -- $3

~~ All donations will go to our Christian Education Program ~~

Valentine's Day Hafla Party

SAT., FEBRUARY 10, 2018

St. George Orthodox Church
Banquet Center
5191 Lennon Road ~ Flint

7:00pm to 1:00am
Tickets $50

- *Catered by La Marsa Mediterranean Cuisine*
- *DJ Al-Jabali spinning Arab & American music*
- *Bring your own spirits! Mixers provided.*

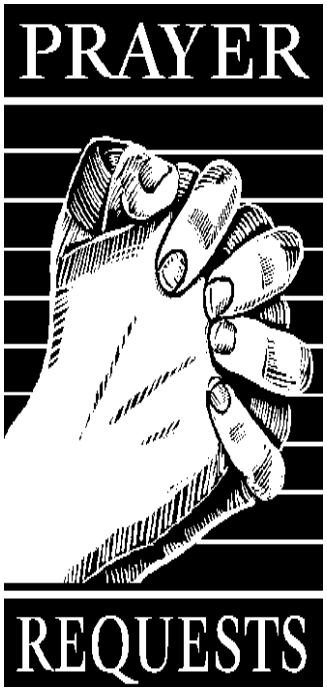
TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

St. George Office: 810-732-0720 ~ Rula Alkazaha: 810-955-2792 ~ Katrina Khouri: 810-252-4475

Daily Prayer Life

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Marcella Moorman** (+December 24th, from St. Mary Magdalene), **Michel Qumseya** (+December 31st, uncle of Jeries Qumseya), and **Deacon David Lazar** (+January 6th, husband of the late Norma Lee [Salim])

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**, **Shafiqa Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Maher Alatrash**, **Ceasar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Alex Deligorges**, **Vera Farah**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Salwa Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **Nakhleh**, **Nicola**, and **Saba Khoury**, **Danny Mortensen**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr**.; *all first-responders, those suffering in the Middle East and 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, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), and Preschool Ministry.*
- Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Dunyia Abufarha** (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman) and **Ghaida Awad**.

➢ *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), **Nancy Maes** (Pam Bassett's sister), **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), **Richard Haddad** (son of Ronald), and **Sanaa Alqassis** (former parishioner).

Congratulations and God bless:

❖ The newly elected 2018 officers of our *St. George Parish Council*:

Anwar Abueita, Chairman — **John Farah**, Vice Chairman
Emil Abueita, Treasurer — **Jeanette Nassif**, Secretary

➢ Special thanks to **Salim Hanna** (3 years) and **Dannie Jones** (6 years) for their dedicated and hard-working service on the Council and their love of our St. George family.

❖ **Deacon Michael Bassett** for making St. Basil's Bread (*Vasilopita*) in honor of St. Basil the Great whom we remembered on (January 1st). Congratulations and many blessings this year to **Jeanette Nassif** and **Tanas Khoury** who found the special St. Basil coins.

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR FEBRUARY The week following the 1st Pre-Lenten Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (January 28th – February 3rd), there is no fasting. The week following the 2nd Pre-Lenten Sunday of the Prodigal Son (February 4th), the traditional fasting discipline *(no meat, poultry, cheese, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products)* is observed on Wednesday and Friday as normal. The week following the 3rd Pre-Lenten Sunday of the Last Judgment (February 11th), known as **Cheese Week**, we observe what is popularly referred to as a "white fast". This means that while we abstain from all meats *(beef, lamb, pork, chicken, poultry, and their by-products)*, all other types of foods *(including cheese, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products)* are permitted on all days of the week. The week following the 4th and final Pre-Lenten Sunday of Forgiveness (February 18th): The **GREAT FAST** begins on Monday, February 19th and continues until **Pascha** on April 8th. This 1st week of the Great Fast is known as "Pure Week," and the first three days of which are traditionally observed with what is popularly referred to as a "black fast." This means that beginning with the first day of the Great Fast — known as Pure Monday (February 19th) — no food or drink is consumed until after the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Pure Wednesday (February 28th). After the first three days of Pure Week, the traditional fasting discipline *(no meat, poultry, cheese, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, or their by-products)* is observed on all days with the exception of *wine and olive oil* being allowed on Saturdays and Sundays.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please mark your calendars and come help feed the hungry during our once-a-month commitment at the Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, February 27th from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim and Evelyn Delbridge (810-630-2353).

HOUSE BLESSINGS Fr. Joe is near the end of House Blessings and wants to finish before the Great Fast begins on February 19th. If you would like your home blessed, please contact the church office (810-732-0720) to add your name to the list as soon as possible. Fr. Joe will call to make an appointment.

MAINTENANCE FUND As everyone was reminded at our recent 2017 Parish General Assembly, all of our families are asked to give $100 a year ~ above and beyond their regular offerings ~ to help with the constant cost of fixing and repairing things around our complex. This is different than the Improvement Fund envelope. If you used the envelope and put $100 or more, it was applied to the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Coming Events in MARCH

The Great Fast Continues

2-4 Combined **Pan-Orthodox Retreat *with Fr. Josiah Trenham***

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly offerings need to be $24,390 to meet our 2018 Budget. Our offerings in December were $27,303 which means **we were ahead!** 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.

☞ **REGULAR Office Hours** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays 10am-4pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1-4pm. You can reach Kelly during office hours at: kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com or 810-732-0720.

Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

February 2nd (celebrated on Thursday, February 1st at Assumption Church beginning at 6pm)

This feast, celebrated on February 2, is known in the Orthodox Church as The Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Another name for the feast is The Meeting of our Lord. Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians call the feast, The Purification of the Holy Virgin. About 450 AD in Jerusalem, people began the custom of holding lighted candles during the Divine Liturgy of this feast day. Therefore, some churches in the West refer to this holy day as Candlemas. The Feast of the Presentation concludes the observances related to the Nativity of Christ, a period that opened on November 15 with the beginning of the Nativity fast.

BIBLICAL STORY

The story of the Presentation is told in Luke 2:22-29. Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed their religious customs. An important custom was for the couple to take their first-born son to the Temple. The baby was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and was dedicated to God. In addition, if the parents were wealthy, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or a turtle dove to be offered as a sacrifice at the Temple. The custom provided that if the parents were poor, they were to offer two pigeons or two turtle doves for the sacrifice.

When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the Temple in Jerusalem. They were not wealthy, so they took two turtle doves with them to offer as a sacrifice at the Temple. As they arrived at the Temple, Mary and Joseph were met by a very old man named Simeon. He was a holy man and was noted as a very intelligent scholar. Simeon spent much time studying about the prophets of Israel. It was during his studies that he learned of the coming of the Messiah. The Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah to come and deliver Israel from their conquerors. From that time on, Simeon spent his time praying for the Messiah to come. He spent many years in prayer. Finally, while Simeon was praying he heard the voice of God. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

When Simeon saw Jesus, he took the baby in his arms and blessed the Lord and said:

"Lord, now let Your servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory to your people Israel."

Also, in the Temple was Anna the Prophetess. She had been a widow for many years. Anna was about eighty-four years old and spent her time in the Temple worshiping, fasting, and praying. When she saw the Christ Child she praised God and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the Messiah.

After Jesus was presented in the Temple, the family returned to Galilee to the town of Nazareth. The Bible tells us that Jesus grew and became strong, and was filled with wisdom.

TO TITHE IS TO LOVE!

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
- Total Offered by 25 Families/Individuals: $33,880
- 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.

To Tithe is to Love!

2018 Offering Update

As of January 19, 2018

We thank the following families for turning in their 2018 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and mail it to the Church or put it in the Sunday Offering Tray.

Thank You and God Bless You!

New this year in Underlined (did not fill out a form last year)
Increase in Offering is **BOLD**

Add Your Name to the List!!!

1. Mr. and Mrs. Youssif Abousamra
2. Mr. and Mrs. Jiries Abu-Aitah
3. Mr. and Mrs. Fouad Abuaita
4. Mr. and Mrs. George (Muna) Abuaita
5. Fr. and Mrs. Joseph Abud
6. Mr. and Mrs. Atallah Abueita
7. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bathish
8. Mr. and Mrs. Issa Daoud
9. Mr. and Mrs. James David
10. Mrs. Iman David
11. Mr. and Mrs. Ayman Elias
12. Mrs. Vera Farah
13. Mrs. Betty Froberg
14. Mr. and Mrs. George Gantous
15. Mr. and Mrs. Salim Haddad
16. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hanna
17. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hawkins
18. Ms. Daisy Isaac
19. Mrs. Najwa Joubran
20. Mr. and Mrs. George Nassif
21. Miss Deborah Salim
22. Mrs. Mary Salim
23. Mr. and Mrs. Ric Shahin
24. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takach
25. **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Teunion**

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 _____

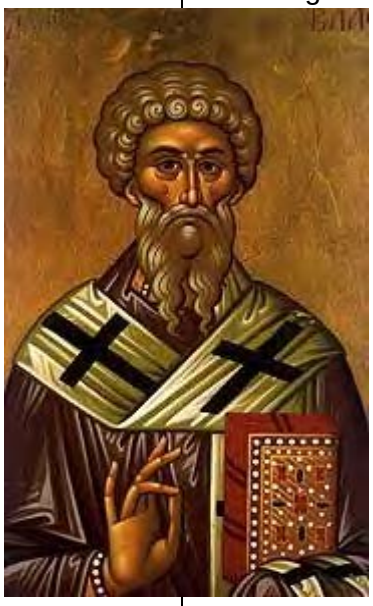
هاتوا العشور جميعها الى بيت الجزية (ملاخي 10:3)

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)

Hieromartyr Blaise Bishop of Sebaste

February 11th

St. Blaise was an Armenian doctor known for his love of God and of people. He was plenteous in mercy, long suffering and loving, leading a life of righteousness in the fear of God, preserving himself from sin. All the faithful respected him and followed him. When the bishop of Sebaste fell asleep in the Lord, St. Blaise was chosen by the people and ordained their bishop. St. Blaise showed vigilant care and concern towards the faith and the faithful in Christ through his example especially during the fierce persecutions that the church of Christ suffered. This occurred during the reign of the Roman Emperors Diocletian (284-305 AD) and Licinius (307-324 AD).

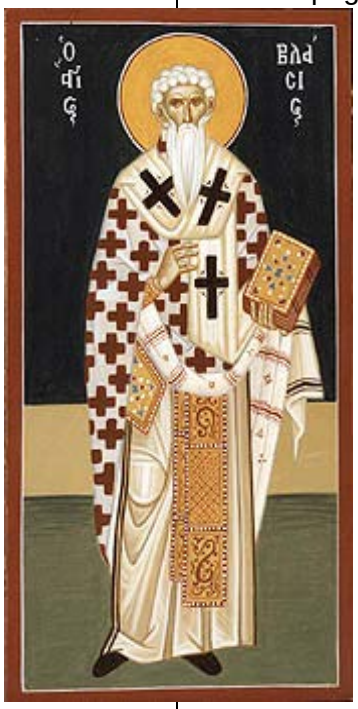


St. Blaise confessed his faith with boldness and courage declaring his love and obedience to Christ, visiting those held captive for the sake of Christ and encouraging them to stay firm in their faith and to never turn back. Likewise he secretly visited Eustratius in prison (who became a Saint of the Church and is remembered on January 9th). They both celebrated the Divine Liturgy and participated in the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Because of the persecutions, many people hid going off into desolate and solitary places. After a short period, St. Blaise did the same and chose Mount Argeos as his solitary place. He went into a cave where he locked himself and could turn his full attention and pure prayers to the almighty God. In that secluded place, something unusual took place. Through his pure and humble prayers – as well as his Godly life - he attracted an enormous number of wild, ferocious beasts as well as beasts of prey. They started coming to him, as was the case with Adam and Eve before they sinned, waiting for him at the entrance of his cave until he was done with his prayers. He would go out to them, blessing and curing the animals that were sick.

During the reign of the Roman Emperor Lisinios in the year 316 AD, Agricolaus, the governor of Cappadocia, came to Sebaste to persecute the Christians and to put in prison as many as he could. He decided to throw all of them to the wild beasts. Therefore, the governor sent his servants to the arena to capture wild beasts in order to use them to kill the Christians. When the servants reached the holy man's cave, they saw what astounded and astonished them - numerous wild beasts, lions, leopards, bears, wolves, and others surrounding him as if tamed! The soldiers went back and told the governor what they saw. He ordered that the saint be arrested. Again, those sent out found only a humble man of God. St. Blaise welcomed the soldiers glorifying God (whose will it was for St. Blaise to be martyred). He followed the soldiers like a meek lamb to the slaughter.

Along the way, St. Blaise was “an unusual sight” to the people and his meekness, and the peace resting on him, touched many. What was stranger

was how people were attracted to him; even the sick were "anointed" with healing while he was passing and many other miracles took place; many believed in Christ God through his prayers. It is said that he healed a boy who had a bone stuck in his throat, and also, at the petition of a poor widow, made a wolf (who had taken her pig) return it.



The governor Agricolaus greeted him by calling him a companion of the pagan gods. The bishop's answer was that these were devils. He was tortured, flogged, and led off to prison. On the way, he was again severely tortured. Seven women went behind him and gathered up the drops of his blood. These women were arrested and compelled to worship the idols of the pagan gods. They answered that the idols needed cleaning. Pretending to do so in a nearby lake, they let the idols sink. Because of this, they were fiercely tortured, but strengthened by the grace of God, these saints endured their torments thinking only of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At their beheading, their bodies were transformed -- becoming like snow while their blood flowed in what looked like milk. One of these had two young sons who begged her to help them attain the Kingdom of God. She entrusted them into St. Blaise's care.

Again, St. Blaise was brought before Agricolaus and, while not fearing anything, continuously confessed his faith in Christ. It was ordered that he be thrown into a lake. While going down to the water, the Saint crossed himself in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit and walked on the water as if it were dry land. Addressing the pagans (unbelieving people) standing around, he challenged them to come to him while they called on the help of their pagan gods. Sixty-eight of these men answered by entering the water and immediately they drowned. The Saint, listening to the angel that had appeared to him, returned to shore. Agricolaus was outraged because of the loss of his finest servants. He gave orders that St. Blaise and the two boys with him be tortured and beheaded. Before the beheading took place, our Holy Father Blaise prayed for the salvation of the whole world. He continually prays for those who honor his relics!

We pray to St. Blaise for the health and well-being of domestic animals as well as for protection from wild beasts. We also seek his prayers for healing sore throats and for the doctors who treat them.

+Through the prayers of our Holy Father Blaise have mercy upon us +

Our parish is blessed to have a relic of St. Blaise and we will all have the opportunity to venerate it on February 11th.

The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810- 750-1401
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

~ 2018 Great Fast ~ Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Potluck Dinners

Great Compline (*Mondays, 6:30pm)* We will be celebrating the Great Compline service together every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (*Wednesdays, 10am)* St. Nicholas will celebrate the Lenten Hours every Wednesday.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy *(Wednesdays, 6pm)* We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at the Presanctified Liturgy. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (not eating or drinking anything after 12 Noon). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm.

Potluck Dinners: A Lenten Dinner follows each Wednesday liturgy. Please bring a covered **Lenten Dish** (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products*) to the hall prior to the beginning of liturgy. If you have questions, call the church office where the combined service will be celebrated.

February 28th ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at St. Nicholas

- March 2nd-3rd **Lenten Retreat** lead by Fr. Josiah Trenham *(separate flier)*

March 14th ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at Assumption

March 28th ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at St. George

March 31st ***Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy****, and Lenten Breakfast* Combined at St. Mary Magdalene 9:30am

Assumption is located 1 ½ miles west of Holly Road on Baldwin Road.
St. George is located between Linden and Dye Roads on Lennon Road.
St. Mary Magdalene is located ¼ mile east of Torrey Road on South Long Lake.
St. Nicholas is located ½ mile south of Lippincott on Center Road.

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February

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
	***Assumption** 2245 Baldwin Road (between Holly & Fenton Roads) Grand Blanc 810-771-4611	**** St. Nicholas Church** 2143 South Center Road (1/2 mile south of Lippincott) Burton 810-744-0070		**1** **Vesperal Divine Liturgy** *at *Assumption* 6pm	**2** Great Feast of the **Meeting of our Lord in the Temple**	**3** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
4 **2nd Pre-Lenten Sunday** ***Prodigal Son***	**5** Bible Study 3-5pm	**6** Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm **MSU OCF** *with Fr. Joe* 7-8pm	**7** Arabic Bible Study 12:30pm-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	**8** Becoming Truly Human 6-8pm	**9** Euchre Tournament 6:30	**10** ***Soul Saturday*** **Divine Liturgy** 10am **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
11 **3rd Pre-Lenten Sunday** ***Last Judgment*** (Meat Fare Sunday) **GODPARENT SUNDAY!** *(see flier)*	**12** Bible Study 3-5pm	**13** Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm Altar Society 6pm	**14** Arabic Bible Study 12:30pm-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	**15** Becoming Truly Human 6-8pm Parish Council 6:15pm	**16** Mid-Winter Meeting at the Antiochian Village *Fr. Joe attending as Spiritual Advisor for the Midwest Antiochian Women*	**17** No Vespers
18 **4th Pre-Lenten Sunday of Forgiveness** (Cheesefare Sunday) **Forgiveness Vespers** 12:30pm	**19** The Great Fast Begins **Great Compline** and **Canon of St. Andrew** 6:30pm	**20** **Great Compline** and **Canon of St. Andrew** 6:30pm	**21** **Lenten Hours** at **St. Nicholas 10am **Presanctified Liturgy** and Lenten Potluck *at St. George* 6pm	**22** **Great Compline** and **Canon of St. Andrew** 6:30pm	**23** **Akathist to the Theotokos (خدمة المديح)** 6:30pm	**24** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
25 **1st Sunday of the Fast** ***Orthodoxy Sunday*** Procession of the Holy Icons	**26** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**27**	**28** **Lenten Hours** at **St. Nicholas 10am **Presanctified Liturgy** and Lenten Potluck *at **St. Nicholas* 6pm			

2018

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 1 to February 28, 2018

Birthdays

February

1 Said M. Farah
2 Ronald "Ron" C. Haddad
Victoria A. Haddad
Christina M. Joseph
3 Ayman Elias
Ibrahim Shamma
4 Brianna R. Mashni
5 Hiam J. Bathish
Victor H. Habbas
6 Inam Y. Bathish
Isabella Ibrahim
7 Jane N. Abueita
Olga Nassar
9 Adam W. Cooper
Shamseh Iseid
10 Alexis M. Russell
11 Christopher Isaac
Abraham Rashmawi
12 Rami Khoury
Christina Nassar
13 Mariam Al-Khouri
Samer Ishaq
Christopher S. Jehnsen
Isabelle M. Khouri
14 Amirah Hanna
Nawal Iseid
Mariana A. Yacoub
18 Joseph "Fr. Joe" M. Abud
20 Basil Andoni
Abbey C. Lawrence
Victoria "Vicky" Nassar
21 Lawrence "Larry" J. Porada Jr.
22 Nicole N. Khoury
Luceille L. Nassar
Sally Rashmawi
23 Walid Q. Hayek
24 Ramez Alsahouri
25 Elia Abuaita
26 Majed Rishmawi
27 Fouad Abuaita
28 London Haddad

Namedays

February

3 Simon Drake Khouri

Wedding Anniversaries

February

14 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farah
18 Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Farah
Mr. and Mrs. Jamil Ghantous
22 Mr. and Mrs. Moussa Khouri
23 Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph
28 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rishmawi

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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
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