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2019-20 Church School Theme

Godparent Sunday
February 9th

Dear_____,

On Sunday, February 9, 2020 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,

_____

GODPARENT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 9TH

We are excited to announce the 20th 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:

2019-20 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 9th 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 ~~

Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

February 2nd

On this day, the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3rd) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, St Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and St Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: *"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel"* (Luke 2:29-32). St Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: *"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed"* (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), *"who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when St Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem"* (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: *"This Child has established Heaven and earth."*

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons on the Feast by the holy bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilocius of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century.

In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast.

Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: St Andrew of Crete in the seventh century; St Cosmas Bishop of Maium, St John of Damascus, and St Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the eighth century; and St Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica in the ninth century.

On this day we also commemorate the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos known as "the Softening of Evil Hearts" or "Simeon's Prophecy." The Mother of God is depicted without Her Child, with seven swords piercing her breast: three from the left side, three from the right, and one from below. A similar icon, "Of the Seven Swords" (August 13th) shows three swords on the left side and four from the right.

The icon "Simeon's Prophecy" symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy of the righteous Elder Simeon: *"a sword shall pierce through your own soul"* (Luke 2:35).

St. George Orthodox Church

Valentine Gala

THIS Friday, February 7, 2020

at the St. George Banquet Center

***Cocktail Hour** - 7pm*
***Dinner catered by Chef Luis Fernandes** (Redwood Steakhouse) - 8pm*
Dancing and Entertainment provided by Bassam Saleh

Reservations - $100 per person *Evening Attire: Cocktail*
Funds raised support the good works of St. George!

(Door Prize) ***$500 Somerset Shopping Spree***
(Raffle Prizes) ***Diamond Pendant** donated by Diamond Galleria ~ Michel & Nadia Hamati*
***Two International Flights to the Holy Land** (excluding June-August) donated by Mousa Rishmawi*

Sponsorships Received as of February 1st:

DIAMOND
The Farah Family in memory of George Farah
Sorenson Gross Construction Company

PLATINUM
Best Western Plus: ~ Majdi and Maher Alqazaha
Diamond Galleria ~ Michel and Nadia Hamati (in kind)
Walid and Wael Hayek & Families and Saher Helal
Ziyad Ibrahim, Amjad Ishak, and Fadi Rishmawi & Families

GOLD
Khader Abuaita and Emil Abueita & Families
Phillip Abuaita, Sons, & Families
Basil and Hiam Andoni
Dannie and Lubna Jones
Vera Farah in memory of Jerry and Sam Farah
Salim and Randa Farah in memory of Peter
The Great Put On ~ Raji and Susan Salomon

SILVER
Decorations for All Occasions ~ Nidal Ishaq (in kind)
Mousa Rishmawi (in kind)

BRONZE
Anwar and Janet Abueita & Family
George and Muna Abuaita
Barhoum George AbuFarha
John and Theresa Farah
Judge Joseph J. Farah
Victor Farah and Judge Robin Hudson in honor of Vera Farah
Express Auto Sales, Tire, & Service ~ Rodny and Amira Helal
Nassar Families in memory of Souheil, Jamil, and Khader
George and Jeanette Nassif
St. George Preschool and Childcare
William and Susan Shaheen

Valentine Gala Sponsorship Levels & Benefits:

Diamond -- $2,500:

10 tickets with Diamond Seating
Company Logo on Step & Repeat Backdrop
Company recognized on Sunday, February 9th during church's Coffee Fellowship
Company recognized from podium at event program
*Company Logo on all event's prints & signage**

Platinum -- $1,500:

8 tickets with Platinum Seating
Company recognized on Sunday, February 9th during church's Coffee Fellowship
Company recognized from podium at event program
*Company Logo on all event's prints & signage**

Gold -- $1,000:

6 tickets with Gold Seating
Company recognized from podium at event program
*Company Logo on all event's prints & signage**

Silver -- $800:

4 tickets with Silver Seating
*Company Logo on all event's prints & signage**

Bronze -- $500:

2 tickets with Bronze Seating
*Company Name on all event's prints & signage**

Please note: *Your contribution is tax-deductible by the maximum extent allowed by law.*

Sponsorship Form

Please print name of Individual or Business as it should appear on printed materials:

_____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____ *Total amount enclosed $* _____

Please charge my: Visa / MasterCard / American Express *Account #:* _____ *Expires:* ___/___

Those companies eligible for logo recognition (see Levels & Benefits), please submit your company/business logo to Office Manager Kelly Dotson.

Please mail check and send form by fax or email *(kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com)* ***to:***
St. George Orthodox Church • 5191 Lennon Road • Flint, MI 48507 • Fax 810-732-0324

St. George Orthodox Church
Valentine Gala Raffle

1st Prize

Diamond Pendant donated by Diamond Galleria - 14Karat White Gold 1.501CT Diamond (Value $2,500) - Graciously Donated by Michel & Nadia Hamati

2nd Prize

Two International Airline Tickets to the Holy Land (Value $1,500) Graciously Donated by Mousa Rishmawi (Excluding June – August)

3rd Prize

Summerset Salon Beauty Basket – Graciously Donated by Summer Awad

One raffle ticket @ $50 Or Three raffle tickets @ $100

Drawing at 10pm on February 7th ~ need not be present to win

Parking Lot Pledge

PLEASE NOTE: This gift/pledge/ is above and beyond my/our regular offering.

Gifts of any size are appreciated!

I/we FAITHFULLY PLEDGE $_____ to be given to pay off the Parking Lot Loan.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pledge Information

I/we pledge a total of $_____ to be paid:

☐ now ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ yearly

Total Length of pledge: ☐ one time ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years ☐ other_____

I/we plan to make this contribution in the form of: ☐ cash ☐ check ☐ credit card ☐ other

Credit card type_____ Exp. date _____

Credit card number _____

Print name _____

Authorized signature _____

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

_____

☐ I/we wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Make all checks payable to *"ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH"* memo *"Parking Lot".*

Sample timetable for different Monthly Gifts:

Monthly	$10	$25	$50	$100	$150	$200	$250	$300	$500
Over a YEAR	$120	$300	$600	$1,200	$1,800	$2,400	$3,000	$3,600	$6,000
2 YEARS	$240	$600	$1,200	$2,400	$3,600	$4,800	$6,000	$7,200	$12,000
3 YEARS	$360	$900	$1,800	$3,600	$5,400	$7,200	$9,000	$10,800	$18,000

تعهدات التبرع لاصلاح موقف السيارات

ملاحظة: تعتبر هذه التعهدات هدية اوتبرع خارج التعهدات اوالتبرعات المقدمة اسبوعيا" بشكل منتظم.

اي تبرعات صغيرة او كبيرة , تقبل مع الشكر.

أتعهد/نتعهد بالتبرع بقيمة _____$ لتدفع لصالح القرض المخصص لاصلاح موقف السيارات.

الاسم: _____

العنوان:_____ المدينة, الولاية, رقم الرمزالبريدي _____

هاتف المنزل: _____ الهاتف الجوال: _____

البريد الالكتروني: _____

معلومات التعهد

أنا/نحن نتعهد بالتبرع بقيمة _____$ واجبة الدفع

الان بشكل شهري كل 3 أشهر بشكل سنوي

مرة واحدة( ) مرة واحدة بالسنة ( ) على سنتين( ) على 3 سنوات( ) بشكل اخر( )

أنا/نحن نتعهد بالدفع بشكل اموال نقدية ( ) تشيك مصرفي( ) بطاقة ائتمان ( )

نوع بطاقة الائتمان: _____ تاريخ انتهاء الصلاحية: _____

رقم البطاقة: _____

الاسم على بطاقة الائتمان: _____

التوقيع: _____

التعهدات مقدمة باسم– اسماء:

اود ان يبقى التبرع المقدم من قبلي سريا"( ) _____

يرجى تقديم التبرع لصالح : كنيسة القديس جاورجيوس – أصلاح موقف السيارات.

صيغة نموذج لكيفية تقديم التبرعات:

شهريا"	$10	$25	$50	$100	$150	$200	$250	$300	$500
خلال سنة	$120	$300	$600	$1,200	$1,800	$2,400	$3,000	$3,600	$6,000
خلال سنتين	$240	$600	$1,200	$2,400	$3,600	$4,800	$6,000	$7,200	$12,000
خلال 3 سنوات	$360	$900	$1,800	$3,600	$5,400	$7,200	$9,000	$10,800	$18,000

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 (yes, US!), the tithe is the minimum!

Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

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 proposed 2020 Budget is $260,292
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: $5,005
- Total Offered by 20 Families/Individuals: $28,480
- 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 2020 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.

To Tithe is to Love!

2020 Offering Update

As of February 1, 2020

We thank the following families for turning in their 2020 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2020 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. Jiries Abu-Aitah
2. Fr. and Mrs. Joseph Abud
3. **Mr. and Mrs. Anwar Abueita**
4. Mr. and Mrs. Atallah Abueita
5. Mr. and Mrs. Adeeb Bathish
6. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bathish
7. Mr. and Mrs. Issa Daoud
8. Mr. James David
9. Mr. and Mrs. Ayman Elias
10. Mrs. Betty Froberg
11. Mr. Elias Gantos
12. Mr. and Mrs. George Gantous
13. Mr. and Mrs. Salim Haddad
14. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hanna
15. **Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hawkins**
16. Mrs. Najwa Joubran
17. Mr. and Mrs. George Nassif
18. Miss Elaine Shaheen
19. Mr. and Mrs. Ric Shahin
20. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Teunion

2020 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)

2020 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)

February

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
						1 North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm ***Great Vespers** at **Assumption* 5pm
2 **Presentation of our Lord into the Temple**	**3** **Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver** Bible Study 6-8pm	**4**	**5** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm Little Compline 6pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**6** **Martyr Julian of Emesa**	**7** **Valentine Gala**	**8** ***Great Vespers** and **Confessions** 5pm
9 1st Pre-Lenten Sunday **Publican and Pharisee** **Godparent Sunday**	**10** Bible Study 6-8pm	**11** Altar Society 6pm	**12** No Fasting Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm Little Compline 6pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**13** Parish Council 6:15pm	**14** No Fasting	**15** ***Great Vespers** and **Confessions** 5pm
16 2nd Pre-Lenten Sunday **Prodigal Son**	**17** Bible Study 6-8pm	**18**	**19** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm Little Compline 6pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**20** **Midwest Diocesan Clergy Retreat and Spring Gathering** *hosted by St. Mary-Palos Heights, IL*	**21**	**22** No Great Vespers
23 3rd Pre-Lenten Sunday **The Last Judgment Meatfare Sunday**	**24** Bible Study 6-8pm	**25**	**26** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm Little Compline 6pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**27**	**28**	**29** ***Great Vespers** and **Confessions** 5pm

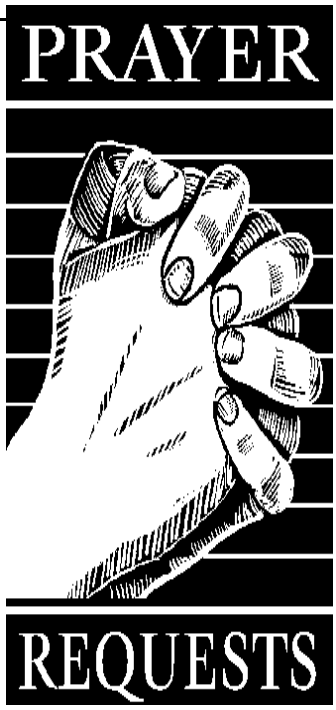
***Assumption**
2245 Baldwin Road
(between Holly & Fenton Roads)
Grand Blanc 810-771-4611

2020

Daily Prayer Life

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Nicholas** (December 27th) and **Margaret** Butrie (December 29th, parents of Fr. Matthew at St. Nicholas), **Amal** Burbar (December 30th, mother of Issa), **Dennis** Perez (+January 8th, friend of St. George), **May** Woodward (January 9th, relative of JoAnn Hawkins), **Archpriest Patrick** Kinder (+January 14th, friend of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee), and **Harry** Aydinian (+January 19th).

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, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar** Abdallah, **Housam** Abousamra, **Wadia** Albaba, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah **Phyllis** Good, **Shawna** Hale, **Don** and **JoAnn** Hawkins, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; *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, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*
- Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Renea** (Rakan) Bayouk and **Dina** (Laith) Maymoun**.**

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

- Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Mother Nektaria**, **Nancy** Maes, **Bryan** Stewart, **Gerry** Alcorn, **Alyssa** Coon, and **Aaron** Avery, **Cindy**, **Bryan** and **Heather** Campbell, and **Kristi** Kraxner (family/friends of Dn. Mike and Pam Bassett), **Michel** Abuaita (father of Mary Khoury), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar/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), **Karen** Howder (mother of Claire Saadah), **Shafeka** Qurpan and **George** Ishak (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Joann** (Haddad) Merrelli (former parishioner), **Philip** Jones (brother of Dannie Jones), **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), **Sandra** Fromather (cousin of Diana Rishmawi), **Scott** Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph), **Alan** Laberge, **Jane** Zdenek, and **William** Seymour, Sr. (friends of Elaine Shaheen), **Saliba** Musleh (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam** Odeh (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob and Lois Teunion), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Fran** Khoury (relative of Evelyn Delbridge), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Sandy Thomas), and **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George).

Congratulations and God bless:

❖ **Deacon Michael Bassett** for making St. Basil's Bread (*Vasilopita*) on January 5th in honor of St. Basil the Great whom we remembered on (January 1st). Congratulations and many blessings this year to **Vera Daoud** and Subdeacon **Salim Hanna** who found the special St. Basil coins.

❖ **Logan Salomon** who recently graduated from the University of Michigan-Flint with a Master of Arts in Literacy Education!

❖ **David** and **Gabriella** (Ghattas) **Ayyash** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on December 28th at the Basilica of St. Mary-Livonia, MI.

❖ The newly elected 2020 officers of our *St. George Parish Council*:

Fadi Rishmawi, Chairman	**Anwar Abueita**, Vice Chairman
Emil Abueita, Treasurer	**Tony Daoud**, Secretary

❖ **George Alqazaha** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion on January 25th. Godparents: **Elias Qumsieh** and **Marina Alatrash**. Parents: **Michael** and **Ola**.

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR FEBRUARY The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products)* is observed on Wednesday (February 5th) and Friday (February 7th). The week following the 1st Pre-Lenten Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (February 9) is Fast Free. The week following the 2nd Pre-Lenten Sunday of the Prodigal Son (February 16th), 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 23rd), known as **Cheese Week**, we abstain from all meats *(beef, lamb, pork, chicken, poultry, and their by-products)*, but 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.

GODPARENT SUNDAY & BRUNCH IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH (SEE FLIER AND INVITATION!) Invitations should be sent by Godchildren to their Godparents (and Godparents to their Godchildren). Please send them TODAY! It will be a wonderful day and we want everyone to be here! When you know who will be attending (Godparents and/or Godchildren), please RSVP in the Church School office. Thank you!!!

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 Saturday, February 1st from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599).

☞ 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.

Coming Events in March

2nd **The Great Fast** (Great Lent) **Begins**!

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 1 to February 29, 2020

Birthdays

February

1 Said M. Farah
Iyan R. Khoury

2 Ronald "Ron" Haddad
Victoria A. Haddad
Christina M. Joseph

3 Stephani Burch
Ayman Elias

4 Phadia Reed

5 Hiam J. Bathish
Victor H. Habbas

6 Inam Y. Bathish
Isabella Ibrahim

7 Jane N. Abu-Eita
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

19 Zain B. Hawwash

20 Basil Andoni
Abbey C. Lawrence
Victoria "Vicky" Nassar

21 Lawrence "Larry" J. Porada Jr.

22 Nicole N. Khoury
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

6 Julianos Fouad Awad

Wedding Anniversaries

February

14 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farah

18 Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Farah
Mr. and Mrs. Jamil Ghantous

23 Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph

28 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rishmawi

God Grant You All Many Years!

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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 Calendar)

2019-20 Theme for
Church School,
Creative Festivals,
and our
Parish Life Conference

Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL • Fadi Rishmawi, Chairman 810-625-5790 or fadi19@msn.com
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LADIES AUXILIARY • Manal Abuaita, President 810-659-5351

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Hanna Abuaita (hanna.abuaita84@gmail.com)

USHERS • Jimmy David 810-835-9737 and Anwar Abueita 810-771-7152 or andydollar007@aol.com Coordinators

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