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1998 20th Annual *2018*

Midwest Diocese Basketball Tournament

Canton, Ohio

January 19-21, 2018

Division I: Ages 12-15 / Division II: Ages 15-18 / Division III: Ages 19-26

Friday, January 19

7 pm: Registration begins ***(Hotel Lobby)***

8 pm: Pizza ***(Registration area)***

8:30pm: Retreat ***(Hotel Ballroom)***

Saturday, January 20

7 am: Morning prayers/Light Breakfast/Tournament Brackets
(Hotel Ballroom)

8 am: Basketball Tournament begins

12 pm: Lunch (at Basketball locations)

6 pm: Great Vespers

7 pm: Banquet/ Awards Presentation/Hafli

Sunday, January 21

8:45 am: Matins ***(St. George Antiochian)***

10 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy ***(St. George Antiochian)***

Brunch and Farewell ***(St. George Antiochian)***

Early Registration: $50 by January 12 Registration: $60
(Includes all meals and events)

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
1118 Cherry Ave. NE Canton, OH 44704
330-455-8482 stgeorgecanton@sbcglobal.net

Hotel Information: Courtyard by Marriott
4375 Metro Circle NW N. Canton, OH 44720 330-494-6494
Group Rate: $89/night (mention St. George Canton)
Our block of rooms will be reserved for us until Jan. 7

Please join the Orthodox Churches of Genesee County &
The Mothers of The Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery
On January 18, at Assumption Orthodox Church, for our

6th Annual Pan-Orthodox Winter Dinner To Support

The Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery

Donation Requested
$35 Adult / $25 Student

The Mothers will be bringing the Monastery Gift Shop to Flint!

Evening Schedule

- *5:30 - Vespers sung by the Mothers of Dormition Monastery*
- *6:15 - Social Time*
- *7:00 - Dinner & Speakers*
- *8:30 - Benediction*

Names	Donation

See your Parish Rep to make a reservation, volunteer your time or be a sponsor
OR: Contact Assumption Church at (810) 771-4611

- Assumption……...Camelia Greenberg
- St. George……Dn. Michael Bassett
- St. Mary Magdalene….Dn. Michael Schlaack
- St. Nicholas……...Deborah Adams

~ 100% of your donation goes to the Monastery ~

ALL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD ON 1/18 AT ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH
2245 East Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI

MTB 11/20/2017

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
- 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 December 19, 2017

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. Fr. and Mrs. Joseph Abud
2. Mrs. Iman David
3. Mrs. Betty Froberg

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)

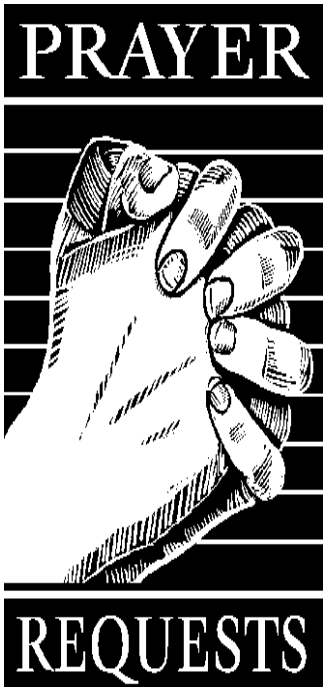
عندما رأى الأغنياء يتقدمون بتبرعاتهم والأرملة الفقيرة تقدم القليل قال يسوع: "الحق أقول لكم أن هذه الأرملة الفقيرة قد ألقت أكثر منهم جميعا" (لوقا 3:21)

Daily Prayer Life

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **John Takach** (+November 25th, father-in-law of Camela Takach), **Hanna Abuaita** (+December 6th), and **Iyad Bannura** (+December 6th, cousin of Hiam Ishaq).

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**, **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**.; *the fires in California, and 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, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), and Preschool Ministry.*



- Remember the servant of God who is with child: **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), **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:

❖ **Michael** and **Ola Alqazaha** on the birth of their first child **Christina** (December 12th).

- **Luka Danial Mitri** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of his First Communion on November 26th. Godparents: **Majd Kokaly** and **Aziza Mitri Hawwash**. Parents: **Danial** and **Katrin**.

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR DECEMBER From Christmas through January 4th, there is no fasting as we continue to celebrate our Lord's Nativity (Birth). Friday, January 5th, is a fasting day (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products* is observed) in preparation for our Lord's Theophany (Baptism) on Saturday, January 6th and there is no fasting on the feast. 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 in January.

Bishop Anthony's Speaker Bureau Fund

The Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest answered the call of Bishop Anthony when he requested the establishment of a Speaker Bureau Fund. This fund enables His Grace to bring in special speakers to our Conferences and workshops throughout our Diocese. His goal is *"…to witness and reach out to our communities and attract new members through education at our diocesan gatherings"*. Gifts may be given by a group or individuals.

Honor His Grace Bishop ANTHONY on his Birthday & Name's Day of the Feast of St. Anthony the Great, January 17th. Send your donation to:

Bishop Anthony's Speaker Fund
c/o Mary Polson, Treasurer Midwest Antiochian Women
416 South Fork Road, Glasgow, KY 42141

Contribute by January 1st and a Birthday & Name's Day greeting will be sent in your name to His Grace.

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, January 23rd from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim and Evelyn Delbridge (810-630-2353).

6TH ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER (SEE FLIER!) This is taking place on Thursday, January 18th at Assumption Orthodox Church in Grand Blanc (all proceeds support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI!). ***Vespers*** will be sung by the Nuns at 5:30pm. **Social Hour** with *Displays and Gift Shop from the Monastery*, along with *visiting with the nuns* is at 6:15pm. **Dinner and Presentations** begin at 7pm with the **Benediction** at 8:30pm. The cost is $35 for Adults and $25 for Students. To make your reservation or any questions, please see Protodeacon Michael TODAY. Deadline for reservations is January 14th.

HOUSE BLESSINGS 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.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT We have this on the 2nd Friday of the month (January 12th). 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.

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. Thank you for your generosity!

PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB We meet on Tuesdays 6-8pm at St. George. On January 2nd, we will begin our new book: *The Jesus Prayer: The Ancient Desert Prayer that Tunes the Heart to God* by Frederica Mathewes-Green! 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.

Coming Events in FEBRUARY

1	Combined Pan-Orthodox celebration: Great Feast of the **Meeting of our Lord**
3	**Church School Pan-Orthodox Workshop**
11	**GODPARENT SUNDAY!**
12	**Euchre Tournament**
19	**Great Fast Begins**

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly offerings need to be $24,390 to meet our 2018 Budget. Our offerings in November were $6,914 which means **we were short $17,476**! 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.

☞ If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday or anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.

January

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
	1 **Circumcision in the flesh of our Lord** **Basil the Great** Blessed (Civil) New Year!	**2** Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm	**3** **Venerable Genevieve of Paris** Church School Staff Xmas Party 5:30pm	**4** Becoming Truly Human 6-8pm	**5** **Royal Hours For Theophany** 6pm	**6** **Theophany of our Lord** **Liturgy/Blessing of Water** 10am **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
7 **Synaxis of the Honorable, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John**	**8** Bible Study 3-5pm	**9** Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm	**10** Arabic Bible Study 12:30pm-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	**11** Becoming Truly Human 6-8pm	**12** **Martyr Tatiana of Rome** Euchre Tournament 6:30pm	**13** Teens Baking **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
14 **Nino, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of Georgia**	**15** Bible Study 3-5pm	**16** Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm	**17** **Venerable Anthony the Great** Arabic Bible Study 12:30pm-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	**18** **Dormition Monastery Dinner 5:30pm** *(see flier)*	**19** Orthodox Christian Fellowship (*OCF)* 7pm	**20** Choir/Chanter Workshop **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
21 **Venerable Maximos the Confessor**	**22** **Apostle Timothy** Bible Study 3-5pm	**23** North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm	**24** Arabic Bible Study 12:30pm-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	**25** **Gregory the Theologian** Becoming Truly Human 6-8pm Parish Council 6:15pm	**26**	**27** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm FAMILY NIGHT!
28 **Venerable Ephraim the Syrian**	**29** Bible Study 3-5pm	**30** Michigan Clergy Deanery Lunch Meeting in Grand Rapids 12pm Pan-Orthodox Book Club 6-8pm	**31** Arabic Bible Study 12:30pm-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm			

2018

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 1 to January 31, 2018

Birthdays

January

1 Abrahim Y. Abousamra
Abeer Alyateem
Luai Helal
Ameera Rishmawi

2 Anthony "Tony" Y. Abueita
Denise Ghattas

3 Joseph "Joe" Farah
Diane G. Ghattas
Yacoub N. Iseid
Susan Qazaha

4 Jeneviav "Jennifer" A. Abuaita

5 Eman Abuaita
Ivy Amor Khouri
Karam Nassar

6 Essa AbuAita
Charles "Chuck" Koory
Robby Mathew

7 Johnathan W. AbuFarha
Matthew Alatrash

8 Issa Ishaq
Sandra "Sandy" K. Thomas

9 Tamara Haddad
Dalia Masaad
Andrew McDonald
Julie K. Salim

11 Mary Khoury
Adam Monkaba

12 Lana Abu-Aita
Halim Ghazale

13 Khalil Abousamra
William "Will" D. Sophiea

14 Alexander "Alex" J. Ghattas
Mario M. Khouri

15 Amirah B. Abuaita
Anaam Abueita
Issa S. Odeh
Jamil "Jim" A. Rishmawi

16 Carri L. Farah
Daniel "Danny" P. Tijerina

17 Rania AbuAita

18 Anwar "Andy" Y. Abueita
Anthony I. Daoud

19 Elias S. Abuaita
John A. Farah
John "Hanna" Isaac

20 Rimi H. Abuaita

21 Julian M. Alkazaha
Qusta Hayek
Michael Mortensen

22 Housam Abousamra
Leland "Lee" M. Harris
Dannie E. Jones

23 Tikeyha J. Alexander
Daniel "Danny" Gantos

24 Jamil N. Haddad
Deborah "Debbie" Salim
Robert M. Teunion

25 Hazar G. Abu-Aita
Elaine Fakhoury
Rene E. Hanna
Marlen F. Odeh
Essa B. Shomali

26 Reema Khoury

27 Leslee A. Abud
Christina Deligorges
Girma S. Tewolde

28 Sami H. Abuaitah
George Khoury

29 Alexander G. Benson
Nihal Fanous
Benjamin Monkaba

30 Majd Abufarha

31 Emma M. Joseph

Namedays

January

1 Basel Hanna Abuaita
Basil Andoni
Basem Souheil Nassar

3 Jeneviav "Jennifer" Anton Abuaita
Jennifer Amal Zarour

14 Benjamin Gary Benson
Nina Thomas Smith

17 Anthony Khaled Abuaita
Anthony "Tony" Yacoub Abueita
Anthony Robert Anwar Abueita
Anthony Wayne Abu-Farha
Anthony Issa Daoud
Tony Fakhoury
Hubert Anthony Rodriguez

22 Majd Timothy Abuaita
Timothy "Tim" S. Beers

25 Gregory "Greg" Lotof Farah

Wedding Anniversaries

January

10 Mr. and Mrs. George Gantous

11 Mr. and Mrs. Robby Mathew

17 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hamati

18 Mr. and Mrs. Issa Abueita

27 Mr. and Mrs. Issa Abufarha

28 Drs. Ronald Shaheen & Kathy Kudray

29 Mr. and Mrs. James David

God Grant You All Many Years!

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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)

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

Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL • Anwar Abueita, Chairman 810-771-7152 or andydollar007@aol.com
Parishioners may attend meetings and speak during "Parishioner Comments".

ALTAR SERVERS • Subdeacon George Gantous, Head Sacristan 810-714-7332 or gantousgeorge@yahoo.com

ALTAR SOCIETY • Theresa Farah, Coordinator 810-412-6041 or theyungwon@aol.com

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TEEN SOYO • Majd Abuaita, President 810-610-8312 or majdabuaita@yahoo.com

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

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP • Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Parish Coordinator 810-875-3127 or salimh91@gmail.com

Office Hours

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Monday, Thursday, and Friday 10am-4pm; Tuesday and Wednesday 1-4pm