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Martyr Tatiana of Rome, and those who suffered with her

Commemorated on January 12th

The Holy Virgin Martyr Tatiana was born into an illustrious Roman family, and her father was elected consul three times. He was secretly a Christian and raised his daughter to be devoted to God and the Church. When she reached the age of maturity, Tatiana decided to remain a virgin, betrothing herself to Christ. Disdaining earthly riches, she sought instead the imperishable wealth of Heaven. She was made a deaconess in one of the Roman churches and served God in fasting and prayer, tending the sick and helping the needy.

When Rome was ruled by the sixteen-year-old Alexander Severus (222-235), all power was concentrated in the hands of the regent Ulpian, an evil enemy and persecutor of Christians. Christian blood flowed like water. Tatiana was also arrested, and they brought her into the temple of Apollo to force her to offer sacrifice to the idol. The saint began praying, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The idol was smashed into pieces, and part of the temple collapsed and fell down on the pagan priests and many pagans. The demon inhabiting the idol fled screeching from that place. Those present saw its shadow flying through the air.

On the third day, pagan priests came to the temple intending to offer sacrifice to Zeus. They beheld the idol on the floor, shattered to pieces, and the holy martyr Tatiana joyously praising the Lord Jesus Christ. The judge then condemned the valiant sufferer to be beheaded with a sword. Her father was also executed with her, because he had raised her to love Christ.

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Blessed Xenia of Petersburg

Commemorated on January 24th (pronounced Zenia)

Our righteous Mother Xenia of Petersburg was born about the year 1730. She was married to a Colonel named Andrew; when she was twenty-six years old, her husband died suddenly, having been drinking with his friends. Left a childless widow, Xenia gave away all that she had, and vanished from Saint Petersburg for eight years; it is believed that she spent this time in a hermitage, learning the spiritual life. When she returned to Saint Petersburg, she wore her husband's military clothing, and would answer only to the name Andrew, that is, the name of her late husband. She took up the life of a homeless wanderer, and was abused by many as insane; she bore this with great patience, crucifying the carnal mind through the mockery she endured, and praying for her husband's soul. She was given great gifts of prayer and prophecy, and often foretold things to come; in 1796 she foretold the death of Empress Catherine II. Having lived forty-five years after her husband's death, she reposed in peace at the age of seventy-one, about the year 1800. Her grave became such a source of miracles, and so many came to take soil from it as a blessing, that it was often necessary to replace the soil; when a stone slab was placed over her grave, this too disappeared over time, piece by piece. Saint Xenia is especially invoked for help in finding employment, lodging, or a spouse.

~ Thursday, January 20, 2022 ~

10th Anniversary Winter Dinner for the

Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery

Special Guest / Speaker

Archbishop Nathaniel

To register & pay ONLINE go to stgeorgeflint.org and find the link on the home page.

Minimum Donation Requested

$35 Adult / $25 Student

Evening Schedule

- ✓ *5:00 - Vespers sung by the Monastery Community*
- ✓ *6:15 - Social Time & Gift Shop*
- ✓ *7:00 - Dinner & Speaker*
- ✓ *8:30 - Closing Prayer & Good Night!*

Name	Check if Student	Amount	Check if Donation Only

See Your Parish Rep to make a reservation, volunteer your time or be a sponsor
~ OR Call St. George Church at (810) 732-0720

☞ ***MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO ST. GEORGE CHURCH*** ☜

A Pan-Orthodox Ministry of the Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

- ✓ Assumption Church.....Fr. Jarrod Russell
- ✓ St. George Church.....Fr. Michael Bassett
- ✓ St. Mary Magdalene Church.....Dn. Michael Schlaack
- ✓ St. Nicholas Church.....Susie Ford

~ 100% of your donation goes to Dormition Monastery ~

ALL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT SAINT GEORGE CHURCH
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Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 1 to January 31, 2022

Birthdays

January

1 Abrahim Y. Abousamra
Abeer Alyateem
Luai Helal
Ameera Rishmawi

2 Anthony "Tony" Y. Abueita
Denise Ghattas

3 Joseph "Joe" Farah
Yacoub N. Iseid
Susan Qazaha

4 Jeneviav "Jennifer" A. Abuaita

5 Eman Abuaita
Ivy Amor Khouri
Karam Nassar

6 Essa AbuAita
Charles "Chuck" Koory

7 Matthew Alatrash

8 Issa Ishaq
Sandra "Sandy" K. Thomas

9 Julie K. Salim

11 Mary Khoury

12 Lana Abu-Aita
Olivia Burch
Halim Ghazale

13 Khalil Abousamra

14 Alexander "Alex" J. Ghattas

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

16 Carri L. Farah

17 Rania AbuAita

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

19 Elias S. Abuaita
John A. Farah

21 Julian M. Alkazaha
Qusta Hayek
Michael Mortensen

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

23 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

26 Natania E. Hanna
Reema Khoury

27 Leslee A. Abud

29 Alexander G. Benson
Nihal Fanous

30 Majd Abufarha

31 Emma M. Joseph

Namedays

January

1 Basil Andoni

3 Jeneviav "Jennifer" Anton Abuaita
Jennifer Jeaneen Farah

7 Jon Bassett

12 Tatiana Isabella Hanna

14 Benjamin Gary Benson
Nina Thomas Smith

17 Anthony Khaled Abuaita
Anthony "Tony" Yacoub Abueita
Anthony Robert Anwar Abueita
Anthony Issa Daoud
Tony Fakhoury
Hubert Anthony Rodriguez

21 Maximus Raed Abuaita

22 Majd Timothy Abuaita
Timothy "Tim" S. Beers

24 Xenia Esther Hanna

25 Gregory "Greg" Lotof Farah

Wedding Anniversaries

January

10 Mr. and Mrs. George Gantous

18 Mr. and Mrs. Issa Abu-Eita

27 Mr. and Mrs. Issa Abufarha

28 Drs. Ronald Shaheen & Kathy Kudray

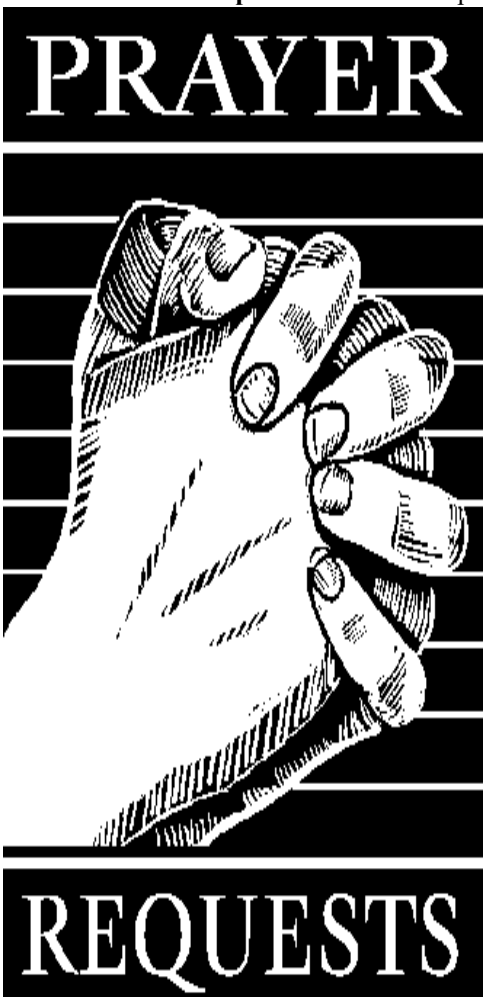
God Grant You All Many Years!

Daily Prayer Life

- For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Protopresbyter Tom** George (+Dec. 6th, former pastor of Assumption Church), **Vera** Farah (+November 21st), **Donald** Nixon (+Nov. 22nd, uncle of Tim Beers), **Emad** Issa Hawwash (+November 28th, uncle of Basheer Hawwash), and **JoAnn** Haddad Merrelli (+December 6th, former parishioner and niece of Richard Shaheen).

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, **Shafiqa** Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Laila** Abud, **Anwar**, **Janet**, and **Georgette** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nicola** Khoury, **Rafat** Nasri, **Laura** Nassar, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Roger** Saadeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** and **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, and **Georgette** Yusuf; *all first-responders and medical personal, those who worked and those who continue to work on a COVID-19 cure, those suffering in our community and the Middle East, 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: **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khouri and **Yara** and **Mudaffer** Rishmawi.

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

- Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Debbie Salim), **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Fr. Dennis** Heifner, **Angelo** and **Chrisodolus** Bastounis, **Cynthia** Brooks, **Heather** Campbell, **Gigi** and **Zossima** Daugherty, **Bryan** Stewart, and **Charles** Thabet (family/friends of Fr. Mike and Pam Bassett), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Ranna** Esho (friend of Batoul Burbar), **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Nihad** Bannura (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Amy** Handley (friend of Nataly Odeh), **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), **Philip** Jones (brother of Dannie Jones), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Mary** Khal and **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relatives of Karam and Aida Nassar), **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), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe), **Dominique** Vasquez (friend of Areen Bathish), **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Lan** Kiley (niece of Raji and Sue Salomon), **Shirley** Zerka (mother of Victoria), **Jennifer** Craft and **Brionna** Gorbutt (friends of Mariann Hayek), **Amira** Vicari-Hills and newborn twins **Giovani** and **Leila**, and **Larry** Judson (friends of Tim Beers).

Congratulations and God bless:

- **Raed AbuAita**, **Dannie Jones**, and **Aida Nassar** who were elected to 3-year terms on the Parish Council at our annual General Assembly in November.

- **Rene**, **Natania**, and newborn twins **Xenia** and **Tatiana** (November 25th).

- **Panagiotis**, **Kari** [daughter of John and Theresa Farah], and newborn **Anna Emilia** Mikroudis (December 8th).

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR JANUARY There is no fasting from Christmas Day December 25th until January 4th. The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products)* is observed on Thursday, January 5th in preparation for Theophany and all Wednesdays and Fridays in January.

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS Though everyone is not attending church due to the pandemic or other reasons, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed**. PLEASE help our/your parish by continuing to bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507. Or go to our parish website (https://saintgeorgeflint.org/) and donate on-line.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND BLESSING OF WATER This great feast takes place on Thursday, January 6th. (we will be celebrating it on Wednesday evening, January 5th). If you would like to have your home and/or business blessed, please email or call the office. Fr. Joe will contact you to schedule a day and time.

SUMMER CAMP The Summer Camp Program at the Antiochian Village (about 1½ hours from Pittsburgh) serves young people ages 9-17 who come from parishes throughout the Archdiocese. The main goal of the camp program is to *"present to young people a living experience of the Holy Orthodox Faith in their relationship with God and other campers in an uncluttered, natural environment"*. For more information and to register, please check out their website at: https://avcamp.org/summer-camp/. We go to the 2nd Session, July 3rd - 15th. If you have registered for camp, would like more information, or have questions, please speak with our Camp Coordinator, Anaam Abueita (810-686-9744).

Registration opens on January 8th at 9am ~ DON'T WAIT, REGISTER on the 8th!!!

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be $21,385 to meet our 2021 Budget. Our offerings in November were $16,625 ~ which means we were **short $4,760!** God bless you for your generosity and let us pray God will always provide! We all need to support our church, please fill out your 2022 Offering Form as soon as possible and support the work of God through our parish of St. George.

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 2022 Budget is $287,753
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: $5,534
- 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 2022 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.
THANK YOU!!!

To Tithe is to Love!

2022 Offering Update

As of December 15, 2021

We thank the following families for turning in their 2022 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2022 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. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud
2. Mrs. Laila Abud
3. **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alqazaha**
4. Mr. and Mrs. Adeeb Bathish
5. Ms. Areen Bathish
6. Mrs. Hiam Bathish
7. Mr. and Mrs. Issa Daoud
8. Mrs. Betty Froberg
9. Mr. and Mrs. Karam Nassar
10. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takach
11. Mr. Robert Teunion

2022 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church ~ Flint, Michigan

I Want To Be Counted!

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

~ Offerings Are Treated confidentially ~ Please fill out completely.

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
ZIP	
Telephone	

Offerings can be made in different ways.

- Put your offering in the **Sunday Tray** or **send it to St. George**.
- Online at https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint.
- Call the office (810-732-0720) and use a **Credit Card**.
- An **ACH** direct-payment transaction from your bank account.

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)

2022 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	

يمكن تقديم التبرعات بعدة طرق مختلفة.

- يمكن وضع التبرعات في صينية التبرعات يوم الأحد أو ارسالها الى عنوان الكنيسة.
- عن طريق الانترنت https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint
- عن طريق الاتصال على رقم تلفون مكتب الكنيسة 0720-732(810) واستخدام بطاقة الائتمان (كريديت كارت).
- أو عن طريق الدفع أو التحويل المباشر من حسابك المصرفي-ACH.

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)

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New (Civil) Year **Circumcision of Christ** **Basil the Great**
2 **Sunday before the Theophany of Our Lord**	3 **Venerable Genevieve of Paris**	4 ***Royal Hours for Theophany*** 6pm	5 ***Evening Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water*** 6pm	6 **Theophany of our Lord**	7	8 ***Great Vespers* and Confessions** 5pm
9 **Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord**	10 **Bible Study** 3-5pm	11	12 **Martyr Tatiana of Rome** **Arabic Bible Study** 12-2pm	13 **Parish Council** 6:15pm	14 **Nino, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of Georgia**	15 ***Great Vespers* and Confessions 5pm**
16 **Veneration of Apostle Peter's Precious Chains**	17 **Anthony the Great** **Bible Study** 3-5pm	18	19 **Arabic Bible Study** 12-2pm	20 **Dormition Monastery Winter Dinner *(see flier) at St. George*** 5:30pm	21 **Venerable Maximos the Confessor**	22 **Apostle Timothy** ***Great Vespers* and Confessions 5pm**
23 **Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra**	24 **Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, a fool-for-Christ** **Bible Study** 3-5pm	25	26 **Arabic Bible Study** 12-2pm	27	28	29 ***Great Vespers* and Confessions** 5pm
30 **Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom**	31 **Bible Study** 3-5pm					

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church

Night at the Pistons

Help support St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church by having fun at a Pistons game!
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A post-game shot is guaranteed for every person who attends
Your choice of a free pistons hat or celebrate faith t-shirt

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Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
  - *Great Vespers* **5:00 PM**
  - * Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe or Father Michael during the week.
- Sunday
  - *Sacrament of Repentance* {Confession*} **8:30 AM—9:30 AM**
  - *Matins* {Arabic & English} **8:50 AM**
  - *Divine Liturgy* **10:00 AM**
  - ***Church School***: Classes are in session following Holy Communion from September to May

Major Feast Days (see Calendar)

2021-22 Theme for Church School, Creative Festivals, and our Parish Life Conference

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