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~ 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 3rd **Lenten Retreat** led by Fr. Josiah Trenham *(see 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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Come, Join Us for 2018 Lenten Retreat!

Saturday, March 3, 2018

at

St. George Orthodox Church ❖ 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507

Healing Our Diseases: The Church as a Spiritual Hospital

Presented by the **Very Reverend Father Josiah Trenham, PhD.**

A native Southern Californian, Father Josiah attended Westminster Seminary California, receiving his M.Div. in 1992 while studying under some of the most influential teachers in the Reformed tradition. In 1993, he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of the Orthodox Church and in 2004 he was awarded a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Durham, England. Father Josiah has served as pastor of St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Riverside, California, since 1998. He is an Adjunct Professor of Theology at St. Katherine College in San Marcos, California (2010 – present), and was an Adjunct Professor at California Baptist University (2003-2010). Father Josiah has published numerous articles and two books and is also the founder of Patristic Nectar Publications, a non-profit ministry. His weekly homilies are available on his podcast, The Arena, produced by Ancient Faith Radio.

9:30am – 10am	Registration and Refreshments
10am – 11:30am	Presentation #1
11:30am – 12pm	Breakout Session for Discussion
12:15pm	Lunch (free will offering)
1pm - 2:30pm	Presentation #2
2:30pm – 3pm	Breakout Session for Discussion
3pm-3:30pm	Presentation #3
3:30pm – 4pm	Breakout Session for Discussion
4pm – 4:30pm	Wrap-up
5pm	Great Vespers and Confessions

RSVP by calling 810-732-0720 or email stgeorgeflint@gmail.com by February 28th

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St. George Ladies Auxiliary

Falafel Luncheon

Sunday, March 18th

at

St. George Orthodox Church

5191 Lennon Road

Flint, MI

Menu

Falafel, Hummus, Tahini, Salad, Pickles, Pita Bread,

Dessert, Coffee, and Juice

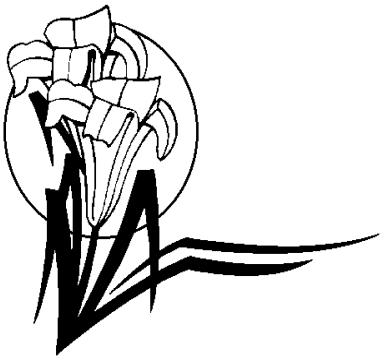
$7 – Eight years and older

$5 – Seven years and younger

All proceeds go to the Antiochian Women's 2018 Project,

"Strengthening the Ministries of the Church: VOCATIONS"

- ***Additional donations are welcome!***



Decorations for the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha

5 Icon Flowers for the Madayeh/Akathist
$30 each
- ☑ February 23rd (*Taken)*
- ❑ March 2nd
- ❑ March 9th
- ❑ March 16th
- ❑ March 23rd

2 pounds of Incense $50 each
❑ One Pound ❑ One Pound

Carnations for the Holy Cross (Taken)
☑ $245

Palms (Taken)
☑ $225

Fern Arrangements - Palm Sunday/Holy Week
(7 at $40 each*)*
❑ One Arrangement ❑ One Arrangement
❑ One Arrangement ❑ One Arrangement
❑ One Arrangement ❑ One Arrangement
❑ One Arrangement

2 Icon Flowers for Palm Sunday $30 each
❑ One Icon ❑ One Icon

4 Icon Flowers for Holy Week $30 each
❑ One Icon ❑ One Icon *(Taken)*
❑ One Icon ❑ One Icon *(Taken)*

Flowers and Decorations for the Tomb (Taken)

Rose Water / Bay Leaves for Holy Saturday (Taken)

Donations toward Pascha Flowers (Lilies)
❑ $25 each ❑ $25 each
❑ $25 each ❑ $25 each
❑ $25 each ❑ $25 each

2 Icon Flowers for the Resurrection $30 each
❑ One Icon ❑ One Icon

3 Paschal Candles $95 each
❑ One Candle ❑ One Candle
❑ One Candle

Please print clearly

Your name: _____

For the health of:

_____

In loving memory of:

_____

The names of the Living and Departed will be remembered at the service for which the item will be used.

Please fill out this form, put it in an envelope (with check made out to *"St. George/Decorations"*), and drop it in the Sunday Offering Tray or send it to the church office.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Because of its paschal character, the normal Divine Liturgy is not served on weekdays of the Great Fast in the Orthodox Church. In its place, so that the faithful would not be left without Holy Communion, the ***Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*** is served.

The practice of serving the Presanctified Liturgy during the Great Fast is an ancient practice witnessed by the following canon of the Church that certainly bears witness to a practice of a much earlier date.

> *"On all days of the holy fast of Great Lent, except on the Sabbath* (i.e. Saturday), *and the Lord's Day* (i.e. Sunday), *and the holy day of the Annunciation, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be served."* (Canon 52, Quinisext Council, 692 A.D.)

At present, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is prescribed for Wednesday evenings during the Great Fast and in the morning the first three days of the Great and Holy Week. This liturgy is the solemn Lenten Vespers with Holy Communion added to it. The Communion is received from the Sacramental Gifts of bread and wine offered and sanctified at the Divine Liturgy of the previous Lord's Day, hence its name of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

The evening reception of Communion at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is fulfilled after a day of prayer and fasting, with the total abstinence from food and drink at least from the early morning hours of the day. Some consider the taking of even light, lenten food on the morning of the Presanctified Liturgy as a "lessening" of discipline. Those who have fasted a whole working day in preparation for the evening participation in the Holy Sacraments, however, know the great difficulty of the effort, as well as the very special spiritual fruits that it brings from God.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is one of the great masterpieces of Orthodox piety and liturgical creativity. It reveals in its form and content the central Christian doctrine and experience, namely that our entire life must be spent in prayer and fasting in order that we might enter into communion with Christ who comes at the end, as "a thief in the night." It tells us that all of our life, and not only the time of Great Lent, or one day of the Fast, is completed with the Presence of the Victorious Christ who is risen from the dead. It witnesses to the fact that Christ will come at the end of the ages to judge the living and the dead and to establish God's Kingdom "of which there will be no end." It tells us that we must be ready at His coming, found watching and serving, in order to be worthy to "enter into the joy of the Lord."

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is one of the most beautiful and most meaningful liturgical services in the Orthodox Christian Church.

Reprinted from ***The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts***, introduction by the V. Rev. Father Thomas Hopko

Madayeh / Akathist Hymn:
Supplication to the Virgin Mary

On the Fridays of Lent we will sing the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God. One of the greatest marvels of Greek religious poetry, with a richness of imagery that is the despair of any translator, the Akathist Hymn has 24 main stanzas, alternatively long and short: each long stanza bears the title *ikos* and ends with the refrain *Hail, O Bride without bridegroom*, while each short stanza is termed *Kontakion* and ends with the refrain *Alleluia*. The title Akathist means literally ***not sitting***, the Hymn being so called because all remain standing while it is sung. The greater part of the Hymn is made up of praises addressed to the Holy Virgin, each beginning with the salutation of the Archangel Gabriel, *Hail* or *Rejoice* (Luke 1:28). The Hymn passes in review the main events connected with Christ's Incarnation, starting with the Annunciation (1st ikos) and ending with the Flight into Egypt (6th ikos) and the Presentation in the Temple (7th Kontakion).

The Akathist Hymn, so it seems, was originally composed as an epoch when the Annunciation was still celebrated together with Christmas and had not yet become a separate festival. Perhaps at one time it was sung on December 26, the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos. It was probably during the reign of the Emperor Justinian (570-650 AD) that the Annunciation first began to be celebrated on March 25; and either when this happened or else soon after—and in any case not later than 718 AD—the Akathist Hymn was also appointed to be sung on March 25. More recently, perhaps during the period of the Turcocratia after the fall of Constantinople (1453 AD), the Hymn was transferred from the fixed to the movable calendar, and instead of being sung on March 25 it was appointed for Saturday in the fifth week of Lent. The custom of singing a portion of the Hymn at Compline on the first four Fridays of Lent is more recent still: while found among the Greeks, such a practice is not part of the Slavic use.

The link between the Akathist Hymn and the Feast of the Annunciation still continues to be much in evidence: for example, most of the texts of Friday Vespers before the Vigil of the Akathist are taken directly from the office for March 25. The Annunciation almost always falls within the period of the Great Fast, and that is why this special office of praise to the Mother of God has found a place in the Lenten Triodion.

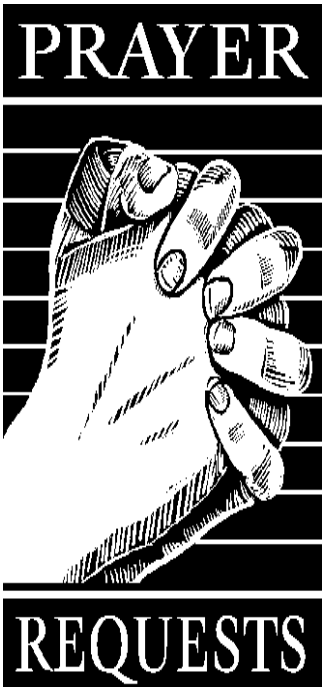
At the beginning of the Akathist Hymn, there is sung a Kontakion greatly loved by the Orthodox people, *To thee the champion Leader. . .* , celebrating the deliverance of the city of Constantinople from its enemies through the aid of the Mother of God. It seems that this Kontakion was not originally part of the Akathist Hymn, for in the Hymn itself there is nowhere any allusion to such a deliverance. Most probably the Kontakion was written by Patriarch Sergios to celebrate the escape of the Byzantine capital from the attack of the Persians and Avars in 626 AD, in that case, the Akathist Hymn is almost certainly more ancient than the Kontakion. Perhaps this Kontakion, and the Akathist Hymn itself, were also sung at the thanksgiving celebrations after other deliverances of Constantinople: from the Arabs in the mid-670's AD, from the Arabs again in 717-18 AD, and from the Russians (not yet converted to Orthodoxy) in 860 AD Understood in a broader sense, the Kontakion expresses, in the conscience of the Orthodox faithful, their sense of continuing dependence on the protecting intercession of the Holy Virgin at all moments of crisis and peril.

Reprinted from **The Lenten Triodion**, *by Mother Mary and Archimandrite Kallistos Ware*

Daily Prayer Life

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Ricky** Namey (+January 29th, cousin of Leslee Abud), **Rudy** Jones (+February 6th, Dannie's father), and **John** Isaac (+February 13th).

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, **Micheline** El-Chaer, **Vera** Farah, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Salwa** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Daniel** Isaac, **Nawal** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh**, **Nicola**, and **Saba** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Deborah** and **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), **Jim** and **Marianne** Crawford (Dormition Monastery), **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, and **Dennis** Perez (from St. Mary Magdalene), **Gloria** Zelenko (from St. Nicholas), and **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner).

Congratulations and God bless:

❖ **Sahar Abdallah** who is being honored by the Flint Institute of Arts (*FIA*) with the Flameworking Studio room dedicated and named in her honor as the overseeing engineer of the FIA's recent expansion.

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR MARCH The **GREAT FAST** began on Monday, February 19th and continues until **Pascha** on April 8th. 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 along with *fish, wine, and olive oil* being allowed on the **Great Feast of the Annunciation** (March 25th).

BOOKS ON THE DIVINE LITURGY With the beginning of the Great Fast, we are holding off on our sermons about the "Meaning of the Divine Liturgy" until after Pascha. However, our Library has a number of books to learn more about the Divine Liturgy: A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy, An Introduction to the Divine Liturgy, Living the Liturgy, Let Us Attend-A Journey through the Orthodox Divine Liturgy, The Melody of Prayer: How to Personally Experience the Divine Liturgy, Meditations on the Divine Liturgy, and more. Check one out and have a blessed Great Fast!

The Great Fast continues …

Our preparation for the Feast of Feasts (***Pascha)***, began on Monday, February 19th and lasts until our midnight celebration of ***Pascha*** on April 7th/8th. This preparation is based on our increased participation in the three disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving (Matthew 6:1-18):

1. Prayer: By attending the Lenten services as well as an increased daily prayer life at home, we spend more time with God.
2. Fasting: By restricting the types and frequency of meals, we experience physical weakness and learn to depend more on God than on ourselves.
3. Almsgiving: By giving to those less fortunate than ourselves, we cease to consider ourselves as the most important of all people (Food for Hungry People and other programs).

Our experience of Christ's Resurrection on Pascha truly depends on how deeply we enter into these three disciplines. The additional weekday services gives all of us a wonderful opportunity to increase our Prayer life and be strengthened in Fasting and Almsgiving as well. We should strive to come to as many Lenten Services as possible whether or not we regularly attend Saturday Vespers and Sunday Services. Questions? Speak with Fr. Joe for guidance during this special and holy time of the year!

Great Compline صلاة النوم الكبرى – Mondays at 6:30pm *at St. George*

Lenten Hours – Wednesdays at 10am *at St. Nicholas (see Calendar)*

Presanctified Liturgy قداس السابق تقديس & Potluck – Wednesdays at 6pm *(check calendar for location!)*

Supplication to the Virgin Mary / Madayeh خدمة المديح – Fridays at 6:30pm *at St. George*

Great Vespers and Confessions – Saturdays at 5pm *at St. George*

LENTEN POTLUCK DINNERS Our Ladies Auxiliary have been will be hosting Lenten Potluck Dinners after our celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Please bring what is listed below according to the first letter of your last name. If you have any questions, please see or call our coordinators Anaam Abueita 810-962-1033 or Wafaa Elias 810-875-3398.

FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

A-F	G-J	K-R	S-Z
Desserts	Relish Dish or Bread	Salad or Side Dish	Main Dish

FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH

A-F	G-J	K-R	S-Z
Salad or Side Dish	Main Dish	Desserts	Relish Dish or Bread

FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

A-F	G-J	K-R	S-Z
Relish Dish or Bread	Salad or Side Dish	Main Dish	Desserts

FOR OUR COMBINED CELEBRATION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH

A-F	G-J	K-R	S-Z
Main Dish	Desserts	Relish Dish or Bread	Salad or Side Dish

THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION)

"He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Proverbs 28:13)

The Great Fast is THE TIME for all parishioners to receive the Holy Sacrament of Repentance (Confession) -- especially if you plan on receiving Holy Communion on Palm Sunday (April 1st) or Pascha (April 8th). Fr. Joe hears Confessions by appointment before or after most Divine Services, Sundays between 8:30am-9:30am, by appointment during the week, and on Saturday evenings after Great Vespers; which is the perfect time when no one is rushed. Please do not wait until the last minute! For your convenience, Fr. Joe will also hear confessions after Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, March 25th. Because of many extra responsibilities, Fr. Joe will not be able to hear Confessions on Palm Sunday, April 1st or after Holy Tuesday, April 3rd at 6pm. In addition, Holy Unction (on Holy Wednesday evening, April 4th) is a Sacrament of the Church and we must be prepared with Confession in order to be anointed. If you would like to go to one of the other Orthodox priests during our combined Pan-Orthodox Services, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Angelo, and Fr. Gabriel are available 30 minutes before each service begins. Confessing of our sins opens the door to our personal celebration of our Lord's Glorious Resurrection -- PLAN NOW and BE PREPARED!!!

PALM SUNDAY CANDLES! Our Ladies Auxiliary will again be selling *Decorated Candles* for our celebration of our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday, April 1st). They will be selling them in the Banquet Center on March 25th. Order Forms are in the Lounge. The cost is $10 each.

CLEANING AND DECORATING We will be cleaning and decorating for Palm Sunday, on Saturday, March 31st at 1pm and for Pascha on Saturday, April 7th after the morning Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 10am -- everyone is welcome to come and help!

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, March 27th from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim and Evelyn Delbridge (810-630-2353).

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 back page*) or call to do it by phone.

Coming Events in April

1st-7th	**The Great and Holy Week**
8th	**Holy Pascha: the Resurrection *(Passover)* of our Lord**
19th-22nd	**Midwest Diocesan Clergy Retreat and Spring Gathering** *in Troy, MI*
28th	**Spring GALA**

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly offerings need to be $24,390 to meet our 2018 Budget. Our offerings in January were $9,364 which means **short $15,026!** 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 Jamal Abuaita.

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 39 Families/Individuals: $45,362.00
- 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 February 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. Tawfiq Abu Aita
3. Mr. and Mrs. Fouad Abuaita
4. Mr. and Mrs. Jiries Abu-Aitah
5. Mr. and Mrs. Fouad Abuaita
6. Mr. and Mrs. George (Muna) Abuaita
7. Fr. and Mrs. Joseph Abud
8. Mr. and Mrs. Anwar Abueita
9. Mr. and Mrs. Atallah Abueita
10. **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alqazaha**
11. Mr. and Mrs. Adeeb Bathish
12. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bathish
13. Mr. and Mrs. Issa Daoud
14. Mr. and Mrs. James David
15. Mrs. Iman David
16. Mr. and Mrs. Ayman Elias
17. Mrs. Vera Farah
18. Mrs. Betty Froberg
19. Mr. Elias Gantos
20. Mr. and Mrs. George Gantous
21. Mr. and Mrs. Nasri Haddad
22. Mr. and Mrs. Salim Haddad
23. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hanna
24. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hawkins
25. Ms. Daisy Isaac
26. Mrs. Najwa Joubran
27. Mr. and Mrs. Shawki Khoury
28. Mr. and Mrs. Danial Mitri
29. Mrs. Jamil Nassar
30. Mr. and Mrs. Karam Nassar
31. Mrs. Olga Nassar
32. Mr. and Mrs. George Nassif
33. Miss Deborah Salim
34. Mrs. Mary Salim
35. Mr. and Mrs. William Shaheen Jr.
36. Miss. Elaine Shaheen
37. Mr. and Mrs. Ric Shahin
38. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takach
39. **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.

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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)

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pan-Orthodox Orthodox Christian Fellowship (*OCF*) 7pm	**2** **Lenten Retreat** (*see flier*) **Akathist to the Theotokos (خدمة المديح)** 6:30pm	**3** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
4 **2nd Sunday of the Fast** ***St. Gregory Palamas***	**5** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**6**	**7** **Lenten Hours** *at **St. Nicholas* 10am **Presanctified Liturgy** and Lenten Potluck *at St. George* 6pm	**8**	**9** **Akathist to the Theotokos (خدمة المديح)** 6:30pm Euchre Tourny 6:30pm	**10** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
11 **3rd Sunday of the Fast** ***Procession and Adoration of the Life-Giving Cross***	**12** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**13**	**14** **Lenten Hours** *at **St. Nicholas* 10am **Combined Presanctified Liturgy** and Lenten Potluck *at *Assumption* 6pm	**15**	**16** **Akathist to the Theotokos (خدمة المديح)** 6:30pm	**17** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
18 ***4th Sunday of the Fast*** ***St. John of the Ladder*** Parish Falafel Lunch	**19** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**20**	**21** **Lenten Hours** at **St. Nicholas 10am **Presanctified Liturgy** and Lenten Potluck *at St. George* 6pm	**22**	**23** **Akathist to the Theotokos (خدمة المديح)** 6:30pm	**24** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
25 ***5th Sunday of the Fast*** ***St. Mary of Egypt*** ***Great Feast of the Annunciation***	**26** **Great Compline** 6:30pm	**27** North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm	**28** **Lenten Hours** at **St. Nicholas 10am **Combined Presanctified Liturgy** and Lenten Potluck *at St. George* 6pm	**29**	**30** **Little Compline with Canon of St. Lazarus** 6:30pm	**31** **Raising of Lazarus Combined Liturgy** @ ****St. Mary Magdalene* 9:30am Clean & Decorate 1pm **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm

***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

*****St. Mary Magdalene**
2439 S Long Lake Rd
(north of North Road)
Fenton 810-750-1401

2018

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 1 to March 31, 2018

Birthdays

March

1 Sean M. McCann
Emil Rishmawi

2 Nisreen AbuFarha
Ariana O. Khouri

3 Andrew M. Alkazaha
Pam K. Bassett

4 Jeremy A. Meshraky

5 O'Myah Vaughn

6 Khaled Abuaita
Janet Abueita
Samir "Sam" H. Khoury
Amanda Rishmawi
Martha Shahin

7 Nancy Haddad

9 Sami B. Abuaita

10 Lina Masaad

11 Anthony W. Abu-Farha
Kali R. Goff

12 Maggie David
Zeid Helal
John E. Joseph

13 Sami Abufarha

14 Tony Fakhoury

16 Jon Bassett
Branden B. Jones
Devin B. Jones

17 Preston Haddad

20 Wadia Albaba
Roland "Rollie" Haddad

21 Amal I. Abu-Aita
Nidal Ishaq

22 Aziz M. Rishmawi
Raji "Roger" J. Salomon

23 Sandra "Sandy" H. Mitri

24 Issa Alqazaha
Samir Haddad
Raghda Ishaq

25 Maher Abufarha
Sami Alsahouri
Najwa Joubran

26 Ghada Abdallah
Amjad N. Abusaada

27 Julian J. Masaad

28 Nicholas F. Abdallah
Miar Abu-Aita
Vivian N. Isaac
Mira Rishmawi

29 James "Jim" Delbridge

30 Fadya M. Abdo
Anthony R. Abueita
Caitlin A. Abu-Farha
Laura "Laurie" E. Harrison

Namedays

March

25 Miar Abu-Aita

Wedding Anniversaries

March

1 Mr. and Mrs. Adnan Yacoub

6 Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Khouri

13 Mr. and Mrs. Karam Nassar

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
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