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Using Text Messaging for Online Giving at St. George Church

Hands-down …
offering by text is the fastest way to give!

- Text the word *'GIVE'* to the church's text giving number (810-255-9080).
- **<u>If it's your first time using text giving</u>**, you'll be prompted to click a link directing you to the online giving page to complete a one-time registration.
    - Click **"SIGN IN"** and then **"REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"** at the bottom of the page.
    - Complete contact information, then click **"REGISTER"**.
    - Enter the *secure pin* that the system texts you.
    - Select the fund, then enter the donation amount and payment information before completing your gift.
    - Click **"SAVE PAYMENT"** to keep your payment information securely saved for future gifts.
- **<u>To text a donation after the one-time registration</u>**, you can give immediately without having to re-enter any of your information.
    - Simply text the *<u>desired amount</u>* and the *<u>fund keyword</u>* to the church's text giving number! (Example: Text '*250 Offering'* to make a $250 donation to the Tithe and Pledge fund). You can find a list of the available funds by texting "*KEYWORD"*.

<u>OTHER TEXT COMMANDS:</u>

EDIT – Make changes to your giving account and update contact information and/or update payment information.

REFUND – Need to refund your last gift? You must text "REFUND" within 15 minutes to refund the gift. If you realized the mistake after 15 minutes, contact the church or organization you are giving to for a refund.

KEYWORD – See a list of active keywords. Keywords are the fund names that the church has set up to direct gifts to the right category.

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 1 to May 31, 2020

Birthdays

April

1 Kirolous M. Meshraky
Aida Raffoul
Kyra A. Salim

3 Tamer K. AbuAita
Yasmeen V. Haddad
Jose Q. Ramirez

4 Fadi Y. El-Chaer
Rana M. Fanous

5 Antoine E. Elia

7 Nakhleh Khoury
Jessica R. Saadeh
Norma Sophiea

8 George M. Alqazaha

9 George Farah Jr.
Suha Isaac

10 Sandy Abueita
Aida Nassar
Steven R. Sanderson

11 Laila N. Abdallah
Gabrielle K. Gantos
Majd Helal
Ronald "Ron" E. Shaheen

13 Farid S. Nassar
Miguel J. Rishmawi
Elaine E. Salim

14 Maia Assaf

15 Kholoud Habbass
George A. Nassif
Matthew "Matt" M. Thomas

16 Salim Farah
Iyad F. Isaac

17 Hailey M. Farah
Yazan Khair

18 Samantha R. Al-Sahuri
Margee M. Nickola

19 Emil "Emil J." H. Joseph III

20 Elias "Louie" Gantos
Kenzi K. Isaac
Hisham Rishmawi
Julia M. Rishmawi

21 Joseph J. Brack
Eric D. Isaac
Elaina E. Tijerina

22 Ameer Assaf

23 Ramzy Abueita

24 Danny Mortensen

25 Nasri H. Haddad
Elena Jaraysa
Evonne Shomali

26 Rakan Abusaada

27 Jeanette M. Nassif

28 Lourdes Abuaita
Raed S. Al-Sahuri
Adham Habbass

29 Landon N. Gantos
Liela L. Gantos

30 Nicholas "Nick" P. Abud
Basheer Z. Hawwash

May

1 Abeer S. Abuaita
Lauren E. Silpoch

2 Reema Y. Abousamra
Salwa Haddad

3 Rula Alkazaha
Taym R. Khoury
George Rishmawi
Niveen Rishmawi

4 Salim Haddad
Kelly L. Sanderson

5 Miran A. Abusaada

6 George A. Gantous

7 Chelsy E. Abufarha

8 Abla Abufarha
George Ishaq
Michael "Mike" J. Silpoch

9 George I. Abuaita
Hanna E. Abuaita
Aziza E. Hawwash
Jowelle G. Odeh

10 Eli R. Helal
Julianna I. Helal

11 Vera I. Daoud

12 Issa Y. Daoud
Troy S. Farah
Catherine H. Khair
Walaa Khoury
Nancy L. Silpoch

14 Lina Abuaita
Sami R. Al-Sahuri
Jennifer J. Farah

15 Mary J. Ghattas
Robert "Bob" Sophiea

16 Julianos F. Awad
James "Jimmy" David
Ambur K. Haddad
Abigail C. Joseph
Rasha Nakhleh
Alfred Nassar

17 Hatem Alyateem
Fadi Ghantous
Amira Haddad

18 Nasri M. Abdallah
George Abueita
Michael G. Alqazaha
Steven W. Hayek

19 Emil H. Joseph II

20 Alyssa D. Khoury
Elias Skafi

21 Marina T. Elia

22 Raed AbuAita
Elizabeth L. Joseph

26 Elaine M. Shaheen

27 Jeffrey "Jeff" P. Farah
Hanadi Kokaly
Nataly G. Odeh

28 Kholoud Hayek
Khaled Isaac
Laura Nassar
Julian Shomali

29 Wiam Khair
Mary Kokaly
Lameese S. Porada

30 Hiam Andoni
Rakan Y. Bayouk
Kristina K. Cooper
Lukas E. Cooper

God Grant You All Many Years!

31 Waleed Y. El-Chaer
Adonis G. Farah
Amal Hayek

Namedays

April

14 Anwar "Andy" Yacoub Abueita

23 George Issa Abuaita
George Michael Abuaita
Cezar George Abu-Aita
George Abu-Aita
George Abueita
Georgette Abueita
Ramzy Abueita
Sandy Abueita
Ola J.Y. Alqazaha
Sandra (Alexandra) Raed Al-Sahuri
George Jacob David
George Fanous
George Farah Jr.
Georgio Aiden Farah
George Azar Gantous
George Ishaq
Dina George Maymoun
Sean (George) Michael McCann
George Elias Mitri
Alexandra Nassar
George Nassar
George A. Nassif
Nisreen George Rodriguez
Ronald "Ron" Edward Shaheen
William "Bill" George Sophiea
Alexandria Elisa Tijerina
George Adnan Yacoub
Georgette "Nowel" Yacoub

25 Mark Steven Andoni
Marc Andrew Smith

May

1 Jeremy Wade Harrison

8 John Ameen Farah
Zane (John) Troy Farah
Nasri Hanna Haddad
John Edward Joseph
Adam John Odeh
Jonathan Nimer Rishmawi
John Theodore Yankopulos

9 Christopher Issa Abu-Eita
Christopher Scott Jehnsen
Christopher Fotis Yankopulos

21 Elaine Fakhoury
Ronald "Ron" Haddad
Qusta Hayek
Ella (Helen) Khalil Isaac
Elena Elizabeth Rodriguez
Elaina Elise Tijerina

Wedding Anniversaries

April

16 Mr. and Mrs. Shawki Khoury

28 Mr. and Mrs. Fuad Albaba

30 Mr. and Mrs. Luai Abuaita

May

3 Mr. and Mrs. Salim Haddad

6 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas David

7 Mr. and Mrs. Jiries Abu-Aitah

10 Mr. and Mrs. Raed Al-Sahuri

11 Mr. and Mrs. Rami Khoury

15 Mr. and Mrs. John Farah

16 Mr. and Mrs. Farid Nassar
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Porada

20 Mr. and Mrs. Fady Jaraysa
Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCann

21 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Reed

25 Mr. & Mrs. David Salim

26 Dr. Ryan and Dr. Lindsey Brunner

28 Mr. and Mrs. Rakan Bayouk
Dr. and Mrs. David Gantos

God Grant You All Many Years!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Pan Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

"Feasts of the Theotokos"

August 11th, 12, & 13 from 6:00pm—8:00pm
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
2439 S Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430

AGES 4 TO 14 WELCOME

- ✝ Icon Making
- ✝ Lessons
- ✝ Worship
- ✝ Liturgics
- ✝ Activities
- ✝ Snacks
- ✝ Stump the Priest

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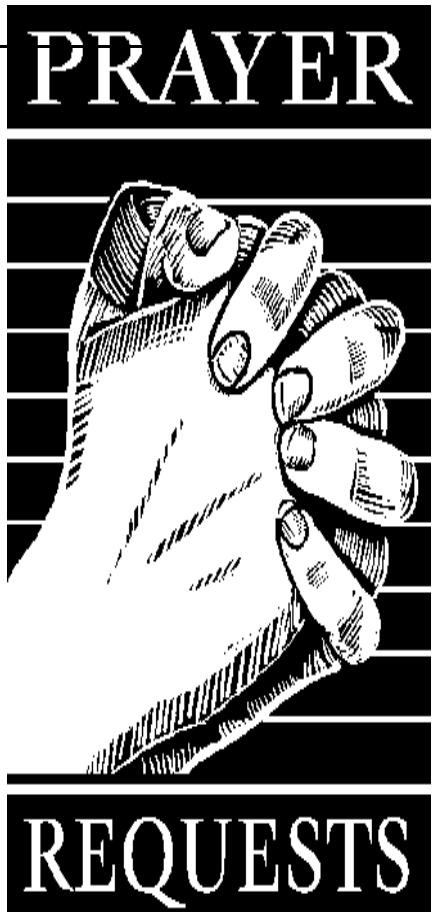
REGISTRATION FORM TO FOLLOW!

Daily Prayer Life

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Kimberly** Fanous (+March 31st, wife of Elias), **Souad** Khoury (+March 31st, sister-in-law to Khaled Alkhoury), **Hiam** Awad (+March 31st, sister of Munir Kokaly), **Natashia** Sous (+March 31st, mother of Elias Sous), **David** Daoud (+March 31st, brother of Issa), **Lucille** Shadeed (+April 11th, sister of JoAnn Hawkins), and **Evelyn** Deligorges (+April 12th, sister of Alex Deligorges), **Helga** Lamb (+April 30th, mother of Rick, owner of Swartz Funeral Home), and **Yacoub** Zureikat (+May 10th, father of Sahar Abdallah and Dr. George).

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, **Anwar** Abueita, **Eman** Abufarha, **Wadia** Albaba, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** J. Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayotis** Deligorges, **Micheline** El-Chaer, **Vera** Farah, **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Daisy** Isaac, **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Habib** Skafi, **William** Sophiea Jr, **Lois** Teunion; *all first-responders and medical personal, those working on a COVID-19 cure, 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, **Andrea** Jones [daughter of Nasri and Carol Haddad], and **Katie** (Philip) Quackenboss [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen].

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

- Remember the friends of St. George parishioners: **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Mother Nektaria**, **Nancy** Maes, **Bryan** Stewart, **Gerry** Alcorn, **Alyssa** Coon, **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 Saadeh), **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), **Husam** Rishmawi (cousin of Fadi Rishmawi), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Mary** Khal and **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relatives 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 and **McKenzie** McClure (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), **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe), **Dominique** Vasquez (friend of Areen Bathish), **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), and Dr. **Usama** Albedd (Sally Abuaita's brother).

Congratulations and God bless:

- **Dr. Yara Abuaita** (daughter of Jamal and Manal) who recently became a *Primary Care Doctor* (PCP) graduating from Medical School!

- **Stephanie Long** (former parishioner and daughter of Sally Joseph) on her recent appointment as *Superintendent of the Leland Public Schools*!

- **Elias** and newborn **Oliver George Fanous** (March 20th).

- **Laith, Dina**, and newborn **Ayla Maymoun** (March 24th).

- **Martin**, **Jennifer** {daughter of Najwa Joubran}, and newborn **Ava** Khoshaba (May 10th).

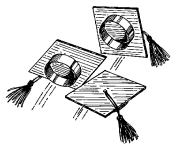
Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR MAY There is no fasting (all food and drink may be consumed) during the Paschal Season (Pascha until our Lord's Ascension on May 28th).

RE-OPENING OF ST. GEORGE

God willing, we will be reopening our church in the near future (end of May?)! It will be a gradual opening depending on the number of faithful allowed to attend. Fr. Joe, Dn. Michael, and our Parish Council have begun to work out the details. More information will be in Fr. Joe's weekly emails. If you do not get them, we do not have your email address. Please email Fr. Joe (njja@aol.com) and you will be added to our parish list (your email will not be shared with anyone and you will only receive church related information).

GRADUATES/PARENTS



Please email Fr. Joe (njja@aol.com) by May 24th to let him know who our graduates are! They will be listed in the next issue of **The VOICE**. Information needed: name of the ***High School*** or ***College/University*** and their degree, along with a picture to be posted.

ASCENSION DIVINE LITURGY We will be celebrating the Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven and sitting at the right hand of the Father on the 40th day after His resurrection, His Pascha with combined Pan-Orthodox services at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton. On Wednesday evening May 27th, will be Great Vespers at 5pm and on Ascension Thursday morning May 28th, Divine Liturgy at 10am. The link for live-streaming is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClHAqZrWkXdYELujbbIslHg.

MARK YOUR 2021 CALENDARS! Our Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha celebration was a different, unique, and God willing once-in-a-lifetime experience. We are all busy, but put the following dates on your calendar NOW so we don't let other things (sports events, meetings, family gatherings, vacations, etc.) get in the way of the Lenten services and the celebration of the **Feast of Feasts**! Next year (2021), the Great Fast begins on March 15th, Lazarus Saturday is on April 24th, Palm Sunday is April 25th, the Great and Holy Week begins the evening of April 25th, and Pascha is on May 2nd. [For your information, our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions will be celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord on April 4th.]

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE We are very fortunate to have several scholarships available to those who wish to further their education. All are located at https://antiochian.org/regulararticle/386. Please do not miss the DEADLINES!

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, June 5th from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599).

The United States Census happens every 10 years and it's THIS YEAR!

WHAT IS THE CENSUS?
The Census is a simple form used to count everyone living in the United States and make sure government resources are distributed equally.

WHO WILL BE COUNTED?
Citizens and non-citizens of all ages living in the U.S., including children.

WHEN?
It started in March 2020, households should have received a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions on how to fill out the survey online.

WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?
Your survey response will help your community get its fair share of government resources for housing, schools, roads, health care, and more. Additionally, Census data is used to determine how many representatives our communities have in Congress. It's important for every household to complete the Census because each response gives us an accurate count of what our families need.

HOW TO BE COUNTED?
Complete the 10 question form that takes approximately 10 minutes and submit your survey online. Legally, the Census Bureau cannot share your information with anyone. Your answers are submitted anonymously, and personal information such as where you live and who lives in your home will be kept safe.

The Census will NOT ask you for:

- Immigration Status
- Social Security Number
- Drivers License number

Questions about the Census? Call the Arab-American Heritage Council (AAHC) at 810-235-2722 or email: staff@aahcflint.org.

FINANCES AT St. George

As you can imagine, if people cannot come to church, then they are not as inspired to offer to the church. Some of our faithful ~ and even friends of St. George who never lived here ~ have stepped up and donated! NOW IS THE TIME FOR OUR ST. GEORGE FAMILY TO STEP UP! Offerings/Donations can be sent to the church or made online at our website by debit or credit card, electronic fund transfer from a bank account, or by text (see attached). You can even setup automatic offerings/donations. Right now, we do not have any outside help (hall rentals, Preschool, or fundraisers). It is only us ~ our St. George Family. DONATE NOW at this link:

https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint.

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be $21,691 to meet our 2020 Budget. Our offerings in April were $11,944 which means we were **short $9,747**! Please support the work of God through St. George.

PARKING LOT PLEDGES

As you all know, we replaced our Parking Lot Phase 1. Thank you to those who already pledged their donations ABOVE and BEYOND their normal offerings to St. George. **Parking Lot Pledge Forms are in the Lounge.** Everyone is asked to do their best (that's all God ever asks!). The pledges we receive will help us lessen the loan amount we will need. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our Parish Council members (*Fadi Rishmawi*, *Anwar Abueita*, *Emil Abueita*, *Aida Nassar*, *Raed AbuAita*, *Tony Daoud*, *John Farah*, *Habeeb Ghattas*, or *Fr. Joe*).

تعهدات اصلاح موقف السيارات : كما تعلمون جميعًا ، فقد أخذنا خطوة جدية في مشروع استصلاح موقف السيارات. شكرا لأولئك الذين تعهدوا بتقديم تبرعاتهم فوق العادية لكنيسة القديس جاورجيوس. سيكون نموذج تعهد التبرع لمشروع اصلاح موقف السيارات متيسراً للجميع قريبًا. يُطلب من جميع أبناء الرعية أن يبذلوا قصارى جهدهم (وهذا كل ما يطلبه الله منا!). كلما زادت قيمة التعهدات بالتبرع , كلما قلّ مبلغ القرض الذي نحتاجه لاتمام المشروع . إذا كان لديكم أي أسئلة , يمكنكم التواصل مع أحد أعضاء مجلس الرعية : أنور أبو عيطة, فادي رشماوي , إميل أبو عيطة , عايدة نصار , خالد أبو عيطة , رائد أبو عيطة , طوني داوود , جان فرح , حبيب غطاس ، أو أبونا جو عبود

May

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
					1 **Prophet Jeremiah**	**2** **Great Vespers** 5pm
3 **3rd Sunday of Pascha** ***Myrrh-bearing Women***	**4** **Ask Abouna** 7:30pm	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8** **John the Theologian and Evangelist**	**9** **Martyr Christopher of Lycia** **Great Vespers** 5pm
10 **4th Sunday of Pascha** ***Raising of the Paralytic***	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16** **Great Vespers** 5pm
17 **5th Sunday of Pascha** ***Samaritan Woman***	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21** **Equal to the Apostles, Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena** Parish Council 6:15pm	**22**	**23** **Great Vespers** 5pm
24 **6th Sunday of Pascha** ***Blind Man***	**25**	**26**	**27** Pan-Orthodox combined **Great Vespers** *at St. Mary Magdalene** 5pm	**28** Pan-Orthodox combined **Divine Liturgy** *at *St. Mary Magdalene* 10am Feast of our **Lord's Ascension on the 40th day after Pascha**	**29**	**30** **Great Vespers** 5pm
31 **7th Sunday of Pascha** ***Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council***						

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or livestreamed at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClHAqZrWkXdYELujbbIslHg

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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
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

CHOIR • Elias Abueita, Director 810-620-4897 or eliasabuaita.124@gmail.com

CHURCH SCHOOL • Janet Abueita, Director 810-771-7152 or cooeita@aol.com

LADIES AUXILIARY • Manal Abuaita, President 810-659-5351

TEEN SOYO • Co-Presidents George Abuaita, (gabuaitasoyo@gmail.com or 810-449-8834)
Hanna Abuaita (hanna.abuaita84@gmail.com)

USHERS • Jimmy David 810-835-9737 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

OFFICE MANAGER: Kelly Dotson kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com
Monday 10am-4pm, Tuesday 12:30-4pm, Wednesday 12:30-4pm, Thursday 10am-4pm, and Friday 10am-4pm