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SHORT SLEEVE T - $12

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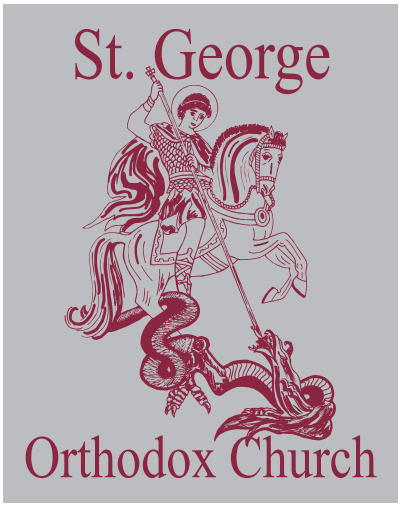

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Give Orders to Janet Abueita or drop off at church office by May 1st

Make Checks Payable to St. George Church School

NAME: _____

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50/50 SHORT SLEEVE T $12 --------	6-8 YS	10-12 YM	14-16 YL	S	M	L	XL	ADD $3 2X	ADD $3 3X
LONG SLEEVE T $15 ----------	6-8 YS	10-12 YM	14-16 YL	S	M	L	XL	ADD $3 2X	ADD $3 3X
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MIDDLE EASTERN TAKE-OUT LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 26, 2022
11am-2pm

Meal includes:

Cooked Kibbee, Green Bean Stew (*Yahnee*), Rice, Hummus, Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, and a Bottled Water

Vegetarian Plate available

Cost is $15 per meal

Free Delivery with eight (8) or more lunches!

Use the QR Code to place your lunch or bake sale order or go to https://stgeorgeladies.square.site/ ~~ for more information, & free deliveries call: St. George at 810-732-0720

DEADLINE for orders is May 16th!!!

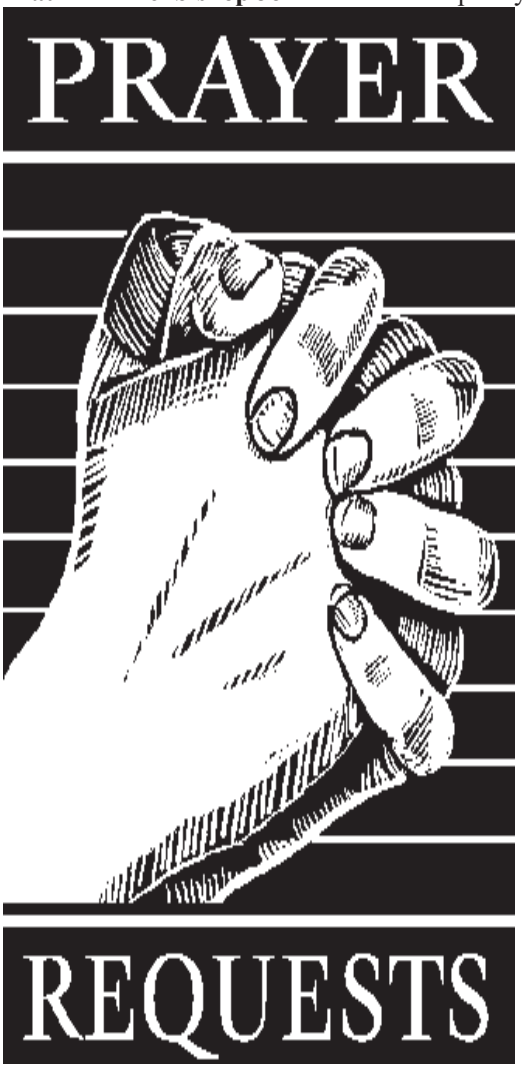
Separately sold by the dozen ONLY:

Item	Number of Dozens	Price ($20 per dozen)
Kibbee		
Meat Pies		
Spinach Pies		
Date Cookies *(Kaak)*		
		Price ($18 per dozen)
Baklava		
Gharabeh		
Mamoul		
TOTAL		

Name_____

Daily Prayer Life

♦ 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, **Janett** Abuaita, **Laila** Abud, **Anwar** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Douglas** Coone, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** and **Victor** David, **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Daisy** Isaac, **Dannie** Jones, **Laura** Nassar, **Sarah** Nassar, **Jowelle** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Georgette** Yusuf, and; *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, the Middle East, and the war in Ukraine, 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: **Staci** and **Daniel** Bator, **Casandra** and **Daniel** Burbar, **Joselien** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **David** Khoury, **Sandy** (daughter of Issa and Esperanza) and **Raad** Qumsieh, and **Jacqueline** (daughter of Anwar and Janet) and **John** Timm**.**

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

♦ Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Rose** Ayoub (mother of Cam Takach), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Debbie Salim), **Nihad** Bannura (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph), **Ranna** Esho (friend of Batoul Burbar), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Amy** Handley (friend of Nataly Odeh), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Philip** Jones (brother of Dannie Jones), **Larry** Judson (friend of Tim Beers), **Loretta** Karpelenia (mother of Denise Ghattas), **Scott** Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Saliba** Musleh (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam** Odeh (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe), **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Dominique** Vasquez (friend of Areen Bathish), **Shirley** Zerka (mother of Victoria), **Fr. Dennis** Heifner, **Angelo** and **Chrisodolus** Bastounis, **Cynthia** Brooks, **Georgianna** (Gigi) Daugherty, **Despina** (Diana) Petropoulos**, Bryan** Stewart, and **Charles** Thabet (family/friends of Fr. Mike and Pam Bassett), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Shafeka** Qurpan and **George** Ishak (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Mary** Khal and **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relatives of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Harrison** Keller, **Anna** Kramer, and **Gloria** Nakfoor (friends/sister of Elaine Shaheen), **Jennifer** Craft and **Brionna** Gorbutt (friends of Mariann Hayek), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob Teunion), and **Michael** Zerka (uncle of Lauren Zerka).

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
- Total Offered by 43 Families/Individuals: $55,385
- 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 April 14, 2022

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. Najeb and Eman Abuaita
2. Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud
3. Laila Abud
4. Anwar and Janet Abueita
5. Atallah and Anaam Abueita
6. **Issa and Jane Abueita**
7. **Michael and Ola Alqazaha**
8. **Fr. Mike and Kh. Pam Bassett**
9. Amer and Dr. Melissa Bathish
10. Adeeb and Inam Bathish
11. Areen Bathish
12. Hiam Bathish
13. Issa and Vera Daoud
14. Iman David
15. James David
16. Evelyn Delbridge
17. Ayman and Wafaa Elias
18. Ramzi and Soheir Farah
19. Betty Froberg
20. Elias Gantos
21. George and Suad Gantous
22. Nasri and Carol Haddad
23. Elias and Amirah Hanna
24. Daisy Isaac
25. Daniel Isaac
26. Najwa Joubran
27. Reema Khoury
28. Dr. Raouf Mikhail
29. **Heather Nassar**
30. Karam and Aida Nassar
31. Olga Nassar
32. George and Jeanette Nassif
33. Deborah Salim
34. Logan Salomon
35. Raji and Sue Salomon
36. Jeffrey and Taylor Tipton
37. Nick and Deborah Saseen
38. Elaine Shaheen
39. Richard Shaheen
40. Ric and Martha Shahin
41. **Paul and Camela Takach**
42. **William and Elise Sophiea**
43. 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)

May

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
1 ***2nd Sunday of Pascha*** **Doubting Thomas**	**2** Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee on Vacation	**3** Ladies Auxiliary 6pm	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7** Hanna Baptism 1pm **Great Vespers and First Confessions of 2nd Graders** 5pm
8 ***3rd Sunday of Pascha*** **Myrrh-bearing Women** Women's Day Brunch ***Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian***	**9** ***Martyr Christopher*** Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Wednesday 6-8pm	**10**	**11** Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm	**12**	**13**	**14** George Abuaita Wedding in Indianapolis, IN **Great Vespers and** 5pm
15 ***4th Sunday of Pascha*** **Raising of the Paralytic**	**16** Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Wednesday 6-8pm	**17** Altar Society 6pm	**18** Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm	**19** Parish Council 6:15pm	**20**	**21** ***Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena*** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
22 ***5th Sunday of Pascha*** **Samaritan Woman** Church School Recognition Day	**23** Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Wednesday 6-8pm	**24**	**25** Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm	**26** Middle Eastern TAKE-OUT Lunch 11am-2pm	**27**	**28** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
29 ***6th Sunday of Pascha*** **Healing of the Blind Man**	**30** No Bible Study	**31**				

2022

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR MAY There is no fasting until our celebration of the Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40th day after His Resurrection (June 2nd).

LET GOD ARISE! LET HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED! LET THOSE WHO HATE HIM FLEE FROM BEFORE HIS FACE! AS SMOKE VANISHES, SO LET THEM VANISH; AS WAX MELTS BEFORE THE FIRE! SO THE SINNERS WILL PERISH BEFORE THE FACE OF GOD; BUT LET THE RIGHTEOUS BE GLAD!

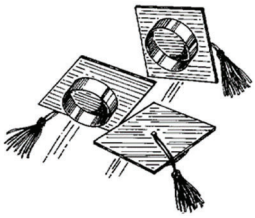
Why should God in His Infinite mercy not save the stubborn sinners, evildoers, and atheists? St. Nikolai Velimirovic answers: *Because they do not want to be saved. They reject God's call, despise Christ's Cross, trample under foot God's law, persecute the church, insult the priests and the faithful; in a word: they take the side of Satan against God and they never repent.* St. Paul says, *They believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.* (2 Thessalonians 2:12)

PASCHAL GREETING / RESPONSE USED FOR 40 DAYS

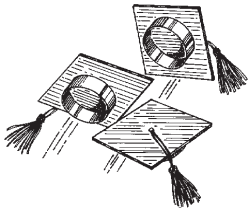
Until Ascension on June 2nd

English: Christ is Risen! *Indeed He is Risen!*
Arabic: Al-Maseeh Qam! *Haqqan Qam!*
Greek: Christos Aneste! *Alethos Aneste!*
Ukrainian: Христос Воскрес! *Воїстину Воскрес!*
Slavonic: Christos Voskrese! *Voistinu Voskrese!*
Romanian: Christos a Inviaht! *Adevarat a Inviaht!*

GRADUATES/PARENTS



Please email Fr. Joe (njja@aol.com) by May 14th 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.



Midwest Diocesan 2022 Parish Life Conference

Bishop Anthony and St. George-Grand Rapids, MI invite you to our Annual **Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference** June 15th-19th. Hotel, Conference Registration, and all forms are available at their website: http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html. Bishop Anthony and Fr. Joe are encouraging all of our parishioners to attend! We will have parishioners in the Bible Bowl (Thursday night, June 16th) and Senior Presentation (Saturday night, June 18th) ~ come and cheer them on! Please take note of deadlines and make your reservations as soon as possible! We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will participate.

- **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PRESENTATION** will be held at the **Grand Banquet** on Saturday, June 18th. This annual event is when seniors from all the churches in our Diocese are presented by their parents to His Grace Bishop Anthony. Forms are in the Lounge with a deadline of June 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!

FFHP (*Food For Hungry People Archdiocesan Program*) Donations are DUE after Pascha! Please return your boxes and donations to the church. If you haven't donated, please do so as soon as possible.

Mark your 2023 Calendars! Our Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha celebration was a wonderful experience for all who attended. 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 (2023), the Great Fast begins on February 27th, Lazarus Saturday is on April 8th, Palm Sunday is April 9th, the Great and Holy Week begins the evening of April 9th, and Pascha is on April 16th. [For your information, our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions will be celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord on April 9th.]

Recognition Day ~ May 22nd!

Our Church School will be *recognizing* the achievements of our students and teachers with a program which begins immediately after Divine Liturgy. More information will be in the Sunday Bulletin.

Come and show your support for our education program!!!

Our Stewardship, Offerings, & Donations

Though you might not come to church, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed**. PLEASE help your parish by continuing to offer! If you cannot come to church, you can simply go to our parish website (https://saintgeorgeflint.org/) and donate on-line (use the QR code to the right) or you can bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507. As always, THANK YOU for your generosity and love of our St. George!

Monthly Offerings

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be $21,385 to meet our 2021 Budget. Our offerings in March were $11,198 ~ which means we were **we were short $10,187**! God bless you for your generosity and let us pray God will always provide! If you haven't already, please fill out your 2022 Offering Form as soon as possible and support the work of God through our parish of St. George.

Coming Events in June

12th	**The Great Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost**
15th-19th	**Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference** *hosted by St. George-Grand Rapids, MI*
20th-29th	**Apostles** (or Saints Peter and Paul) **Fast**
29th	**Feast of the Foremost Apostles Peter and Paul**

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1 to May 31, 2022

Birthdays

May

1 Abeer S. Abuaita
Lauren E. Silpoch

2 Reema Y. Abousamra
Tarek Jarayseh

3 Rula Alkazaha
Taym R. Al-Qassis
George Rishmawi
Niveen Rishmawi

4 Adrian Evans
Kelly L. Sanderson

5 Bianca V. Baverle
Marla Jarayseh

6 George A. Gantous

7 Chelsy E. Abufarha
Munther Al-Kahush

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

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

10 Eli R. Helal
Julianna I. Helal

11 Vera I. Daoud

12 Walaa Al-Qassis
Issa Y. Daoud
Troy S. Farah
Catherine H. Khair
Nancy L. Silpoch

14 Lina Abu-Aita
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
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

25 Joelle G. Bayouk

26 Elaine M. Shaheen

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

28 Kholoud Hayek
Khaled Isaac
Laura Nassar

29 Wiam Khair
Mary Kokaly
Lameese S. Porada

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

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

Namedays

May

1 Jeremy Wade Harrison

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

9 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

May

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 Al-Qassis

15 Mr. and Mrs. Khalil Abousamra
Mr. and Mrs. John Farah

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

18 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Joubran

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
Mr. and Mrs. John Elias
Dr. and Mrs. David Gantos

God Grant You All Many Years!

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Rev. Fr. Michael Bassett, Assistant Pastor
Web Site: *saintgeorgeflint.org*

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

Parish Ministries

PARISH COUNCIL • Fadi Rishmawi, Chairman 810-625-5790 or fadi19@msn.com
Parishioners may attend meetings and speak during "Parishioner Comments".

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