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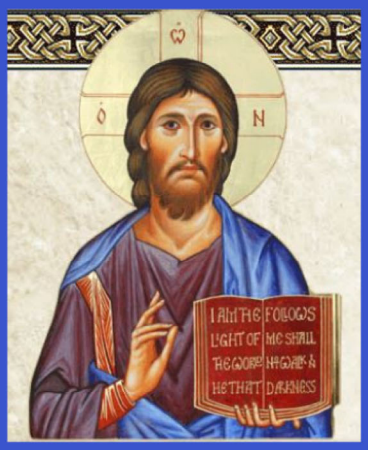

Saint George Orthodox Church and Helping Hands for Ukraine

November 5, 2022, 3pm

invite you to join us for the performance of

UKRAINIAN ENSEMBLE

You will have an opportunity to learn about struggle of Ukrainian people and how you can make a difference in their lives. We will be taking a “Free-will offering” to go towards humanitarian aid.

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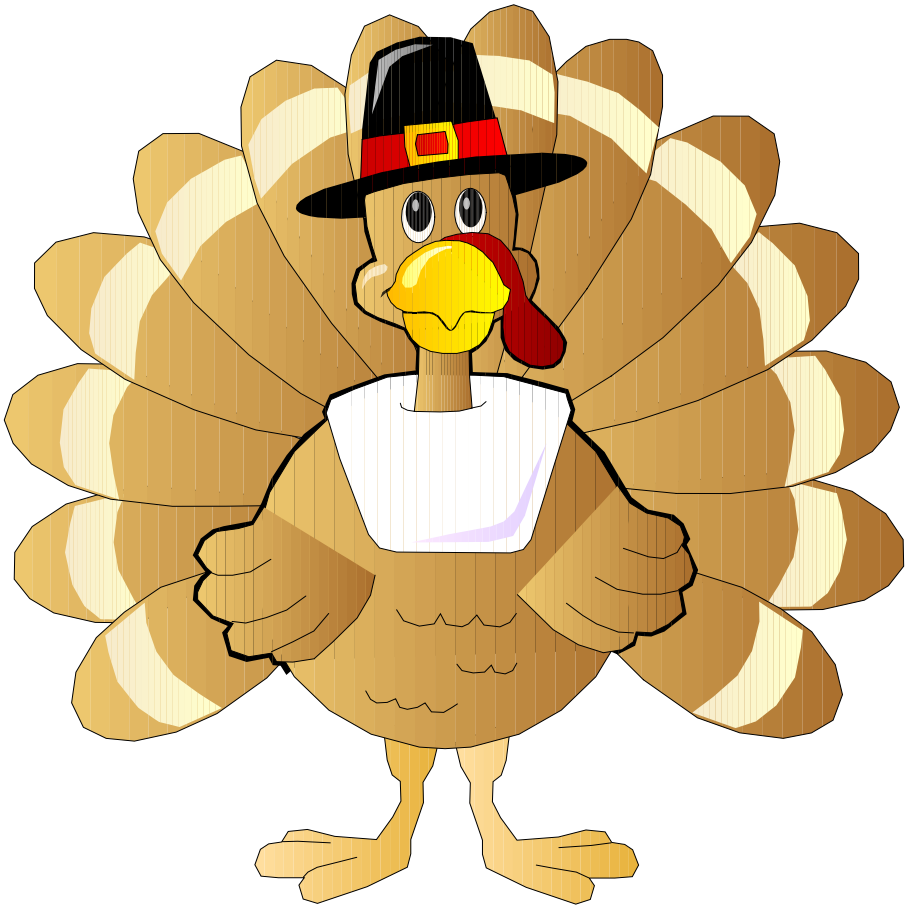
Fall Harvest PARISH Thanksgiving Celebration!!!



Saturday, November 12th

Our Church School students are to be dropped off as follows: *(High School Class at 2pm; Kindergarten thru 8th Grade Classes at 3pm)*. They will prepare their part of the meal, set the tables, do crafts, and have a great time together! We are asking all parents be back by **5pm** so their children are sitting next to them praying at ***Great Vespers***.

Following the ***Great Vespers***, we will all enjoy the meal prepared by our Church School staff and students!

<u>This is for ALL parishioners – see you there!</u>

[one of the 12 Great Feasts in the Church's Year]

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

November 21st (celebrated this year on Sunday, November 20th)

According to Holy Tradition of the Church, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Sts Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. *"If anyone were to ask me,"* said St Jerome, *"How the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."*

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

St Gregory of Nyssa, in the fourth century, also mentions this Feast. In the eighth century, Sts Germanos and Tarasios, Patriarchs of Constantinople, delivered sermons on this special and blessed Feast of the Entrance.

The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God's blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.

November

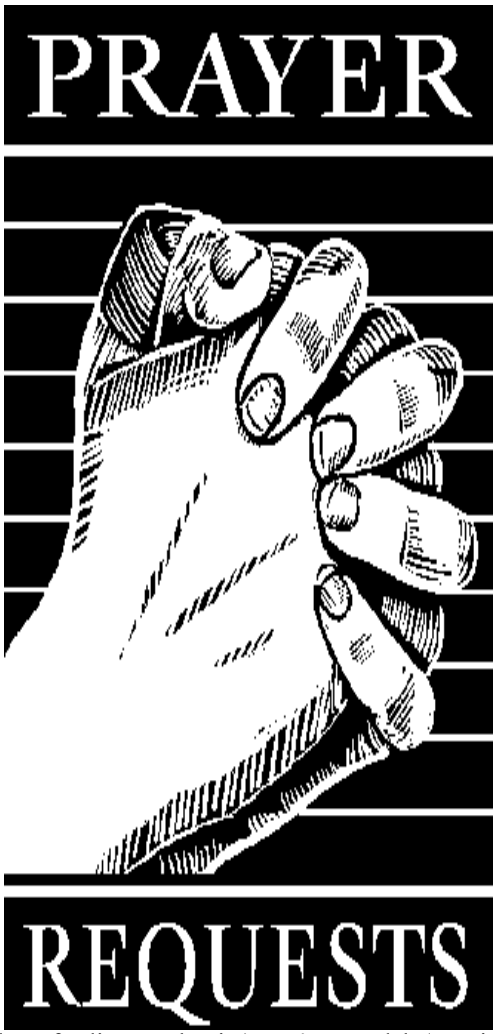
Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
		1 **Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia and their mother Theodota**	**2** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm	**3** **Dedication of the Great Martyr George the Trophy-bearer Church in Lydda (Lod)**	**4**	**5** **Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn** Concert for Ukraine 3pm **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm *Fall Back* 1 hour before going to bed!
6 **Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople** Ladies Auxiliary after Church School	**7** Bible Study 3-5pm	**8** **Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven** Altar Society 6pm	**9** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm	**10**	**11** **Victor of Damascus**	**12** Church School Preparation and Activities 2-5pm **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm **Parish Thanksgiving Dinner**
13 **John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople** Parish General Assembly Immediately after Liturgy	**14** **Apostle Philip** Bible Study 3-5pm	**15** **Habib of Edessa** Nativity Fast Begins **Xmas Paraklesis** 6pm	**16** **Apostle Matthew the Evangelist** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm	**17**	**18**	**19** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
20 **Gregory of Decapolis** 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Class with Fr. Joe	**21** **Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple** NO Bible Study	**22** Advent Service 6pm	**23** NO Arabic Bible Study	**24** *Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*	**25** **Great Martyr Katherine, the all-wise of Alexandria**	**26** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
27 **Great Martyr James the Persian** 8th Grade and High School Class with FJ	**28** Bible Study 3-5pm	**29** Advent Service 6pm	**30** **Apostle Andrew The First-Called** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm			

2022

Daily Prayer Life

- For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Margaret** Abuaita (+September 29th, sister-in-law of Fouad Abuaita), **Marjorie** Sadd (+September 30th, aunt of Kh. Leslee), and **George** Frangi (+October 16th, brother-in-law of Ron Haddad).

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, **Sally** Abuaita, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Khader** AbuAita, **Shafiqa** Abuaitah, **Laila** Abud, **Emil** Abueita, **Jane** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **Youssif** Abousamra, **William** Alsahouri, **Kh. Pam** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Victor** David, **Elias** Gantos, **Denise** Ghattas, **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Judy** Mikhail, **Laura** Nassar, **Issa** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, *all first-responders, those suffering and the victims of violence in our community, the Middle East, and from 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, Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*

- Remember our expectant parents: **Waad** and **Mike** Abdallah, **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khouri, and **Taylor** and **Jeffrey** Tipton.

> ➢ *Please update Fr. Joe on how the following are doing and whether they should remain on our prayer list!*

- Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Danial** Alghanim (father of Dania Hanna), **Sanaa** Alqassis (daughter of Zahra Abuaita), **Walid** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Debbie Salim), **Nihad** Bannura (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Tanika** Russell (friend of Doug Coone), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **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), **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Dominique** Vasquez (friend of Areen Bathish), **Shirley** Zerka (mother of Victoria), **Fr. Dennis** Heifner, **Mother Nektaria**, **Gerry** Alcorn, **Angelo** and **Chrisodolus** Bastounis, **Cynthia** Brooks, **Georgianna** (Gigi) Daugherty, **Despina** (Diana) Petropoulos**,** and **Bryan** Stewart (family/friends of Fr. Mike and Kh. 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), **Gloria** Nakfoor (sister of Elaine Shaheen), **Jennifer** Craft and **Brionna** Gorbutt (friends of Mariann Hayek), **Valland** Frangi (sister of Ron Haddad), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob Teunion), and **Norman** Thomas (friend of Steve and Kelly Sanderson).

Congratulations and God bless:

- **Mike Al-Khouri** and **Sandy Abueita** who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

- **Giovanni Burbar** who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and First Communion on October 9th. Godparents: **Bassam Shehadeh** and **Batoul Burbar**. Parents: **Benan** and **Haneen**.

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR NOVEMBER The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products)* is observed on Wednesdays and Fridays until November 15th. On Tuesday, November 15th, we begin the traditional forty-day **Nativity Fast** (also called the Christmas or Advent Fast) in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25th. The Fast is divided into two periods. The first period is until December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline *(no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products)* is observed on all days except Tuesdays and Thursdays when *wine and oil* are allowed and Saturdays and Sundays when *fish, wine, and oil* are allowed. There is no fasting for the American Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? If you are at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days, you are eligible to vote. In order to vote in the November Elections on November 8th, you must be registered and can do so at any Secretary of State office or at mvic.sos.state.mi.us. *Michigan allows same-day registration*. Further, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan can request an absentee voter ballot without providing a reason. Register or get absentee ballot information at mvic.sos.state.mi.us.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 6th. Before going to bed on Saturday, November 5th, please remember to set your clocks BACK (*"fall back")* one hour.

Our combined, **PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB** is in the process of ordering their next book *"Shepherd of Souls: The Life and Teachings of Elder Cleopa, Master of Inner Prayer and Spiritual Father of Romania (1912 - 1998)"*. If you are interested in obtaining a copy (whether you plan on joining the book club meetings or not), please contact Fr. Michael Bassett (frdnmike@gmail.com / 989-627-9580). After books are obtained each person will read the book on their own for about 4-6 weeks. The date / time of a "meet in person" discussion and also a "zoom" discussion will be coordinated with all readers. We anticipate our next meeting will be at the end of November or beginning of December.

PLAYGROUND IN COURTYARD PARENTS: This can only be used by children younger than 12 years old **AND MUST** be supervised by their PARENTS. PLEASE REMEMBER, children cannot be in the courtyard by themselves ~ it is too dangerous and we do not want any accidents!

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://saintgeorge-flint.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!

2022 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual **General Assembly** is scheduled for Sunday, November 13th, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Members in good standing both spiritually (attending church) and in their financial stewardship (offerings to the church) are considered Voting Members and may speak and vote on any non-canonical matter presented at the meeting. Report Packets with Minutes and the Proposed 2023 Budget are available in the Lounge or can be sent, if requested, by email. Please review the Report Packet that has been will be sent and plan on attending. Childcare will be provided by Teen SOYO for the duration of the meeting so parents can attend.

- **GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER** is defined in our Constitution as: *all persons, regardless of sex, eighteen (18) years of age and over, who have been baptized and accepted as members of the Holy Orthodox Church according to its teachings, who accept, profess and practice the faith and discipline of the Holy Orthodox Church and who subscribe to the temporal maintenance of the Parish, through payment of such dues, pledges and assessments.*
- **General Assembly Proxies** are given to those who cannot attend the meeting because of medical treatment or illness, those confined to their homes, or those with written verification of a prior travel commitment. A VOTING member who cannot attend the meeting may have another VOTING member vote on their behalf. PLEASE NOTE: To better our procedures for Proxies, they are available in the church office beginning on Sunday, October 23rd and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, November 6th. Proxies received after November 7th will be considered invalid. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our **Credentials Committee** (Anwar Abueita, Fadi Rishmawi, Dannie Jones, or Fr. Joe).

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) needs to be $21,385 to meet our 2022 Budget. Our offerings in August were $11,105 ~ which means we were **we were short $10,280!** God bless you for your generosity and let us pray God will always provide! We all need to support our church!

Coming Events in December

`	**Nativity** (*Christmas*) **Fast which began on November 15th continues**
3rd	**St. George Women's Tea ~ all women are invited!**
11TH	**Holiday Bake Sale**
17th	**Parish Christmas Program**
25th	**Nativity** (Birth) **of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ**

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 1 to November 30, 2022

Birthdays

November

1 Ayman Khair
2 Batoul Burbar
Wafaa Elias
Nida' Ishaq
Zain Jaraysa
Feryal Joubran
Nicola "Nick" Khoury
Avery E. Porada
3 Maher Alatrash
4 Annabella S. Abdallah
Elena E. Rodriguez
5 George AbuAita
Laith G. Maymoun
6 Jillian S. Isaac
7 Zayna D. Andoni
Nimer Iseid
Victoria "Vicky" I. Shamma
8 Salwa Abousamra
Jiries A. Abu-Aitah
Michael T. Bassett
Nisreen G. Rodriguez
9 Daisy A. Isaac
10 Suha E. Abueita
Jeffrey "JP" P. Tipton
11 Alayna A. Abuaita
Ereni Abuaita
Samantha M. Russell
12 Yvette M. Ghantous
13 Brian M. Silpoch
14 Daniel Daoud
George Fanous
15 Issa "Chris" Y. Abu-Eita
Timothy "Tim" S. Beers
Adrian "Anan" Khouri
Christina Mikhail
Danielle Mikhail
17 Adeeb R. Bathish
Marissa L. McCann
Nashwa E. Meshraky
18 Maria J. Ahmed
Majdi Alkazaha
19 Marcellus "Marcello" S. Abufarha
Melissa A. Bathish
Jolie G. Farah
Natalie Kokaly
Yasmeen G. Mitri
Mousa Rishmawi
20 Blanka AbuAita
Daniel Dubon
Mariah E. Tijerina
21 Issa A. Burbar
Farida Dubon
JoAnn M. Hawkins
22 Souria Farah
Amira-Amy N. Helal
23 Adriana R. Abuaita
Khaled P. Abuaita
Issa T. David
24 Sharbel E. Abueita
25 Marcos L. Abuaita
Ramy Abueita
Tatiana I. Hanna
Xenia E. Hanna
Adam B. Hawwash
Ziyad Ibrahim
27 Husam Khair
28 Mike Abdallah
Sharon L. Abu-Aitah
29 Lindsey C. Bathish
30 Fares Abdallah
Lina A. Elia
Mario Ibrahim
Issa G. Odeh

Namedays

November

6 Leonardo Jaraysa
8 Mike Abdallah
Angel Suheil Abuaita
Ayla (Gabriella) Laith Abuaita
Michael Khaled Abueita
Michael Anthony Yacoub Abueita
Michael G. M. Alqazaha
Michael T Bassett
Micheline El-Chaer
Michelle Farah
Michelle Hanan Farah
Said Michael Farah
Shane Michael Gantos
Leland "Lee" Michael Harris
Michael Hayek
Mario Ibrahim
Michael Khal
Michael Joseph McCann
Kirolous Michael Meshraky
Michael Mortensen
Angela Eyad Rishmawi
Micheline Russell
Reese Michael Salim
Brian Michael Silpoch
Michael "Mike" Joseph Silpoch
Robert Michael Teunion
11 Victor Hafez Habbas
Hadil Victor Habbass
14 Khaled Philip Abuaita
Philip Abuaita
Tamer Philip Abuaita
Evan Philip Isaac
15 Habeeb Ghattas
Habib Skafi
16 Matthew Khaled Abueita
Levi (Matthew) Wesley Cooper
Matthew Wael Hayek
Brendan Matthew Silpoch
Matthew "Matt" Marvin Thomas
25 Laura Catherine Farah
Yasmine "Katie" Kathleen Farah
Katrina L Gagne
Katherine Devahn Joseph
Katrin Munir Mitri
Kelly (Katherine) Lynn Sanderson
30 Andrew Majdi Alkazaha
Andres Qumsieh

God Grant You All Many Years!

30 David Andrew Salim
Nicholas Andrew Shahin

Wedding Anniversaries

November

6 Mr. and Mrs. Nabeel Fakhoury
8 Mr. and Mrs. Ziyad Ibrahim
12 Mr. and Mrs. Salim Farah
16 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Abuaita
19 Mr. and Mrs. Nadim Abu Aita
22 Mr. and Mrs. Maher Abufarha
25 Mr. and Mrs. Laith Maymoun
26 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bator
27 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Isaac

ATTENTION!

If parishioners such as you, a family member, or friend's name does not appear in **THE VOICE** under *Birthdays, Anniversaries, or Namedays*, it is because we do not have your information on our church computer.

Please e-mail our Office Manager, Kelly, at kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com and your name will be added.

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St. George Orthodox Church
Ladies Auxiliary
5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507 (810-732-0720)

Holiday Bake Sale

Sunday, December 11th

Our Auxiliary will be selling a variety of items including Arabic sweets!
If you would like to donate sweets for our ladies to sell or if you have any questions, please contact chairwoman Sally Abuaita at sally_iaf@sbcglobal.net.

As always, thank you for your Support!

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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)

2022-23 Theme for Church School, Bible Bowl, Creative Festivals, our Parish Life Conference, and Archdiocesan Convention

Parish Ministries

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