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Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 1 to October 31, 2019

Birthdays

October

1 Faris Abufarha
Julia A. Bathish

2 Luai Abuaita
Andrea Haddad

3 Issa Abuaita
Maysaa Al-Khouri
Habeeb Ghattas
Nour S. Ishak

5 Tamer P. Abuaita

6 Nayfeh Alsahouri
Ramzi R. Qumseya

7 Panayotis "Pano" Deligorges

8 Esperanza Abuaita
Neveen Farah
Salam Nassar

9 Julius D. Andoni
Amanda Haddad
Alexander J. Sahouri

10 Nader Abu-Farha
Joseph "Joe" T. David

11 Majd T. Abuaita
Caroline F. Rishmawi

12 Lana G. Elia
Waseem Fakhoury
Isam Masaad
Sezgeen Shomali

13 George M. Abuaita
Majdal A. Al-Atrash
Ella K. Isaac

14 Peter E. Dubon
Elias Mitri

15 Kim L. McKeon

16 Hiam Ishaq
Rasha Ishaq

17 Naila Banna

19 Jude F. Awad
Bassem Farah

20 Salwa T. Abu-Aitah
Elias Rishmawi

21 Angel S. Abuaita

22 Ryan D. Brack
Danielle R. Isaac
Greyson Y. Iseid
Susan "Sue" K. Salomon

23 Gizelle F. Awad
Jeffrey R. Sophiea

25 Ghassan "Jason" K. Al-Khouri

27 Cheryl Abu-Farha
Jessica M. Meshraky

28 George Nassar
Christina F. Rishmawi
Alexandria E. Tijerina

29 Issa AbuFarha
Killian N. Newsome
Kyle Takach
Daniel E. Tijerina

30 Laila Dubon
Hadil V. Habbass
Maher Qazaha

31 Michael A. Abueita
Iman T. David
Angela M. Nassar

Namedays

October

1 Romanos AbuAita

3 Denise Ghattas

6 Issa Thomas David
Thomas "Tom" Fyaz David

18 Luka Danial Mitri

19 Jowelle Giries Odeh

23 Emil James Bathish
James "Jimmy" David
James "Jim" Otto Russell

Wedding Anniversaries

October

2 Mr. and Mrs. Issa Daoud

4 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takach

8 Mr. and Mrs. Khaled Al-Khouri

16 Mr. and Mrs. Sami Alsahouri

17 Mr. and Mrs. Raji Salomon

19 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alqazaha

27 Mr. and Mrs. Habeeb Ghattas

God Grant You All Many Years!

St. George Church ~ Akron, Ohio cordially invites the

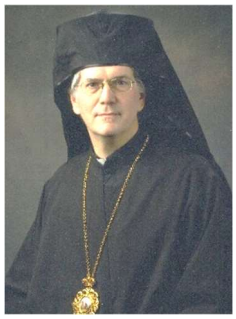
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

2019 CLERGY RETREAT AND FALL GATHERING

An inspiring blending of worship, service, and fellowship!

October 24-27, 2019

With His Grace Bishop ANTHONY Presiding



Accommodations:
Double Tree Hilton Hotel
3150 W. Market St., Fairlawn, OH 44333
Special room rate: *$100 daily plus food vouchers*
Make your reservations: 330-869-9000
Mention *St. George Fall Gathering* for discount

Weekend Registration: $40

Thursday (*at St. George Church*):
Registration: 6-8 PM
Great Vespers: 5 PM
Clergy Dinner: 6:30 PM
Clergy Retreat: following dinner

Friday (*at Hilton Hotel*):
Clergy Retreat: 9-11 AM
Clergy Lunch: 12 Noon
Clergy Retreat: 1-3 PM
Registration: 6-8 PM
Welcome/Ask Sayedna: 8PM
Pizza/Snacks provided
Evening Prayers: 10 PM

Saturday (*at St. George Church*):
Matins 9-10 AM
Meetings 10:15-Noon
SOYO
Young Adult Ministry
Antiochian Women
Christian Education
Lunch: 12-1 PM
SOYO Project: 1-4 PM
Young Adult Gathering: 1-4 PM
Great Vespers: 5 PM
Dinner ♦ Events ♦ Music: 6:30 PM

Sunday (*at St. George Church*):
Matins: 9:00 AM
Hierarchal Divine Liturgy: 10 AM
Officiated by His Grace Bishop ANTHONY
Followed by Farewell Brunch

Thank you and God bless you

Fall Gathering Coordinators:
Julia Shaheen 330-495-1776
Bob Snyder 330-285-3688

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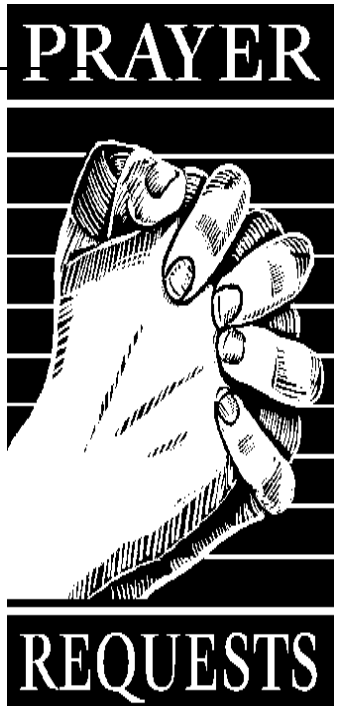
Web: www.stgeorgeakron.com
The Very Rev. Fr. John Alassaf, Pastor

Daily Prayer Life

- We pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Carolyn** Joseph (+August 24th, wife of Emil), **Josephine** Abud (+August 30th, aunt of Fr. Joe), and **Maxine** Konkle (+September 6th, mother of Fr. John from Dormition Monastery).

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, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Fr. Joseph** Abud, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Georgette** and **George** Abueita, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Phyllis** Good, **Roland** and **Ronald** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **Olga** Nassar, **George** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **John** Salomon, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** and **Nancy** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; *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, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*
- Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Jennifer** (Michael) Habbo{daughter of James and Maggie David}, **Dina** (Laith) Maymoun, and **Kari** (Panayiotis) Mikroudis {daughter of John and Theresa Farah}.

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

- Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Mother Nektaria**, **Nancy** Maes, **Bryan** Stewart, **Gerry** Alcorn, **Alyssa** Coon, and **Aaron** Avery (family/friends of the Bassetts), **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), **Victoria** Zerka and **David** Hill (friends of Timothy Beers), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Karen** Howder (mother of Claire Saadah), **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), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relative 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 **William** Seymour, Sr. (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), **Dennis** Perez (from St. Mary Magdalene), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), and **Fran** Khoury (relative of Evelyn Delbridge).

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR OCTOBER The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products)* is observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays.

➢ **YOUTH MONTH** All of the members of our Teen SOYO are encouraged to participate in the Sacraments of Repentance and Communion during this month. Confessions are heard as usual on Saturdays after Great Vespers, Sunday mornings between 8:30-9:30am, or by appointment during the week.

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, you must be registered and can do so at any Secretary of State office or at mvic.sos.state.mi.us. Since Proposal 3 passed in 2018, there is no deadline to register: *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.

2019 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual **General Assembly** will be held Sunday, November 17th, 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. Please review the Report Packet that will be sent and plan on attending. Childcare with lunch and activities will be provided by Teen SOYO for the duration of the meeting for those parents staying for the meeting.

- **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 20th and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, November 3rd. Proxies received after November 3rd will be considered invalid. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our **Credentials Committee** (Anwar Abueita, Fadi Rishmawi, or Fr. Joe).
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Parish Council Vacancies

- If you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate qualified (*see below*) parishioners for the 3 expiring terms on the Parish Council, please submit names to a member of the **Nominating Committee** (Emil Abueita, John Farah, Habeeb Ghattas, or Fr. Joe). The deadline to be a nominee is October 22nd and all nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** on Monday, October 22nd from 7-8pm. If you will be attending, please let Fr. Joe know. If this day and time does not work for you, speak with Fr. Joe to reschedule another time before the deadline (October 22nd).

Parish Council Qualifications (from our Parish Constitution)

- *No member of the Parish Council shall be under the age of 18 years of age (excluding any ex-officio member) and no Voting Member of the Parish shall be eligible to become a member of the Parish Council unless such person has been a voting member of the Parish for a period of one (1) year and has fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Orthodox faith. Further, nominees must worship at St. George at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month; shall be exemplary (model) members of St. George; participate in extracurricular ministries of the parish (such as: Fundraising, Parish Council committees, Educational, etc.); participate in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion on a regular/frequent basis; has signed the yearly Offering Form; and attend a Nominee Seminar.*

MY CHURCH BAGS PARENTS, Please check to see if you have any of our bags, books or photo books...maybe at home or in your car? We are missing quite a few. These bags are meant to be used by our children in Church (when sometimes it's hard to pay attention) then to be put back for another child to use the next Sunday! Please help us keep them in good order and return them to the rack in the Narthex!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE Please see information in the Narthex for this wonderful opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact Protodeacon Michael Bassett (frdnmike@gmail.com).

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We can make donations and purchases by Credit or Debit Card. This can be done by coming to the office or calling 810-732-0720 during Office Hours (*see back page*).

- **AUTOMATIC GIVING** Did you know most banks and credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. George for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

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 Tuesdays, October 22nd from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599).

ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE COUNCIL *(AAHC)* **23rd Annual ENSURE THE LEGACY BANQUET** The AAHC's annual banquet is on Wednesday, October 30th beginning at 5:30pm at the Riverfront Banquet Center, 1 Riverfront Plaza, Flint, MI 48502. Many will be honored specifically former parishioner and son of Karam and Aida Nassar, **Farid "Fredwreck" Nassar** as *Arab-American of the Year*. College scholarships (*Applications in Lounge*) will be awarded at the banquet. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Tickets are $100 per person; $65 for seniors (65+); $35 Student (with valid ID). Make checks payable to *Arab American Heritage Council* and mail to 416 N. Saginaw St. Suite 220, Flint MI 48502 or for credit card payments, call the number below. Please RSVP by October 21st! If you have any questions, please email staff@aahcflint.org or call 810-235-2722.

Coming Events in November

9th	**Parish Thanksgiving Dinner!**
17th	**Annual Parish General Assembly**
15th	**Christmas Fast Begins**

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Our average monthly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be $22,832 to meet our 2019 Budget. Our offerings in August were $7,467 which means we were **short $15,365**! 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.

☞ If you would like to host our Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.

☞ If you would like to offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation or Offering*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, please call the church office (810-732-0720) by 12 Noon the Wednesday before.

- If the offering is in memory of a loved one, please state if you would like to have a **Memorial Service**, which takes place near the end of Divine Liturgy. It is always appropriate to have a Memorial Service on the 3rd, 9th, and 40th day after one's falling asleep along with the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6th month anniversary. If you would like to make the Holy Bread, please see or contact Aida Nassar 810-433-1515.

October

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
		1 **Romanos the Melodist** Ladies Auxiliary 6pm	**2** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**3** **Dionysios the Areopagite**	**4**	**5** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
6 **Apostle Thomas, called the "Twin"**	**7** Bible Study 6-8pm	**8**	**9** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**10** Parish Council 6:15pm	**11**	**12** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
13 **Sunday of Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council and Hieromartyr Jacob of Hamatoura**	**14** Bible Study 6-8pm	**15** Altar Society 6pm	**16** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**17**	**18** **Luke the Evangelist**	**19** **Joel the Prophet** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
20 **Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch**	**21** Bible Study 6-8pm	**22** North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm Exploring our Faith 6-8pm	**23** **Apostle James, brother of our Lord** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**24** **Midwest Diocesan Clergy Retreat and Fall Gathering** (*see fliers*)	**25** OCF @ *St. George* 7pm	**26**
27 **Procla** (or *Claudia*) **the wife of Pontius Pilate**	**28** Bible Study 6-8pm	**29**	**30** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm	**31**		

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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 • Anwar Abueita, Chairman 810-771-7152 or andydollar007@aol.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

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

TEEN SOYO • Coordinators Nataly Odeh (natalyodeh22@gmail.com or 810-449-8834) and
Mariana Yacoub (myacoub0214@icloud.com or 810-814-0022).

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