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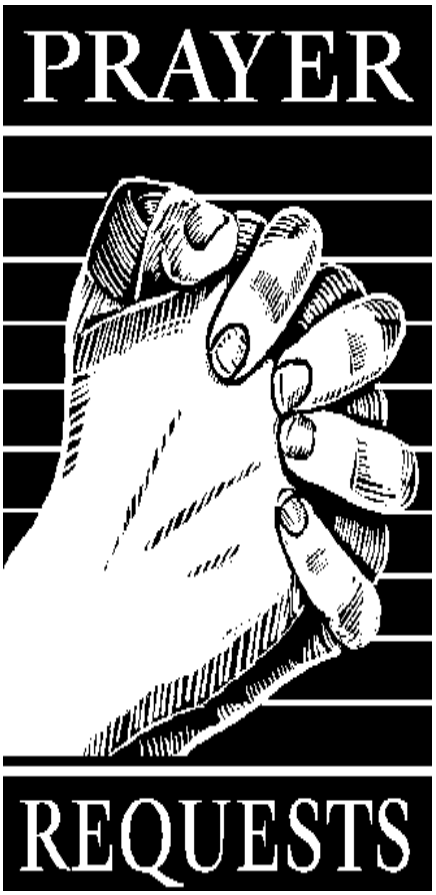
Daily Prayer Life

- For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Karen** Howder (August 23rd, mother of Claire Saadeh), **Jalal** Zatouneh (+August 25th, nephew of Karam Nassar), **Diana** Zuraiqat (+September 8th, cousin of Dr. George Zureikat and Sahar Abdallah), **Eloisa** Rishmawi (September 15th, mother of Emil Rishmawi), **Hanna** (Shawki) Khoury (+September 21st), and **Saliba** Totah (+September 24th, brother-in-law of Basil Andoni)..

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, **Sami** and **Shafiqa** Abuaitah, **Anwar** Abueita, **Wadia** Albaba, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** J. Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Evelyn** Delbridge, **Vera** Farah, **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Michael** Khal, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr, and **Lois** Teunion; *all first-responders and medical personal, those working on a COVID-19 cure, those suffering in the Middle East and our community; those suffering from injury and devastation in the aftermath of the explosion in Beirut*; *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: **Juliana** (Essa) Abu-Aita and **Dr. Lindsey** (Dr. Ryan) Brunner.

➢ *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 and May Gantos), **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Nihad** Bannura (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Nassem** Helal (father of Amani Helal), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **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), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Sandy Thomas), **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe), **Dominique** Vasquez (friend of Areen Bathish), **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), and **Kendall** Ayoub (brother of Cam Takach).

Congratulations and God bless:

- **Protodeacon Michael Bassett** who recently graduated with a *Master's of Theology Degree with a concentration in Pastoral Counseling* from the Antiochian House of Studies!

- **Sally Shaheen Joseph** who, after many decades in different elected positions, will be retiring from her last elected position on the *Mott College Board of Trustees*. We are so proud of all you have done for our community, state, and country ~ you are a wonderful example of civic responsibility and for all to follow!

- **Maroun Alatrash** and **Julia Qazaha** who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

- **Devin Jones** and **Danielle Rabie** who were recently engaged to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

- **Philip, Katie** [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen], and newborn **Sophia Jo** Quackenboss (September 26th).

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 Wednesday and Friday.

CHURCH SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!

On September 27th, our Director Janet Abueita introduced our staff, and our program, and we had our 1st Zoom video gathering between our teachers and their students. It was great! We want ALL of our St. George children in our education program, but we need their, and their parents, email address! Please send them to Janet (cooeita@aol.com) as soon as possible so they can enjoy and learn about our life in Christ at the same time. Every month, our registered students will receive a packet of fun things in the mail and then on the last Sunday of each month our teachers will have a CS Zoom Sunday at 12 Noon! Be a part of the FUN and send your email address to Janet TODAY!

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS Though everyone cannot attend church due to limited capacity or other reasons, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed**. PLEASE help our/your parish by continuing to bring or send your offerings to St. George. You can simply go to our parish website (https://saintgeorgeflint.org/) and donate on-line or you can bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507.

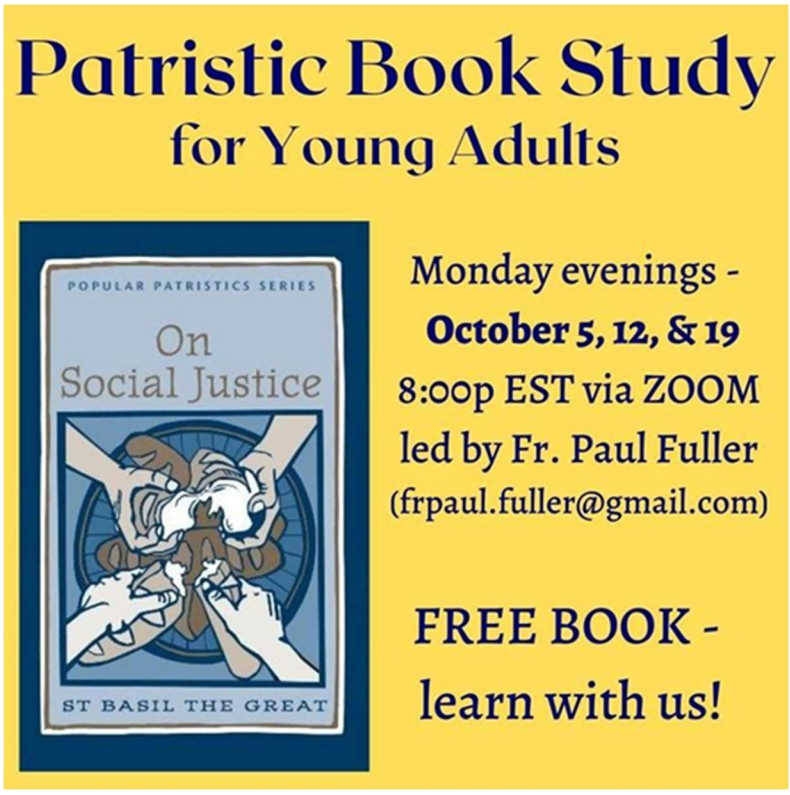
PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCEDURES Because of serious health concerns, **we all must wear masks at all times**. Please remember we can venerate icons by bowing (*not kissing or touching at this time*) and the same for the priest's hand and the chalice at Holy Communion. Further, **only our clergy and chanters may sing**. When you come to church, the front is roped off so the singing of the clergy and chanters can keep everyone safe (*singing, like sneezing and coughing, can propel air droplets 20 feet!*) ~ if you want to sing, please do it **very softly and with your mask on**.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY!

Last year, we moved our Monday Bible Study from the afternoon to the evening from 6-8pm. The main reason was to provide the opportunity for more people to participate! Come and learn as we continue our study of the *Gospel of St. John*. If you have never attended, start next Monday. No previous education is necessary! For more information or any questions, please contact with Fr. Joe.

Young Adult Patristic (what the fathers of the church say) Book Study

The Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Young Adult Ministry invites all young adults to join them in a virtual Patristic Book Study in October with a FREE book as a gift from *Young Adult Ministry* (**YAM**) of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest.



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 texting. You can even setup automatic offerings/donations. Right now, it is only us ~ **our St. George Family**. DONATE NOW at this link: https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint.

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

The deadline is October 5th!

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 9-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.

Information (in English and Arabic) is available on the Narthex Table.

PARKING LOT PLEDGES

As you all know, we replaced our Parking Lot over the last 2 years and is now complete. 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

WE NEED YOU!

Our goal is $80,000 (we have raised almost $43,000) and we are so thankful for those who have donated and pledged. If you have not already, please pick up a form, (in the Lounge), fill it out, and put it in the Offering tray. Remember our donations to the Parking Lot are separate (above and beyond) our weekly offerings. Again, thank you to our donors!

Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud
Rose Ayoub
Dn. Mike & Pam Bassett
St. George Preschool
Jamal and Manal Abuaita
Khader and Lucy Abuaita
Anwar and Janet Abueita
Laila Abud
Anonymous
Ladies Auxiliary
Tony Daoud
Ayman and Wafaa Elias
John and Theresa Farah
Betty Froberg
Dr. David & May Gantos
Ronald Haddad
Elias and Amirah Hanna
George & Jeanette Nassif
Fadi & Evette Rishmawi
Bill and Sue Shaheen
Richard Shaheen
Bob and LoisTeunion

2020 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual **General Assembly** is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th, 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.

- **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 18th and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, November 1st. Proxies received after November 1st 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).

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 27th and all nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** on Tuesday, October 28th 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 of October 28th.

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.*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 1st. Before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st, please remember to set your clocks BACK (*"fall back"*) one hour.

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.

Coming Events in November

8th	**Annual Parish General Assembly**
15th	**40 day Christmas Fast Begins**
21st	**Entrance of the Virgin Mary into the Temple**

☞ 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.

☞ 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.

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 1 to October 31, 2020

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 Joseph "Joe" T. David

11 Majd T. Abuaita
Caroline F. Rishmawi

12 Lana G. Elia
Waseem Fakhoury
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
Taghreed 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 Jessica M. Meshraky

28 George Nassar
Christina F. Rishmawi
Alexandria E. Tijerina

29 Killian N. Newsome
Kyle Takach
Daniel E. Tijerina

30 Laila Dubon
Hadil V. Habbass
Maher Qazaha

31 Michael A. Abueita
Iman T. David

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!

October

All meetings and Bible Studies take place with everyone wearing masks and in our Banquet Center to provide social distancing of 6 feet.

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
				1 **Protection of the Theotokos**	**2**	**3** **Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite, first Bishop of Athens** ***Great Vespers*** 5pm
4 **Hieromartyr Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens** Food Drive 10am-1pm	**5** Bible Study 6-8pm	**6** **Apostle Thomas** Ladies Auxiliary 5:30pm	**7** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm	**8**	**9** **Apostle James, son of Alpheos**	**10** ***Great Vespers*** 5pm
11 **Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**	**12** Bible Study 6-8pm	**13**	**14** Arabic Bible Study 12pm-2pm Altar Society 6pm SOYO Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm	**15** Parish Council 6:15pm	**16** **Martyr Longinos, the centurion who stood at the cross of our Lord**	**17** ***Great Vespers*** 5pm
18 **Apostle Luke the Evangelist**	**19** Bible Study 6-8pm	**20**	**21** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm	**22**	**23** **Apostle James, brother of our Lord**	**24** ***Great Vespers*** 5pm
25 **Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios the Notaries** Church School ZOOM SUNDAY 12pm	**26** **Great Martyr Demetrios the myrrh-streamer of Thessalonika** Bible Study 6-8pm	**27** **Procla, the wife of Pontius Pilate**	**28** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm	**29**	**30**	**31** ***Great Vespers*** 5pm
	Daylight Saving Time ends on November 1st!					

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Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
  Great Vespers via our St. George YouTube Channel **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: Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, classes are meeting by video conferencing.

* Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe during the week.

Major Feast Days (see Calendar)

2020-21 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 810-691-0956 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 810-394-2918 or andydollar007@aol.com Coordinators

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP • Subdeacon Salim Hanna, Parish Coordinator 810-875-3127 or salimh91@gmail.com

Office Manager

Kelly Dotson (kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com)
During the pandemic, Kelly is working from home and checking email daily.
If you call the office 810-732-0720, please leave a message.