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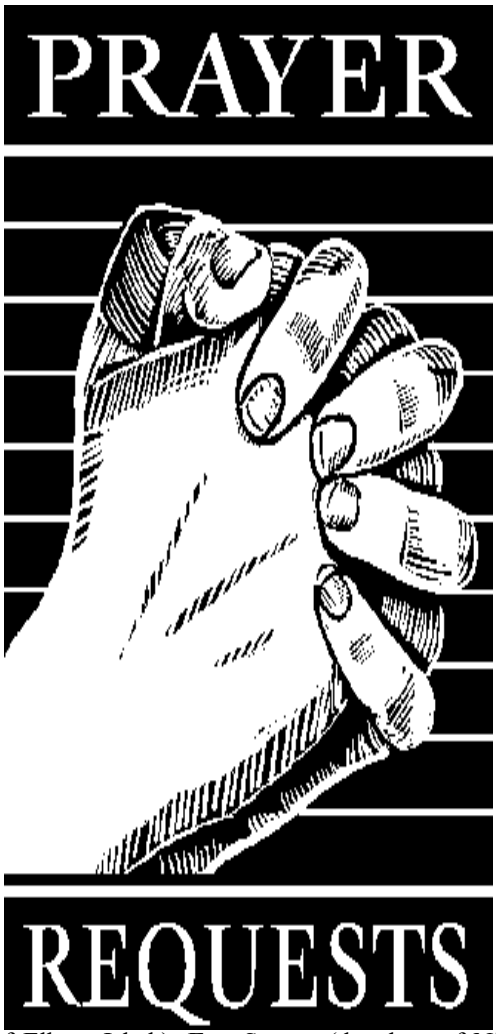
Daily Prayer Life

- For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Jamil** Ghantous (+September 9th) and **Michael** Zerka (+September 19th, uncle of Lauren Zerka).

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, **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), **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, **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:

- The newly appointed Teen SOYO *Youth Director*: **Dr. Lauren Zerka** (she can only do it part-time so we still are in need of help from a parent or two or another young adult ~ please see Fr. Joe if you want to help out with our teens!).

- **Karim** and **Watan** (Abuaita) **Assaad** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on August 27th at the Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia, MI. Their wedding crowns were removed on October 2nd at St. George.

Announcements

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

- **YOUTH MONTH** All of our Teens are encouraged to participate in the Sacraments of Repentance and Communion during this month, and throughout the year. Confessions are heard as usual on Saturdays after Great Vespers, Sunday mornings between 8:30-9:30am, or by appointment during the week. Come and have fun on our SOYO Mondays 6-8pm (*see calendar for dates*)!

- The Arab-American Heritage Council's (AAHC) **Ensure the Legacy Banquet** is on Tuesday, October 25th beginning at 5:30pm at the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, 9057 S Saginaw St, Grand Blanc, MI 48439. Information is in the Lounge, including sponsorship opportunities. College scholarships (*applications in Lounge*) will be awarded. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Tickets are $100 per person. 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.

HARVEST FAMILY FUN NIGHT On Thursday, October 28th ~ it's for the whole parish ~ look for more information in the weekly bulletin and plan on attending!!! ***No scary costumes please!***

A woman was asked by a coworker, *"What is it like to be a Christian?"* The woman replied, *"It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."*

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 will be mailed to parishioners at the end of October.

- **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).

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** (Aida Nassar, Fadi Rishmawi, or Fr. Joe). The deadline to be a nominee is October 25th and all nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** on Tuesday, October 25th 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 25th.

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.*

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 $15,675 ~ which means we were **we were short $5,710!** God bless you for your generosity and let us pray God will always provide! We all need to support our church!

Coming Events in November

12TH	**Parish Thanksgiving Dinner ~ all are invited!**
13TH	**Annual Parish General Assembly**
15th	**Nativity** (*Christmas*) **Fast Begins**
21st	**Entrance of the Virgin Mary into the Temple**

October

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
						1 **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm 3rd and 4th Grade Confessions
2 **Hieromartyr Cyprian the Confessor** Fr. Joe with Preschool	**3** Bible Study 3-5pm	**4** Ladies Auxiliary 6pm Book Club 6-8pm	**5** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm	**6** **Apostle Thomas**	**7**	**8** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
9 **Apostle James, son of Alpheos** Fr. Joe with Kindergarten & 1st Grade	**10** Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	**11** Altar Society 6pm	**12** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm	**13** Parish Council 6:15pm	**14**	**15** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
16 **Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**	**17** Bible Study 3-5pm	**18** Men's Fellowship 6pm	**19** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm	**20** **Midwest Diocesan Clergy Synaxis and Fall Family Gathering** *Hosted by St. George-Indianapolis, IN*	**21**	**22** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
23 **Apostle James, Brother of the Lord**	**24** Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	**25** Arab-American Heritage Council **Ensure the Legacy Banquet**	**26** Arabic Bible Study 12-2pm	**27**	**28** **Harvest Family Fun Night**	**29** **Great Vespers and Confessions** 5pm
30 **Martyrs Zenobios, and his sister Zenobia** Fr. Joe with 2nd Grade Abuaita/Abufarha Wedding	**31** Bible Study 3-5pm					

2022

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 1 to October 31, 2022

Birthdays

October

1 Julia A. Bathish
2 Luai Abuaita
Andrea Haddad
3 Issa Abuaita
Maysaa Al-Khouri
Habeeb Ghattas
Nour S. Ishak
5 Tamer P. Abuaita
Mohannad Bannoura
6 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
Douglas Coone
Caroline F. Rishmawi
12 Lana G. Elia
Waseem Fakhoury
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 Janet Alsahouri
Elias Rishmawi
Taghreed Rishmawi
21 Angel S. Abuaita
Qusai Bannoura
22 Ryan D. Brack
Danielle R. Isaac
Greyson Y. Iseid
Susan "Sue" K. Salomon
23 Gisel 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
Nick "Nick" Saseen
Kyle Takach
Daniel E. Tijerina
30 Fadi Bannoura
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 Lukas Edward Cooper
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
17 Mr. and Mrs. Raji Salomon
19 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alqazaha
27 Mr. and Mrs. Habeeb Ghattas

God Grant You All Many Years!

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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

PARISH COUNCIL • Fadi Rishmawi, Chairman 810-625-5790 or fadi19@msn.com
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