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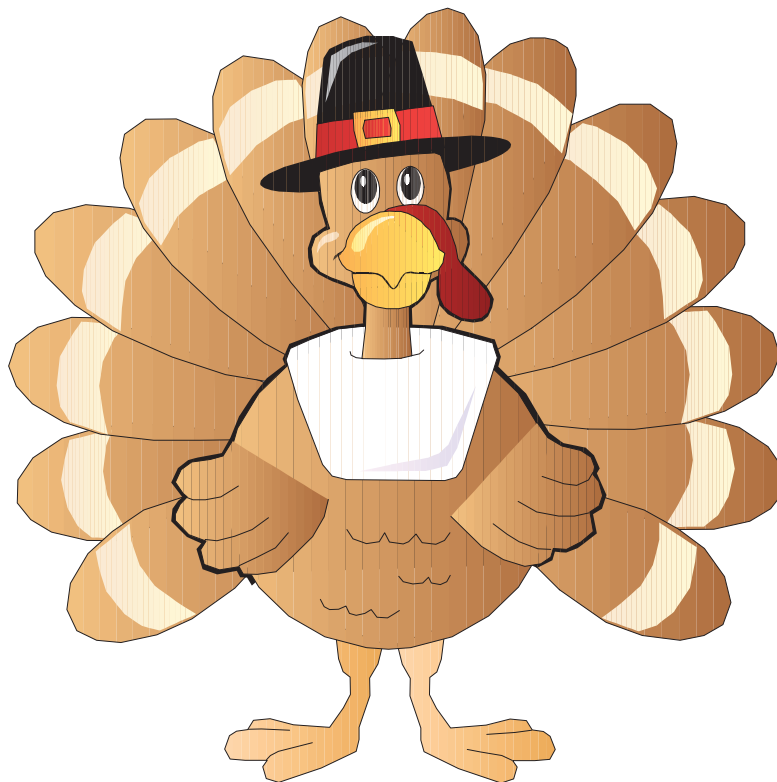


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Our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Celebration!!!

Saturday, November 10th



Our Church School children (*Preschool thru High School*) are to be dropped off at 2pm. They will prepare their part of the meal, set the tables, do crafts, and have a great time together! We are asking that all the parents are back by **5pm** so that their child is sitting next to them praying at Great Vespers. Following Great Vespers, we will all enjoy the meal prepared by our children! Just a reminder that a \$5 donation per student is asked so that we can purchase the food items needed to make the meal. We will start collecting every Sunday, but no later than November 4th! Your child's teacher will collect the \$5 in their classroom. For more information please see Anaam Abueita or Janet Abueita. We are also in need of someone to donate and cook turkeys and help out with clean-up after the dinner. See us as soon as possible for more details.

Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

November 1 to November 30, 2012

Birthdays

November

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <p>2 Batoul Burbar
Wafaa Elias
Nida Ishaq
Nicola "Nick" Khoury</p> <p>4 Tamara S. Rishmawi</p> <p>5 George AbuAita
Josalien Abuaita</p> <p>6 Jillian S. Isaac</p> <p>7 Zayna D. Andoni
Victoria "Vicky" I. Shamma</p> <p>8 Salwa Abousamra
Jiries A. Abu-Aitah
Deacon Michael T. Bassett
Nisreen G. Rodriguez</p> <p>9 Ghadeer Ibrahim
Daisy A. Isaac
Naim R. Mashni</p> <p>10 Suha E. Abueita</p> <p>11 Erini Abuaita
Ibrahim Abufarha
Samantha M. Russell</p> <p>12 Jovani A. Abuaita
Yvette M. Ghantous</p> <p>13 Brian M. Silpoch</p> <p>14 Daniel Daoud
George Fanous
Amanda Shamma</p> <p>15 Issa "Chris" Y. Abueita
Anan Alkhoury
Timothy "Tim" S. Beers</p> <p>16 Christina G. Iseid</p> <p>17 Adeeb R. Bathish
Marissa L. McCann
Nashwa E. Michail
William "Bill" A. Shaheen Jr.</p> <p>18 Majdi Alkazaha
Norma L. Lazar
Jamiel I. Shamma</p> <p>19 Melissa A. Bathish
Jolie G. Farah
Mousa Rishmawi</p> <p>20 Blanka AbuAita</p> | <p>Shafiq Abuaitah
Michael J. Fanous
Mariah E. Tijerina</p> <p>21 Issa A. Burbar
Souheil Nassar
Jo Ann M. Shahin Hawkins</p> <p>22 Souria Farah
Amira-Amy N. Helal</p> <p>23 Khaled P. Abuaita
Issa T. David</p> <p>25 Marcos L. Abuaita
Ramy Abueita
Iman Ibrahim
Ziyad Ibrahim
Terry A. Monkaba</p> <p>28 Sharon L. Abu-Aitah
Donald "Don" A. Hawkins
Enrique Rojas</p> <p>29 Lindsey C. Bathish</p> <p>30 Fares Abdallah
Lina A. Elia
Mario Ibrahim
Issa G. Odeh</p> | <p>Gary Michael Monkaba
Michael Mortensen
Robert Michael Naimy
Eddie Nassar
Angela Eyad Rishmawi
Aziz Michael Rishmawi
Michael Aziz Rishmawi Jr.
Michael "Mike" S. Rishmawi
Miguel Jesus Rishmawi
Micheline Russell
Reese Michael Salim
Brian Michael Silpoch
Michael "Mike" Joseph Silpoch
Michael Sous</p> <p>11 Hadil Victor Habbas
Victor Hafez Habbas</p> <p>14 Khaled Philip Abuaita
Philip Abuaita
Tamer Philip Abuaita
Evan Philip Isaac</p> <p>15 Habeeb Ghattas
Habib Skafi</p> <p>16 Levi (Matthew) Wesley Cooper
Souheil Nassar
Brendan Matthew Silpoch
Matthew "Matt" Marvin Thomas</p> <p>21 Angela Marie Nassar</p> <p>25 Jodie Kathleen Bathish
Laura Catherine Farah
Yasmine "Katie" Kathleen Farah
Katia Haddad
Catrina Hamati
Katherine Devahn Joseph
Katrina L. Khouri
Kathleen "Kathy" Lisa Kudray
Kathleen "Katie" Mary Shaheen</p> <p>30 Andrew Majdi Alkazaha
Andrew George Fox
David Andrew Salim
Nicholas Andrew Shahin</p> |
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Namedays

November

- 8** Angel Suheil Abuaita
Samer Michael Abuaita
Michael Alqazaha
Micheline El-Chaer
Michael Jeries Fanous
Kari Michelle Farah
Michelle Hanan Farah
Michelle Farah
Shane Michael Gantos
Gabriella "Gabby" Freida Ghattas
Michael Hamati
Leland "Lee" Michael Harris
Michael Hayek
Mario Ibrahim
Michael Khal
Michael Joseph McCann
Kirolos Michael Meshraky

God Grant You All Many Years!

Wedding Anniversaries

November

- 1** Mr. and Mrs. Samir Haddad
- 4** Mr. and Mrs. Habib Skafi
- 6** Mr. and Mrs. Nabeel Fakhoury
- 8** Mr. and Mrs. Ziyad Ibrahim
- 12** Mr. and Mrs. Salim Farah
- 16** Mr. and Mrs. Philip Abuaita
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Joseph
- 21** Mr. and Mrs. Nayef Aboujamra
- 22** Mr. and Mrs. Maher Abufarha
- 24** Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ibrahim
- 27** Mr. and Mrs. Roger Isaac

God Grant You All Many Years!

Daily Prayer Life

- ◆ Remember the newly departed servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Robert Delbridge** (+September 19th, cousin of Jim Delbridge), **Muriel Mansour** (+September 20th, friend of parishioners), **Margaret Abraham** (+October 5th, mother of Dan), and **Manuel Sanchez** (+October 10th, brother of Michelle/brother-in-law of George Farah, Jr.).

May their memory be eternal!



- ◆ Remember our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Nayef Aboujamra, Lucy AbuAita, Jonathan Bassett, Elias Gantos, Samira Gantous, Camille Ghantous, Nadera Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Betty Khouri, Jean Khouri, John Khouri, Mariam Khoury, Norma Lazar, Lourice Matta, Danny Mortensen, Elaine Salim, Elaine Shaheen, Michael Silpoch, William Sophiea Jr., Robert Teunion**, *those who are suffering in the Middle East, the supporters and benefactors of St. George, and the members of our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Teen SOYO, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Church School, Ushers, and YAF.*
- ◆ Remember the servants of God who are with child especially: **Sandra Mitri, Marlen Odeh, and Suhair Awwad** (former parishioner).
- *For the following, please update Fr. Joe whether they should remain on our prayer list – Thank You!*
- ◆ Remember those who are active in the Armed Forces: **Lieutenant Colonel Alex and Special Agent Thomas Isaac** (sons of Alex and Ida Isaac).
- ◆ Remember the family and friends of St. George parishioners: **Fr. Roman Braga** and **Mother Seraphima** (Dormition Monastery), **Clemence** (Dn. Mike's mother), **Jamie Irish-Smith** and **Kristi Kraxner** who are with child, and **Shawna Hale** (family/friends of Dn. Michael and Pam Bassett), **Kinan Turjman** (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Michel Abuaita** (father of Lucy AbuAita and Mary Khoury), **Michel Abuaita** (brother of Janett Abuaita), **Youssef, Georgette, and George Damouni** (parents and brother of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Jessica Dedow** (former parishioner), **Renee Haddad, Aaron and Melody Prince, Valland and George Franji** (family and friends of Ron Haddad), **Hani Farah** (former parishioner), **Maha Qassis** (sister of Ziyad Ibrahim), **Aida Abu-saada** and **Nisam Wasfie** (friends of Ida Isaac), **George Ishak** (nephew of Amira Hanna), **Gabby Joubran** (brother-in-law of Najwa Joubran), **James Gorr** (father of Melissa Bathish), **Lilly Hissin** (aunt of Naila Banna, Hiam and Inam Bathish), **Elias and Muna Ibrahim** (uncle/aunt of Rula Alkazaha), **Annie Guevara, Doug Halstead, Amir Hekmati, Bob Loth, Bella Ward, Rebekah Augenstein, Anna Oppenheiser, and Art Reyes** (friends of Sally Joseph), **Hanna Abu-Nimer** and **Nassar Zatuna** (relatives of Karam Nassar), **Loretta and Daniel Karpelenia** (mother/brother of Denise Ghattas), **Jenna Marsico** (niece of Jim Delbridge), **Sue McCarthy** (friend of Elaine Shaheen), **Nassim Salomon** (brother of Janet Abueita), **Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Elaine Gejoff, Marcella Moorman, and Dennis Perez** (from St. Mary Magdalene), **Gloria and John Zelenko** (from St. Nicholas), **Helene Nicola and Frieda Maloof** (aunts of Leslee Abud), and **Paul Thomas** (cousin of the Salim's).

Congratulations and God bless:

- ❖ At the annual Arab-American Heritage Council *Ensure the Legacy Dinner and Awards Banquet*, it was a proud night for St. George! A number of parishioners participated and received awards: **Lubna Bathish Jones** is currently the President of the AAHC; the **Honorable Joseph J. Farah** and **Kristen Abraham** (ABC News) were the Masters of Ceremonies; former parishioner **Christina Nassar** from Los Angeles, CA (daughter of Olga) sang the National Anthem; **George Nassif** presented **Laila Abdallah** (daughter of Fares and Sahar) and **Yara Abuaita** (daughter of Jamal and Manal) with individual \$1,000 College Scholarships!

❖ The newly elected officers of *St. George Teen SOYO*:

Sandy Abueita, President

Rania Fanous, Vice-President

Fadi Odeh, Treasurer

Miar Abu-Aita, Secretary

The appointed *Lay Advisor* is **Leslee Abud**.

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR NOVEMBER The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, or olive oil*) is observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays until November 14th. On Monday, November 15th, we begin the traditional forty-day **CHRISTMAS 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 November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products*) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays *fish, wine, and oil* are permitted

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 4th. Before going to bed on Saturday night, November 3rd, please remember to set your clocks **BACK** ("*fall back*") one hour.

2012 PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY Our annual **General Assembly** for the Voting Membership of St. George will be held Sunday, November 11th, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Members in good standing both spiritually (attending church) and in their financial stewardship are considered Voting Members and may speak and vote on any non-canonical matter presented at the meeting. Please review the Report Packet that has been sent and plan on attending. Childcare will be provided by Teen SOYO. The kids will have lunch and activities for the duration of the meeting.

General Assembly Proxies 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 and must be returned back to the office by Sunday, November 4th. Proxies received after November 4th will be considered invalid. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our Credentials Committee (Basil Andoni, chairman, Amjad Ishak, Dannie Jones, or Fr. Joe).

NAMESDAY CELEBRATION November 14th is the **Feast of St. Philip the Apostle**, the Namesday of His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP. Send him a greeting by mail at: His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, 358 Mountain Road, PO Box 5238, Englewood, NJ 07631 or e-mail at: archdiocese@antiochian.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS from Janet Abueita, Director (810-691-0956)

Dear parents, we are having a number of problems with students being on their cell phones and other devices during class. We meet for only 45-50 minutes each week and we are trying to not have any distractions during this short time. Please tell your children to shut their phones off -- or better yet -- take their phones until after Church School. If you have any questions or concerns please talk with me or Father Joe. Thank you and God Bless you for all you do for your children!

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe and a number of parishioners will be attending the Orthodox Institute or Parish Council Symposium at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, Pennsylvania November 1st-4th (Fr. Joe will be returning Saturday night). **For emergencies only while Fr. Joe is away**, please call Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-732-2660), Fr. Paul Jannakos (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-629-4427), or Fr. Matthew Butrie of St. Nicholas (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070). Please pray for everyone's safe travels.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please mark your calendar and come to help out during our once-a-month commitment at the soup kitchen on Tuesday, November 27th from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim and Evelyn Delbridge (810-630-2353 or jimdelbridge@charter.net).

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB We will meet on Monday, November 12th at 6pm. All are invited to join! We continue our study of the **Worship in the Orthodox Church**. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Book Club, check out our St. George Web Site (see below) or contact Deacon Mike at frdmike@gmail.com.

FEED GENESEE The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint are supporting the work of **Catholic Charities** in Genesee County by helping to feed the hungry and help the poor and needy. Please see the flier in the Lounge for more information and the food items needed. You may bring your items at any time to be put in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer. Each Sunday of the month a different church is having the food drive. St. George is on the 1st Sunday of each month. May God be with the needy and bless those who help them.

ST. GEORGE IS OUR HOME! We have so many activities that take place at St. George every week such as Divine Services, Bible Studies, meetings, hall rentals, etc. It is important that when we are here, we do our best to keep our HOME: the Church, Hall, classrooms, the Lounge, Courtyard, Parking Lot, etc CLEAN. When we have a cup of coffee, donut, a meal or whatever, we need to cleanup after ourselves and our children. Thank you for keeping our HOME looking GREAT!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES Many parishioners have e-mail addresses and we would like to add them to our directory so parish news, such as the falling asleep of someone, changes in Divine Services or activities, etc. can be given as soon as possible. Fr. Joe's e-mail address is: Fr.Joe-stgeorge@comcast.net. Please e-mail him so your name may be added to our growing list. If more than one family member has an address, please let Fr. Joe know who they are and their address.

➤ **St. George's Web Site:** saintgeorgeflint.org. Thank you, Deacon Michael, for all the work you continue to do to make our web site EXCELLENT! Check it out weekly!!!

PLEASE NOTE It is the teaching of our Orthodox Church that its members may not take Holy Communion in any other Christian Church, such as the Catholic or Episcopal Church. Those who do receive in another Church will not be able to receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church -- *you can only be a member of, and in communion with, one Church*. For more information, speak with Fr. Joe.

من تعاليم كنيستنا الأرثوذكسية أن لا يأخذ أعضائها القربان المقدس في اي كنيسة مسيحية أخرى، مثل الكاثوليكية أو احدى الكنائس الرسولية الاخرى. وأولئك الذين يتناولون في كنيسة أخرى لا يسمح لهم الحصول على القربان المقدس في الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية - يمكنك أن تكون فقط عضواً " بكنيسة واحدة وبوحدة مع كنيسة واحدة. لمزيد من المعلومات بإمكانك التحدث مع ابونا. جو



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: All Sundays in December -- sign-up poster is in the Hall. Hosting information is in Hall and Lounge and includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. During the Christmas Fast (November 15th-December 24th), no meat or dairy may be served.

Coming Events in December

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| 6 | St. Nicholas Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas 10am |
| 8 | Parish Christmas Program |
| 24 | Christmas Services: Matins at 4:50pm and Christmas Divine Liturgy at 6pm |

St. George Orthodox Church

Ladies Auxiliary

5191 Lennon Road Flint, MI 48507



Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Sunday
November 18th

The Ladies will be selling a variety of pastries: cookies, pies, cakes, Arabic sweets, etc. Along with selling pastries, the Ladies are also making and selling Meat and Spinach Pies by the dozen. If you have any questions, see any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Please fill out the form below and send it to the Church with your check or give it to any member of the Ladies Auxiliary by November 11th

Thanks for your Support!

DEADLINE is November 11th!!!

Order Form

Item	Number of Dozens	Price (\$12 per dozen)
Meat Pies		
Spinach Pies		
Date Cookies		
TOTAL		

Name _____

2013 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church ~ Flint, Michigan

I Want To Be Counted!

Frequency	Amount	% of Income
Weekly	\$	
OR Twice Monthly	\$	
OR Monthly	\$	
OR Quarterly	\$	
OR Annually	\$	

~ All Offerings Are Treated Confidentially ~

Please fill out completely.

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
ZIP	
Telephone	

Please CHECK this box if it applies to you.

- I have a concern and wish to be contacted or visited by the priest.
 I have a concern and wish to be contacted or visited by a Parish Council Member.

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)

2013 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	

الرجاء اختيار المربع الملائم

€ لدي الإهتمام والرغبة في أن يتم الإتصال بي أو الزيارة من قبل الكاهن.
لدي الإهتمام والرغبة في أن يتم الإتصال بي أو الزيارة من قبل أعضاء مجلس الكنيسة.

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 أقلت أكثر منهم جميعا" (لوقا 3:21)

November

November is *IOCC* (International Orthodox Christian Charities) *Month*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		*Assumption Orthodox Church 2245 Baldwin Road (between Holly and Fenton Roads) Grand Blanc 810-771-4611		1	2	3
				Orthodox Institute and Parish Council Symposium at the Antiochian Village		
						No Great Vespers
4 Venerable Ioanikios the Great 5 th and 6 th Grade Class with Fr. Joe Food Drive 10am-1pm	5 Bible Study 3-5pm	6 Ladies Auxiliary 6pm	7 Arabic Bible Study 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	8 Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and all of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven	9	10 Church School Dinner Preparation -2pm Great Vespers and Parish Thanksgiving Dinner 5pm
11 Martyrs Menas of Egypt and Victor of Damascus Parish General Assembly	12 Bible Study 3-5pm	13 Altar Society 6pm	14 Apostle Philip Arabic Bible Study 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	15 Martyr Habib of Edessa Christmas Fast Begins	16 Apostle Matthew the Evangelist YAF 6pm	17 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
18 Martyrs Platon of Ancyra, Romanos, Zaccchaeos the Deacon, and Anastasios of Palestine 7 th Grade Class with Fr. Joe	19 Bible Study 3-5pm	20 Vesperal Liturgy at *Assumption 6pm	21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Arabic Bible Study 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	22 Give thanks unto the Lord! Have a blessed Thanksgiving!	23 Holy Unction @ Dormition Monastery 6pm	24 Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
25 Great Martyr Katherine the all-wise of Alexandria	26 Bible Study 3-5pm	27	28 Arabic Bible Study 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm	29	30 Apostle Andrew, the First Called	

2012

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
2143 S. Center Rd.
Burton, MI 48519
(810) 744-0070*

Cookie Walk



Saturday, December 15, 2012

Hot Beverages

10am ~ 1pm

*Stock up your freezer
for the Holidays*

*Ethnic Cookies and Many Other Baked Goods
Cookies Sold by the Pound*

Soup and Bread will be made available for purchase

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Deacon Michael Bassett

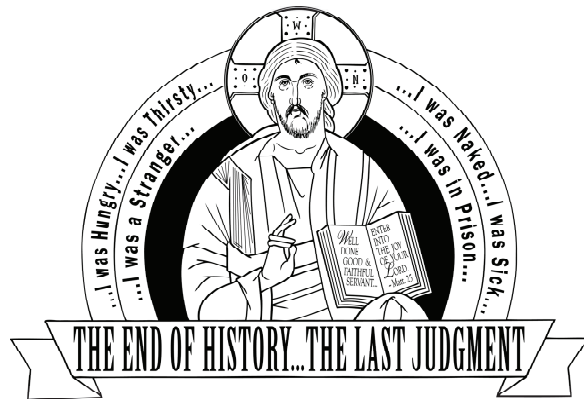
Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
Great Vespers and Sacrament of Repentance {Confession*} **5 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 *Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint* schedule of Divine Services)

2012-13 Theme for
Church School,
Creative Festivals,
and Parish Life
Conference



Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL • Ric Shahn Chairman 989-631-3696 E-mail: ricsshahn@sbcglobal.net
Any parishioner may attend meetings and speak during "Parishioner Comments".

ALTAR SERVERS • Subdeacon George Gantous, Head Sacristan 810-714-7332 E-mail: ramigrana@yahoo.com

ALTAR SOCIETY • Susan Shaheen, Coordinator 810-953-3848 E-mail: splakis@comcast.net

CHOIR • Reader Gregory Farah, Director 810-695-2462 E-mail: gclsfarah@prodigy.net

CHURCH SCHOOL • Janet Abueita, Director 810-771-7152 E-mail: cooeita@aol.com

LADIES AUXILIARY • Hiam Bathish, President 810-238-2152

TEEN SOYO • Sandy Abueita, President 810 659-6578 E-mail: sandy.abueita@yahoo.com

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (YAF) • Coordinators Watan Abuaita 810-771-7152 or wabuaita@umflint.edu and
Christine Elias 810-875-3863 or syriangr12@aol.com

Office Hours

CHURCH SECRETARY: Laura Nichols E-mail: laura-stgeorge@comcast.net
Monday – Thursday 9am-3pm, Closed on Friday
