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Middle Eastern Festival

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the faithful of St George, welcome to the St George Middle Eastern Festival!

It was an exciting opportunity to plan this year's festival as we love to share our faith, our roots, our culture, and heritage with our community. We are so blessed to have you visiting our community this weekend. To make your experience enhanced this year we have added our festival app you may download.

We are thrilled to share with you our love of Middle Eastern music throughout the festival.

Our music this year features David Hakim and his band. This year we are pleased that returning this year for your entertainment the Mawtini Dabke Troupe from Detroit will perform on Friday and Saturday. Get ready to join them in learning the Dabke as they invite you to be with them on the dance floor.

In keeping with tradition, we prepared delicious dinners for you such as the ever-popular gyros, lamb shanks, grape leaves, Kafta, kibbee, chicken Shawarma and falafel.

We also have our pastry shop with a wide variety of Middle Eastern sweets including the well known favorite - Baklawa as well as Kanafeh and much more. Other treats include honey balls, coffee, and outside a Beer and Wine bar.

The festival will also include our bookstore, a number of vendors, tours of our magnificent church with our recenlty completed iconography, the children's amusement area, and you will enjoy our Marketplace "the Emporium" with its different purchasing options and the Silent Auction.

Our parishioners have one thing in common which is an overwhelming enthusiasm to welcome you and offer our St George hospitality, an eagerness perhaps matched by you, our festival patrons! Thank you for spending time with us.

We invite people of all ages to enjoy the many aspects of our the festival. Everyone here at St. George have been working tirelessly to present the St George Middle Eastern Festival for you. We are enormously proud of our executive committee, and grateful to our volunteers, cooks, sponsors, and supporters who have made this festival not only possible but safe, engaging, and entertaining.

We welcome you all, and please have fun and enjoy yourselves!



With gratitude, Fr Anthony G. Yazge Pastor



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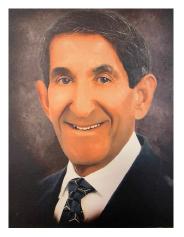


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In honor of this legendary physician, his family and friends, in partnership with Ascension Health, dedicated the William K. Nasser MD Healthcare Education and Simulation Center in June of 2018 on the campus of Ascension St. Vincent Hospital 86th Street. By educating the next generation of medical professionals on how to provide the highest standards of healthcare for patients regardless of age, gender, race, religious or socioeconomic situation, Dr. Nasser's dynamic and unrelenting positive mental attitude to his approach on improving quality of life continues to demonstrate his nature as a true servant leader. To this end, Dr. Nasser dedicated his life to the philosophy to "treat everyone as he would want to be treated."

Dr. William K. Nasser is the proud son of Christian Syrian-American immigrant parents who arrived in Terre Haute, Indiana in the early 1900's to live the American dream. His parents' humble beginnings started in Ein-el-Shara, Syria (1 hour southwest of Damascus), a mountain village near the Lebanese border. On their journey to America, they traversed the rugged terrain of the Jebel Sheikh mountain range and traveled to the Port of Beirut, Lebanon to board a ship while overcoming incredible odds with little money and not speaking any English. As a Syrian-American, his family along with members of his church family at St. George Orthodox Church, celebrate our heritage as proud Americans. The St. George Middle Eastern Festival honors Dr. William K. Nasser's heritage within our community. May his memory be eternal.

on behalf of the entire Nasser Family and Tony K. Nasser, MD FACC, FSCAI, FSVM

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About St. George Church

Founded 96 years ago by Christian families from the Middle East who settled in Central Indiana in the early 1900s, St. George Orthodox Church has been an active participant in the local community since its first home was erected at 28th and Sherman Drive in 1926. As our parish has grown and now includes members of diverse backgrounds, we relocated to the present location, in Fishers, in 2013.

Church History in a Nutshell

After Jesus' Resurrection, the Apostles, the eyewitnesses of the Risen Christ, went into all the world, preaching, teaching and baptizing (Matthew 28.19-20). They spread out from Jerusalem across the whole known world.

There was basically one Church, with several regional administrative centers, until the 'Great Schism' that happened in 13th century, when the Church of Rome separated. A subsequent division within the Church of Rome, known as the Protestant Reformation, took place in the 16th century and resulted in the many of denominations we know today.

Our bishop is a member of the Council of the same Antioch "where they were first called Christians" (Acts 11.26). There are about 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, with three million in North America.

Icons

Entering a traditional Orthodox church building, one is immediately struck by the presence of icons of Christ and the saints all around. This is 'theology in color,' and one perceives being "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12.1).

Main Weekly Services

Sunday: Matins & Divine Liturgy, 8:50 am

Wednesday: Evening Prayer & Adult Education, 6:30 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers, 5 pm

Check out our full schedule at www.stgindy.org

We welcome you to join us!



Church Tours

As you enjoy the food and music, we also welcome you to come, see the inside of the church building and what's under that 'gold dome at the top of the hill.'

Guided tours will begin at the following times.

Friday:

6:00, 7:30, 8:30 pm Tours

Saturday:

2:00, 3:30 pm Tours

5:00 pm Vespers (evening prayer)

6:30, 8:00 pm Tours

Sunday:

2:00, 3:30 pm Tours

You're also welcome to come in and just take a look any time during the Festival. We have several church members on hand to answer your questions.

Please enter via the glass lobby doors, where you will also find a selection of religious books and articles.

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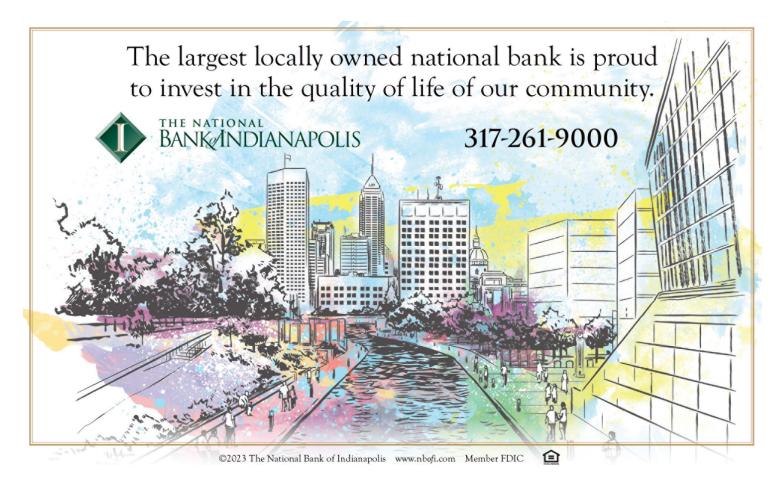


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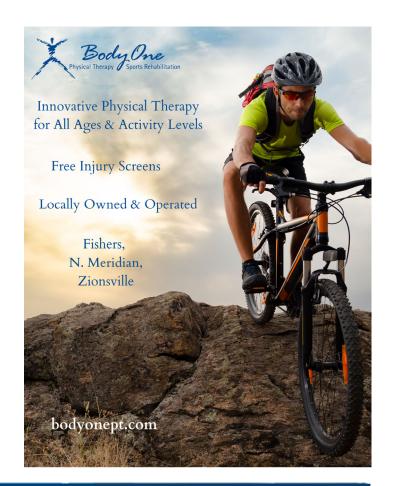
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Friday — 7 & 9 PM Saturday — 4:30, 7 & 9 PM

St George Dancers

Friday — 6:30 & 8 PM Saturday — 4, 6 & 8 PM Sunday — 2 PM



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Festival Menu



Gluten Free when not served with pita bread



Vegan

Mezza Booth





GRAPE LEAVES

Grape leaves stuffed with beef and rice, simmered to perfection and served with yogurt



VEGAN GRAPE LEAVES

Grape leaves stuffed with a combination of rice, beans, and vegetables, delightfully

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SPANIKOPITA

Savory pies made of flaky phyllo dough, stuffed with feta cheese and spinach

TIROPITA

Savory pies made of flaky phyllo dough, stuffed with three varieties of cheese

KIBBIE

Finely ground lean beef combined with cracked wheat and onions, baked in layers with a pine nut mixture filling

Also available in the Mezza Booth





V RICE & GREEN BEANS \$5

Green beans stewed in a perfectly seasoned tomato sauce, served atop rice pilaf

St George Special



MUJADARA \$9

Lentils, rice and onions cooked to perfection.



Gyros Booth



GYRO PITA \$12

Tender slices of a lamb and beef mixture, grilled rotisserie-style and served on pita bread with tomatoes, onions, and a creamy yogurt-based Tzatziki sauce

The Grills Booth



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KAFTA PITA \$12

A flavorful combination featuring ground beef, onions, and parsley, grilled and served on pita bread with tomatoes and tahini sauce

MEAT LOVERS SAMPLER \$22

Can't decide which meat you want to try? Try them all! A sampler plate of gyro meat, kafta, and chicken shawarma, served with garlic and yogurt sauces

Lamb Shanks Booth



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LAMB SHANKS \$15

A whole shank marinated with our special seasonings and slow roasted, served with pita bread and a side salad



CHICKEN SHAWARMA \$12

Tender chicken breast marinated in a special blend of herbs and spices, grilled and served on pita bread with pickles and homemade garlic sauce

SALAD WITH CHOICE OF PROTEIN \$10

Chopped lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers, seasoned with a light Mediterranean vinaigrette, with choice of Chicken, Falafel, Gyros or Kafta

KIDS KAFTA SLIDER MEAL \$7

Kafta patty on a bun, served with St. George Fries

New for 2023



RICE BOWL \$12

A bowl filled with a rice pilaf base topped with your choice of Chicken, Falafel, Gyros or Kafta on top with the trimmings and Tzatziki sauce

Falafel Booth



FALAFEL PITA \$11

Ground chickpeas and fava beans, deep fried to a golden crisp and served on pita bread with tomatoes and tahini sauce

Honey Balls Booth



Honey Balls \$6

Pastry dough formed into balls, deep fried and coated with a sweet syrup

Available at All Booths

Pita Chips & Fiery Feta Dip \$5

Freshly fried pita chips served with a slightly spicey, warm feta dip

St. George Fries \$5

French fries seasoned with the St. George special seasoning and a hint of olive oil





Side Salad \$4

Chopped lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers, seasoned with a light Mediterranean vinaigrette

Soft Drinks \$3

Coca Cola, Diet Coke & Sprite - 20 oz. bottles





Hummus \$5

Chickpeas and tahini blended with lemon and garlic to create a creamy and healthy dip, served with pita bread

Mediterranean Cheese Plate \$9

A mix of biblical-era cheeses and olives, drizzled with olive oil and herbs, served with pita bread



Watermelon \$5

Freshly cut watermelon

Bottled Water \$2

16.9 oz bottles

We accept cash, Festival coupons and credit cards at all food booths and the Bakery









Vendors may have their own payment policies.

Bakery Menu

Walnut Baklawa \$2

Layers of flaky filo dough filled with walnuts topped with syrup

Pistachio Baklawa \$3

Layers of flaky filo dough filled with walnuts topped with syrup

Cashew Bird's Nest \$3

Flaky filo dough rolled into a bird's nest filled with cashews topped with syrup

Pistachio Bird's Nest \$3

Flaky filo dough rolled into a bird's nest filled with pistachios topped with syrup

Fingers \$1

Flaky filo dough rolled around ground cashews topped with syrup

Mini Rose \$1

Mini bites of filo dough filled with cashews topped with syrup

Namoura \$3

Mini cake of farina and a hint of coconut topped with syrup

Makaroon \$2

Deep fried anise dough dipped in syrup

Coconut Cookies \$2

Soft biscuits covered with coconut

Kanafeh \$7

Shredded wheat filled with a wonderful blend of cheeses topped with syrup

Malban Sweet Candies \$1

Fruit jelly made with fruit molasses flavored with rose water stuffed with pistachio (Fine or Course)

Yiayia's Coffee Cake \$4

Coffee Cake with a hint of lemon and a light swirl of chocolate

Burma \$3

Shredded filo dough wrapped around cashews and fried to a golden brown

Ghoribeh \$2

"S" shaped butter cookies

Mamoul \$3

A light buttery outer cookie filled with walnuts, pistachios or dates

Katayef \$3

Pancakes stuffed with walnuts baked then dipped in syrup

Kaak \$12 per package

Donut shaped anise cookies

Candy Kabobs \$3

A skewer filled with assorted candy

Rice Krispy Treats \$3

Rice Krispy treats dipped in chocolate sprinkles

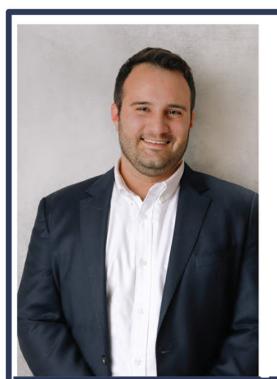
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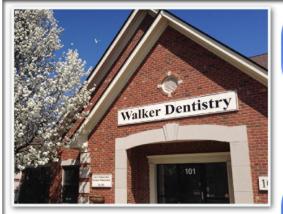


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was a board with large nails, and he was to be rotated until his whole body became as one bloody wound. After that, they buried him in a pit with only his head showing above the ground, and there they left him for three days and three nights. Then George was given a deadly poison to drink by a magician. But through all of these sufferings, George continuously prayed to God, and God healed him instantly and saved him from death, to the great astonishment of the people. When he also resurrected a dead man through his prayers, many accepted the Christian Faith. Among these were Alexandra, the wife of the Emperor Diocletian; the chief pagan priest; the farmer Glycerius; and Valerius, Donatus and Therinus. Finally the emperor commanded that George and his own wife Alexandra be beheaded. Blessed Alexandra died on the scaffold before being beheaded, and St. George was beheaded in the year 303 A.D. The miracles which have occurred over the grave of St. George are countless. Numerous are his appearances, both in dreams and openly, to those who, from that time to today, have invoked him and implored his help. Inflamed with love for Christ the Lord, it was not difficult for this saintly George, for the sake of this love, to leave all: rank, wealth, imperial honor, his friends and the entire world. For this love, the Lord rewarded him with a wealth of unfading glory in heaven and on earth, and with eternal life in His kingdom. In addition, the Lord bestowed upon him the power and authority to assist all those in afflictions and difficulties who honor him and call upon his name.



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