

Let My Prayer Arise

The Battle Begins

The stage is set. The battle lines have been drawn out. The preparation is now complete. Beginning this month, we fight the battle against our fallen human nature... Great Lent is where we go to war with the devil. This war is not something to be taken lightly. The fight is real and affects our lives on so many different levels.

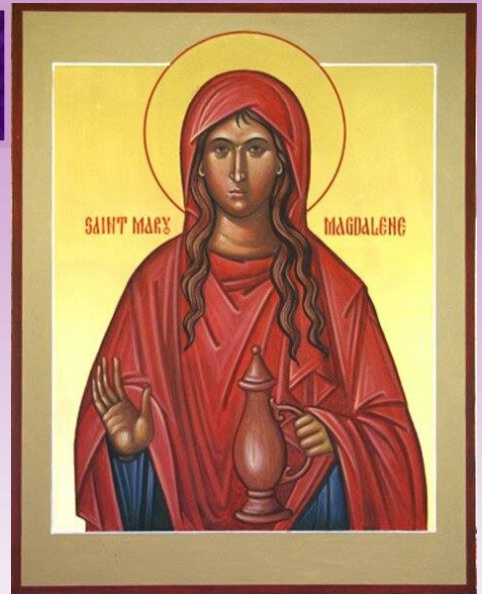
The priest is reminded of this reality every time he puts on his vestments: The prayer that is said every time he puts on his cuffs reads:

"Thy right hand O Lord is glorified in strength, Thy right hand O Lord has shattered Thine enemies, and in the multitude of Thy Glory has Thou crushed thine adversaries."

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A Message from Fr. Gabriel
Like the priestly armor, the Church has been slowly preparing us for battle these past few weeks. We began with hearing from the Gospel of Luke, and the story of a short tax collector named Zacchaeus, who had an effort and a desire to see Christ, and to change his life. The following week, we were shown how important the armor of

humility is, when we read about the Publican and the Pharisee. Beginning this month, we will be hearing about the Prodigal Son's return to the father...a parable which urges us to realize our weaknesses and take action by returning to the Father, no matter how many times we have abandoned Him. And finally, on the first day of Great Lent, we will be reminded



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January in Review:

- ♦ Matthew 25: Delivered 60+ blankets to Cancer Patients in Genesee County and raised money for FARR (Fenton Area Resource Referral)
- ♦ As is our annual tradition we blessed the Shiawassee River the Sunday following Theophany, the Liturgy included not only the installation of our parish council but we also welcomed Bob Forsyth into the Catechumenate of the Orthodox Church.

This Month's Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 4th:

1 Peter 2:21-3:9

Mark 12: 13-17

Sunday, February 11th:

Mark 16:9-20

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, February 18th:

Luke 24:1-12

Romans 13:11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21

Sunday, February 25th:

Luke 24: 12-35

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12-2

John 1:43-51

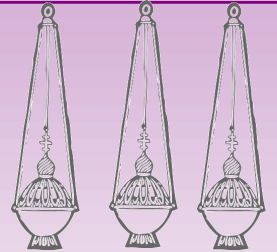


Prayer Life

Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and sisters.

His Beatitude Metropolitan
Theodosius
His Beatitude Metropolitan
Herman
Archpriest Dimitri Vincent
Susan
Vinnie
Autumn
Katherine
John
Anne
Katherine
Anastasia
Alex
Elaine
Solome
Bill
Carol
Anne
Carolyn
Barbara
Manuela

Frankie
John
Stacie
Bryan
Doug



Armed Forces	Recently Departed this Life	Catechumens	Mother's Child
Matthew Beck - Air Force Michael Oginsky - U.S. Marines Patrick Tejkl - U.S. Marines Lindsey Cazatt - U.S. Navy Stephanie Bishop - U.S. Navy Jason Wilburn - Army Rangers Alex Suriano - Air National Guard Dallas Watson - U.S. Air Force Seraphim Lazar- Watson - U.S. Air Force	Grace Rosealie Patricia Barbara	Roland Drummond Lori Drummond Robert Forsyth	Sara Shephard Ann Owens Kristen Jakubus Amanda Kothamdapani Shannon

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The Battle Begins continued:

Matthew 25, that unlike Christ, we must rely on each other for strength if we are to take on the sins of the world on the battle field.

Of course, we are reminded every day that fighting these battles is not easy. Many times, especially when we are enduring extra attacks during the Great and Holy Fast, we will no doubt fall on the battlefield. But we thank God each and every day, that we have the Church, our hospital and haven for those who are sick with sin, and wish to be made better. Just as on any battlefield, when one of the troops is injured, they go to the hospital to be rejuvenated before they continue in the battle. This is vital to understand, my dearest brothers and sisters in Christ! I promise you that you will get nothing out of the holiest time of the year, if you only come to the Sunday Services! The Lenten season is full of incredibly deep moments of worship (like the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete which we will sing during the first week) that is full of healing, for those who are making an effort to draw closer to Christ!

So as we begin the Lenten Season, let us make it a point to prepare ourselves for battle. And as the fallen world and it's demons slowly start to beat us down, let us continue to strengthen ourselves with prayer, fasting, a dedication to the Holy Scriptures, and a prayerful attendance to all of the Divine Services, so that we can reach Holy Pascha completely rejuvenated in our journey towards Christ.



Lenten Fasting

Question:

Why do we fast, and from what do we fast, before Pascha?

Answer:

We fast before the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection of Christ, to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Our Lord's eternal victory over sin, corruption, and death, and in anticipation of our own resurrection. Hence,

Continued Lenten Fasting

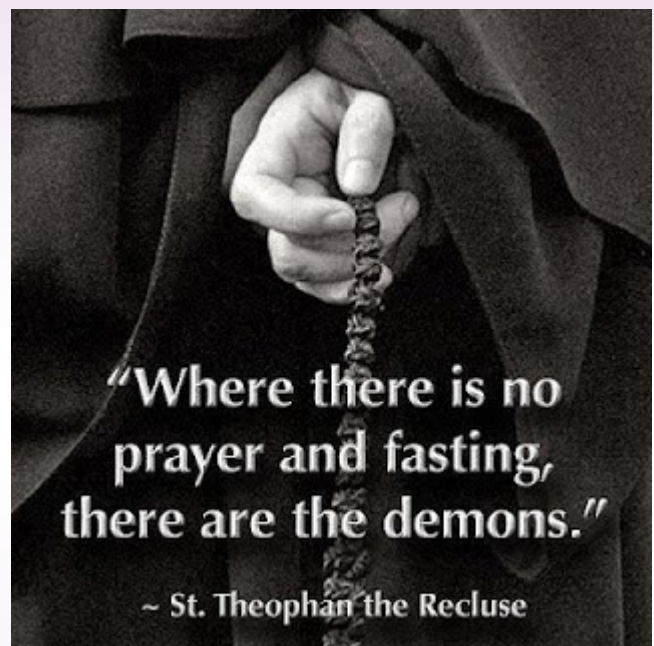
Great Lent is a time of preparation, during which we focus on and anticipate the resurrection of Our Savior by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

When we fast, we “shift our focus” from ourselves to God and others, spending less time worrying about what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, and so on in order to use our time in increased prayer and caring for the poor. We learn through fasting that we indeed can gain control over those things that we too often allow to control us—and for many people, food is a controlling factor. [We live in the only society in which an entire TV network is devoted to food!] While fasting from food, however, we are also challenged to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from those other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us.

Further, just as we would refrain from eating a lot before going to an expensive restaurant for dinner—if we “ruin our appetite” we will hardly enjoy our dinner—so too we fast before Holy Pascha in order to more fully feast and celebrate on the Feast itself.

During the Great Fast—and all lenten seasons—we are called upon to refrain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil. At the same time, we are challenged, within this framework, to fast to the best of our abil-

ity, and to do so consistently. If we must modify the extent to which we fast within this framework, it is of course possible, but in every instance our fasting should be consistent and regular, for Christ does not see fasting as an option, but as a “must.” In the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Our Lord says, “WHEN you fast, do not be like the hypocrites,” not “IF you fast” or “IF YOU CHOOSE to fast.”



Memory Eternal to All Unborn Infants

On January 21st, Sanctity of Life Sunday, the faithful of St. Mary Magdalene gathered together after Divine Liturgy to offer their prayers to all unborn infants, not only in our parish family, but throughout the world departed this life. The service was a very powerful reminder that all life begins at conception, and is precious in the sight of the Lord. May God continue to grant all those families who are grieving continued mercy and the strength to see his will in all things. Memory Eternal. Christ is Risen!



Monthly Forecast

Pan- Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgy:

It is important during our Lenten journeys to come together as one big Orthodox family. We will have several combined Pan-Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgies. See the attached flyers for dates, times and locations.

Lenten Retreat:

March 2nd & 3rd we will have a Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat lead by Fr. Josiah Trenham. Please mark these dates on your calendars, more information will be coming soon.

Mortgage Initiative

For the month a January a payment of \$2,230 was made toward the principal bringing the balance to \$227,800. Our next big fundraiser will be the Ethnic Dinner Dance in conjunction with the Diocesan Conference on Saturday, June 30th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple:

There will be a combined Vespers Liturgy for the Presentation of our Lord at Holy Assumption at 6:00pm on Thursday, February 1st

Meatfare Sunday:

Meat Fest Luncheon and Monthly Agape meal will be Sunday, February 11th. This will be our last time before Pascha to enjoy meat products. Please bring a prepared dish to pass and enjoy fellowship as we enter Great Lent. Remember we are peanut free.

Forgiveness Sunday:

On Sunday, February 18th Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:50am followed by Forgiveness Vespers. This beautiful tradition of seeking forgiveness is the perfect way to begin our Lenten Journey.

Cannon of St. Andrew:

Monday, February 19th through Thursday, February 22 we will be celebrating the Cannon of St. Andrew each night at 6:30pm. This is one of the most penitential and beautiful services in the Orthodox Church. Do NOT miss it!

Pre-Sanctified Liturgies:

The first two Pre-Sanctified Liturgies of the Lenten Season will be on Friday, February 23rd at 6:30 pm and Combined on Wednesday, February 28th 6 pm at St. Nicholas

Sunday of Orthodoxy:

Sunday, February 25th will be Divine Liturgy and Procession with Icons. **Please bring your favorite Icon to the church for the celebration.**

ORTHODOX CLEAN WEEK 2018



SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

Sunday, February 18th:	Divine Liturgy and Forgiveness Vespers, 9:50 AM
Monday, February 19th:	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 20th:	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 21st:	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 22nd:	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30 PM
Friday, February 23rd:	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Lenten Potluck, 6:30 PM
Saturday, February 24th:	Great Vespers and Matins for Orthodoxy Sunday
Sunday, February 25th:	Divine Liturgy for Orthodoxy Sunday and Procession with Icons, 9:50 AM

MATTHEW 25

"For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you took me in,
I was in prison and you came to me,
I was sick and you visited me, I
was naked and you clothed me."



"... I was naked and you clothed me..."

This month we will be working with St. John's in Fenton with their St. Gabriel Project. The St. Gabriel Project helps pregnant women, who choose life for her unborn child, with basic needs.

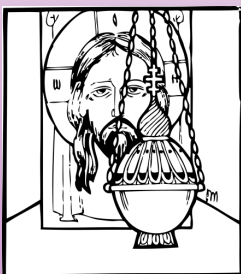
We will be collecting baby wipes, newborn diapers, receiving blankets, newborn & toddler socks and gift cards to Babies R Us are welcome.

Compassion in Action—CiA

Do you want to learn how to share the love of Christ with a complete stranger by simply listening? Have you ever wondered how your mere presence can be a blessing to someone? If so, then the CiA is the group for you!

Calling everyone interested in participating in the Compassion in Action (CiA) ministry. I would like to have a meeting in the near future to talk about plans for another visit to the St. Michael's Warming Center, as well as other ministry opportunities. Please contact Dcn. Michael Schlaack if you are interested in participating in this ministry:

schlaackm@sbcglobal.net



Holy Dormition Monastery Dinner

The 6th Annual Dormition Monastery Charity Dinner was another great success! This year's event was hosted on January 18 by Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Blanc, who also provided the main course of a delicious meal. The parishes of St. George, St. Nicholas and St. Mary Magdalene all pitches in to provide the hors d'oeuvre, deserts and drinks. The theme of the evening's program was "Stillness," with guest speakers Fr. Gabriel Bilas (rector, St. Mary Magdalene), Fr. Angelo Maggos (rector, Assumption) and Fr. John Konkle (rector, Holy Dormition Monastery) providing the audience with their unique insight into this critical aspect of the Orthodox Christian faith. Mother Abbetess Gabrielle provided the closing remarks and prayer for the night, and Fr. Anthony Strouse of Pius X parish gave the closing blessing. This years event drew 166 participants and brought in over \$7,500.00, including over \$1,200.00 from the monastery gift shop that was set up for the event by the Dormition sisterhood. Everyone was treated to a wonderful evening of good food and fellowship with the other parishes in the Flint, MI, area, as well as the opportunity to meet the sisters of the monastery.

A big "Thank you" goes out to everyone who helped to make this event such a great success. A special thanks to the members of St. Mary Magdalene who attended, assisted and provided donations to help make this a memorable evening! I hope to see everyone again next year.

Important Church School

Dates to Remember:

February 11th: Bake Sale

February 18th: NO CLASSES—
Forgiveness Sunday

April 8th: PASCHA

April 15th: Shortened Lesson &
Easter egg hunt

May 6th: End of Year Celebra-
tion & Graduation

This month's topics:

February 4th: King Solomon

February 11th: Proverbs

February 18th: NO Class

February 25th: Elijah



Coming up this month is a bake sale to benefit the Church School Program. We hope that all parents and teachers will sign-up to bring goodies. The bake sale will be held on Sunday, February 11th during coffee hour. If you are willing to work the bake sale table, please let Matushka Laura know. Remember bake sale items should be peanut free.

We still need a second person to help teach the Preschool Class.

**HELP
WANTED**

2017-18 Church School Volunteer Assignments

Coordinator: Jennie Otis

Ages 3-5: Mat. Laura, Tammy Arnes

Ages 6-9: David Welch, Chris Ballnik, Cindy Welch
(Back up) Renea Becklehmer (Fill-in)

Ages 10-12: Renee Auxier, Christine Auxier

Teen Group: Sbdn. Andrew Durand, Meghan Durand,
Sharon Watson

Upper High School & OCF: Fr. Gabriel & Dn. Michael

Child Care: Tammy Arnes, Joyce Ballnik, Renea Beck-
lehmer, Elaine Boucher, Terri Oginsky, Joe Suriano

COLLEGE CORNER

Flint OCF:

This month the OCF only met twice. Thanks to a generous supporter, we were able to send several of our students to the Dormition dinner for free. While there, we even got to meet the students from MSU's OCF chapter. We will organize a joint meeting with our chapters in the coming months! Then on January 19th, the Flint OCF met at St. George where Fr. Joe talked about the Holy Land. We had a large turnout and a great group discussion!

Prayers for our college students:

Greg Auxier,
Nathaniel Auxier,
Katherine Arnes
Elisabeth Dalbo
Gabrielle Royer
David Schutt
Katherine Schutt
Oliver Lazar Senter
Elena Bucciarelli
Emmanuel Watson
Zachary Wilkinson
Douglas Wilkinson
Laura Khoury
Rachael Hildreth

Prayer of a Student

Christ my Lord, the Giver of light and wisdom, who opened the eyes of the blind man and transformed the fishermen into wise heralds and teachers of the gospel through the coming of the Holy Spirit, shine also in my mind the light of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Grant me discernment, understanding and wisdom in learning. Enable me to complete my assignments and to abound in every good work, for to You I give honor and glory. Amen.

Prayers Before Study

Most blessed Lord, send the grace of Your Holy Spirit on me to strengthen me that I may learn well the subject I am about to study and by it become a better person for Your glory, the comfort of my family and the benefit of Your Church and our Nation. Amen

Christ, the true light, who enlightens and sanctifies every person coming into the world, let the light of Your countenance shine upon me (us) that I (we) may see Your unapproachable light; and guide my (our) steps in the way of Your commandments, through the intercessions of Your all-holy Mother and of all the Saints. Amen.

Prayer After Study

I thank You, Lord our God, that again on this occasion You have opened my eyes to the light of Your wisdom. You have gladdened my heart with the knowledge of truth. I entreat You, Lord, help me always to do Your will. Bless my soul and body, my words and deeds. Enable me to grow in grace, virtue and good habits, that Your name may be glorified, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



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Before electricity, the time of the setting of the sun played a more significant role in the daily life of mankind. For those of the Ancient Christian Faith, rather than relying on our phones to tell us when a new day begins, the setting of the sun also signified the beginning of the next Liturgical day in the life of the Church.

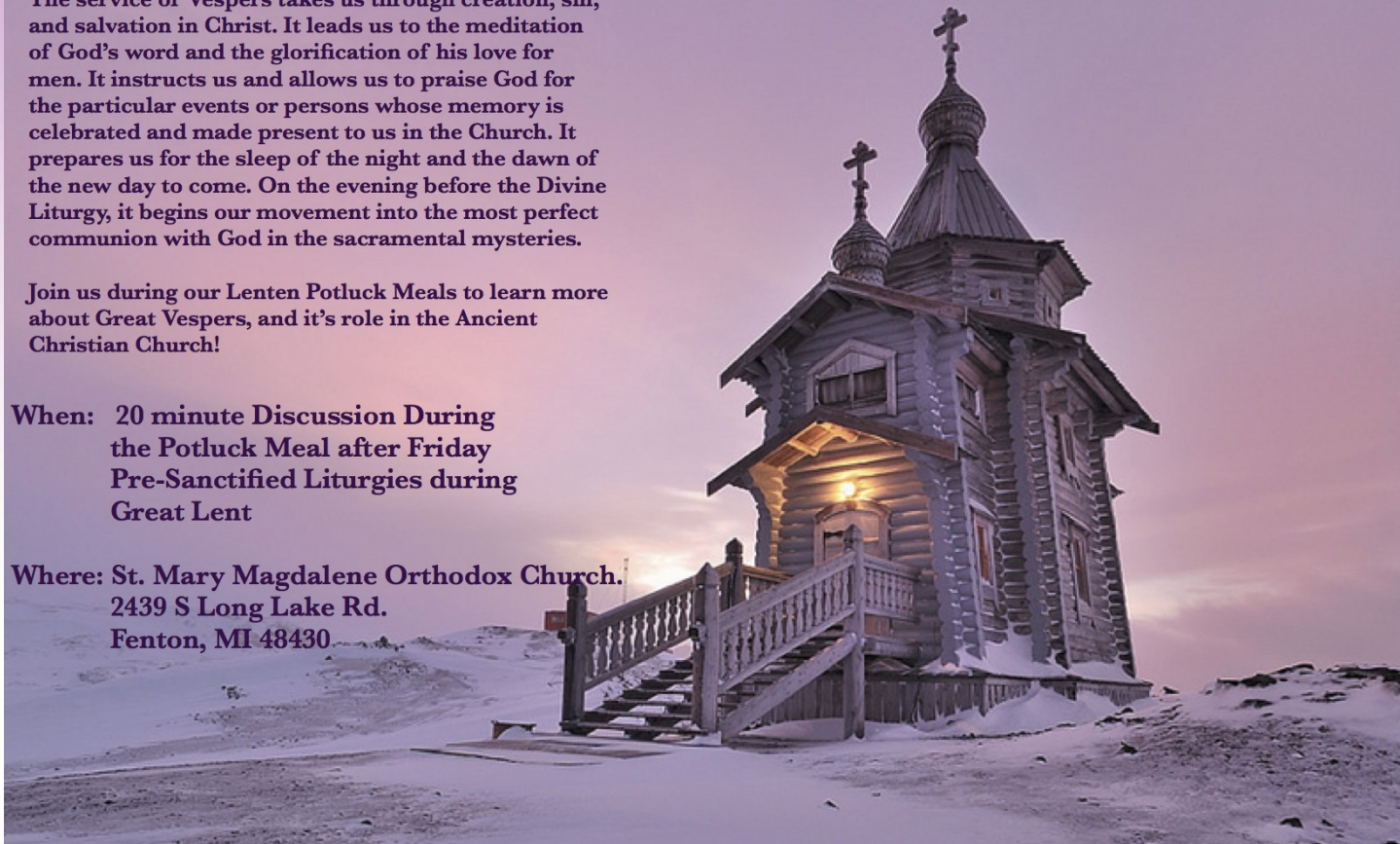
The service of Vespers takes us through creation, sin, and salvation in Christ. It leads us to the meditation of God's word and the glorification of his love for men. It instructs us and allows us to praise God for the particular events or persons whose memory is celebrated and made present to us in the Church. It prepares us for the sleep of the night and the dawn of the new day to come. On the evening before the Divine Liturgy, it begins our movement into the most perfect communion with God in the sacramental mysteries.

Join us during our Lenten Potluck Meals to learn more about Great Vespers, and it's role in the Ancient Christian Church!

When: 20 minute Discussion During the Potluck Meal after Friday Pre-Sanctified Liturgies during Great Lent

Where: St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church.
2439 S Long Lake Rd.
Fenton, MI 48430

*"LET MY PRAYER ARISE IN THY
SIGHT AS INCENSE"
A Short Study on the Evening Services
of the Orthodox Church*



Small Compline

Mentanoia (Orthodoxy 101)

6pm

Wednesday, February 7th –Holy Unction, and the Orthodox View on Suffering

Wednesday, February 14th– They Mystery of Death and The Funeral Service

Adult Education

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2018

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week JANUARY 28th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 4th		The Prodigal Son Returns! Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 11th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgment Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 18th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25th		<i>GREAT FAST BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Reading: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 4th		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 11th		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHAI</i> Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9: 1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 18th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Reading: Hebrews: 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent MARCH 25th		ST MARY of EGYPT Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 & Heb 2:11-18 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45 & LK 1:24-38	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! April 1st GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 6th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet, & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 8th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHAI (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

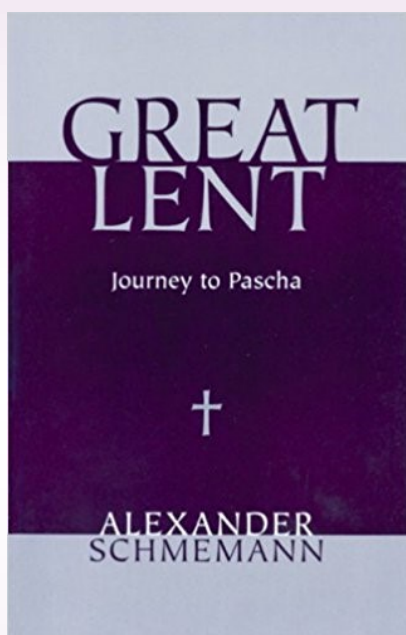
Recommended Reading



"Great Lent; Journey to Pascha"

By Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

This revised edition of Father Alexander Schmemmann's Lenten classic examines the meaning of Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, the Prayer of St Ephraim the Syri-



an, the Canon of St Andrew of Crete and other neglected or misunderstood treasures of Lenten worship. Schmemmann draws on the Church's sacramental and liturgical tradition to suggest the meaning of Lent in our life. The Lenten season is meant to kindle a 'bright sadness' within our hearts. Its aim is precisely the remembrance of Christ, a longing for a relationship with God that has been lost. Lent offers the time and place for recovery of this relationship. The darkness of Lent allows the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn within our hearts until we are led to the brilliance of the Resurrection.



**Our Library is growing!
Don't forget to
donate and checkout!**

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

Coffee Hour Volunteers

February 4th:

Joe & Christine Suriano

February 11th: (Meat Fare)

David & Cindy Welch

February 18th: (Cheese Fare)

Steve & Sue Walton

February 25th: (fasting)

John & Janet Wiese

Parish Greeters

February 4th:

David & Cindy Welch

February 11th:

Pat

February 18th:

Steve & Sue Walton

February 25th:

Scott & Tina Shepherd

Epistle Readers

February 4th:

Sbdn. Paul Hildreth & Janet Wiese

February 11th:

Jennifer Otis & Rdr John Auxier

February 18th:

Sue Waton & Sbdn Paul Hildreth

February 25th:

Sbdn Andrew Durand & Jennifer Otis

Wishing you many blessed years!

Happy Birthday

- 1 - Matthias Suriano
- 5- Fr. Gabriel Bilas
- 6 - Niki Naum
- 12 - Noah Bilas
- 14 - Diaconitza Susan Schlaack
- 14 - Emmanuel Lazar- Watson
- 19 - Andrew Auxier
- 20 - Emmett Ballnik
- 21 - Nyomi Forsyth
- 23 - Phillip Moorman
- 23 - Nicole Onderchanin
- 23 - Benjamin Wilkinson
- 27 - Taisa Czubenko

Happy Anniversary

- Andy & Rebekah Humphreys
- Andy & Lynne Marko





2018 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Friday, March 30:

Lazarus Saturday Vespers 7:00pm

Saturday, March 31:

Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy and Lenten Breakfast, combined at St. Mary Magdalene 9:30am

Palm Sunday Vespers immediately following pancake breakfast at St. Mary Magdalene

Sunday, April 1: PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:50am

Bridegroom Matins 7pm

Monday, April 2: HOLY MONDAY

Bridegroom Matins 7pm

Tuesday, April 3: HOLY TUESDAY

Bridegroom Matins 7pm

Wednesday, April 4: HOLY WEDNESDAY

Holy Unction 7pm

Thursday, April 5: HOLY THURSDAY, INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 10am

Passions Gospels 7pm

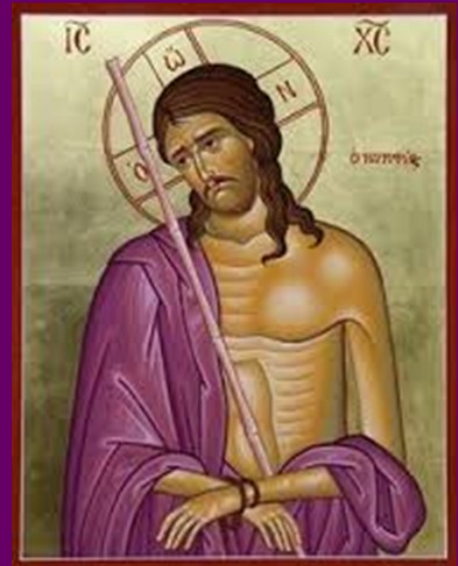
Friday, April 6: GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Holy Friday Vespers 3pm

Lamentations and Procession with the Shroud 7pm

Saturday, April 7: HOLY SATURDAY

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with the Old Testament Readings 10am



THE PASCHA OF OUR LORD

Saturday, April 7: HOLY SATURDAY

Paschal Nocturnes, Matins, Divine Liturgy and Feast 11:30pm

Sunday, April 8: HOLY PASCHA!!!

Agape Vespers 2pm

The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810-750-1401
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070



~ 2018 Great Fast ~ Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Potluck Dinners

Great Compline (*Mondays, 6:30pm*) We will be celebrating the Great Compline service together every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (*Wednesdays, 10am*) St. Nicholas will celebrate the Lenten Hours every Wednesday.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at the Presanctified Liturgy. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (not eating or drinking anything after 12 Noon). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm.

Potluck Dinners: A Lenten Dinner follows each Wednesday liturgy. Please bring a covered **Lenten Dish** (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products*) to the hall prior to the beginning of liturgy. If you have questions, call the church office where the combined service will be celebrated.

February 28th **Presanctified Liturgy Combined at St. Nicholas**

➤ March 2nd-3rd **Lenten Retreat** lead by Fr. Josiah Trenham (*separate flier*)

March 14th **Presanctified Liturgy Combined at Assumption**

March 28th **Presanctified Liturgy Combined at St. George**

March 31st **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, and
Lenten Breakfast Combined at St. Mary Magdalene 9:30am**

Assumption is located 1 ½ miles west of Holly Road on Baldwin Road.
St. George is located between Linden and Dye Roads on Lennon Road.
St. Mary Magdalene is located ¼ mile east of Torrey Road on South Long Lake.
St. Nicholas is located ½ mile south of Lippincott on Center Road.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND SELF- DEFENSE COURSE

Offered by Colemine Muscle

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church Saturday, May 19th 1:30-4:45 PM

In our state of Michigan, there unfortunately has been an increase in the Human Trafficking cases amongst Young Women and Children. On Saturday, May 19th at the Church Hall, we will be joined by Officer Thomas Cole and his wife Amy, as they lead a Women's Self Defense and Self Awareness Course. Please take the time to join us that afternoon, for a class that could save you and your families life one day.

Referral Program To Benefit The St. Mary Magdalene Mortgage Initiative



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