

# Let My Prayer Arise

## Genuine Love

A Message from Fr. Gabriel

In just a few weeks, the Lenten Tithes to our spiritual lives will climax with the celebration of Great and Holy Week in the Orthodox Church. We will watch, as Jesus Christ, the Maker and Creator of all that we hold dear, will say to us from the cross:

*"O My People, what have I done to Thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? I gave light to your blind and have cleansed your lepers. I raised up the man who lay on his bed. O My people, what I have done to Thee, and how hast thou repaid me? Instead of manna, thou hast given Me gall...instead of water...you have given me vinegar; instead of love...you have nailed Me to the cross. I can endure no more..."*

As we walk with Christ to Golgotha, we are given an incredible gift of Love that none of us will ever be able to reciprocate. The very God who created us, will voluntarily endure suffering and death, in order to save mankind from itself.

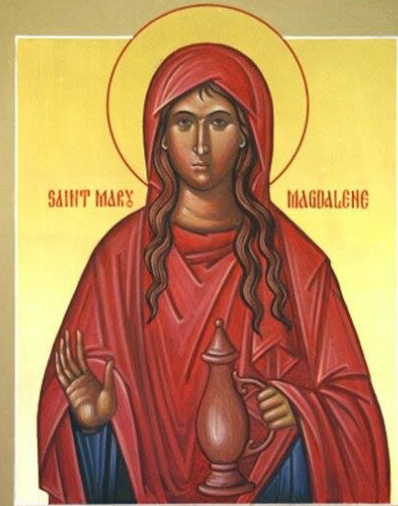
How often we forget our true purpose in life! Mankind was put on this earth to do one thing, and one thing only: To worship and commune with the Living God. But when Adam and Eve were deceived by the devil and rebelled, the human race was sent into a downward spiral, no longer fulfilling the purpose for which it was made. The world began to turn its back on the Creator...but God, in His love, never once turned His back on us.

When we love someone, we do everything possible to make sure that they never have to suffer. When one of our spouses suffers from an illness or incurable disease, we are constantly trying to find ways to alleviate their suffering. We wish that for just ...

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**Month in Review:** This past month, our parish family was blessed to welcome Archimandrite Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon's Monastery, St.

Tikhon's Seminary Choir, and the Miracle Working Icon of St. Anna to the Church, for a weekend filled with beautiful music, spiritual insights, and deep prayer. Fr. Sergius spoke about the need for prayer in our every day life, not as an obligation, but rather as a genuine part of our existence in seeking to draw closer to God. It was a truly wonderful weekend, and a credit to the many hard working members of this community that we are blessed to serve.



April 2019

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### Important Dates to Remember

- 4/3 Pan Orthodox PreSanctified
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- 4/13-14 Holy Baptism and Chrismation
- 4/17 Pan Orthodox PreSanctified
- 4/19-28 Holy Week & Pascha Schedule



*This Month's Scripture Readings*

**April 7th:**

Matthew 28:16-20  
 Ephesians 5:9-19  
 Matthew 4: 25-5:12

Mark 9:17-31

**April 14th:**

Mark 16: 1-8  
 Galatians 3: 23-29  
 Luke 7:36-50

Mark 10:32-45

**April 21st:**

Genesis 49: 1-2, 8-12  
 Zephaniah 3: 14-19, 9:9-15  
 Matthew 21: 1-11, 15-17

Philippians 4: 4-9

John 12: 1-18

**April 28th:**

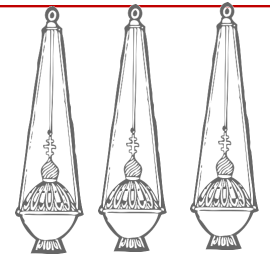
Acts 1:1-8  
 John 1:1-17



# Prayer Life

Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Metropolitan Theodosius     | Joanna     |
| Metropolitan Herman         | Sandy      |
| Archbishop Melchisedek      | Ella       |
| Archpriest Dimitrie Vincent | Elnora     |
| Deacon John Manutes         | Peter      |
| Subdeacon Paul Hildreth     | Perpetua   |
| Vinnie                      | Don        |
| Autumn                      | Sean       |
| Katherine                   | James      |
| John                        | Michael    |
| Anastasia                   | Maryann    |
| Alex                        | John       |
| Elaine                      | Rose Marie |
| Frankie                     | Calvin     |
| John                        | Thom       |
| Damian                      | Kandy      |
| Stacie                      | Christine  |
| Bryan                       | John       |
| Michael                     |            |
| Carolyn                     |            |
| Aiden                       |            |
| Megan                       |            |
| Pat                         |            |
| Kyle                        |            |
| Lon                         |            |
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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	Robert	Jay Tonya Alyssa Eliana  To be Chrismated April 14th Seth Shannon Nyomi	Theresa Cooley Jenna

**"Genuine Love" Cont.**

one moment, we can help carry the heavy burden that has been placed on their shoulders. This is what true love is.

When mankind rebelled, the gates of heaven were shut. We removed ourselves from paradise. But later on this month, brothers and sisters in Christ...out of **true and genuine love** for His Children, Our Lord will re-opened the door of paradise for us...but it will come at a **tremendous and incomprehensible price.**

What will we do with this God given redemption? How will our lives be changed after this? Will we go about our day after Pascha, and act as if this moment never happened? Or will Holy Week change our hearts and our minds, and orient us towards the reason we were created...**to worship and love God.**

I urge each and every one of you this year, to clear whatever events you had on your schedule from April 19th through April 28th...and focus on the one thing that is needful: Accepting and Reciprocating the Love that God has for His creation. May you all have a very fruitful end to the Great Fast, and a positive beginning in the New Life that awaits us!

# MIRACLE WORKING ICON OF ST. ANNA





# 2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19:

Lazarus Saturday Vespers 7:00pm

Saturday, April 20:

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

Palm Sunday Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene 4pm

Sunday, April 21: PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:50am

Bridegroom Matins 7pm

Monday, April 22: HOLY MONDAY

Bridegroom Matins 7pm

Tuesday, April 23: HOLY TUESDAY

Bridegroom Matins 7pm

Wednesday, April 24: HOLY WEDNESDAY

Holy Unction 7pm

Thursday, April 25: HOLY THURSDAY, INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 10am

Passions Gospels 7pm

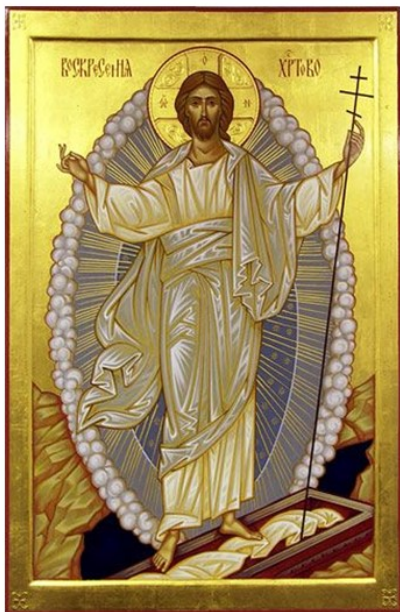
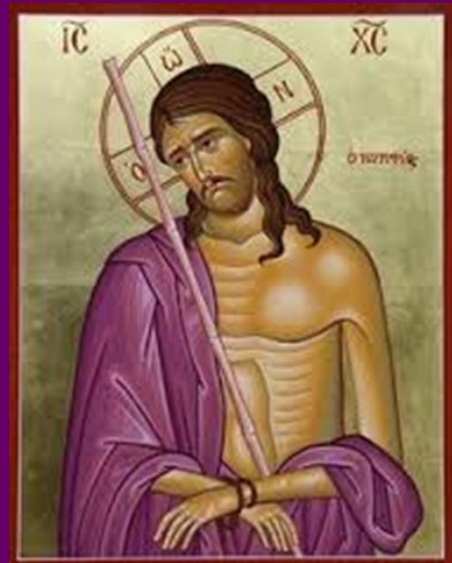
Friday, April 26: GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Holy Friday Vespers 3pm

Lamentations and Procession with the Shroud 7pm

Saturday, April 27: HOLY SATURDAY

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



## THE PASCHA OF OUR LORD

Saturday, April 27: HOLY SATURDAY

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

Sunday, April 28: HOLY PASCHA!!!

Agape Vespers 1pm

# Monthly Forecast

## **+Memorial Service for All of our Departed**

On Saturday, April 6th, at 3:45 PM, we will be having a memorial service for all of the departed of our parish community. Please submit a list of names of your family's loved ones who have fallen asleep (listed as Orthodox or Non-Orthodox) to Fr. Gabriel no later than April 5th!

**+Pre-Sanctified Liturgies and Pot Lucks:** The final two Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Pot Lucks here at St. Mary Magdalene will be on April 5th and April 12th. Please bring a dish to share for after the Liturgy!

**+Baptisms and Chrismations:** April 13th and April 14th will be a glorious weekend for the life of our parish community! We will be baptizing two babies (Diana and Ileana) and Chrismating three of our Catechumens (Nyomi, Shannon, and Seth)! On Saturday the 13th, we will be reading the exorcism prayers and Orthodox affirmations after the Vigil Service, so there will be no confessions that evening. On Sunday, April 14th, Divine Liturgy will begin at the normal time of 9:50 AM with the hours. Please keep all of our catechumens in your daily prayers as they prepare for Holy Illumination!

**+All Night Vigil:** It is the custom of the parish for the Teens and College Students to have an All Night Vigil in front of the Grave from Holy Friday Evening through Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy. However, in continuing with last year, we will open up this opportunity to the entire parish community, for those wishing to take a shift to read the scriptures before the tomb of Christ. There will be a sign up sheet available in the Church for the various time slots that are available throughout the night.

## **+Visitation of Archbishop Alexander**

His Eminence Archbishop Alexander will be with us on Holy Wednesday for Unction at 7:00 PM, and Holy Thursday Morning for the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM. Please remember to prepare for Holy Unction by fasting from all food and drink after your lunch that day!

## **+Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Week will start on Friday, April 19th until Great and Holy Pascha on April 28th! The schedule is listed on the calendar and on a separate page in the newsletter, but I pray that you will all clear those dates from your calendar. Remember, there is truly no more important of a place to be than in our Lord's House as He walks towards Golgotha for each and every one of us! Clear your schedules!

**+Parish Photo:** Don't forget that we will be taking our annual parish family photograph on Palm Sunday, April 21st, following the Divine Liturgy! Please plan on being in attendance that day!

**Calling All Children!** It is the tradition of our parish family to have the children sign up for the Old Testament Readings on holy Saturday! Please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule and get the reading ahead of time so that the children can start practicing!"

**Jerusalem Deposits Now Being Accepted:** For those going on our parish trip to Jerusalem in November, we are now taking deposits and reserving spots for the pilgrimage! Please see Fr. Gabriel for more information, and reserve your spot today!

# COLLEGE CORNER

**Flint OCF:** On March 16th, the Flint OCF volunteered at Carriage Town Ministries where we organized and cleaned the basement of the Finley House, and also did some carpentry work to split a shelf. It was a fun and rewarding experience for everyone involved. On March 29th, the Flint OCF will meet with Fr. Matthew Butrie after Presanctified at St. Mary Magdalene (6:30 pm) to discuss “Heavenly Things: Why Beauty Matters in the Church.” Be sure to join us!

## Prayers for our college students:

Greg Auxier	Douglas Wilkinson
Katherine Arnes	Laura Khoury
David Schutt	Rachael Hildreth
Katherine Schutt	Sydney Wilkinson
Oliver Lazar Senter	Katerina Jonescu
Elena Bucciarelli	
Emmanuel Watson	
Zachary Wilkinson	

## 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.



**Reminder** Every Sunday there are college group discussion/classes following Divine Liturgy. Deacon Michael will be leading the discussion. During this time of preparation for the Pascha of our Lord please make every effort to attend.

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## 2018-2019 Church School Events

April 21– No Class, Palm Sunday

April 28– No Class, Pascha

May 5– Annual Easter Egg Hunt

# OUR PARISH YOUTH



It is important that all of our children and our entire families journey through the Lenten/Pascha season together. Please bring your children to all services throughout Lent. If you have young children bring them in their pajamas and let them sleep, they are still gaining knowledge of the faith and you are showing them the importance of celebrating the services. During Holy Week the upstairs will be a quiet refuge for parents and their children. Please bring blankets for them to rest while your family listen to the Passion of our Lord.

As we wrap up our church school year, a BIG Thank You to everyone who has stepped up and helped “fill in the blanks” while Renee and Mat. Laura have been home with the newest additions to our SMM family!

- April 14th will be our last actual class day this year. We will finish with a lesson about Pascha.

### Looking ahead:

May 5th will be the annual egg hunt, make sure to come to Liturgy that day to participate :)  
May 12 we will celebrate our Church school graduation!



"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."

**Fellowship of St. Photini needs your help to reach those in need in our communities.**

**In May, to honor of Mother's Day, we will again be teaming up with the St. Gabriel Project to help supply their pantry for new mothers in need. Be on the lookout for what items are needed. If you would like more information please contact Sue Walton.**

Please contact David Schutt, Bob Forsyth or Rebekah Humphreys if you would like any more information about upcoming projects or would like to donate to the works of The Fellowship of St. Photini.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Ministry of Presence (2 fasting periods) Showing Compassion	Ministry of Giving (6 months) Matthew 25	Ministry of Hands-on Support (2 fasting periods)
TBD (Lenten Fast) Chair: Leadership Team  Summer Feeding with FOCUS (Sts. Peter and Paul Fast) Chair: Leadership Team	February – Lazarus Bags Chair: Marisa Bailey  May- St. Gabriel Project for Mother's Day Chair: Susan Walton  July- First Responders Blessing Chair: Frieda Owens  August- School Supply Drive Chair – Terri Oginsky  October- Blanket making Chair- David Schutt/Susan Walton  December- Seminarian Gift Cards Chair- Liz Ziats  Ongoing- collecting used glasses for orphanages Chair- Jeanette Hildreth	Habitat for Humanity or group pick (Dormition Fast) Chair: Leadership Team  Backpack Feeding program: (Advent Fast) Chair: Leadership Team





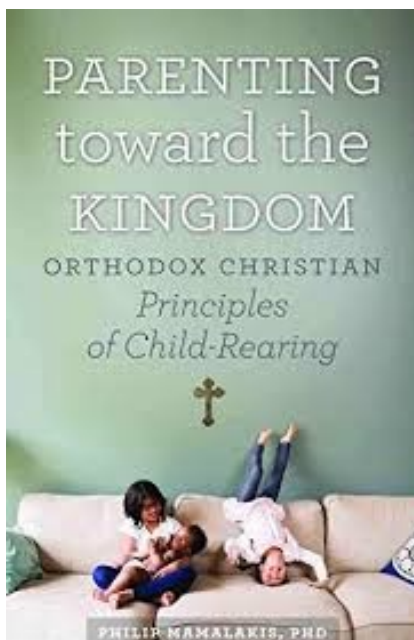


Next Group Meetings:  
Sunday, May 19th

THERE IS NO MEETING  
THIS MONTH

**CALLING ALL MOTHERS:** This group would like the participation of all mothers in the parish as they begin their new parish ministry. This is a new ministerial group to our parish. For more information please reach out to Renea Becklehamer or Addy Lanterman

Be on the look out for the link from [TakeThemaMeal.com](http://TakeThemaMeal.com), we will be sending this out to help our new mothers after they have their babies.



This group is currently reading:

*"Parenting Toward the Kingdom: Orthodox Christian Principles of Child-Rearing"* by: Philip Mamalakis

## Recommended Reading

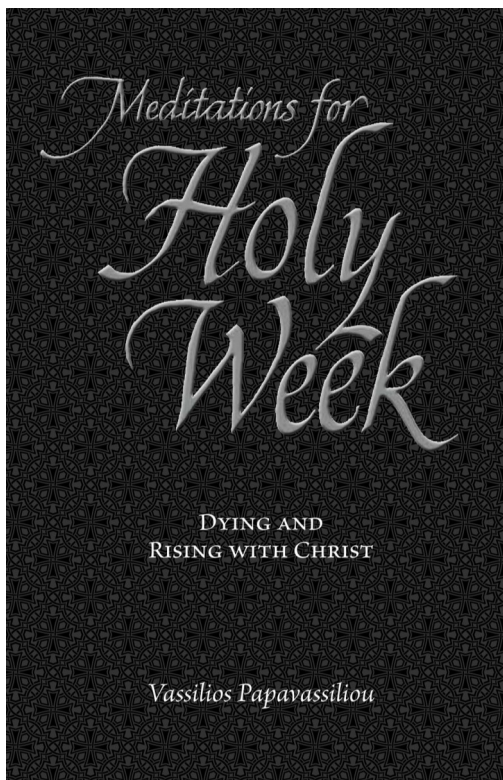


### Meditations for Holy Week: Dying and Rising with Christ

Archimandrite Vassilios brings his liturgical and devotional insights and warm, accessible style to bear on the services of Holy Week, helping the reader enter fully into this most rich and intense period of the Christian year.

About the Author: Archimandrite Vassilios Papavassiliou is a priest of the

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain. He was born in London in 1977 and holds degrees in pastoral and social theology, classics, and Byzantine music. He is the author of the Meditations Series and *Thirty Steps to Heaven* (Ancient Faith Publishing), as well as *Journey to the Kingdom: An Insider's Look at the Liturgy and Beliefs of the Eastern Orthodox Church* (Paraclete Press) and numerous articles on Christian Orthodox faith and theology.



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# THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

## Coffee Hour Volunteers

**April 7th:** (Fasting)

Marisa Bailey

**April 14:** (Fasting)

Doug & Joyce Ballnik

**April 21st:** (Fasting)

Chris & Robin Ballnik

**April 28th:**

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA!

## Parish Greeters

**April 7th:**

Elaine Boucher

**April 14th:**

David & Cindy Welch

**April 21st:**

Roland & Lori Drummond

**April 28th:**

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA!

## Epistle Readers

**April 7th:** Sue Walton & Rdr.

Nathan Auxier

**April 14th:** Sbdn. Andrew Du-  
rand & Jeni Otis

**April 21st:** Rdr. Brain Walton &  
Sue Walton

**April 28th:** Rdr. Christopher

Ballnik & Sbdn Andrew Durand

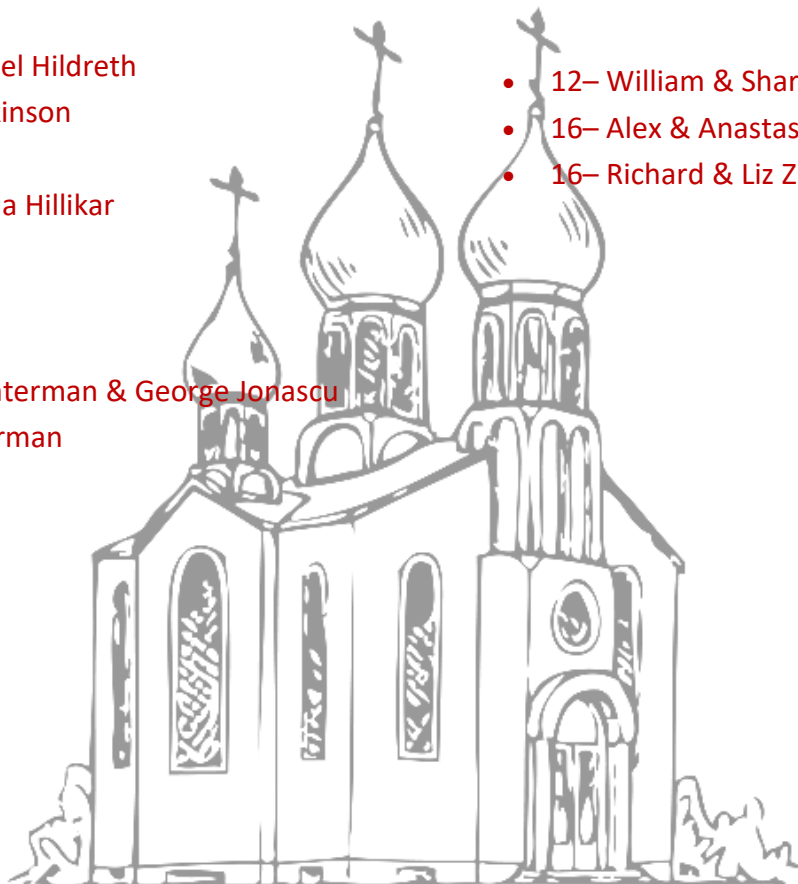
## Wishing you many blessed years!

### Happy Birthday

- 4– Liz Ziats & Rachael Hildreth
- 14– Johnathan Wilkinson
- 15– James Bailey
- 16– John Wolf & Mia Hillikar
- 17– Tina Shephard
- 22– Brian Arnes
- 25– John Tyrell
- 26– Rdr. Robert Lanterman & George Jonascu
- 20– Adelaide Lanterman

### Happy Anniversary

- 12– William & Sharon Watson
- 16– Alex & Anastasia Branoff
- 16– Richard & Liz Ziats



# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2019

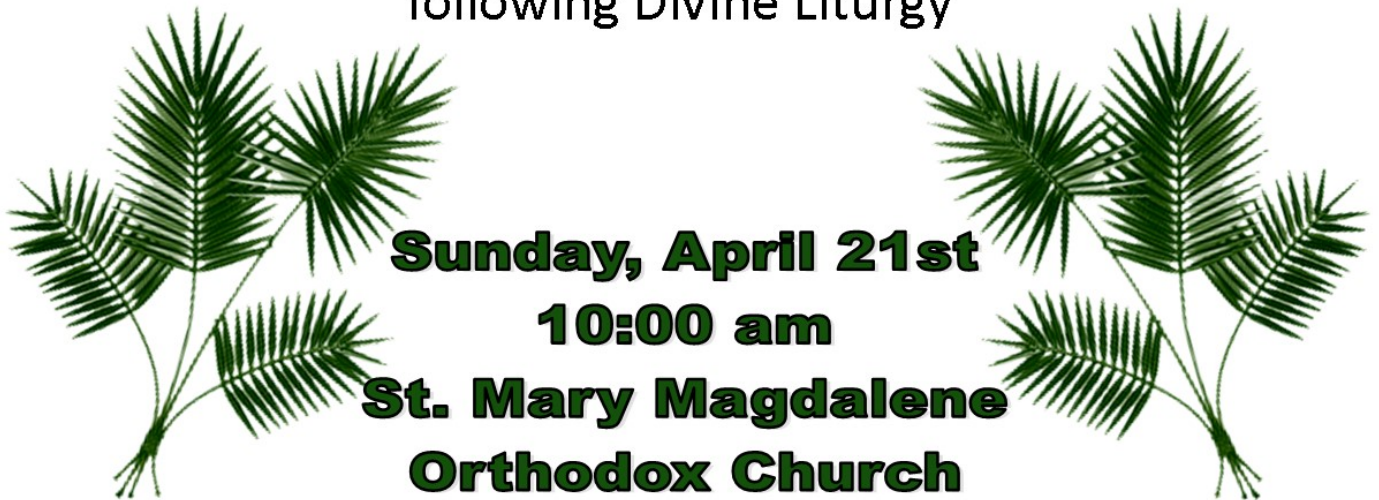
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SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 17th</b>	 <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 24th</b>	 <b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>MARCH 3rd</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 <b>The Last Judgment</b> 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 <b>MARCH 10th</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 <b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> FORGIVENESS SUNDAY 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 <b>MARCH 17th</b>	 <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> 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 <b>MARCH 24th</b>	 <b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> 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 <b>MARCH 31st</b>	 <b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> HALF WAY TO PASCHA! 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 <b>APRIL 7th</b>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> 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 <b>APRIL 14th</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 21st</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> 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 <b>APRIL 26th</b>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet, & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 28th</b> NO FASTING!	 <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



# The Feast of Palms

Join us on Palm Sunday for our annual parish photo  
following Divine Liturgy



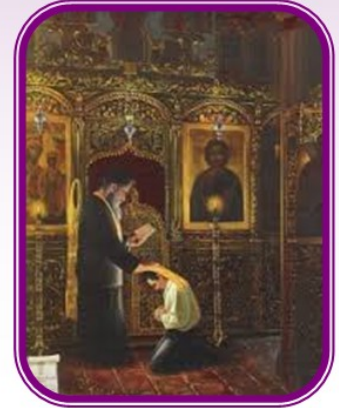
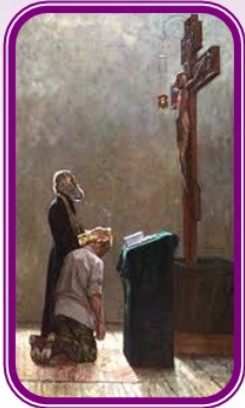
**Sunday, April 21st**  
**10:00 am**

**St. Mary Magdalene**  
**Orthodox Church**

**2439 S Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430**

### Holy Confession:

In confession, the sacrament of repentance, we come to Christ and receive His divine forgiveness. We are allowed once more to enter into Holy Communion with Him in the Church. We are reinstated into that life which we received in baptism and are renewed with that power which we were given in chrismation.



### Confession Schedule for Holy Week

**Friday, April 19th:** Following Lazarus Saturday Vespers

**Palm Sunday, April 21st:** After Bridegroom matins - 8:30 PM

**Holy Monday, April 22nd:** After Bridegroom Matins - 8:30 PM

**Holy Tuesday, April 23rd:** After Bridegroom Matins - 8:30 PM \*\*

**Holy Wednesday, April 24th:** There will be no confession following Holy Unction

**Holy Friday, April 26th:** Between 4pm and 6pm

\*\*After Holy Tuesday Evening, Father Gabriel will be making preparations for Holy Pascha, and confessions will be difficult to schedule.

# *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



## ~ 2019 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.

March 20<sup>th</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy Combined** at St. Mary Magdalene

➤ March 23<sup>rd</sup> **Lenten Retreat** led by Archimandrite Sergius (*see separate flier*)

April 3<sup>rd</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy Combined** at St. George

April 17<sup>th</sup> **Presanctified Liturgy Combined** at St. Nicholas

April 20<sup>th</sup> **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, and Lenten Breakfast Combined** at St. George 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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DETROIT'S INTER-ORTHODOX SUNDAY

# Vespers 2019

**17 MARCH**

## **THE TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY**

with Children's Procession of Icons

### **ST LAZARUS SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**

4575 E Outer Drive, Detroit (enter off Van Dyke)

The Very Rev Fr Andrew Yavornitzky, Homilist

**24 MARCH**

## **ST GREGORY PALAMAS**

### **HOLY TRANSFIGURATION ORTHODOX CHURCH**

36075 W 7 Mile Rd, Livonia (between Newburgh & Farmington)

The Very Rev Dr James King, Homilist

**31 MARCH**

## **THE HOLY CROSS**

### **ST CLEMENT OHRIDSKI EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

19600 Ford Rd, Dearborn (between Evergreen & Southfield Hwy)

The Rev Fr Gabriel Bilas, Homilist

**7 APRIL**

## **ST JOHN OF THE LADDER**

### **ST GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

2160 E Maple Rd, Troy (East of John R)

The Very Rev Fr Michael Butler, Homilist

**14 APRIL**

## **ST MARY OF EGYPT**

### **ST GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

43816 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills (North of Square Lake)

The Rev Fr Teodor Petrutiu, Homilist

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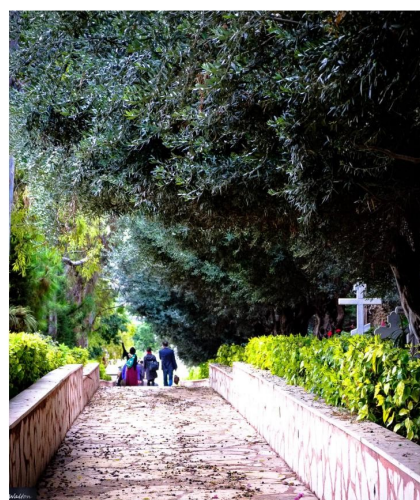
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# ALL NIGHT VIGIL



**Teens & Families**  
**Friday, April 26th**  
**following Lamentations**



# Jerusalem Pilgrimage 2019

November 17th-29th

Ready to enhance your understanding and experience of the Gospels more than you ever thought possible? **St. Sabbas Monastery and St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church** is once again pleased to announce our bi-annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Land, beginning in late November of this year! Led by His Eminence Archbishop Damaskinos of Jaffa, pilgrims will gain invaluable insight on the history, spirituality, and worship of all of Jerusalem's Holiest Sites!

## Price Includes

Round Trip Airfare from Detroit  
Breakfast and Dinner  
Bus Travel and Entrance Fees to all of the Holy Sites  
Hotel Accommodations in the Old City and Tiberias  
Boat Cruise on the Sea of Galilee

## Highlights of the Trip

- Visit and Take Part in an Orthodox Liturgy in the Tomb of Christ and by Golgotha
- Visit the Church of the Nativity and see the place of Christ's Birth
- Be Blessed as a Pilgrim in the Waters of the Jordan River by His Eminence Archbishop Damaskinos
- Take a Boat Tour of the Sea of Galilee
- Visit the Ancient Monasteries of Mar Sabba and St. Gerasimos
- Take a relaxing float in the Dead Sea
- Participate in St. Michael's Feast Day in Jaffa
- Mt. Tabor, Jacob's Well, Church of the Annunciation, **and so much more!**

# Referral Program To Benefit The St. Mary Magdalene Mortgage Initiative



**Conne Terova**  
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Know anyone who is looking to buy or sell a home in the state of Michigan? Conne Terova of Real Estate One is offering an incentive program to benefit the St. Mary Magdalene Mortgage Initiative, by offering a \$500.00 donation to the Church's Mortgage Balance for every referral that results in a closed transaction!

# HEADS

# UP!!!

There will be a  
**Church Yard Sale**  
At the end of June.



Start setting aside items you can donate.  
Prepare to bring your yard sale items to the  
Annex beginning the First Week of June.

A list of items we are looking for can be found  
on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.  
Volunteers will be needed to prepare for and to  
work at the Yard Sale.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer,

See:

Liz Ziats or  
Tatiana Tyrell