



ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH

"Let My Prayer Arise"

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MONTHLY BULLETIN

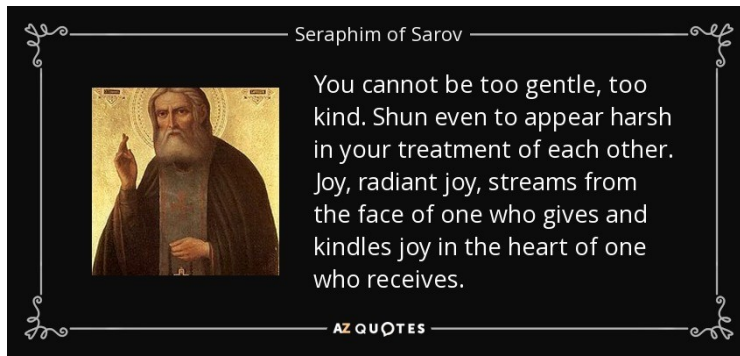
JULY, 2019

Important Dates to Remember:

- ✝ 7/2– Compline
- ✝ 7/6– No Vespers
- ✝ 7/14– Pan-Orthodox Softball Game
- ✝ 7/16– Parish Council Meeting
- ✝ 7/21– First Responders Blessing, Patronal Feast and Cookout
- ✝ 7/24- Dr. Ford Visit and Cookout

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The Anchor of our "Ship in the Woods"

A message from Fr. Gabriel

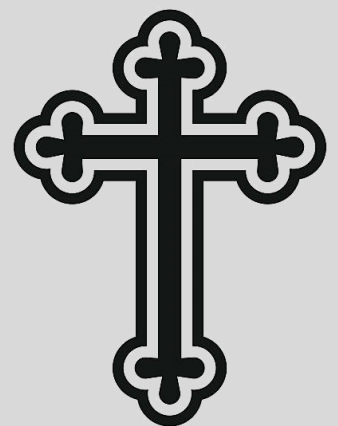
Later on this month (July 22nd), we celebrate our Parish Feast Day in honor of the Equal of the Apostles, St. Mary Magdalene! We have been blessed beyond human comprehension to have the relics of our patroness, given to us from a convent on the Mount of Olives. Every week, faithful are given the opportunity to come and venerate the woman who was intimately involved in the early work of the Church. Week after week, we have the ability to whisper into the ear of the Holy Myrrhbearer, a private or personal prayer, asking for her help in our journey towards salvation...just as she asked Christ for the same.

The physical presence of St. Mary Magdalene in our Church shows the entire

world, that our patronesses is not just a myth. She is not just a figure of the past! She is real. She is here. She is praying with all of us as we make our daily supplications to God.

When one thinks about the places that this relic has been, it is enough to blow us all away. It was there

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Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene

Troparion — Tone 1

By keeping His commandments and laws, holy Mary Magdalene, / you followed Christ, Who for our sake was born of the Virgin, / and in celebrating your most holy memory today, / we receive forgiveness of sins by your prayers.

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when St. Mary Magdalene followed Jesus through His Passion. It shuttered while witnessing His trial and crucifixion. It was there when Joseph of Arimethea took Christ's body down from the cross! It was there when St. Mary and the other Myrrhbearers lost all hope, as they watched the large stone being rolled over the entrance of the tomb, seemingly sealing the body of their beloved Rabbi away forever.

For a time, the relic of St. Mary Magdalene was a part of a person who like so many of us, lose hope when horrible things happen in our lives. She reacted as many of us might when we lose someone whom we love dearly or have to watch that special someone suffer through pain and agony. For a short time, I'm sure that St. Mary responded to hardship just like we would. Perhaps she shut down and grieved...wallowing in hopelessness with the rest of the Disciples.

Yet we learn something through the Holy Scriptures and through the voice of the Church, about the transformation that occurred within St. Mary Magdalene in the face of darkness. In the midst of hopelessness and despair...she acted! She brought ointments that would help our Lord's body dry out as it decayed. She bought sweet spices, so that even in death, His body would be honored. St. Mary showed such a wonderful and steadfast love for Christ, that even after all hope had been shattered, she went the extra mile to honor our Lord!

Imagine the immense joy, when just three days after our Lord's Crucifixion, these relics that we have here in our little Church in Fenton were present as St. Mary became the first person to witness the glorious truth that Christ had destroyed the one thing that all humans fear in this existence...death!

Our real and physical connection to the events of the crucifixion and resurrection...our window into the salvation of the world...is enough to make my legs tremble and cause my heart and my eyes to look up daily and thank our Lord for the tremendous blessing that was bestowed upon our little Church in the woods, by the relics of St. Mary Magdalene! May she continue to guide our little ship of Holy Orthodoxy through the troubling waters of this world, giving us all the strength to increase our love for God!

Kontakion — Tone 4

Podoben: "Today the Virgin..." / Standing before the Cross of the Savior, / suffering with the Mother of the Lord, / the most glorious Mary Magdalene / offered praise with tears. / She cried out: "What is this strange wonder? / He Who holds the whole creation in His hand chooses to suffer. / Glory to Your power, O Lord."

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Parish Greeters

July 7th:
Wes & Donna Nakagiri
July 14th:
Seth & Mia Hillaker
July 21st:
Pat Smith
July 28th:
George & Julie Jonascu

Coffee Hour Volunteers

July 7th:
Michael & Annie Khoury
July 14th:
John & Renee Auxier
July 21st:
Joe & Jenni Otis
July 28th:
Charles & Minka Owens

Epistle Readers

July 7th:
Rdr. Chris Ballnik
July 14th:
Rdr. David Schutt
July 21st:
Janet Wiese
July 28th:
Rdr. John Auxier

Alternate Readers

July 7th:
Sbdn. Andrew Durand
July 14th:
Rdr. Brian Walton
July 21st:
Rdr. Chris Ballnik
July 28th:
Rdr. David Schutt

WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ✝ 1– Andrew Joseph
- ✝ 7– Scott Shephard
- ✝ 9– Ann Schutt & Annabell Durand
- ✝ 10– Alex Branoff & David Daugherty
- ✝ 16– Dr. Melissa Royer
- ✝ 19– Julie Ann Jonascu
- ✝ 20– Ava Arnes
- ✝ 22– Renee Auxier
- ✝ 23– Dean Serafimovski
- ✝ 24– Rdr. Richard Lakey & Rdr. Nathaniel Auxier
- ✝ 25– Kathy Damic & James Locasio
- ✝ 26– Taylor Blohm
- ✝ 27– Karim Wolf
- ✝ 28– Roland Drummond, Daniel Lesho & Saraphim Lazar-Watson
- ✝ 29– Megan Owens & Miriam Wolf
- ✝ 31– Brigitte Ziegler

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- ✝ 2– Charles & Minka Owens
- ✝ 14– George & Niki Naum
- ✝ 28– Sbdn. Andrew & Meghan Durand

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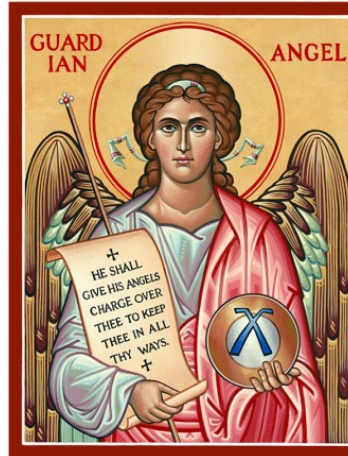
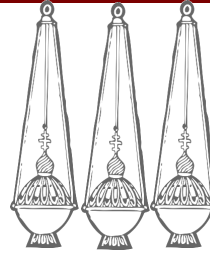
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This is a great way for you, your family and your friends to stay connected with your parish family and Orthodox Christian Community!

Prayer Life

Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and sisters

Metropolitan Theodosius	Lon
Metropolitan Herman	Joanna
Archbishop Melchisedek	Ella
Archpriest Dimitrie Vincent	Elnora
Deacon John Manutes	Peter
SubDeacon Paul Hildreth	Perpetua
Reader Gregory	Don
Vinnie	Sean
Autumn	James
John	Michael
Anastasia	Maryann
Alex	John
Elaine	Calvin
Frankie	Thom
John	Christine
Damian	Kandy
Stacie	John
Bryan	David
Carolyn	Katelyn
Aiden	Janet
Megan	Paulette
Pat	
Lon	



This Month's Scripture Readings

July 7th:

Mark 16: 9-20

John 17: 1-13

Romans 5: 1-10

Matthew 6:22-33

July 14th:

Luke 24:1-12

John 17:1-13

Matthew 8:5-13

July 21st:

Luke 24:12-35

Romans 10:1-10

Matthew 8: 28-9:1

June 23rd:

Like 24:36-53

Romans 13:6-14

Matthew 9:1-8

Armed Forces

Matthew Beck; Air Force
 Michael Oginsky; U.S. Marines
 Patrick Tejkl; U.S. Marines
 Lindsey Cazatt; U.S. Navy
 Stephany Bishop; U.S. Navy
 Jason Wilburn; Army Rangers
 Alex Suriano; Air National
 Guard
 Dallas Watson; Air Force
 Seaphim Lazar-Watson; Air
 Force

Recently Departed

John
 Rose Marie
 Larry
 Emma

Catechumens

Jay
 Tonya
 Alyssa
 Eliana
 Adam

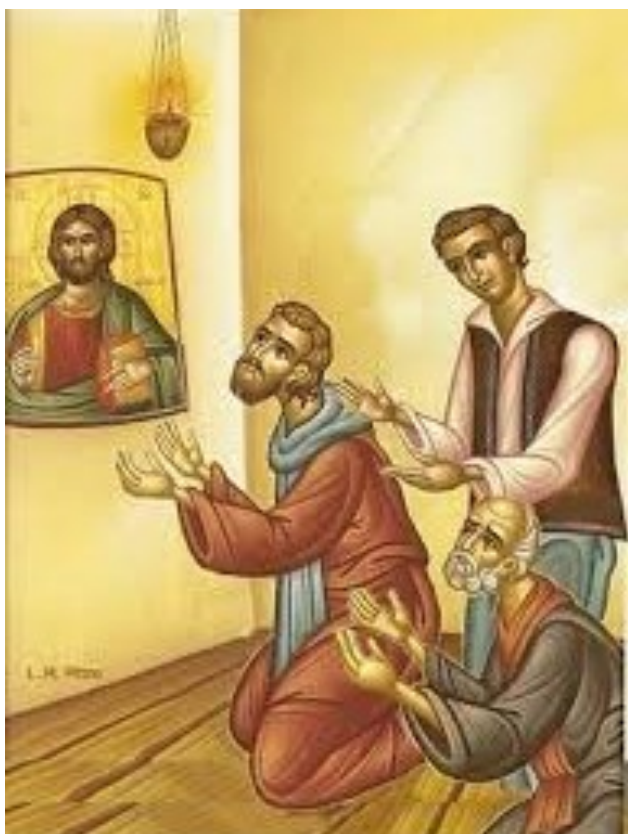
Mother's With

Jenna

MONTHLY FORECAST

Compline and Confession Schedule

With the summer months upon us, please keep an eye on the calendar and weekly bulletins for the weekday compline and confession schedule. During the month of July, there are three compline and confession times scheduled on Tuesday July 2nd, Wednesday July 17th, and Wednesday July 31st.



2019 Pan Orthodox Softball Game

This year, St. Mary Magdalene will be hosting the Pan Orthodox Softball Game! The game will be held on **Sunday, July 14th at 3:00 PM** on the St. Pius X Baseball Field (3139 Hogarth Ave. Flint, MI)! Cookout and drinks will be included, and all are welcomed to attend! Please see Fr. Gabriel if you are planning on playing! We are also looking for some help with organizing the event, so please let him know if you are interested!

2019 First Responder's Blessing and Parish Feast Day

This year's first responder's blessing will be held in conjunction with our Parish Names Day, on **Sunday July 21st**. After the Divine Liturgy to celebrate our parish names day, we will have a short prayer service by the outdoor shrine, remembering not only those who are present, but also those first responder's who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Following the blessing of vehicles, we will be having a cook out and agape meal in their honor!

"Wisdom for Today from the Early Church"

Bonfire and Discussion at Fr. Gabriel and Matushka Laura's!

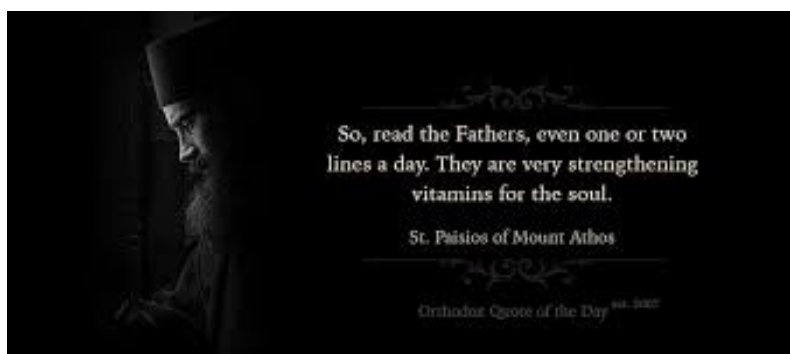
On Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30 PM, we will be welcoming Dr. David and Dr. Mary Ford, professors of Church History and the New Testament at St. Tikhon's Seminary, for a cook out and bonfire discussion on the Wisdom that we can gain from the Early Church. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A session, where other topics can be brought up for discussion! Please RSVP Fr. Gabriel for directions and more information at frgabrielmmm@gmail.com

Vacation Reminder:

Missing one Sunday Divine Liturgy can easily derail one's spiritual life. Do not deprive yourself of the Holy Mysteries, even when on vacation! Going to Liturgy at other Orthodox Churches throughout the country can be a tremendous blessing, as you get the chance to meet the faces of our greater family of Orthodox Christians throughout the world! When going out of town, do not forget to email Fr. Gabriel, so that he can help find you a Church to attend and to partake of the Eucharist!

Monastery Pilgrimages for August

We are extremely blessed to be within driving distance of two incredible Orthodox Women's Monasteries, both of which celebrate Feast Days with annual pilgrimages in August. Fr. Gabriel will be attending and concelebrating at both pilgrimages (Tuesday August 6th at Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Elwood City, PA and Thursday, August 15th at Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI). For more information on both events, please see Fr. Gabriel, or check out the individual monastery websites for more details! If you are unable to attend, Divine Liturgies for both Feast Days will be held locally here in our Pan-Orthodox Communities!



OUR PARISH YOUTH



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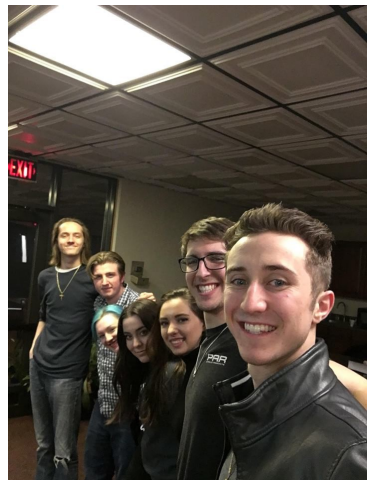
**“FATHERS AND MOTHERS: GO AND LEAD
YOUR CHILD BY THE HAND INTO THE
CHURCH.” - ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OCF) is the official campus ministry organization of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America.

Flint OCF: OCF is winding down with the end of the school year. We encourage all of our graduating high schoolers to find a local OCF Chapter as they move into the next phase of their lives. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Orthodox Christians within your school community to help build each other up by living an Orthodox life in the chaotic world we are in.

The vision of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship is:

- +To be the loving presence of Christ and the Orthodox Church on college campuses;
- +To be an integral part of students' spiritual formation by challenging them to explore the Faith; and
- +To inspire students to commit to living an Orthodox Christian way of life daily.



Oliver Lazar Senter
Elena Bucciarelli
Zachary Wilkinson
Douglas Wilkinson
Laura Khoury
Rachael Hildreth
Sydney Wilkinson
Katerina Jonescu

Prayers for our college students:

Greg Auxier
Katherine Arnes
David Schutt
Katherine Schutt

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.

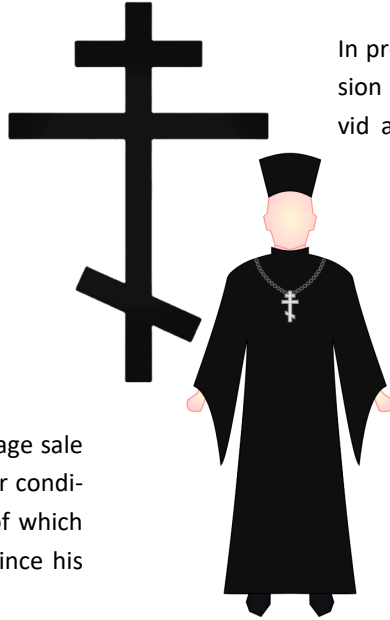
Prayer After Study

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.

A Month in Review:

This past month was again full of many blessings for our parish community! We welcomed Baby Theodore Cooley into the parish family through Baptism and Chrismation. We had a visitation and presentation about the work of St. Elizabeth's Convent in Minsk, as well as celebrated the feast of Ascension and Pentecost!

Thank you to all who helped out for this year's Vacation Church School, as well as to the volunteers for this year's parish rummage sale! All proceeds collected from the rummage sale went towards purchasing central air conditioning for the Education Center (of which Fr. Gabriel was eternally grateful since his office is in that building!)

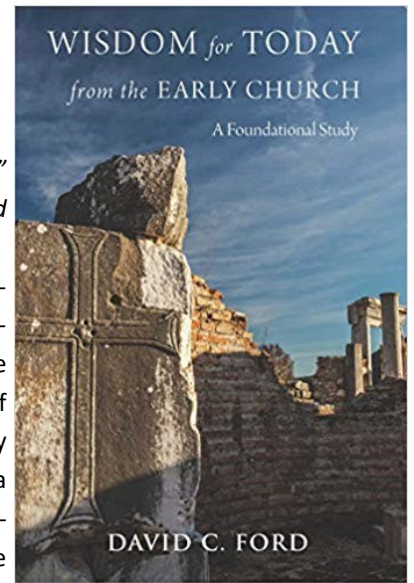


Recommended Reading from Fr. Gabriel

"Wisdom for Today From the Early Church"
Dr. David Ford

In preparation for our bonfire discussion later on this month with Dr. David and Dr. Mary Ford, I encourage everyone to pick up a copy of "Wisdom from the Early Church". This book provides a fascinating, inspiring, and eye-opening entranceway into the theological and spiritual riches

of Christ's Church in the first five centuries of the Christian era. And it makes clear how these insights are highly relevant for our life as Orthodox Christians today, and how they can not only inspire us in our personal relationship with our LORD and all His Saints, but also how they can equip us for living and proclaiming the historic Faith in the midst of our increasingly anti-Christian society and culture.



○ heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, ○ Good One!



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Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene

Commemorated July 22nd

The Holy Myrrh-Bearer Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene. On the banks of Lake Genesareth (Galilee), between the cities of Capharnum and Tiberias, was the small city of Magdala, the remains of which have survived to our day. Now only the small village of Mejhdel stands on the site.

A woman whose name has entered forever into the Gospel account was born and grew up in Magdala. The Gospel tells us nothing of Mary's younger years, but Tradition informs us that Mary of Magdala was young and pretty, and led a sinful life. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from Mary (Luke. 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary led a new life, and became a true disciple of the Savior.

The Gospel relates that Mary followed after the Lord, when He went with the Apostles through the cities and villages of Judea and Galilee preaching about the Kingdom of God. Together with the pious women Joanna, wife of Choza (steward of Herod), Susanna and others, she served Him from her own possessions (Luke 8:1-3) and undoubtedly shared with the Apostles the evangelic tasks in common with the other women. The Evangelist Luke, evidently, has her in view together with the other women, stating that at the moment of the Procession of Christ onto Golgotha, when after the Scourging He took on Himself the heavy Cross, collapsing under its weight, the women followed after Him weeping and wailing, but He consoled them. The Gospel relates that Mary Magdalene was present on Golgotha at the moment of the Lord's Crucifixion. While all the disciples of the Savior ran away, she remained fearlessly at the Cross together with the Mother of God and the Apostle John. The Evangelists also list among those standing at the Cross the mother of the Apostle James, and Salome, and other women followers of the Lord from Galilee, but all mention Mary Magdalene first. Saint John, in addition to the Mother of God, names only her and Mary Cleopas. This indicates how much she stood out from all the women who gathered around the Lord. She was faithful to Him not only in the days of His Glory, but also at the moment of His extreme humiliation and insult. As the Evangelist

Matthew relates, she was present at the Burial of the Lord. Before her eyes Joseph and Nicodemus went out to the tomb with His lifeless Body. She watched as they covered over the entrance to the cave with a large stone, entombing the Source of Life.

Faithful to the Law in which she was raised, Mary together with the other women spent following day at rest, because it was the great day of the Sabbath, coinciding with the Feast of Passover. But all the rest of the peaceful day the women gathered spices to go to the Grave of the Lord at dawn on Sunday and anoint His Body according to the custom of the Jews.

It is necessary to mention that, having agreed to go on the first day of the week to the Tomb early in the morning, the holy women had no possibility of meeting with one another on Saturday. They went separately on Friday evening to their own homes. They went out only at dawn the following day to go to the Sepulchre, not all together, but each from her own house.



The Evangelist Matthew writes that the women came to the grave at dawn, or as the Evangelist Mark expresses, extremely early before the rising of the sun. The Evangelist John, elaborating upon these, says that Mary came to the grave so early that it was still dark. Obviously, she waited impatiently for the end of night, but it was not yet daybreak. She ran to the place where the Lord's Body lay.

Mary went to the tomb alone. Seeing the stone pushed away from the cave, she ran away in fear to tell the close Apostles of Christ, Peter and John. Hearing the strange message that the Lord was gone from the tomb, both Apostles ran to the tomb and, seeing the shroud and winding cloths, they were amazed. The Apostles went and said nothing to anyone, but Mary stood about the entrance to the tomb and wept. Here in this dark tomb so recently lay her lifeless Lord.

Wanting proof that the tomb really was empty, she went down to it and saw a strange sight. She saw two angels in white garments, one sitting at the head, the other at the foot, where the Body of Jesus had been placed. They asked her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She answered them with the words which she had said to the Apostles, "They have taken my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." At that moment, she turned around and saw the Risen Jesus standing near the grave, but she did not recognize Him. He asked Mary, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom dost thou seek?" She answered thinking that she was seeing the gardener, "Sir, if thou hast taken him, tell where thou hast put Him, and I will take Him away."

Then she recognized the Lord's voice. This was the voice she heard

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in those days and years, when she followed the Lord through all the cities and places where He preached. He spoke her name, and she gave a joyful shout, "Rabbi" (Teacher).

Respect and love, fondness and deep veneration, a feeling of thankfulness and recognition at His Splendor as great Teacher, all came together in this single outcry. She was able to say nothing more and she threw herself down at the feet of her Teacher to wash them with tears of joy. But the Lord said to her: "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and tell them: "I ascend to My Father, and your Father; to My God and to your God."

She came to herself and again ran to the Apostles, to do the will of Him sending her to preach. Again she ran into the house, where the Apostles still remained in dismay, and proclaimed to them the joyous message, "I have seen the Lord!" This was the first preaching in the world about the Resurrection.

The Apostles proclaimed the Glad Tidings to the world, but she proclaimed it to the Apostles themselves.

Holy Scripture does not tell us about the life of Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection of Christ, but it is impossible to doubt, that if in the terrifying minutes of Christ's Crucifixion she was at the foot of His Cross with His All-Pure Mother and Saint John, she must have stayed with them during the happier time after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Thus in the Acts of the Apostles Saint Luke writes that all the Apostles with one mind stayed in prayer and supplication, with certain women and Mary the Mother of Jesus and His brethren.

Holy Tradition testifies that when the Apostles departed from Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, then Mary Magdalene also went with them. A daring woman, whose heart was full of reminiscence of the Resurrection, she went beyond her native borders and went to preach in pagan Rome. Everywhere she proclaimed to people about Christ and His teaching. When many did not believe that Christ is risen, she repeated to them what she had said to the Apostles on the radiant morning of the Resurrection: "I have seen the Lord!" With this message she went all over Italy.

Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she brought him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracleworker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.

Mary repeated the words of the Apostles, that we are redeemed from the vanity of life not with perishable silver or gold, but rather by the precious Blood of Christ.

Thanks to Mary Magdalene the custom to give each other paschal eggs on the day of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ spread among Christians over all the world. In one ancient Greek manuscript,

written on parchment, kept in the monastery library of Saint Athanasius near Thessalonica, is a prayer read on the day of Holy Pascha for the blessing of eggs and cheese. In it is indicated that the igumen in passing out the blessed eggs says to the brethren: "Thus have we received from the holy Fathers, who preserved this custom from the very time of the holy Apostles, therefore the holy Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene first showed believers the example of this joyful offering."

Mary Magdalene continued her preaching in Italy and in the city of Rome itself. Evidently, the Apostle Paul has her in mind in his Epistle to the Romans (16: 6), where together with other ascetics of evangelic preaching he mentions Mary (Mariam), who as he expresses "has bestowed much labor on us." Evidently, she extensively served the Church in its means of subsistence and its difficulties, being exposed to dangers, and sharing with the Apostles the labors of preaching.

According to Church Tradition, she remained in Rome until the arrival of the Apostle Paul, and for two more years following his departure from Rome after the first court judgment upon him. From Rome, Saint Mary Magdalene, already bent with age, moved to Ephesus where the holy Apostle John unceasingly labored. There the saint finished her earthly life and was buried.

Her holy relics were transferred in the ninth century to Constantinople, and placed in the monastery Church of Saint Lazarus. In the era of the Crusader campaigns they were transferred to Italy and placed at Rome under the altar of the Lateran Cathedral. Part of the relics of Mary Magdalene are said to be in Provage, France near Marseilles, where over them at the foot of a steep mountain a splendid church is built in her honor.

The Orthodox Church honors the holy memory of Saint Mary Magdalene, the woman called by the Lord Himself from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God.

Formerly immersed in sin and having received healing, she sincerely and irrevocably began a new life and never wavered from that path. Mary loved the Lord Who called her to a new life. She was faithful to Him not only when He was surrounded by enthusiastic crowds and winning recognition as a miracle-worker, but also when all the disciples deserted Him in fear and He, humiliated and crucified, hung in torment upon the Cross. This is why the Lord, knowing her faithfulness, appeared to her first, and esteemed her worthy to be first to proclaim His Resurrection.

WOULD YOU like to be a Parish Greeter or Host a Coffee hour? IF so please speak to Fr. Gabriel or Sue Walton to sign up! These are important ministries in our parish and we welcome new volunteers who would like to give their talents to these areas!

St. Emilia's Moms Group will be meeting for on Saturday, July 20th beginning at 1:30 am at the Hartland Heritage Field (12439 Highland Rd Hartland MI) Dads and children welcome!



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

The group is currently reading;

"Parenting Toward the Kingdom: Orthodox Christian Principles of Child-Rearing" by: Phillip Mamalkis

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

"An inclusive opportunity for community outreach led by the faithful of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church"

This month's community outreach is the blessing of our First Responders. See the Flyer below for more information!



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

SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH
FOLLOWING GREAT VESPERS (6PM)**

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

"An inclusive opportunity for community outreach led by the faithful of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church"

As we enter into the second year of our St. Photini outreach group, the leadership team would like have a planning and brainstorming meeting on Saturday, August 17th at 6:00 PM, following Great Vespers. The purpose of the meeting is two fold:

- 1.). To review what we have done so far, what has worked, and what did not work.
- 2.). To come up with a plan for the next 12 months of hands on events, outreach, and directed donations.

We invite ALL members of the faithful and encourage them to attend this planning meeting and help identify ways for us to be a Christ-like presence in the community.





St. Mary Magdalene's Parish Feast & First Responders Blessing and BBQ!

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church

2439 S. Long Lake Rd. Fenton, MI 48430

Sunday, July 21st, 2019, After the Divine Liturgy (Approx 11:20 AM)

Mark your calendars for our Fourth Annual First Responder Blessing and BBQ, as we welcome all of our local heroes to the Church for a special prayer service following the Divine Liturgy, where we will pray not only for those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, but also for the strength and protection of all of our those who put themselves in harms way to protect each and every one of us.

This year, our First Responder's Blessing will coincide with our Parish Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene! Be sure to join us for the Divine Liturgy, which begins at 10:00 AM, where we will have the relics of our patroness out in the center of the Church for veneration.

Please contact Fr. Gabriel at (810) 750-1401, or by email at frgabrielsmm@gmail.com for any further questions!

1 Unmercenary Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian Romans 7:1-13 Matthew 9:36-10:8	2 Robe of the Theotokos St. John of Maximovich, Bp. of Shanghai & San Francisco Romans 7:14-8:2 Matthew 10:9-15 Compline and Confession, 6:00 PM	3 Martyr Hyacinth Hieromartyr Phillip, Metropolitan of Moscow Romans 8:2-13 Matthew 10:16-22 No Compline	4 St. Andrew of Crete Ven. Mattha Ven. Andrei Rublev Romans 8:22-27 Matthew 10:23-31	5 Ven. Athanasius of Athos Relics of Ven. Sergius of Radonezh Romans 9:6-19 Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1	6 Ven. Sisoes the Great Virgin-Martyr Lucy Romans 3:28-4:3 Matthew 7:24-8:4 No Great Vespers
7 Ven. Thomas of Mt. Maleon Martyr Evangelus of Tomi Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33 Hours and Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM	8 Greatmartyr Procopious Righteous Prokopy, Fool-for-Christ Romans 9:18-33 Matthew 11:2-15	9 Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bp. of Taormina in Sicily Romans 10:11-11:2 Matthew 11:16-20	10 45 Martyrs of Nicopolis Romans 11:2-12 Matthew 11:20-26 No Compline	11 Greatmartyr Euphemia Bt. Princess Olga Romans 11:13-24 Matthew 11:27-30	12 Martyrs Proclus & Hilarion Ven. Paisius of the Holy Mountain Romans 11:25-36 Matthew 12:1-8
14 Apostle Aquila of the 70 Ven. Nicodemus the Hagiortite Romans 6:18-23 Matthew 8:5-13 Hours and Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM Pan-Orthodox Softball Game!	15 Martyrs Cyricus and Julitta Romans 12:4-5, 15-21 Matthew 12:9-13	16 Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bp. of Heracleopolis Romans 14:9-18 Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30 Parish Council, 7:00 PM	17 Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) Romans 15:7-16 Matthew 12:38-45 Compline and Confessions, 6:00 PM	18 Martyrs Emilian & Hyacinth Nur-Martyrs Gr. Duchessa Elizabeth & Barbara Romans 15:17-29 Matthew 12:46-13:3	19 Ven. Macrina, the Younger Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 13:3-9
21 Holy Prophet Ezekiel Ven. Simeon of Emesa, Fool-for-Christ Romans 10:1-10 Matthew 8:28-9:1 Hours and Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM First Responders and Feast Day Cookout!	22 Holy Myrrinbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene Romans 16:7-24 Matthew 13:10-23	23 Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus, and their companions 1 Cor. 1:1-9 Matthew 13:24-30	24 Martyr Christina 1 Cor. 2:9-3:8 Matthew 13:31-36 Dr. Ford Visitation and Cookout at Fr. Gabriel's, 6:30 PM	25 Dormition of the Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos 1 Cor. 3:18-23 Matthew 13:36-43	26 Hieromartyr Hermolaus of Nicomedia 1 Cor. 4:5-8 Matthew 13:44-54
28 Apostles Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas of the 70 Romans 12:6-14 Matthew 9:1-8 Hours and Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM	29 Martyr Callinicus Virgin Martyr Seraphima 1 Cor. 6:20-7:12 Matthew 14:1-13	30 Apos. Silas & Silvanus of the 70, and their Companions Valentine, Bp. of Terni 1 Cor. 6:20-7:12 Matthew 14:1-13	31 St. Joseph of Arimathea Righteous Eudocimus St. Germanus, Bp. of Auxerre 1 Cor. 7:12-24 Matthew 14:35-15:11 Compline and Confession, 6:00 PM	27 Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon St. Clement of Ochrid Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 9:18-26 Great Vespers and Confessions, 5:00 PM	20 Holy Prophet Elijah Romans 8:14-21 Matthew 9:9-13 Great Vespers and Confessions, 5:00 PM

ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH JULY 2019

The Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County Softball Game



Drinks & Food
will be provided.

For Questions email
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Sunday, July 14, 2019

3:00pm

St. Pius X Catholic School

Baseball Field

(3139 Hogarth Ave. Flint, MI 48532)

✝ St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
2439 S. Long Lake Rd– Fenton

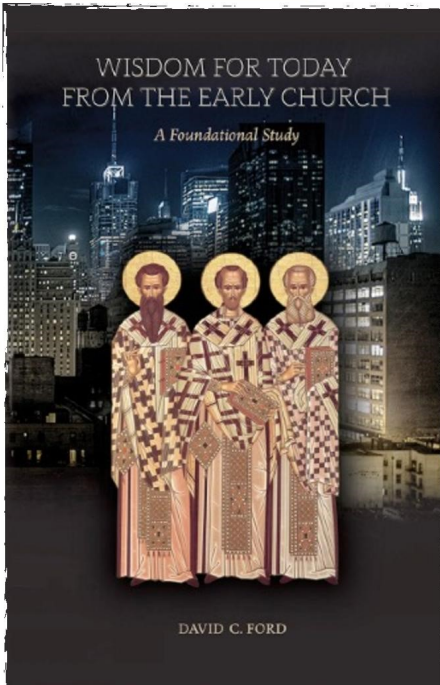
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2143 Center Rd—Burton

✝ Assumption Orthodox Church
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JULY
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WISDOM FOR TODAY FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

- When:** July 24th at 6:30 PM
What: A Cookout and Bonfire discussion on the Early Church
Where: Fr. Gabriel and Matushka Laura's Home

Our parish family is blessed to have Dr. David and Dr. Mary Ford, professors of History and Spirituality at St. Tikhon's Seminary, joining us for a bonfire discussion on the Wisdom that we can gain from the Early Church! There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A session, where other topics can be brought into the discussion! Please RSVP Fr. Gabriel for more directions and more information!

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Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan

PRESENTS

ANNUAL OCW RETREAT

Saturday July 13, 2019 9 A.M.-3 P.M.

(Divine Liturgy and Lunch included)

THE RAISING OF Lazarus AN INTERACTIVE READING



with Guest Speaker

Very Rev. Michael Butler

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3389 Rives Eaton Road

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Mother Gabriella, Abbess

(Contact Monastery directly ASAP if requesting lodging)

Driving Directions from the east: Take I 94 West to Exit 138-Rte. 127 North. Go approximately 7.5 miles and exit at Berry Road/Rives Junction. Turn left. Go to the end of Berry Rd. and turn right at the stop sign. Go approximately 3/10 mile. The monastery is on the left side of the road.

Appropriate attire must be worn at all times: no shorts, revealing tops, or miniskirts. Head covering is recommended for Church. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the monastery grounds. Pets are not permitted at the monastery.

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June 26th to July 3rd

From the Desk of Fr. Gabriel

16th Annual Elias D. Chinonis Golf Classic

August 19, 2019

at Pine Knob Golf Course

5580 Waldon Road • Clarkston, MI 48348

Registration 10 AM • Lunch 11AM • 12:00 Shotgun Start/Scramble

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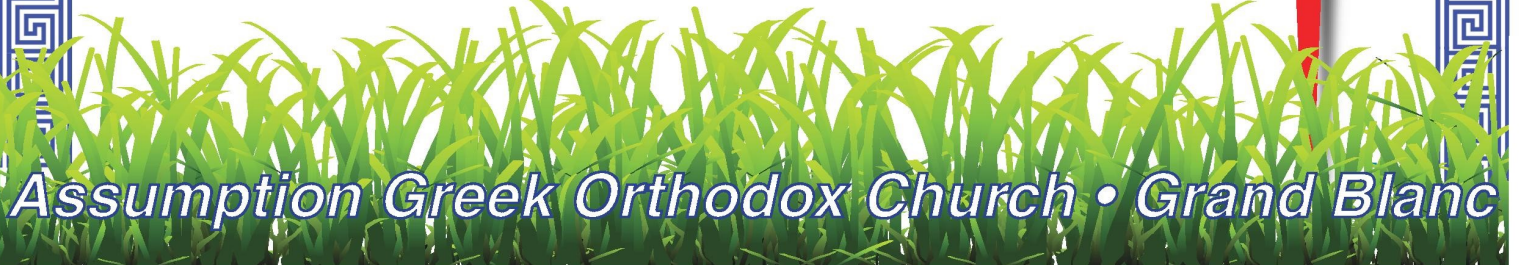
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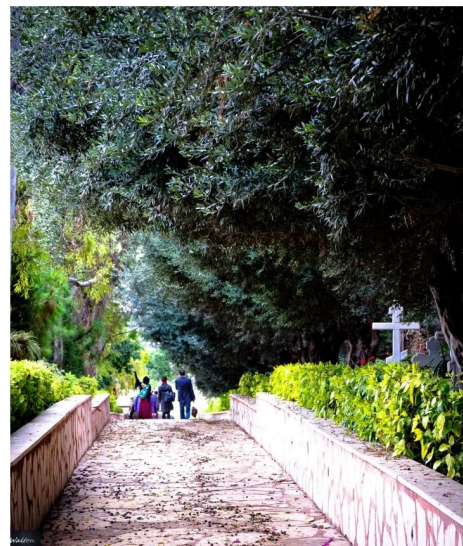
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Jerusalem Pilgrimage 2019

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!**

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