



ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH "Let My Prayer Arise"

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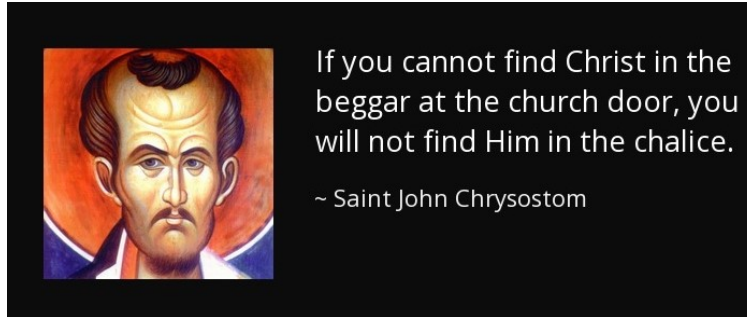
MONTHLY BULLETIN JUNE, 2019

Important Dates to Remember:

- ✠ 6/2 Baptismal Liturgy followed by OCPM Collection
- ✠ 6/5 Visit from St. Elizabeth Convent
- ✠ 6/6 Divine Liturgy 10am for Holy Ascension
- ✠ 6/8 NO VESPERS
- ✠ 6/11 Parish Council Meeting
- ✠ 6/16 Holy Pentecost
- ✠ 6/17-19 Vacation Church School
- ✠ 6/24-28 Fast of Sts. Peter and Paul
- ✠ 6/25 Cedar Point Outing
- ✠ 6/27-28 Rummage Sale
- ✠ 6/29 Divine Liturgy for Sts. Peter and Paul 10am followed by Great Vespers at 2pm

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"From Theory to Experience"

A message from Fr. Gabriel

What a blessed journey these past few months have been dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Starting with Great and Holy Lent, going through Pascha, and now coming to the blessed feast of Pentecost (June 16), we have witnessed the true love that God has for all of creation. There has been, however, something that has been missing from this entire narrative...something that the Apostles needed, in order to allow Christ's saving work to penetrate their hearts: An "experience" of God.

When we look at the lives of the Apostles during our Lord's ministry on earth, many of them left their families and their jobs in order to follow the Messiah. They spent their days sitting at His feet and listening to His teaching. They broke bread with

Him. They watched as He was led to the cross, and then witnessed His Resurrection. The Apostles then had 40 joy filled days with our Lord, and continued to have their eyes opened about what He had come to do for the world.

Despite all of the assurances and teachings that were bestowed upon

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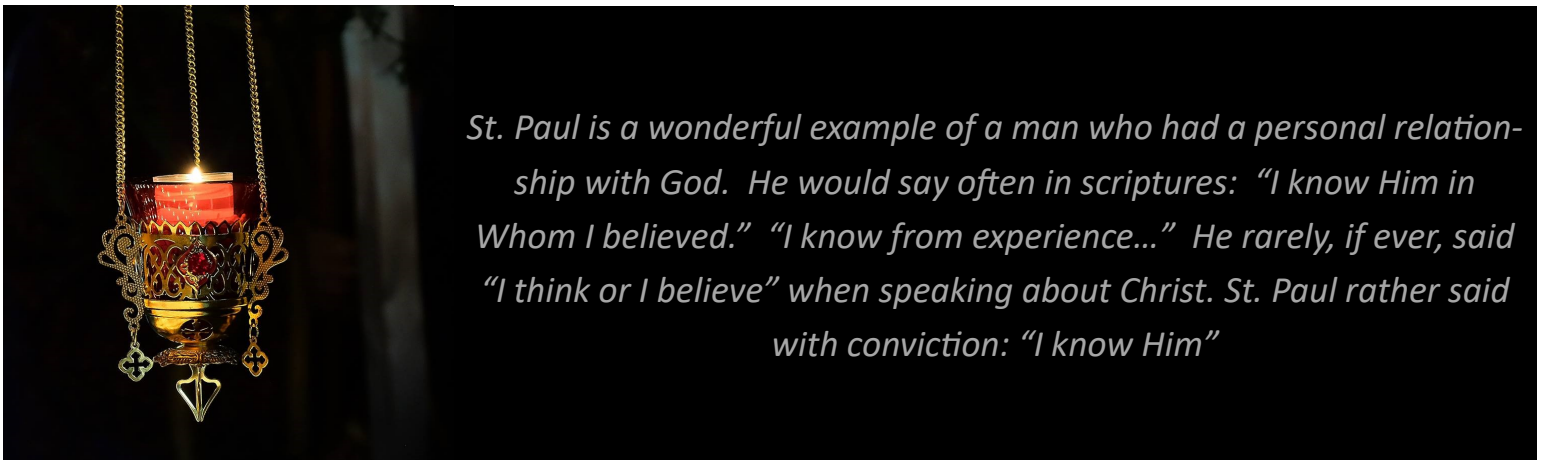
the Apostles by Christ, when Jesus ascended into Heaven, His followers didn't go immediately into the cities and start to preach the New Testament to the masses. None of them had the faith that was necessary to go and be martyred for His name! Something was missing...and that something is manifested to us on Holy Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

There is no Christianity without the Life-Saving Day of Pentecost! The experience of God given to us on this Holy Feast is the glue which holds all of the works that we have celebrated these past few months, together. Imagine what our Christianity would be like if it we were not constantly having the experience of God! We would read scripture, we would come to Church, we would

our lives. We think that because we don't always get our prayers answered right away, or can't hear a deep voice responding to us in a physical sense, that it is impossible to have communion with our creator. And yet, despite our doubts, we see examples of so many men and women throughout the centuries that truly knew God PERSONALLY.

St. Paul is a wonderful example of a man who had a personal relationship with God. He would say often in scriptures: "I know Him in Whom I believed." "I know from experience..." He rarely, if ever, said "I think or I believe" when speaking about Christ. St. Paul rather said with conviction: "I know Him"

How do we experience God with the type of conviction that St. Paul had? St. Simeon tells us that it is not enough for Christians to simply believe that Holy Spirit



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learn about our Lord's birth, His crucifixion, His resurrection, and we would chalk it up to an inspirational story about Love, never truly understanding or comprehending in our hearts what God means to mankind.

Try to explain to me what love is without personal experience. Can we truly fathom what love is by reading it in a book? Can we learn about love by watching a chick flick on the Hall Mark Channel? No! We learn about love in this life by **experiencing** it from other people. In the same manner, we learn about the love that God has for mankind by experiencing it through the Holy Spirit.

The events of Pentecost gave mankind the ability to not just read about God in scriptures, but to personally experience Him in our own lives, (and here is the key) **if we allow Him to be experienced**. One of our biggest faults as human beings is a denial of our ability to experience God in a very real way, each and every moment of

lives within us. We have to get to the point and open our minds and hearts **to actually feeling the movement and the operation of the Holy Spirit within us**, just like a pregnant woman becomes aware that a new life stirs within her. This is our task, brothers and sisters in Christ! As we begin our journey from Pentecost into the rest of the Liturgical year, we have to strengthen our resolve to move from theory to experience and life.

A God filled life is one that is powerful and personal. Just as God promised that the Holy Spirit would come upon us, let us now make a solemn vow to Him this for the rest of the Liturgical Year! Through our prayer life, through a denial of our denial of passions, and with an increased attentiveness to ourselves, let us spend these coming months opening our minds and our hearts to the Holy Spirit which is within each and every one of us... waiting to penetrate and mold us into living the life of an Orthodox Christian.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Parish Greeters

June 2nd:

Steve & Sue Walton

June 9th:

Scott & Tina Shephard

June 16th:

Elaine Boucher

June 23rd;

David & Cindy Welch

June 30th:

Roland & Lori Drummond

Coffee Hour Volunteers

June 2nd:

Bruce & Rebecca Watson-Lazar

June 9th:

Sbdn. Andrew & Meghan Durand

June 16th:

Roland & Lori Drummond

June 23rd;

Seth & Mia Hillaker

June 30th:

Steve & Elizabeth Kekel

Epistle Readers

June 2nd:

Rdr. Nathan Auxier

June 9th:

Jennifer Otis

June 16th:

Sue Walton

June 23rd;

Sbdn. Andrew Durand

June 30th:

Rdr. Brian Walton

Alternate Readers

June 2nd:

Rdr. John Auxier

June 9th:

Sbdn. Andrew Durand

June 16th:

Rdr. Nathan Auxier

June 23rd;

Jennifer Otis

June 30th:

Sue Walton

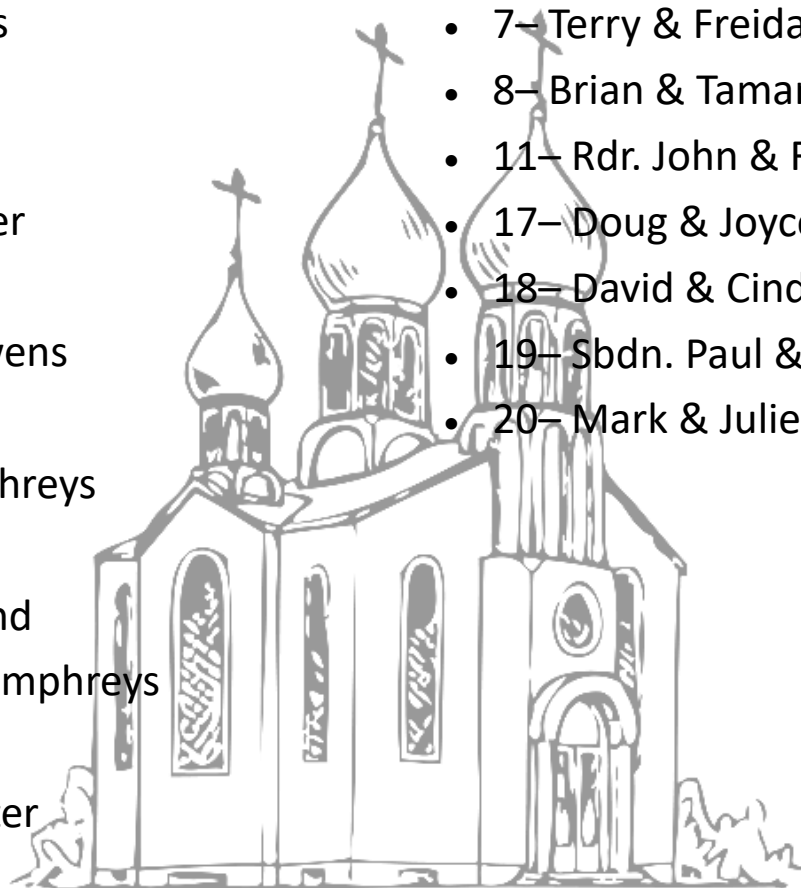
WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 5– Freida Owens
- 6– Tonya Rice
- 7– Dennis Kemp
- 8– Melissa Auxier
- 11– Erica Rice
- 12– Stephan Owens
- 14– Lucas Oslin
- 20– Andy Humphreys
- 21– Kurt Schutt
- 24– Ethan Durand
- 27– Rebekah Humphreys
- 28– Pat Smith
- 30– Francis Senter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

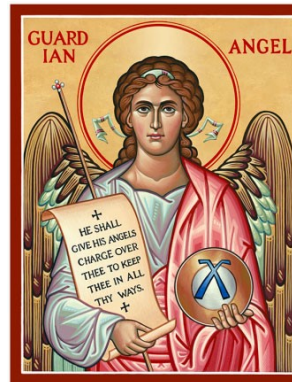
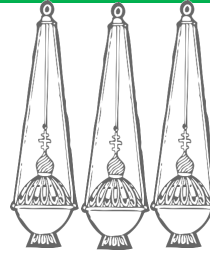
- 7– Terry & Freida Owens
- 8– Brian & Tamara Arnes
- 11– Rdr. John & Renee Auxier
- 17– Doug & Joyce Ballnik
- 18– David & Cindy Welch
- 19– Sbdn. Paul & Jeanette Hildreth
- 20– Mark & Julie Yonan



Prayer Life

Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and sisters

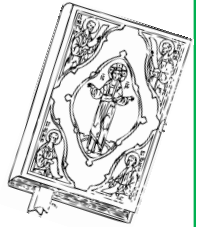
Metropolitan Theodosius	Bryan	Maryann
Metropolitan Herman	Carolyn	John
Archbishop Melchisedek	Aiden	Calvin
Archpriest Dimitrie Vincent	Megan	Thom
Deacon John Manutes	Pat	Christine
SubDeacon Paul Hildreth	Lon	Kandy
Vinnie	Lon	John
Autumn	Joanna	David
John	Ella	Katelyn
Anastasia	Elnora	
Alex	Peter	
Elaine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



This Month's Scripture Readings

June 2nd:

John 20:11-18
Acts 16:16-34
John 9:1-39



June 9th:

John 21:1-14
Acts 20:16-18, 28:36
John 17:1-13

June 16:

John 20:19-23
Acts 2:1-11
John 7:37-52, 8-12

June 23rd:

Matthew 28:16-20. 10:32-33.
37-38, 19:27-30

June 30th:

Mark 16:1-8
Matthew 4:25-5:12
Romans 2:10-16
Matthew 4:18-23

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

Catechumens

Jay
Tonya
Alyssa
Eliana
Adam

Mother's With Child

Jenna

MONTHLY FORECAST

Baptismal Divine Liturgy Special Start Time!

On Sunday, June 2nd, we will be welcoming our newest warrior for Christ Theodore Cooley into Holy Orthodoxy! The Baptismal Divine Liturgy will begin a few minutes early with hours beginning at 9:45 AM that morning! Lunch will be provided by the Cooley Family at their home following coffee hour (2699 Ore Valley Drive, Hartland Michigan 48353; Turn down the two track by the mail box and follow it through the wooded area to the house)

Orthodox Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday

One of the callings of Matthew 25, is to visit and pray for those who are incarcerated. After the Divine Liturgy on June 2nd, we will also be taking a collection for the National Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry, which goes to support those who are trying to turn their life around, by seeking repentance while behind bars. Please see the flier below to learn more about this important ministry within our National Church.

Visitation from St. Elizabeth's Convent from Minsk

On Wednesday, June 5th, beginning at 6:00 PM, we will be celebrating Great Vespers for the feast of Ascension, followed by a visitation from Sister Catherine of St. Elizabeth's Convent in Minsk. As a way to help support the work for the sisters in Belarus, she will be bringing with her some of the handmaid religious items with her for purchase. Please be sure to attend!

Morning Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Holy Ascension

On Thursday, June 6th, we will be celebrating the Feast of Ascension with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM. This is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church, so please be sure to attend!

Holy Pentecost

Sunday, June 16th, is the Holy Feast of Pentecost! Great Vespers, Lijtia, and Confessions will be held the night before (June 15th) at 5:00 PM, and the Hours, Pentecost Divine Liturgy, and the Kneeling Prayers will be at the normal time on Sunday (9:50 AM).

Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School 2019

From Monday, June 17th to Wednesday, June 19th, our Pan Orthodox Vacation Church School will be held at St. Nicholas Church in Burton. The cost is only \$15 dollars per child, and \$25 dollars per family for the entire three day program! To register your children, please email VCSgeneseepo@gmail.com. If you are able to help out, or are looking for some volunteer hours, you can also send your information to the email provided!

St. Mary Magdalene Cedar Point Outing

On Tuesday, June 25th, we will be having our annual Cedar Point outing! Michigan residents get a special deal, and for just \$39.99, you can get parking, fountain drinks, and a regular admission ticket, by visiting the Cedar Point Website. Our hope is to have a spot for a pot luck lunch at the pavilions, so please let Fr. Gabriel know if you are able to attend!

Annual Rummage Sale

Our annual Rummage Sale will be held Thursday, June 27 and Friday June 28th from 9am-5pm. We will still be collecting items for the rummage sale until the week prior. Please see Liz Ziats or Tatiana Tyrell for more information or if you would like to help.

Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for St. Peter and Paul

On Saturday, June 29th, we will be hosting the Pan Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Peter and Paul, beginning at 10:00 AM. Great Vespers for that evening will begin shortly after the Divine Liturgy



OUR PARISH YOUTH



It is hard to believe we have reached the end of our church school year!



Thank you to all of our dedicated teachers and volunteers who helped to make this year successful, educational and fun for our children!

Thank you also to our parents who brought your children each week and helped to support the program by participation in activities and fundraising efforts!

If you would like to help with church school next year please let Mat. Laura or Fr. Gabriel know! We have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers, but are always looking to add more! If you would like to be involved, but not as a teacher, there are plenty of ways you can help!

Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County Vacation Church School

June 17th , 18th & 19th

6:00pm—8:30pm

Hosted this year by St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

2143 South Center Rd. Burton MI

Registration is \$15 per child or \$25 per family

To Register or Volunteer please email

VCSgeneseePO@gmail.com



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



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Emmanuel Lazar Watson
University of Minnesota , with
Honors



Alyssa Marie Earl
Michigan State University
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering



May God Grant

You Many Years!



Katheryn Auxier
Class of 2019
Attending
Oakland University

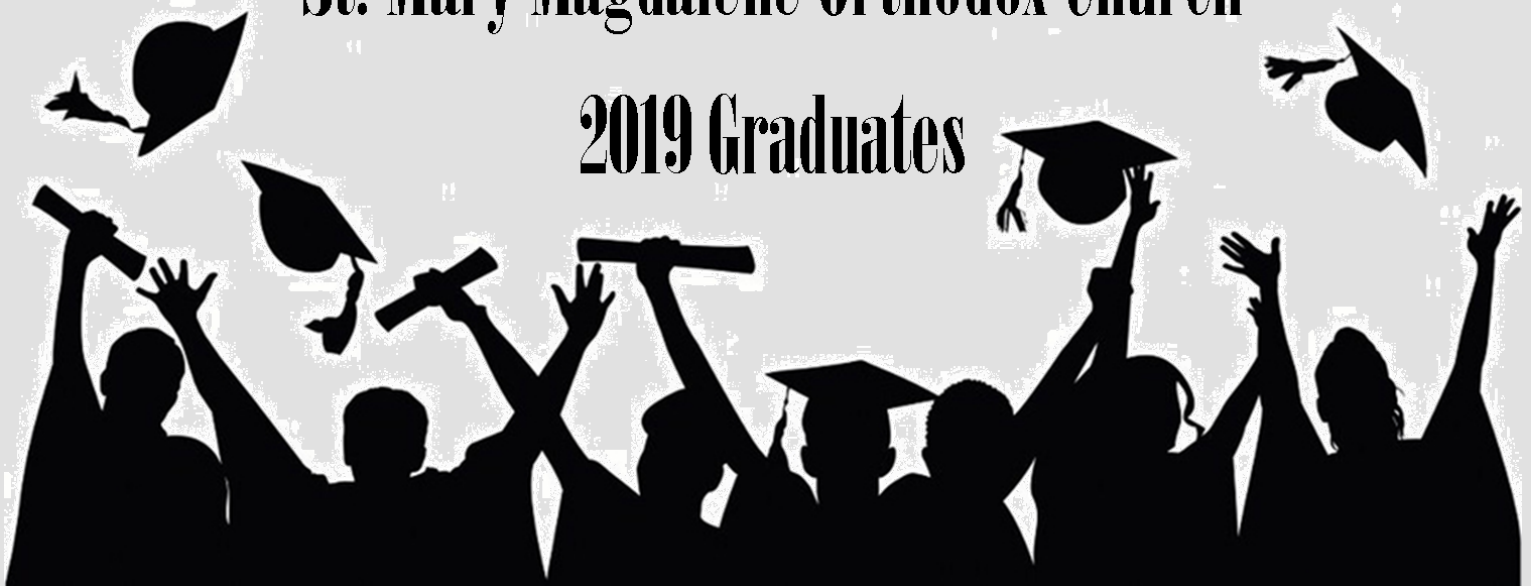


Alexandra Kekel
Grand Blanc High School
U of M- Flint /
Kettering University



St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church

2019 Graduates

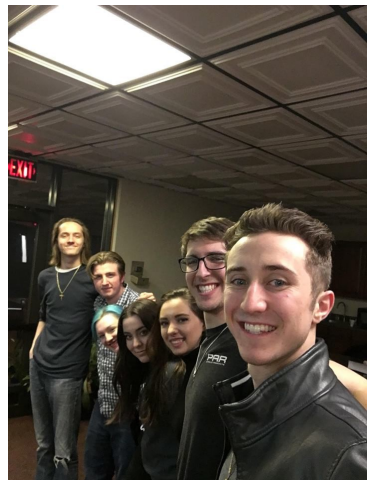


ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OCF) is the official campus ministry organization of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America.

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:

The month started with our annual easter egg hunt and wrap up of our Church School Program. Throughout the month, we also collected baby items for the St. Gabriel project, began work on the rummage sale, and also hired an architect to begin laying the groundwork for a future expansion! Our Parish welcomed Adam into the Catechumenate!

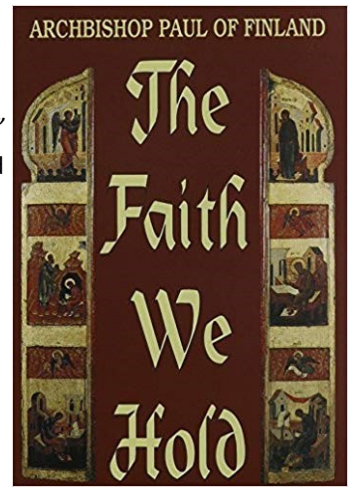


Recommended Reading from Fr. Gabriel

"The Faith We Hold"

By: Archbishop Paul of Finland

This unpretentious little book was written 'to describe Orthodoxy from the inside to those outside.' At the same time, as its author suggests, it may serve as 'an Episcopal pastoral letter' for the Orthodox themselves, for it deals with Orthodox faith in its most basic elements, revealing with remarkable simplicity and directness its messages of salvation for all mankind.



The Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He arose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets.

In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



Do not be ashamed to enter again into the Church. Be ashamed when you sin. Do not be ashamed when you repent. Pay attention to what the devil did to you. These are two things: sin and repentance. Sin is a wound; repentance is a medicine. Just as there are for the body wounds and medicines, so for the soul are sins and repentance. However, sin has the shame and repentance possesses the courage.

+ St. John Chrystotom

June 27 & 28th
9:00am - 5:00 pm



St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church; 2439 S. S. Long Lake Rod, Fenton, MI

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Wednesday, June 5th, 6:00 PM

We will have a visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth, Minsk, Belarus. She will give a presentation on the history and service of their community that helps children without parental support, the patients of the psychiatric hospital.



A table with the products will be arranged for sale:
Icons, crosses, crucifixes and various religious articles
Souvenirs and CDs

Proceeds will help the current Convent's construction

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www.obitel-minsk.ru



St. Mary Magdalene Cedar Point Outing

Cedar Point Amusement Park
Sandusky, Ohio
Tuesday, June 25th

We will be having our annual Parish Trip to Cedar Point on Tuesday, June 25th! We will be reserving a spot in the pavilions for Lunch, so bring a dish to share!

There is a special Michigan Resident's Deal, where you can get admission, unlimited soda drinks, and parking, for \$39.99 on the Cedar Point Website!

See Fr. Gabriel if you are going to join us this year!

The Ascension of our Lord

Commemorated June 6, 2019

Icon of the Feast:

The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ

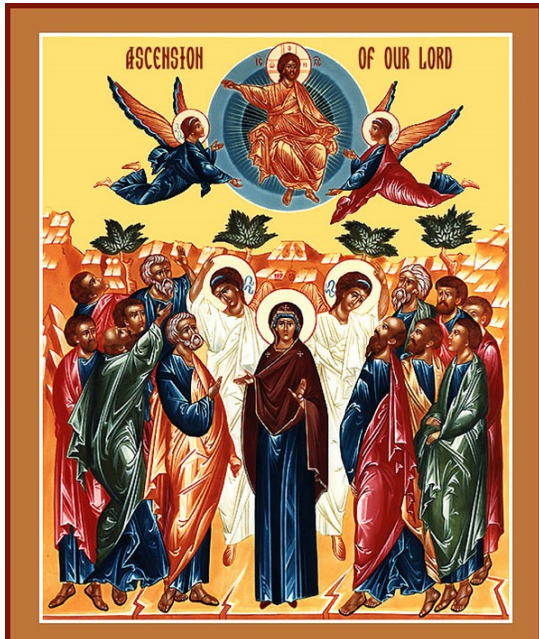
blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and mes-

sage of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church.

The icon of the Ascension includes some who did not witness the Ascension. St. Paul is shown to the left of the Theotokos, but we know that he was not present at the Ascension. At that time, St. Paul did not yet believe in Jesus. But he became a Christian and one of the greatest Apostles and missionaries of Church.

The icon expresses the sovereignty of Christ over His Church; He is its Head, its guide, its source of inspiration and teaching; it receives its commission and ministry from Him, and fulfils it in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Troparion — Tone 4

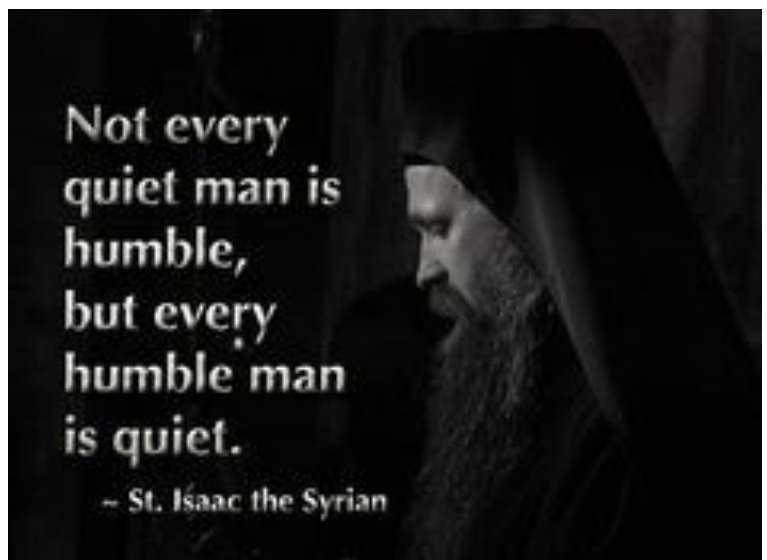
O Christ God, You have ascended in Glory, / Granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing they were assured / That You are the Son of God, / The Redeemer of the world!

Kontakion — Tone 6

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, / and united earth to heaven: / You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / not being parted from those who love You, / but remaining with them and crying: / "I am with you and no one will be against you!"

Reminder:

- UNTIL ASCENSION, 40 days after Pascha we greet each other with, : CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
- FROM PASCHA UNTIL PENTECOST, there is NO Kneeling in prayer, even at home. On Pentecost, special prayers said and we "return" to kneeling



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!

Holy Pentecost Commemorated June 16, 2019

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST

The all-night Vigil service begins with a solemn invitation:

"Let us celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit,
The appointed day of promise, and the fulfillment of hope,
The mystery which is as great as it is precious."

In the coming of the Spirit, the very essence of the Church is revealed:

"The Holy Spirit provides all,
Overflows with prophecy, fulfills the priesthood,
Has taught wisdom to illiterates, has revealed fishermen as theologians,
He brings together the whole council of the Church."

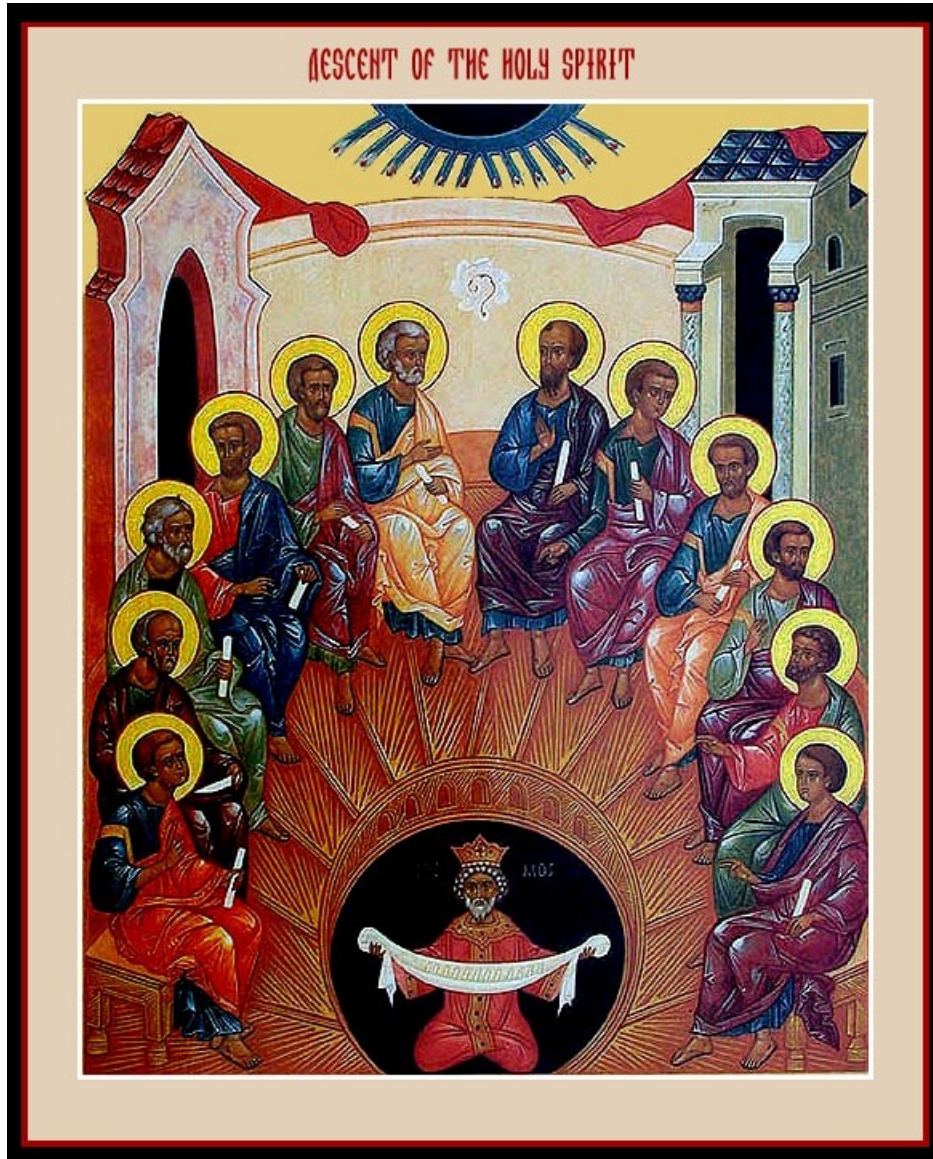
In the three readings of the Old Testament (Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Joel 2:23-32; Ezekiel 36:24-28) we hear the prophecies concerning the Holy Spirit. We are taught that the entire history of mankind

was directed towards the day on which God "would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh." This day has come! All hope, all promises, all expectations have been fulfilled. At the end of the Aposticha hymns, for the first time since Easter, we sing the hymn: "O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth..." the one with which we inaugurate all our services, all prayers, which is, as it were, the life-breath of the Church, and whose coming to us, whose "descent" upon us in this festal Vigil, is indeed the very experience of the Holy Spirit "coming and abiding in us."

Having reached its climax, the Vigil continues as an explosion of joy and light for "verily the

light of the Comforter has come and illumined the world." In the Gospel reading (John 20:19-23) the feast is interpreted to us as the feast of the Church, of her divine nature, power and authority. The Lord sends His disciples into the world, as He Himself was sent by His Father. Later, in the antiphons of the Liturgy, we proclaim the universality of the apostles' preaching, the cosmical significance of the feast, the sanctification of the whole world, the true manifestation of God's Kingdom.

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THE VESPERS OF PENTECOST

The liturgical peculiarity of Pentecost is a very special Vespers of the day itself. Usually this service follows immediately the Divine Liturgy, is “added” to it as its own fulfillment. The service begins as a solemn “summing up” of the entire celebration, as its liturgical synthesis. We hold flowers in our hands symbolizing the joy of the eternal spring, inaugurated by the coming of the Holy Spirit. After the festal Entrance, this joy reaches its climax in the singing of the Great Prokeimenon:

“Who is so great a God as our God?”

Then, having reached this climax, we are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fulness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history. It is evening again, and the night approaches, during which temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else, we need Divine help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation.

All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God.

In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of

our earthly existence. Finally, in the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love.

The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory.

Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter “the ordinary time” of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called “after Pentecost”—and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle. At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches—for the Church “never grows old, but is always young.” It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit—“the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life—comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity,” and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.

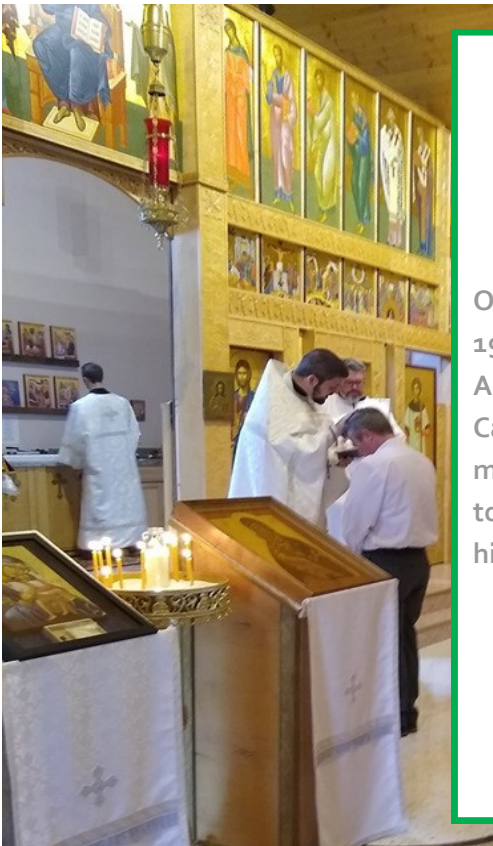
Father Alexander Schmemmann (1974)

Troparion — Tone 8

Blessed art You O Christ Our God / You have revealed the fishermen as most wise / By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit / Through them You drew the world into Your net / O Lover of Man, Glory to You!

Kontakion — Tone 8

When the most High came down and confused the tongues, / He divided the nations; / But when he distributed the tongues of fire / He called all to unity. / Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-holy Spirit!



On Sunday May , 19th we welcomed Adam Cody into the Catechumenate, may God continue to bless and guide his journey home!

HAVE YOU “liked” and “shared” our parish Facebook page? For announcements, upcoming events, pictures and more visit us at

<https://www.facebook.com/StMaryMagdaleneOrthodoxChurch/>

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

St. Emilia's Moms Group will be meeting for brunch on Saturday, June 22nd beginning at 10:30 am at the Red Olive in Hartland. Please RSVP to Addie Lanterman ASAP if you plan on attending brunch.



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

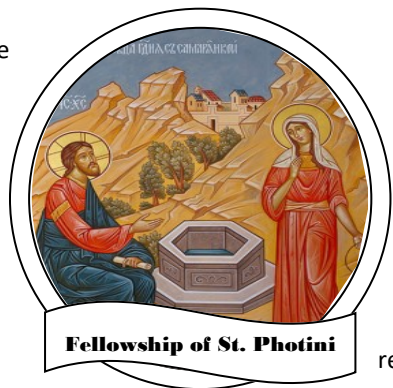
FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

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

During the summer months we will again be working with FOCUS Detroit on their summer feeding program. Details about a date and time will be leased in the upcoming weeks.

Have on your radar that in July we will again be hosting the First Responders Blessing and Community Cookout.

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



Upcoming Events for the Fellowship of St. Photini

Ministry of Presence (2 fasting periods) Showing Compassion
TBD (Lenten Fast) Chair: Leadership Team Summer Feeding with FOCUS (Sts. Peter and Paul Fast) Chair: Leadership Team
Ministry of Giving (6 months) Matthew 25
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
Ministry of Hands-on Support (2 fasting periods)
Habitat for Humanity or group pick (Dormition Fast) Chair: Leadership Team Backpack Feeding program: (Advent Fast) Chair: Leadership Team

By the Grace of God we were able to collect;
 58 pairs of glasses, 41 glass cases, 6 clip-ons, 5 sunglasses, Multiple cloth wipes and glass cleaners.
 These supplies and donations were taken by a local optometrist in Flint on his annual mission to help those in need in Mexico!
 Thank you to all who donated!



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May 15th, 2019

To all the Clergy and the Laity of the Holy Orthodox Churches in the United States;
Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ: **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

The Hierarchs of The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America have approved the sixth Sunday of Pascha, **Sunday, June 2nd**, of this year, to be **Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday** in all Orthodox parishes of North America.

“Let there always be a preponderance of mercy within you, even though you don't feel such mercy in yourself as God has for the world. A cruel and merciless heart is never purified. A merciful man is the doctor of his own soul because as a strong wind from his heart, he drives out the darkness of the passions.” (St. Isaac the Syrian, Homilies, 41)

May God help each of us find that level of mercy within us when it comes to people in prison. No matter what crime they may have committed, they are still human beings made in the image and likeness of God Himself. It is possible to hate the crime but to love the criminal. OCPM needs all our help to bring the mercy, forgiveness, and love of Christ to these precious souls. The Holy Orthodox Church, through OCPM, offers both hope and healing to those living in such darkness.

Please remember “these the least of my brethren” by assisting OCPM with this vital ministry, not forgetting that **“the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement”** (St. John of Kronstadt). After passing a tray for the ongoing work of your parish, please pass a second tray on Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday, June 2nd, and kindly send these gifts to OCPM as soon as possible.

With much love and thanks in our Risen Lord,

Fr. Stephen Powley
Executive Director
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

We will be taking a special collection on Sunday, June 2nd to support Orthodox Prison Ministries following the veneration of The Cross.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH – JUNE 2019

<p>1 Martyr Justin the Philosopher and his Companions Acts 15:35-41 John 10:27-38 Great Vespers and Confessions, 5:00 PM</p>							
<p>2 St. Nicephorus the Confessor Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38 Baptismal Divine Liturgy, 9:45 AM OCPM Collection</p>	<p>3 Martyr Lucilian and his Companions Kevin of Glendalough Acts 17:1-5 John 11:47-57</p>	<p>4 St. Metrophanes, First Patr. of Constantinople Righteous Martha & Mary Acts 17:19-28 John 12:19-36</p>	<p>5 Hieromartyr Dorotheus Ven. Dorotheus of Gaza Acts 18:22-28 John 12:36-47 Great Vespers and Visitation of St. Elizabeth Convent, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>6 ASCENSION Acts 1:1-12 Luke 24:36-53 Divine Liturgy for Ascension, 10:00 AM</p>	<p>7 Hieromartyr Theodotus Hieromartyr Acts 19:1-8 John 14:1-11</p>	<p>8 Relics of Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates St. John of Kronstadt Acts 20:7-12 John 14:10-21 (No Great Vespers)</p>	
<p>9 St. Cyril, Abp of Alexandria Ven. Kirill of Belozersk St. Columba of Scotland Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 John 17:1-13 Hours and Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM</p>	<p>10 Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7</p>	<p>11 Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barmabas St. Luke, Bp. of Simferopol Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13 Parish Council, 7:00 P</p>	<p>12 Ven. Onuphrius the Great Ven. Peter of Mt. Athos Acts 23:1-11 John 16:15-23 Compline and Confessions, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>13 Martyr Aquilina St. Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia Acts 25:13-19 John 16:23-33</p>	<p>14 Prophet Elisha St. Methodius, Patr. of Constantinople Acts 21:1-44 John 17:18-26</p>	<p>15 Prophet Amos St. Jerome of Stridonium St. Augustine of Hippo Acts 28:1-21 John 21:15-25 Great Vespers, Lijtia, and Confessions, 5:00 PM</p>	
<p>16 HOLY PENTECOST Acts 2:1-11 John 7:25-52, 8:12 Hours, Divine Liturgy, and Kneeling Prayers, 9:50 AM</p>	<p>17 Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael of Persia Eph. 5:9-19 Matthew 18:10-20 Vacation Church School @ St. Nicholas, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>18 Martyr Leontius and his Companions Romans 1:1-7, 13-17 Matthew 4:25-5:13 Vacation Church School @ St. Nicholas, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>19 Holy Apostle Jude, the Brother of the Lord Romans 1:18-27 Matthew 5:20-26 Vacation Church School @ St. Nicholas, 6:00 PM No Compline</p>	<p>20 Hieromartyr Methodius St. Nicholas Cabasilas St. Gleb Romans 1:28-2:9 Matthew 5:27-32</p>	<p>21 Martyr Julian of Tarsus St. Julius of Novara Romans 2:14-29 Matthew 5:33-41</p>	<p>22 Martyrs Zeno and Zenas St. Alban, Protomartyr of Britain Romans 1:7-12 Matthew 5:42-48 Great Vespers and Confessions, 5:00 PM</p>	
<p>23 Sunday of All Saints Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 Hours and Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM</p>	<p>24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist Romans 2:28-3:18 Matthew 6:31-34, 7:9-11</p>	<p>25 Virgin-Martyr Febronia Ss. Peter and Febronia Romans 4:4-12 Matthew 7:21-23 SMM Cedar Point Outing!</p>	<p>26 Ven. David of Thessalonica Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 7:21-23 Compline and Confessions, 6:00 PM</p>	<p>27 St. Joann a, the Myrrhbearer Romans 5:10-16 Matthew 8:23-27 Rummage Sale 9am –6pm</p>	<p>28 Ven. Sergius and Heriman of Valaam Romans 5:17-6:2 Matthew 9:14-17 Rummage Sale 9am –6pm</p>	<p>29 Holy Apostles Peter and Paul 2 Cor. 11:21-12:9 Matthew 16:13-19 +Divine Liturgy for St. Peter and Paul, 10:00 AM Great Vespers, 12:00 PM</p>	
<p>30 All Saints of America Synaxis of the 12 Apostles Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23 Hours and Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM</p>							

June 27 & 28th

9:00am - 5:00 pm

Church Bazaar



St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church; 2439 S. S. Long Lake Rod, Fenton, MI



St. Mary Magdalene Cedar Point Outing

**Cedar Point Amusement Park
Sandusky, Ohio
Tuesday, June 25th**

We will be having our annual Parish Trip to Cedar Point on Tuesday, June 25th! We will be reserving a spot in the pavilions for Lunch, so bring a dish to share!

There is a special Michigan Resident's Deal, where you can get admission, unlimited soda drinks, and parking, for \$39.99 on the Cedar Point Website!

See Fr. Gabriel if you are going to join us this year!

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Wednesday, June 5th, 6:00 PM

We will have a visiting sister
from the Convent of St. Elisabeth, Minsk, Belarus.
She will give a presentation on the history and service
of their community that helps children without parental support,
the patients of the psychiatric hospital.



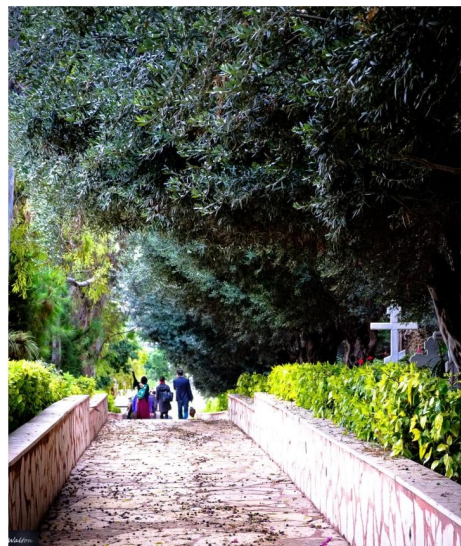
A table with the products will be arranged for sale:
Icons, crosses, crucifixes and various religious articles
Souvenirs and CDs

Proceeds will help the current Convent's construction

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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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