

# Let My Prayer Arise

## Orthodox Boot Camp

A Message from Fr. Gabriel

When a new recruit begins his tour of duty in the military, they have to undergo an 8 week period, which calls them to push the limits of their body to places it has never been before. This "boot camp" includes break of dawn workouts and lessons in discipline and obedience in an attempt to prepare them for what lies ahead. The military knows that all of the things that young men and women need to learn about being a soldier, cannot be taught to them unless they are in good physical and mental shape. Recruits cannot learn or internalize information, unless they are properly prepared to hear it!

For centuries, The Church has had its own version of a boot camp. Later this month, from March 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will all take part in "Clean Week", which if taken seriously, should be more difficult than anything we have experienced before! The battle field which we are preparing for is not some field that we can find on a map...it is the battlefield of life. The freedom which we are fighting for is not from an oppressive government dictatorship...but rather freedom from ourselves. We embrace the Great Fast in order to conquer the demonic ranks, and to seek out and destroy our own personal struggles with evil!

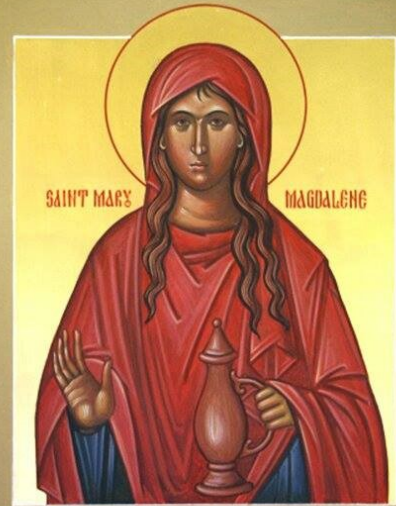
**Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Welcome to Great and Holy Lent!**

Each and every one stands as a new recruit for Christ. And in the short gospel lesson for Forgiveness Sunday, our Commander gives us our very first marching orders for the Fast:

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### Month in Review:

This past month, we welcomed two new warriors for Christ, in Winifred Anna and William Ezra, as they received Holy Baptism and Chrismation! Seth and Mia were joined in Holy Matrimony. We also collected and distributed our annual Lazarus Bags for the homeless, and blessed our newest 70 pound bell, the 5th of our 6 bell set! Metanoia classes have wrapped up for Great and Holy Lent, as we prepare for the Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Welcome to Orthodox Boot Camp!



March 2019

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*This Month's Scripture Readings*

**March 3rd:**

John 20:1-10  
 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2  
 Matthew 25: 31-46

**March 10th:**

John 20:11-18  
 Romans 13:11-14:3  
 Matthew 6:14-21

**March 17th:**

John 20:19-31  
 Hebrews 11:24-26, 32:12-2  
 John 1:43-51

**March 24th:**

John 21:1-14, 10:9-16  
 Mark 2:1-12

**March 31st:**

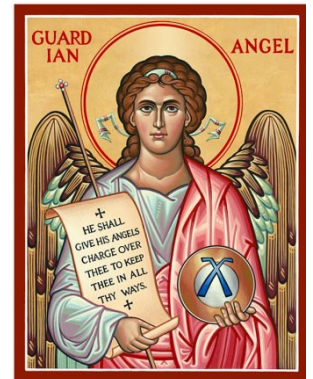
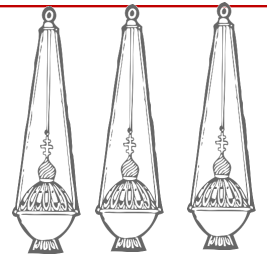
John 21:15-25, 10:9-16  
 Mark 8: 34-9:1



# Prayer Life

Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and

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| His Beatitude Metropolitan  | Lon        |
| Theodosius                  | Lon        |
| His Beatitude Metropolitan  | Joanna     |
| Herman                      | Sandy      |
| His Eminence Archbishop     | Ella       |
| Melchisedek                 | Elnora     |
| Archpriest Dimitrie Vincent | Theodora   |
| Subdeacon Paul Hildreth     | Peter      |
| Vinnie                      | Perpetua   |
| Autumn                      | Don        |
| Katherine                   | Sean       |
| John                        | James      |
| Anastasia                   | Michael    |
| Alex                        | Maryann    |
| Elaine                      | John       |
| Frankie                     | Rose Marie |
| John                        | Calvin     |
| Damian                      | Thom       |
| Stacie                      | Kandy      |
| Bryan                       |            |
| Michael                     |            |
| Carolyn                     |            |
| Aiden                       |            |
| Megan                       |            |
| Pat                         |            |
| Kyle                        |            |



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	Douglas Val	Seth Shannon Nyomi Jay Tonya Alyssa Eliana	Renee Auxier Theresa Cooley Jenna

**“Orthodox Boot Camp” Cont.**

*“for if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”*

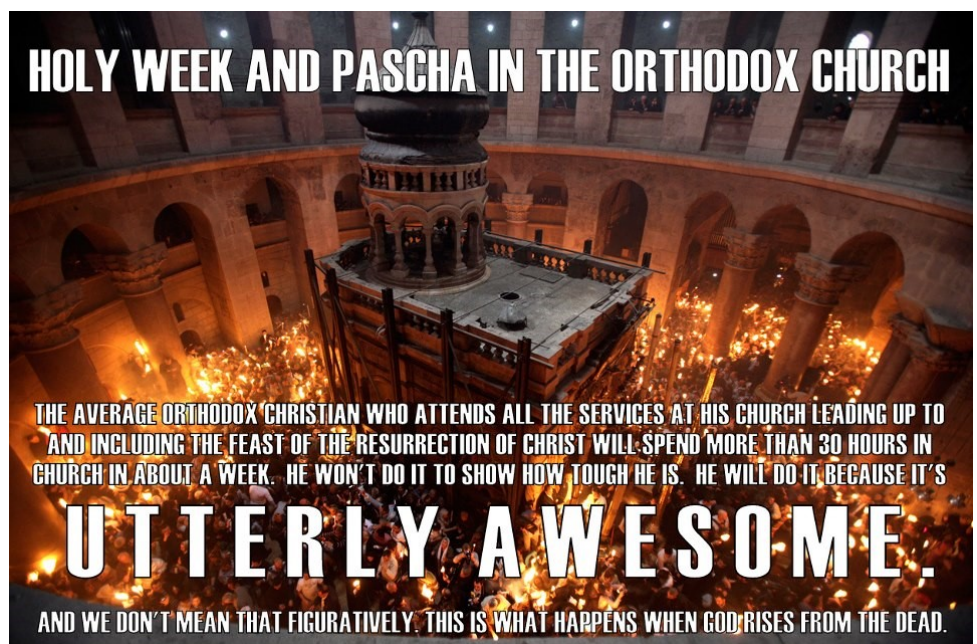
Think about that statement for a moment. These “marching orders” come just a few verses after Jesus teaches everyone the “Our Father”, a prayer that we say probably more times than we say any other prayer in the Orthodox Church. Every time we recite it, we are asking for God to forgive us, in the same measure that we forgive others! This becomes for us, either a tremendous encouragement, or an extremely frightful curse! If we forgive those who wrong us, then the “Our Father” is a wonderful prayer to listen to. However, if we hold a grudge for a single sin of another...that prayer is our death! Every time we are saying the Lord’s prayer, we are asking God to give us the same measure of forgiveness that we give to each other. If we have a little humility, then we should be encouraged each and every time we recite that prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer is also why we begin the Great and Holy Fast with asking forgiveness of one another, because this is truly what Lent is all about. Fasting, almsgiving, and knowing the scriptures by heart...all of these are important virtues to acquire in the spiritual life. But none of those things can hold a candle to a heart that is capable of not holding a single grudge, on a single person, over any single matter.

We stand at the brink of Orthodox Boot Camp. We have been given our marching orders. We all know the schedule of services that lies before us. Now it is us to each and every one of us to take this time seriously, **and place it over all other priorities in our lives.** There will be difficulties. There will be struggles. It will not be easy. The demons will attack us both outside and in, but we remember the words of St. Paul in His Epistle to the Romans, that Salvation is closer to us today than it was this past year. As all recruits who enter into boot camp, it’s important to keep our eyes fixed on that prize...which is why, just before we enter into the solemnity of Lent, the Church calls for the choir to give us a foretaste of victory when they will sing that beautiful hymn which we will hear again during Great and Holy Pascha:

*“Let God Arise...Let His enemies be shattered...for Today, A Sacred Pascha is revealed to us.”*

May God allow us the strength to enter into this season of repentance with forgiveness on our hearts!





# ORTHODOX CLEAN WEEK 2019



## SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF GREAT LENT

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 10th</b>	+Divine Liturgy and Forgiveness Vespers, 9:50 AM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 11th</b>	+Clean Week Monday Matins Service, 9:00 AM +Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 12th</b>	+Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 13th</b>	<b>+Pilgrimage to Dormition, 6:00 AM Meet at St. Mary Magdalene</b> +Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 14th</b>	+Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 15th</b>	+Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Lenten Potluck, 6:30 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 16th</b>	+Vigil for Orthodoxy Sunday, 4:00 PM



# Monthly Forecast

**+Final Choir Rehearsal for Clean Week:** A Special Choir Rehearsal for Great Lent will be held on Thursday, March 7th, at 6:30 PM at the Church! Please make sure you are present, as that is our last full choir rehearsal before Clean Week!

**+Great and Holy Lent Begins!:** Forgiveness Sunday Vespers will follow Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 10th! Everyone please make sure you are present that Sunday to kick off Great and Holy Lent! The schedule for Clean Week includes the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete from Monday to Thursday beginning at 6:30 PM (March 11th to 14th), and our first Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be on Friday, March 15th at 6:30 PM, followed by a Lenten Pot-Luck

**+Bring Your Icons:** Orthodoxy Sunday is on Sunday, February 17th! Please be sure that everyone brings an icon from home for our special procession outside! Children are also asked to bring their favorite icons for veneration after Divine Liturgy!

**+Miracle Working Icon Visitation and Lenten Retreat:** March 22nd to 24th will be one of the most memorable weekends for our parish community in some time! We will be welcoming the St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir, the miracle working icon of St. Anna, and Archimandrite Sergius (Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery) to our parish for an incredible weekend retreat! Please see the flier that is attached to the bulletin, and RSVP to Fr. Gabriel for the retreat on Saturday!

**+Benefit Dinner at St. Sabbas Monastery:** On Friday, March 22nd, we will all gather together at St. Sabbas Monastery in Harperwoods, Michigan for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by a special dinner at the Royal Eagle Restaurant, all of which will go to benefit St. Tikhon's Seminary.

**+Pilgrimage to Holy Dormition Monastery:** On Wednesday of Clean Week (March 13th), we will be taking a small pilgrimage to Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction. We will be meeting at the Church at 6:00 AM, and staying through the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy which begins around 8:00 or so.

**+ Vespertal Liturgy for the Annunciation:** There will be a Vespertal Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation at 6pm. At this point the location is still to be determined.

**2019 Pan-Orthodox Divine Service Schedule Released:** See the flyer below for the Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County's Service Schedule for Great Lent.

**“Where there is no prayer and fasting, there are demons.” -St. Theophan the Recluse**



"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."

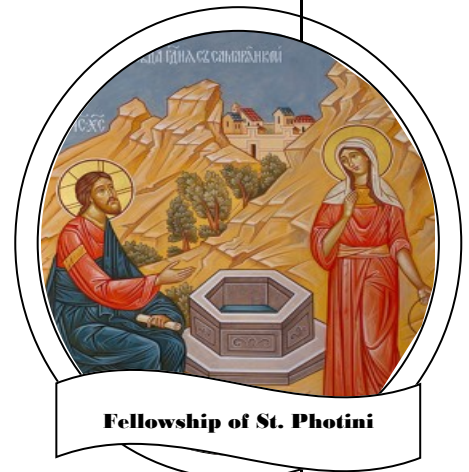
**Fellowship of St. Photini needs your help to reach those in need in our communities.**

**Thank you to all that donated toward the Lazarus Bag Project. Please take a bag with you to share with those in need in your community.**

Please contact David Schutt, Roland Drummond, 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





# COLLEGE CORNER

**Flint OCF:** This past month, the OCF met at ZapZone in Brighton to play laser tag. We had a good turnout and afterwards we enjoyed some fellowship at a local restaurant. We have a few meetings in March, including volunteering at Carriage Town Ministries (3/16) and a meeting with Fr. Matthew Butrie (3/29). Finally, congratulations to long-time OCF members Seth and Mia Hillaker on their recent marriage.

## Prayers for our college students:

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

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



# 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

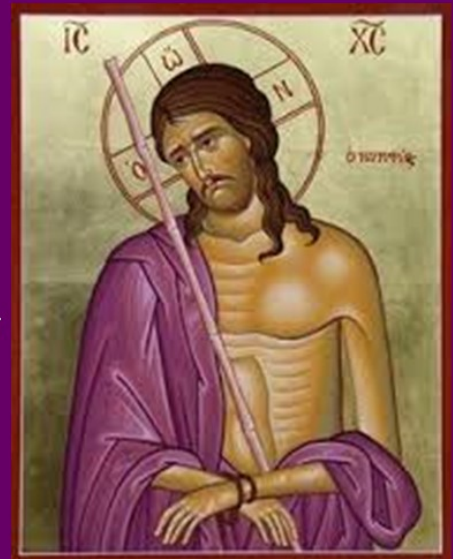
Friday, April 26: GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

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 2pm



### 2018-2019 Church School Events

March 10—No Class, Forgiveness Sunday

March 17— No, Class, Sunday of Orthodoxy (Bring your Icons)

April 21— No Class, Palm Sunday

April 28— No Class, Pashca

May 5— Annual Easter Egg Hunt

May 12— Graduation & Ice Cream Social

# OUR PARISH YOUTH



### This Month's Topics

3/3- Last Judgement

3/10—No Class

3/17— Children's Sermon

3/24— The Annuciation

3/31— Raising of Lazarus

**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.

Just a reminder that there is no class on Forgiveness Sunday (3/10), it is important that all of our children fully participate in this Lenten season. The last class until after Great and Holy Pascha will be on April 14th so our Children can participate fully in Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Sunday of Orthodoxy is on March 17th, bring your Icons for the procession. There will also be a children's sermon that day in place of regular classes.

Lastly, if you are interested in teaching or volunteering in any way with the Church School Program for 2019-2020 please contact Matushka Laura.

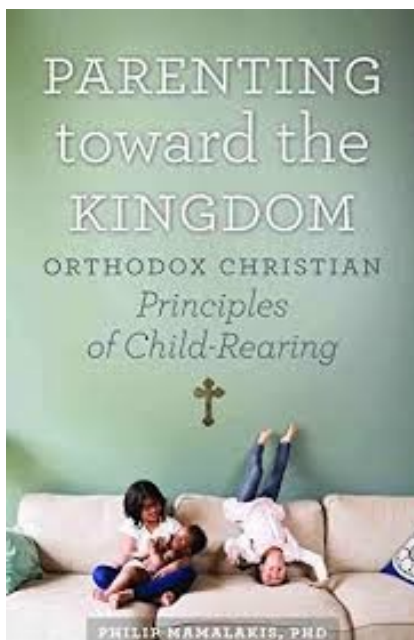


Next Group Meetings:

Sunday, March 3rd

**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

On Sunday, March 3rd the group will be discussing chapters 3 & 4



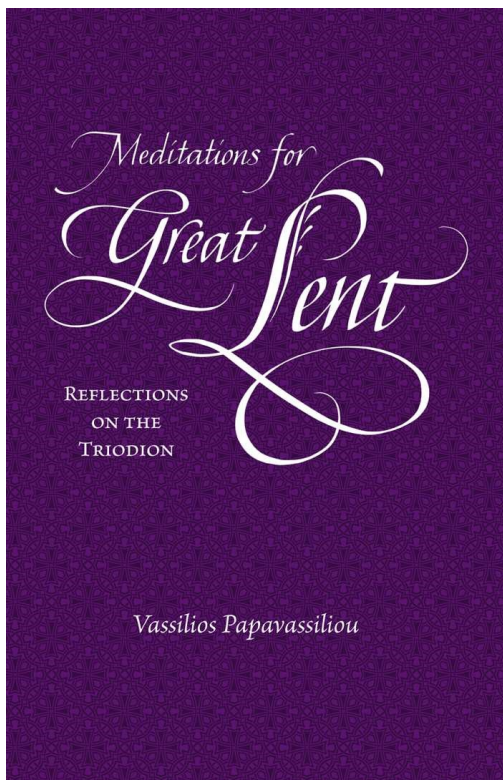
## Recommended Reading



### **Meditations For Great Lent: Reflections on the Triodion**

The Lenten Triodion exhorts us, "Let us observe a fast acceptable and pleasing to the Lord." Using hymns from the Triodion and the Scripture readings appointed for the season, *Meditations for Great Lent* shows us how to make our

fast acceptable: to fast not only from food but from sin; to fast with love and humility, as a means to an end and not an end in itself. Keep this gem of a book with you to inspire you for the Fast and to dip into for encouragement as you pursue your Lenten journey.



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

# THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

## Coffee Hour Volunteers

**March 3:**  
Scott & Tina Shephard  
(Meatfare)  
**March 10:**  
Katherine Senter (Cheesefare)  
**March 17:**  
Steve & Sue Walton (Fasting)  
**March 24:**  
Bruce & Rebecca Watson-Lazar  
(Fasting)  
**March 31:**  
David & Cindy Welch (Fasting)

## Parish Greeters

**March 3:**  
Wes & Donna Nakagiri  
**March 10:**  
Mia Jonascu Hillaker  
**March 17:**  
Pat Smith  
**March 24:**  
Scott & Tina Shephard  
**March 31:**  
Steve & Sue Walton

## Epistle Readers

**March 3:** Rdr Chris Ballnik &  
Sue Walton  
**March 10:** Janet Wiese &  
Sbdn. Andrew Durand  
**March 17:** Rdr. John Auxier &  
Rdr. Chris Ballnik  
**March 24:** Rdr. Nathan Auxier  
& Janet Wiese  
**March 31:** Jenni Otis & Rdr.  
John Auxier

## Wishing you many blessed years!

### Happy Birthday

- 7– Brianna Walton
- 12– Steven Kekel & Katrina Jonascu
- 18– Stphanie Onderchanin
- 20– John Auxier III
- 21– Joseph Suriano
- 22– Katherine Jannakos & Doug Ballnik
- 24– George Naum
- 27– Larry Shipley
- 31– Chris Burtka & Andrew Ziats

### Happy Anniversary

- 10– Brion & Theresa Cooley





# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2019

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

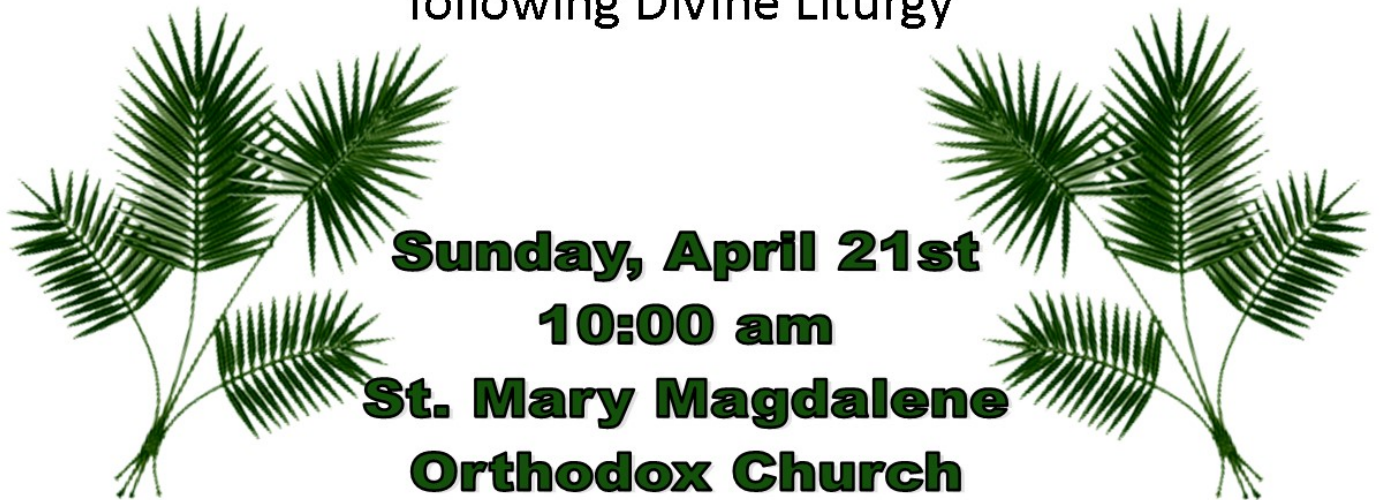
SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 17th</b>	 <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 24th</b>	 <b>The Prodigal 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**

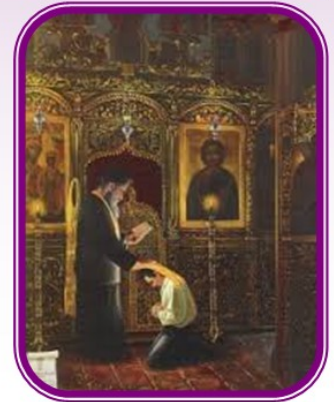
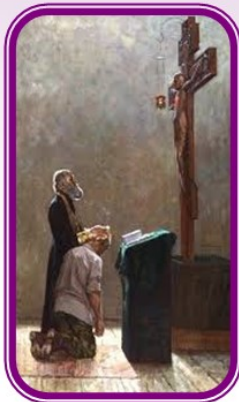
**St. Mary Magdalene**

**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:** After Unction to 9:00 PM\*\*

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

\*\*After Holy Wednesday 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

Prayer. Education. Fellowship. ALL ARE WELCOME! - Services 6:00pm | Free will offering

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The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint  
Presents

**“Acquiring the Mind of Christ”**  
A Lenten Retreat Presented by Fr.  
Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of St.  
Tikhon’s Monastery

With a visitation from

**The Miraculous Icon of St. Anna**

Hosted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church  
2439 S. Long Lake Rd.  
Fenton, MI 48430

**Saturday, March 23rd, 2019**

***“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...” (Phil 2:5)***

The task of repentance, which is what we are especially seeking during the Great and Holy period of Lent, is a literal “change of mind”. During this holy time of preparation, our goal is to acquire the Mind of Christ which St. Paul so elegantly speaks about in his letters. Fr. Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of the Oldest Orthodox Monastery in North America, will share with us where and how to discover the “Mind of Christ”, and how doing so will impact our spiritual lives, and the way we view the world, in a very radical way.

**Retreat Schedule**

09:00-10:30 AM	Divine Liturgy with the Icon of St. Anna, Sung by St. Tikhon’s Seminary Choir
10:30-11:15 AM	Registration and Breakfast
11:15-12:45 PM	Session 1 with Fr. Sergius
12:45-01:45 PM	Lunch (Free Will Offering)
01:45-03:15 PM	Session 2 with Fr. Sergius
03:30-4:30 PM	Question and Answer Session with Fr. Sergius
5:00 PM	Great Vespers and Molebin to St. Anna, Sung by St. Tikhon’s Seminary Choir

RSVP To This Event by Calling (810) 750-1401, or by emailing Fr. Gabriel at [frgabrielsmm@gmail.com](mailto:frgabrielsmm@gmail.com) by

**Wednesday, March 20th**

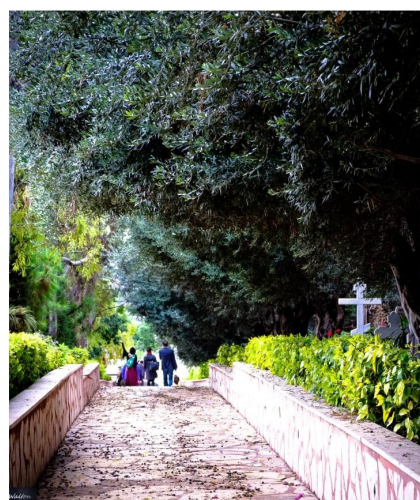


# ALL NIGHT VIGIL



**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**  
**Real Estate One**  
**Cell: (248) 318-7342**  
**Email:**  
**[cterova@gmail.com](mailto:cterova@gmail.com)**  
**[teamterova.com](http://teamterova.com)**

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!



# **WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - 2019**

## **HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY**

Friday - Sunday, April 5 – 7, 2019

### **Retreat Schedule:**

Friday, April 5	5:00 PM Great Compline 6:00 PM Dinner
Saturday, April 6	6:30 AM Matins, Hours, Akathist 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Memorial Service Lunch Lenten Presentation: <b>Our Life of Prayer</b> 12 Noon – 3 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Part 1</b>, with Q&amp;A</li><li>• Short Break</li><li>• <b>Part 2</b>, with Q&amp;A</li><li>• Personal Time</li></ul> 5:00 PM Light Dinner 6:00 PM Vigil (Combined Vespers and Matins)
Sunday, April 7	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (followed by Agape Meal)
<i>Suggested Donations:</i>	Lodging (per night) <b>\$50</b> Saturday attendance, w/o lodging <b>\$30</b>

Please email the Monastery: [dormitionmonastery@dormitionmonastery.org](mailto:dormitionmonastery@dormitionmonastery.org), **ASAP** if you will need lodging, as lodging capacity is very limited. If attending on Saturday only for the day, please call (517-569-2873), or email Monastery, no later than Friday, March 29. (If a cancellation occurs, please notify the Monastery ASAP so that someone else can take your place.)

Any questions: Please contact Sharon Foster ([ssteffoster@yahoo.com](mailto:ssteffoster@yahoo.com); ph 231-267-3036)

Thank you!

# 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