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- ✝ 11/2 Great Vespers 4pm followed by Fellowship of St. Photini Meeting
- ✝ 11/3 Baptismal Liturgy 9:45am
- ✝ 11/6 Molebin of Thanksgiving, Fall Lecture Series and Mortgage Burning
- ✝ 11/9 OCF Habitat for Humanity Event
- ✝ 11/10 Parish Ministries Sunday and Brunch
- ✝ 11/12 Parish Council
- ✝ 11/17 St. Emilia Mom's Group Dinner
- ✝ 11/20 CPR Training
- ✝ 11/21 Divine Liturgy 10am
- ✝ 11/27 Molebin of Thanksgiving
- ✝ 11/30 No Vespers at SMM

5 Steps to a Successful Advent Season

A message from Fr. Gabriel

There is something truly special about the first snowfall of the year here in Michigan. Whether you love the snow, or you have been dreading it since August, there is no denying that the first one always seems to feel like a "reset" for creation. The air is crisp and feels clean. The dried-up leaves that turn our lawns brown have been covered in white like a fresh blanket. It is as if creation is wrapped in purity, as it prepares itself (and us) for the most incredible miracle in human history: The day that God Himself came to Earth, in order to lift up His creation whom He loves.

There was a nun who was once asked: "What does God want from us in this life?" Her response was incredibly fitting for what we try to accomplish in our spiritual lives, especially since we are beginning the holy season of Advent this coming month! She said: "God is not interested in where you are or what you do. He is only interested in the quality and quantity of love that you give...no more...and no less." Beautiful and Simple! This is our life as Christians; and it is magnified when we are preparing ourselves for incredible miracles like the Nativity!

Want more good news? We don't have to figure out new ways to show our love for God and for others! For 2,000 years, the Church has given us the tools that we need to grow in love. So as we enter into this holy period of Advent, allow me to share some of that ancient wisdom:



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1. It is a big temptation for all of us during this time of year to over indulge in earthly entertainment. Everyone is throwing some kind of party for work. There are parades and festivals every weekend. The malls and department stores are packed with people. But during this sacred time, we have to guard ourselves from over indulging in earthly things. Remember to not have your gaze at your feet...but rather stare up at the heavens, and search for that bright star that is shining over Bethlehem, as the world makes its way towards the newborn King
2. If you go home today and are not able to find your Bible sitting on your nightstand next to your bed, or in the center of your prayer corner, find it. If you see that it is dusty from a lack of use, cross yourself, dust it off, open it up, and begin to read. Read the books of the Prophets; Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah. **Read them all** dearest brothers and sisters in Christ. Find the passages within that Holy Wisdom that point the way to December 25th, and learn **why** this period of preparation is so important for the world.
3. It is important for us to always be reading and learning from the lives of our Holy Fathers and Mothers; men and women who are of the same mold as you and I, and have made it to the peak of human existence in their quest for God. After you finish with a chapter of the prophets, open up the writings of the Saints. Read from St. Athanasius's "*On the Incarnation*", which answers so many questions for us about why Christmas is necessary for mankind. (Hint Hint...contrary to secular belief, Christmas has nothing to do with Black Friday, or what is under the tree on Christmas morning!)
4. This is the time of year when the temptation becomes great to gorge ourselves with our favorite holiday dishes. Cookies are everywhere. With the drop in temperature, "Comfort foods" are being made in every kitchen across the country. Although we are not permitted to offend anyone who serves you these things, we are called to show restraint during Advent, by make a conscience effort to fast from meat and dairy to the best of our ability. Remember why we fast: To train our souls to yearn for heavenly bread and to not rely on earthly food which passes away.
5. Speaking of heavenly banquets, make an extra effort to prioritize the Divine Services these next 6 weeks! Do not deprive yourselves of the Grace of God that we are given through the Holy Eucharist! We need our Lord's nourishment if we are to reach the feast with understanding in our minds and joy in our hearts.

As we begin our journey towards the cave where our Lord came down from the heavens to lay his head in a manger, I ask for your forgiveness for any way that I had "led the sheep astray" through my own spiritual weaknesses. May we gather together at the end of this journey with the Archangels who we commemorate this month (November 8th), and with them let us sing the praises of the God Who loved His creation so much, that He humbled Himself down to our existence, in order to lift us all up in ways that we cannot possibly begin to fathom.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Parish Greeters

November 3rd:

Steve & Sue Walton

November 10th:

Wes & Donna Nakagiri

November 17th:

Seth & Mia Hillaker

November 24th:

Pat Smith

Coffee Hour Volunteers

November 3rd:

Jay & Tonya Rice

November 10th: Agape Brunch

Brian & Tammy Arnes

November 17th: Fasting

Marisa Bailey

November 24th: Fasting

Chris & Robyn Ballnik

Epistle Readers

November 3rd:

Sue Walton

November 10th:

Sbdn. Andrew Durand

November 17th:

Rdr. Brian Walton

November 24th:

Rdr. Chris Ballnik

Alternate Readers

November 3rd:

Rdr. Nathan Auxier

November 10th:

Jenni Otis

November 17th:

Sue Walton

November 24th:

Sbdn. Andrew Durand

Incase you missed this months homilies visit...

<http://www.st-marymagdalene.org/parish-blog>

WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ✝ 2– Sawyer Yonan
- ✝ 4– Zachary Wilkinson
- ✝ 6– Gregoray Auxiser
- ✝ 7– Subdeacon Paul Hildreth
- ✝ 7– Thomas Yonan
- ✝ 11– Brian Walton
- ✝ 12– Sue Walton
- ✝ 14– Dr. Janet Frick
- ✝ 15– Justin Auxier
- ✝ 19– Pam Grubaugh
- ✝ 22– Rdr. Christopher Ballnik
- ✝ 22– Renea Becklehamer
- ✝ 23– Daniel Lanterman
- ✝ 28– Michelle Forsyth
- ✝ 29– Julia Auxier
- ✝ 30– Ezekiel Watson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- ✝ 20– Scott & Tina Shephard

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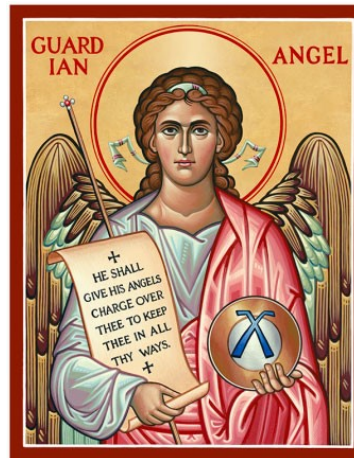
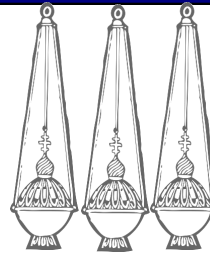
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Prayer Life

Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and sisters

Metropolitan Theodosius	David
Metropolitan Herman	Michael
Reader Gregory	Pulette
Vinne	Katherine
Autumn	James
Anastasia	Kandy
Alex	Ron
Elaine	Pat
Perpetua	Michael
Carol	Chloe
Katelyn	
Frankie	
Thom	
Damian	
Stacie	
Caolyn	
Megan	
Lon	
Ella	
Noah	
Elnora	
Peter	
Calvin	



This Month's Scripture Readings

November 3rd:

Gal 1:11-19

Luke 8: 41-56

November 10th:

Gal 2:16-20

Luke 10:25-37

November 17th:

Gal 6:11-18

Luke 12: 16-21

November 24th:

Eph 2:4-10

Luke 13:10-17

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

Catechumens

Alyssa
 William
 John
 Karem
 Asher
 Miriam
 Elliott

Mother's With Child

Kari

MONTHLY FORECAST

Great Vespers and Vigil Time Change for Winter

Starting in November, we will be reverting to our earlier Saturday Great Vespers and Vigil schedule! All Saturday Services will begin at 4:00 PM. Starting on November 16th during Advent, we will be replacing Great Vespers with an Abridged Vigil service in preparation for the Nativity.

St. Photini November Meeting

After Great Vespers on this upcoming Saturday, November 2nd, the St. Photini Group will be meeting to prepare for ministry Sunday in the Education Center

Baptism and Chrismation Weekend

On Sunday November 3rd, we will be having a Baptismal Divine Liturgy for Eliana (Seraphima) Rice, with the Chrismations of Jay (James), Tonya (Sophia), and Adam (Maximos) as they all begin their journey into Holy Orthodoxy! What a glorious Sunday it will be, as we welcome these new warriors for Christ into our parish family! Keep them in your prayers!

Mortgage Burning and Fall Lecture with Archbishop Alexander

On Wednesday, November 6th, we will be welcoming our Archbishop Alexander to the parish for a special service of Thanksgiving for the paying off of our Church Mortgage, and for a special mini-retreat on "The Last Judgement". The evening will begin with the Archbishop serving the Molebin service at 6:00 PM, followed by the lecture by His Eminence. After a special Q&A, everyone is welcome to go downstairs to enjoy some refreshments, and to join us outside as we have the official mortgage burning on the bonfire! If you are able, please consider bringing a snack dish to share with everyone!

Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Archangels

We will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Archangels on Friday, November 8th, with Divine Liturgy beginning at 10:00 AM

Ministry Sunday!

After the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 10th, we will be having a special Pre-Advent Brunch as we welcome in our various ministry teams at the parish, to showcase ways that you can get involved in parish life outside of Sunday Services! This is a vital part of being a member of St. Mary Magdalene, as everyone has to do their part! Please plan on attending!

CPR Training and Emergency Response Course

Knowing the steps to take during a medical emergency could be the difference between life and death. On Wednesday, November 20th, beginning at 6:30 PM, we will be welcoming Dr. Kristen Swor Wolf, an Emergency Medicine physician at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, for an Emergency Response course in the parish hall. Dr. Swor will be instructing us on recognizing cardiac arrest, performing Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Sign up in the Vestibule or by emailing Fr. Gabriel at frgabrielmm@gmail.com


Divine Liturgy for Entrance of the Theotokos

We will be celebrating the Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos on Thursday, November 21st beginning at 10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Service on the Eve of Thanksgiving


On the eve of Thanksgiving, November 27th, we will be having a special Thanksgiving Service beginning at 6:30 PM here at the Church. This is the perfect way to give glory to God for all that our Lord has blessed us with!

EXPLANATION AND HIERARCHY OF THE
9 CHOIRS OF ANGELS




1ST TRIAD - CONTEMPLATE AND ADORE GOD DIRECTLY


SERAPHIM ISAIAH 6:1-7
6 WINGS - 2 COVER FEET, 2 COVER FACE, AND 2 FOR FLIGHT
Name means the burning ones, and they are Attendants at the Throne of God. They praise God singing, "Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts!"



CHERUBIM EXD 25:18-21, EZK 10:14, REV 4-6
4 FACES AND 4 WINGS - 2 COVER FEET AND 2 FOR FLIGHT
Name means the Fullness of Wisdom, and they Contemplate God's providence. Assigned to protect special places.




THRONES EZK 10:17, COL 1:16, DAN 7:9
FLAMING, ROTATING RINGS COVERED WITH EYES
Represent the steadfastness of the love of God. They contemplate God's power and judgment, and they appear as the most unlike the others when revealed.




2ND TRIAD - FULFILL GOD'S PLAN IN THE UNIVERSE


DOMINIONS EPH 1:21, COL 1:16
Lord over the lower choirs and humanity. They take illumination from the higher hierarchies and govern the universe.



VIRTUES EPH 1:21
Run the operation of movement in the universe. They are often associated with planets, elements, seasons, and nature.




POWERS EPH 3:10, EPH 6:12
Assist in governing the natural order. They are warrior angels tasked with fighting the war against the demonic choirs.




3RD TRIAD - INTERACT & SERVE HUMANITY CLOSELY


PRINCIPALITIES EPH 3:10, EPH 1:21
Princes of the lowest triad assigned to care and guard communities, kingdoms, states, and parishes. They are associated with transitions in power.



ARCHANGELS JUDE 9, 1 THES 4:16, TOB
Leader angels assigned to communicate and carry out God's important plans for man. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael are the only 3 names we know.



ANGELS LUK 22:43, MAT 18:10, HEB 13:2
Angels are closest to the material world and humanity. The lowest choir is where we get the majority of our personal guardian angels.



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*Angels are symbolically depicted with wings, but they are purely spiritual beings that do not have a physical body. They can take on the appearance of man to better communicate with humans.
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Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

The second great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple which is commemorated on the twenty-first of November. Like the feast of her nativity, this feast of Mary is without direct biblical and historical reference. But like the nativity, it is a feast filled with important spiritual significance for the Christian believer.

The texts of the service tells how Mary was brought as a small child to the temple by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until the time of their betrothal in marriage. According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be “nourished” there by the angels in order to become herself the “holy of holies” of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine child who was to be born in her.

There is no doubt that the verses of the Old Testament Psalm 45, used extensively in the services of the feast, provided a great inspiration for the celebration of Mary’s consecration to the service of God in the Jerusalem Temple.

Hear, O Daughter, and consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father’s house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your Lord, bow to him . . .

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes, in many-colored robes she is led to her king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train.

With joy and gladness they are led along, as they enter the palace of the king.

Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations, therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever (Ps 45.10–17).

The Orthodox Church understands these words of the psalm to be a prophecy directly related to Mary the Theotokos. According to the Gospel of Saint Luke which is read at the Vigil of each of her feasts, Mary herself speaks the following words:

My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. For behold, hence-forth all generations shall call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation (Lk 1.47–50).

The main theme of the feast of Mary’s entrance to the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical services, is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that “the dwelling of God is with man” and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence (Ezek 37.27; Jn 14.15–23; Acts 7.47; 2 Cor 6.11; Eph 2.18–22; 1 Pet 2.4; Rev 22.1–4).

Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation (Troparion).

The most pure Temple of the Saviour, the precious Chamber and -Virgin, the Sacred Treasure of the Glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the Abode of Heaven! (Kontakion).

The fortieth chapter of Exodus about the building of the tabernacle is read at Vespers, together with passages from the First Book of Kings and the Prophecy of Ezekiel. Each one of these readings all end with exactly the same line, “for the glory of the Lord filled the house [tabernacle] of the Lord God Almighty” (Ex 40.35; 1 Kg 8.11; Ezek 44.4).

Once again on this feast, the Old Testament readings are interpreted as symbols of the Mother of God. This “glory of the Lord” is referred to the Mother of Christ and it “fills”

her and all people after her who “hear the word of God and keep it” as the Gospel of the festal liturgy proclaims (Lk 11.37–28). The epistle reading at the Divine Liturgy also proclaims this very same theme (Heb 9.1–7).

Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. When the child Mary enters the temple, the time of the temple comes to an end and the “preview of the good will of God” is shown forth. On this feast we celebrate—in the person of Christ’s mother—that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.

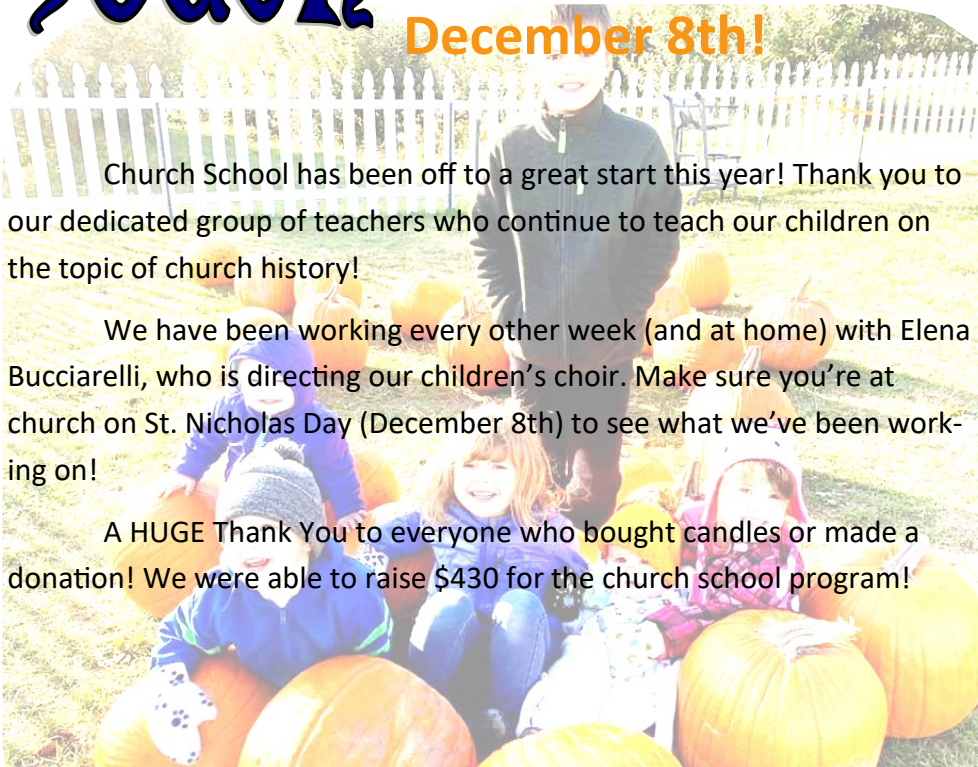
. . . We are the temple of the living God, as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Cor 6.16; Is 52.11).



OUR PARISH YOUTH

Upcoming events:

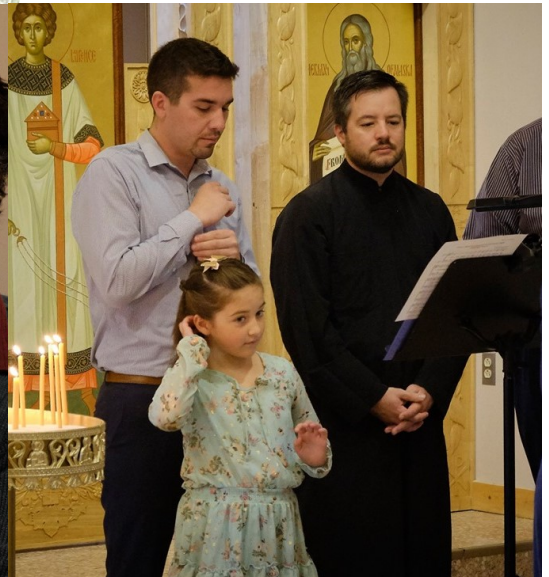
Children's Choir Rehearsals: Our School Age Children will be having regular rehearsals each Sunday leading up to St. Nicholas Day.... So don't Forget St. Nicholas will be visiting on December 8th!



Church School has been off to a great start this year! Thank you to our dedicated group of teachers who continue to teach our children on the topic of church history!

We have been working every other week (and at home) with Elena Bucciarelli, who is directing our children's choir. Make sure you're at church on St. Nicholas Day (December 8th) to see what we've been working on!

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who bought candles or made a donation! We were able to raise \$430 for the church school program!



“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:

October was a fun and eventful month for the local OCF chapter in Flint. On October 4th, a large group of us went to Lansing for a bonfire hosted by the MSU OCF chapter. Then on October 11th, we met at my house in Grand Blanc for a great night of fellowship, where we watched Hacksaw Ridge and played some fun games. On October 25th, we met with Fr. Gabriel at the Fenton House for a good meal and a fascinating discussion titled: "Angels and Archangels According to Orthodox Christianity." November is just as exciting. We're looking forward to our volunteering event at Habitat for Humanity on November 9th and a talk with Bishop Anthony, hosted by the MSU OCF, on November 5th in Lansing.



Prayers for our college students:

Greg Auxier
Katherine Arnes
David Schutt
Katherine Schutt
Oliver Lazar Senter
Elena Bucciarelli
Zachary Wilkinson
Douglas Wilkinson

Laura Khoury
Rachael Hildreth
Sydney Wilkinson
Katerina Jonescu
Katheryn Auxier
Alexandra Kekel

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:

What a blessed month we had in October! Some of the highlights included our ministry team participating in Linden's "Night of Hope" event, where they were able to be a witness to the "Hidden Gem of Orthodoxy". Fr. Gabriel offered the opening prayer for the annual Right to Life Dinner in Grand Blanc. We also welcomed back Fr. Paul and Popadia Michelle to the parish for a wonderful reunion of our founding pastor! Between all of the extra events, and the beginning of our Fall Lecture Series on the Beginning and the End, it was quite a month!



Mortgage Update

Just about 3 years ago, we started the St. Mary Magdalene Mortgage Initiative with a goal of paying off all of our mortgage debts, which totaled just under \$300,000. Through your sacrificial offerings, and more importantly through your prayers, I am happy to announce that for the first time since the building of the Church, our parish community is now **100% debt free!**

In order to celebrate this incredible moment in our parish's history, and in conjunction with a pre-planned visit of His Eminence Archbishop Alexander, we will be having a special parish bonfire and mortgage burning celebration on **Wednesday, November 6th**. The evening will begin with a Thanksgiving Service served by the Archbishop at 6:00 PM, followed by our pre-planned lecture on "The Last Judgment". Following the lecture, we will have the official mortgage burning celebration around a bonfire outside! More information on this night will be coming out soon!

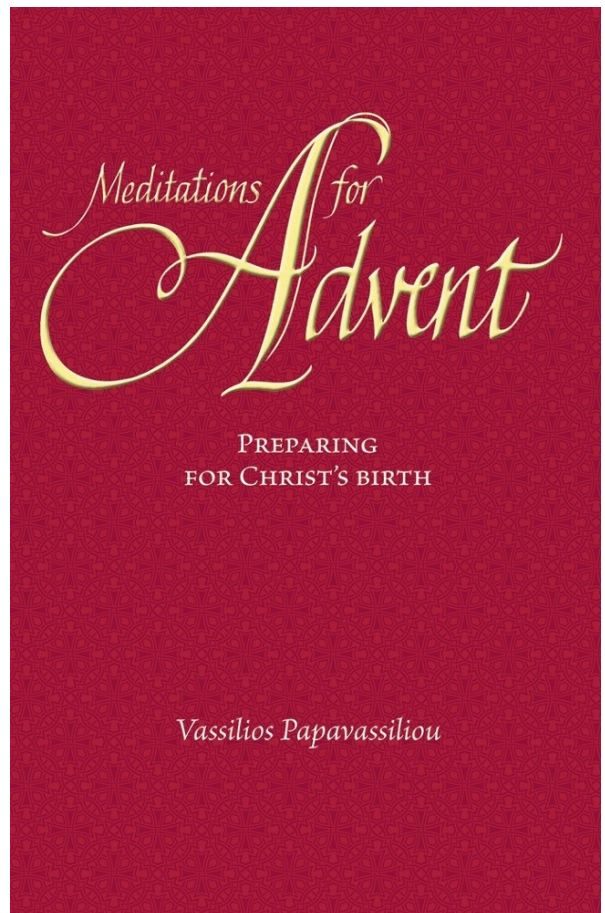
Once again, on behalf of the parish council and our entire parish community, I offer my sincere thanks and love to all of those who have held up our "Little Church of the Woods" through your sacrificial offerings and in your prayers. Although we can take some time to enjoy this tremendous achievement, let us not forget that we still have a **lot of work to do** in growing this Vineyard which our Lord has planted with His Right Hand!

Recommended Reading from Fr. Gabriel

Meditations for Advent; Preparing for Christ's Birth by Vassilios Papavassiliou

The author of the popular *Meditations for Great Lent* takes us through the hymnography, scripture readings, and iconography for the forty days leading up to the Nativity of Christ, showing how a full understanding of the Incarnation can enrich our spiritual lives.

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





St. Emilia's Moms Group

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.

There will be a mom's group dinner on Sunday, November 17th

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI



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

We need your help!!

We will have a busy month in November! We will begin by distributing the blankets we made in the month of October to those that are in need. There will be a Fellowship of St. Photini Meeting on **Saturday, November 2nd** following Great Vespers. We will host our first annual parish ministries Sunday on November 10th. We will begin collection for the Seminarian Gift Card Outreach Ministries with the start of the Advent Fast. Our Church School Students will begin their Nativity Alms Giving Project for the Nativity fast as well.

Please contact Theophan Forsyth, Terri Oginski 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.

Mark your Calendars!

Sunday, November 10th is 'Parish Ministries Sunday' at St. Mary Magdalene, come see what our parish does in our community to help those in need and sign up for a ministry that is fitting for you! You will also be introduced to ministries provided within the church. This will be a great time for families to find their niche in community giving. Brunch will be provided.

Thank you to ALL who helped make blankets for our October Project!



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Let us REJOICE

9th BENEFIT CONCERT



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SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2019 | 5pm

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Matthew 25

“For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me....



... And the King will answer them, ‘ Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one the least of these my brethren, you did it to me’ “

“Lord, I love the beauty of Your House, and the place where Your glory dwells” Psalm 26:8

JOIN US FOR:

Parish ministries Sunday
Sunday, November 10th
Following Divine Liturgy

“Out of love for God and for each other, everyone of the members of the parish community needs to take part in the ministry of the Church”

-Fr. Gabriel Bilas

The Fellowship of St. Photini invites you to join us on Sunday, November 10th for brunch. This lay-led group will discuss what opportunities are available within our Parish for community outreach, as well as, what internal ministries are taking place within our Church. This is a wonderful event to find a ministry in which you and your family will belong.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

JOIN US TO WELCOME ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER

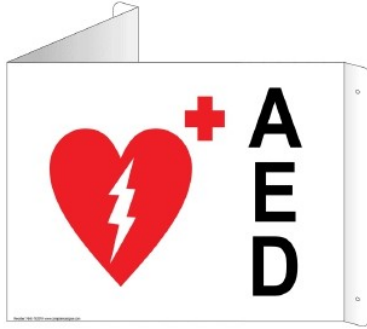
**St. Mary Magdalene
Mortgage**

6:00pm Molebin of Thanksgiving

6:30pm Final Fall Lecture

7:30pm Mortgage Burning and Bonfire





CPR and Emergency Response Training with Dr. Kristin

Wednesday, November 20th, 6:30 PM

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Knowing the steps to take during a medical emergency could be the difference between life and death. On Wednesday, November 20th, beginning at 6:30 PM, we will be welcoming Dr. Kristin Swor Wolf, an Emergency Medicine physician at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, for an Emergency Response course in the parish hall. Dr. Swor will be instructing us on recognizing cardiac arrest, performing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Please Sign Up for this Class by emailing Fr. Gabriel (frgabrielsmm@gmail.com) or by the sign up sheet in the Church!

Every year many families spend time away from their loved ones while they attend Seminary to further their call to God



Seminarian Angel Tree

As some of you know, it takes a tremendous financial sacrifice for a family to follow a calling to go to seminary to study the faith. Many of these future Priests give up their financial stability, and put their trust in God that He will support their families. Years ago, the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America began to collect gifts for those seminarian families who were unable to afford gifts for their children at Christmas. Starting on November 15th (the beginning of Advent), there will be a Seminarian Gift Card Tree located in the front of the Church. We are asking that everyone purchase one of the gift cards (\$25 or \$50) on the tree to be given to a seminarian family...giving them the opportunity to have some extra blessings during the Advent Season!



Cookie Walk & Craft Sale

Saturday, December 21st

10am—3pm

Bake goods and Crafts

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Any questions? See Pat Smith, Rebecca Lazar or Liz Ziats

NATIVITY SCHEDULE

2019

Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Vigil 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 26th: Divine Liturgy for the Theotokos 10:00 a.m.



Advent Confessions: Please make sure that you make time this advent season for the Holy Sacrament of Confession. Fr. Gabriel is available after compline on Wednesday evenings (see schedule) or on Saturday's after vigil. If these do not work for your schedule, email him to make other arrangements.

NATIVITY & THEOPHANY SERVICE SCHEDULE



Tuesday , December 24th:	7:00pm Nativity Vigil
Wednesday, December 25th:	Feast of the Nativity
	10:00am Divine Liturgy
	Christmas Caroling at the Nursing Home immediately following Liturgy
Thursday, December 26th:	10:00am Divine Liturgy for the Theotokos
Sunday, January 5th:	Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Waters
Monday, January 6th:	Feast of Theophany
	10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday, January 12th:	9:50am Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the River
	Lamb Dinner & Agape Meal

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GUEST SPEAKER

DR. HAKEM AL-RUSTOM

MONDAY
November 18, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church
39851 West Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI

ALL are welcome to join us in fellowship! Refreshments will be served.

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