

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

April 2023



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Monday 10:00am-3:00pm
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Friday 10:00am-3:00pm
*or by appointment

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Weekly Service Schedule*

Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy, 9:40am

Wednesdays Services

(Wednesdays see calendar for time and location)

Saturday Vespers & Confessions, 4:00pm

***check the monthly calendar for any possible changes to this schedule**

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2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Friday, April 7th:

Vespers for Lazarus Saturday, 6:30pm (confession available)

Saturday, April 8th: Lazarus Saturday

Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St. George , 9:15 am, fellowship meal

Great Vespers & Confession at St. Mary Magdalene, 4:00pm

Sunday, April 9th: Palm Sunday

Divine Liturgy, 9:40am & Parish Photo

Bridegroom Matins, 7pm (confession available)

Monday, April 10th: Great & Holy Monday

Bridegroom Matins, 7pm (confession available)

Tuesday, April 11th: Great & Holy Tuesday

Bridegroom Matins, 7pm (confession available)

Wednesday, April 12th: Great & Holy Wednesday

Holy Unction, 7pm (fast from your noon meal for the sacrament)

Thursday, April 13th: Great & Holy Thursday

Divine Liturgy, 10am

Passions Gospels, 7pm

Friday, April 14th: Great & Holy Friday

Unnailing Vespers, 3pm

Lamentations & Procession, 7pm

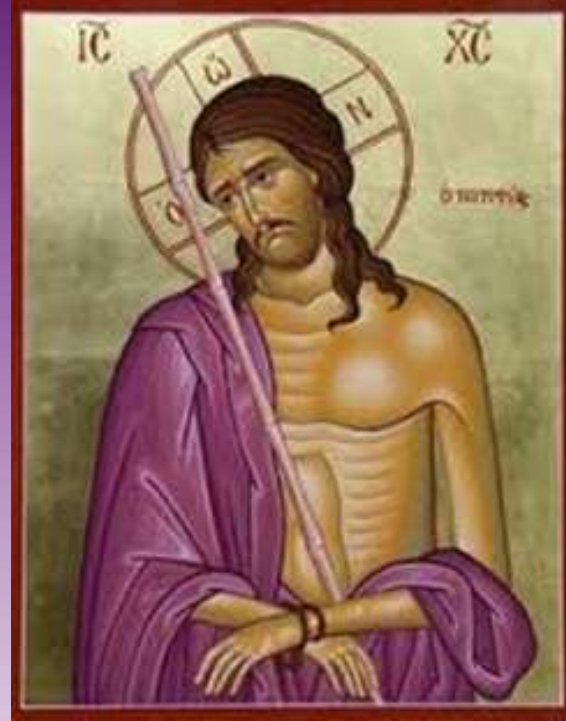
All Night Vigil

Saturday, April 15th: Great & Holy Saturday

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

Nocturns & Paschal Service, 11:30pm at St. John's Catholic in Fenton

(600 N Adelaide St, Fenton, MI 48430) Followed by the Pascha Agape Meal



PASCHA & BRIGHT WEEK



Sunday, April 16th: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

Agape Vespers, 1pm

Monday, April 17th: Bright Monday

Divine Liturgy, 10am at St. Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, April 18th: Bright Tuesday

Divine Liturgy, 10am at St. Nicholas

Wednesday, April 19th: Bright Wednesday

Divine Liturgy, 6pm at St. George

Friday, April 21st: Bright Friday

Divine Liturgy 10am at Holy Assumption

Saturday, April 22nd: Bright Saturday

Great Vespers, 5pm at St. Mary Magdalene

MONTHLY FORECAST

BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

Before entering into Holy Week, we will be welcoming seven new warriors for Christ to the ranks of the Orthodox!

On Saturday, April 1st, beginning at 2:00 PM, Dimitry Valenevich and Felicity Suriano will receive a new birth through the waters of Baptism. On Sunday, April 2nd, we will celebrate the Chrismational Divine Liturgy where we will be Chrismating Jaclyn Selewski, Mark Foster, Nicholas Schwartz, William Keegan, and Collin Olson. Both those baptized and chrismated will be receiving their first communion that Sunday as well. Keep them all in your daily prayers!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED

Since the second Tuesday of the month takes place during Holy Week, April's council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 PM

LAST PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY OF THE YEAR

The last Presanctified Liturgy of the year. will take place at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Flint, on Wednesday April 5th at 6:00 PM

CANON TO ST. MARY OF EGYPT

All are invited to join the young adult group as they read the Canon to St. Mary of Egypt on Thursday, April 6th.

There will be some young adult fellowship after the service.

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

The daily services of Holy Week begin on Friday, April 7th with the Vespers of Lazarus Saturday.

From that day until Great and Holy Pascha, there are services held every single day (sometimes multiple times a day!).

Be sure to clear your schedules so as to be able to participate fully in the incredible services of Holy Week! If your child needs a note for attendance at school, Fr. Gabriel is happy to do that for you. For a more complete schedule and information, see the fliers attached to the bulletin.

EGG DYING AT LOCASCIO HOME

On Great and Holy Friday, beginning at 10:00 AM, volunteers are needed to dye the red eggs for Pascha. They will be meeting at the home of Helen Locascio in Hartland. Please reach out to Helen or the parish office if you are able to assist in this important ministry!

PASCHA VENUE CHANGE

While all of Holy Week will be celebrated in the temporary chapel, our Pascha Service will be held at St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Fenton. There are detailed instructions and maps further down in the newsletter. Volunteers are needed after Liturgy on Holy Saturday to help move some things over to the Church!

BRIGHT WEEK

We will be celebrating Bright Monday Liturgy in our temporary chapel on Monday, April 17th at 10:00 AM. The rest of the Bright Week Schedule is located on the Pan Orthodox Flier.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

After St. Thomas Sunday (April 23rd), we will be having our annual children's Easter egg hunt here at St. Mary Magdalene. All children are highly encouraged to attend!

ANNUAL PARISH PHOTO

We will take our annual parish photo following Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday. Weather permitting the photo will be taken outdoors with the building construction as our backdrop.

"PROOF THAT CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD"



FROM THE DESK OF FR. GABRIEL

Christ is Risen! Can there be any doubt of that reality?! How incredible of a feeling it is to celebrate the Resurrection! Pascha isn't just another Holy day...it is an experience. It brings about in all of us a special change that can only be brought on when God rises from the dead!

After 40+ days of fasting, coupled with the beauty that is to come during Holy Week this month, we will hear numerous accounts and proclamations from the Gospels about Christ's Resurrection. This brings up a powerful, soul-searching question that afflicts some of us after Bright Week is over: How strong is our belief in the reality of the Resurrection?

We hear in the gospel accounts of the Resurrection how hard it was for the Apostles to believe that the Lord had risen! When the Myrrh bearers brought them this news, they wondered why these hysterical women were making up such lies! What would lead them to spread such rumors!

Even after our Lord appeared among the disciples themselves, they thought they were seeing a Ghost! St. Thomas, who the Church remembers on the first Sunday after Pascha, went so far as to say: *"Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."*



Why was there such unbelief from these followers of Christ? They had witnessed with their own eyes Jesus resurrecting the son of the widow of Nain! They saw him go to see Jairus's daughter after the entire house saw that she had died...only for Jesus to come in and say "she is sleeping" and awaken her from death.

Just a few weeks before the resurrection, Jesus let his friend Lazarus die, only to raise him up in front of the disciples after he had been in the tomb rotting for 4 days!

Jesus had worked so many miracles that the disciples had seen with their own eyes, but to have someone who was dead come back to life by His own power...that was something much harder to accept. This is why it was difficult for Christ's apostles, and especially Thomas, to believe what they were seeing even with their own eyes.

We too live in a world of doubt when it comes to the Christian Faith. For those that will faithfully attend the services of Great Lent, to those who make the Christian faith apart of their lives, and to those who came to the Pascha service and experienced the Risen Christ, it's hard to deny that there is something deep and miraculous about Holy Week... something that (if we allow it to) changes how we see the world.

What about those who don't know how incredible the Paschal Celebration is?

What about those who have no faith... who need to be like the disciples and to see and witness the reality of Jesus's Resurrection before they believe? St. Luke of the Crimea likes to answer this question by looking at the history and state of the world since the time of the Resurrection. He even goes so far as to say that we have more proof of the Resurrection today than what the Apostles experienced first-hand!

"PROOF THAT CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD"

CONTINUED

"It is infinitely easier for us to see than for them! There are events in our history that convince us beyond a shadow of a doubt of the truth of Christ's Resurrection! How could we deny the Resurrected Christ, who turned unlearned Galilean fishermen and their successors to preach and win over the entire inhabited world of the time...not only cultured Greeks and Romans, but even the Germans, Galls, and Celts...dealing a fatal blow to Paganism? Could that have been possible if Christ had not risen? Wouldn't any preaching about the Crucified One as the Son of God been met only with mockery?"

Would it have been thinkable for tens of thousands of holy martyrs to go to horrifying tortures and terrible deaths if they did not believe in the Resurrection of Christ and were not on fire with love for the conqueror of death?

Would millions of men and women in the world forsake everything, go out into the deserts and monasteries, and dedicate their entire life to acquiring the mind of Christ be possible if Jesus didn't truly rise from the dead?

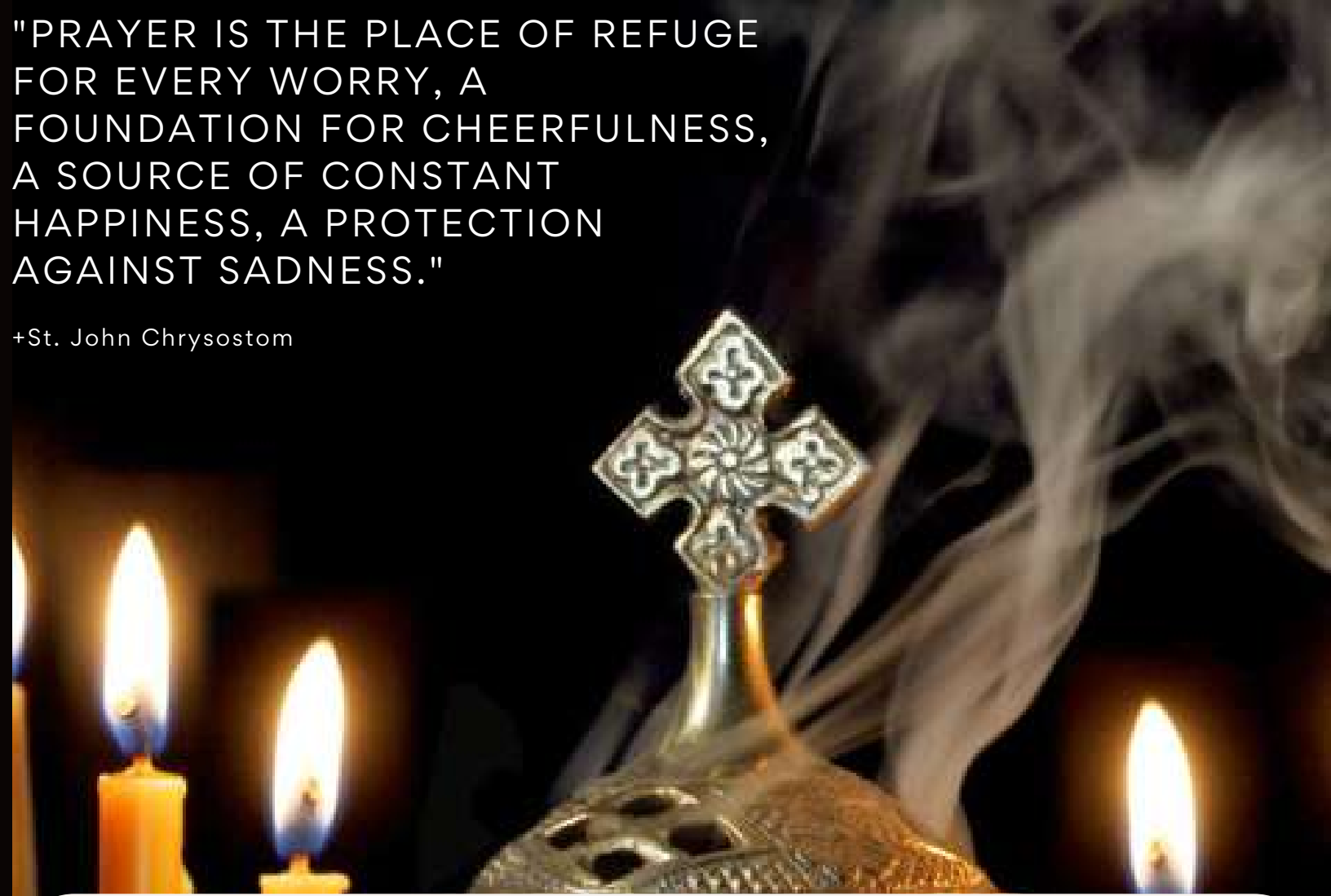
For those who have never experienced the Illumination of Holy Week and Pascha, they need only to look at the tremendous impact the Risen Christ has had on the rest of the world! But for us, who have been blessed to not only believe, but experience the Risen Christ firsthand...may our Lord allow us to carry that boldness of faith from the Church to every aspect of our lives.

Let us not be ashamed or scared to pronounce this Good News to the World, by saying "Christ is Risen", even to those who are blinded to that reality. When we hear of darkness in the lives of those we love, let us not be afraid to turn them to the Church...to turn them to the light. When we ourselves are feeling the weight of the world on our shoulders, let us not hesitate to remember that we have a God who went to battle and conquered death itself...defeating mankind's worst enemy so that we might have life and have it more abundantly!

*Christ
is Risen!*

"PRAYER IS THE PLACE OF REFUGE
FOR EVERY WORRY, A
FOUNDATION FOR CHEERFULNESS,
A SOURCE OF CONSTANT
HAPPINESS, A PROTECTION
AGAINST SADNESS."

+St. John Chrysostom



Sick and the Suffering*

Vinnie
Elaine
David
Pat
Michael
Lauren
Mason
Theresa
Robert
Linda
Hudson
Arminda
Martin
Sherley
Nadia
James
Elizabeth
Kathy

Mother's With Child

Anastasia

Catechumenate

Jeannie
Monica
Eric

Seminarian Families

Father Alexander,
Matushka Danielle &
Cordelia Earl

Reader Paisios,
Anna, John &
Theodore Hamann

Armed Forces

Michael Oginsky - U.S.
Stephany Bishop - U.S. Navy
Jason Wilburn - Army Rangers
Alex Suriano - Air National Guard
Sarah Tyler- U.S. Air Force
Sergeant Mark Stringer -Army Reserves

Anniversary of Repose

1-Richard Philips 23-Daniela Szatmari-
5-Cryus Lazar Voicu
6-Louis Gejoff 27-Samuel Caldarea
17-George Raphael

Recently Departed

None

**To help keep our list
organized, names
will be taken off of
our prayer list every
3 months. Please
contact the parish
office to add names
back to the list.*



MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH



Birthdays

3-Pam Heikkila
4-Rachael Hildreth
5-John White
11-Theodore Cooley
12-Michelle Rosynsky
13-Sammy Bondira
14-Jonathan Wilkinson
16-John Wolf, Mia Hillaker & Jamil Czubenko
17-Tina Shephard
18-Anna Joseph
21-Nicholas Schwartz
22-Brian Arnes
26-George Jonascu & Sbdn. Robert Lanterman
30-Adelaide Lanterman

Anniversaries

16-Alex & Anastasia Branoff

Weddings

None this month

Engagements

Mark Foster & Katerina Jonascu
Nick Swartz & Sarah Miller
John Peters & Jaclyn Selewski
William Keegan & Lauren Peters
Jared Torrey & Ruthanne Yelland

Recent Funerals

None this month

Recent & Upcoming Baptism & Chrismations

Felicity Suriano -Baptized April 1
Dimitri Valeriovich-Baptized April 1
Jaclyn Selewski -Chrismated April 2
Nicholas Schwartz-Chrismated April 2
Mark Foster-Chrismated April 2
Collin Olson-Chrismated April 2
William Keegan-Chrismated April 2

Confession Schedule

Father Gabriel will hear confessions on the following days or by appointment:

Saturday Evenings following Great Vigils

Wednesday Evenings before Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgies or following the Canon of Repentance

Confessions will be heard following the **Bridegroom Matins of Holy Week**, after Tuesday evening confessions will only be heard by appointment as Father is busy preparing for Pascha

For the Sick and the Suffering

There is a prayer service for the sick and the suffering, especially those with cancer, held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. We will not have this prayer service during lent and will resume in May. Please contact the parish office to add any names to the prayer list.

PARISH LIFE

THIS MONTH

Holy Week Schedule

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April 7: Lazarus Saturday Vespers, **6:30pm**

April 8: Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy with Public Proskomedia, **9:15am**

Great Vespers for Palm Sunday, **4:00pm**

March 9: Hours & Divine Liturgy of Palm Sunday, **9:40am** followed by parish photo
Bridegroom Matins, **7:00pm**

April 10: Bridegroom Matins, **7:00pm**

April 11: Bridegroom Matins, **7:00pm**

This is the last opportunity for open confessions.

April 12: Holy Unction, **7:00pm** - *Fast from your noon meal if you plan on partaking in the sacrament*

April 13: Divine Liturgy for the Institution of the Eucharist, **10:00am**

Passion Gospels, **7:00pm**

April 14: Unnailing Vespers, **3:00pm**

Lamentations, **7:00pm**

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

April 15: Liturgy of St. Basil with Old

Testament readings, **10:00am**

Nocturns & Paschal Service at St. John's in Fenton, **11:30pm**

April 16: Great & Holy Pascha

Agape Vespers, **1:00pm**

Sundays of Great Lent

April 2: Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

April 9: Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) We will still take our annual parish photo on this day.

PARISH GREETERS

April 2nd: Steve & Sue Walton

April 9th: Scott & Tina Shephard

April 16th: Parish Council

April 23rd: George & Julie Jonascu

April 30th: Seth & Mia Hillaker

BELL RINGERS

April 2nd: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

April 9th: Vivian Capatina & Tonya Rice

April 16th: Pascha at St. Johns

April 23rd: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

April 30th: Vivian Capatina & Tonya Rice

COFFEE HOUR

April 2nd: Rdr. Nathaniel & Amanda Axuier

April 9th: Chuck & Minka Owens

April 16th: Pascha agape meal

April 23rd: Terry & Freida Owens

April 30th: Steve & Sue Walton

EPISTLE READERS

April 2nd:

Sbdn John Auxier & Rdr. Chris Ballnik

April 9th:

Rdr. Nathaniel Auxier & Rdr. David Schutt

April 16th:

John Wolf & Ruth Karabina

April 23rd:

Jenni Otis & Sbdn. John Auxier

April 30th:

Sue Walton & Rdr. Nathaniel Auxier

MARCH'S PASTORAL REPORT

EXPANDING THE MISSION OF THE LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WOODS!

Worship:

I was very pleased and excited, despite the nasty weather, to see so many people take their spiritual lives seriously during Great and Holy Lent by attending services! We are over half way through, and as I have mentioned in the Church Services, there is an inevitable "Lenten Lull" that takes place due to fatigue, the unpredictability of Michigan Weather, but most importantly, the increased spiritual attacks that the evil one seeks to bring down upon us. The last few weeks have brought a substantial increase in phone calls and counseling, which is an annual event during Lent a priest can set his calendar to in expectation. That being said, the importance of patience and humility in our conversations with others, especially when we do not know the situations going on their lives, is even more paramount during these weeks of the Great Fast!

Community

On the first weekend of April, the weekend where the Church remembers the incredible repentance of St. Mary of Egypt, we will be welcoming seven new warriors for Christ into the Holy Orthodox Church! Beginning on Saturday, April 1st, we will see the Baptism of young Felicity Adalyn Suriano and Dimitri Valeriovich! On the following day, we will be Chrismating Collin Olson, Mark Foster, Nicholas Schwartz, Jaclyn Selewski, and Billy Keegan. It will be a joyous event in the life of our parish! We also wish to convey our congratulations and continued prayers for our new catechumens Eric, Monica, and Jeannie as they begin their journey to Holy Orthodoxy!

Education

We had wonderful attendance at this year's Lenten Retreat, hosted by St. Nicholas! Both our Archbishop Alexander and Bishop Anthony were wonderful in their talks and Q&A sessions. On Bright Friday, I will also be speaking at the OCF Regional Retreat which will be held in Clarkston, Michigan for the Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan Region on Bright Friday and Bright Saturday. There is a possibility of the students coming to our services for that Sunday if possible.

Stewardship

The collection for the Bethany School Project in Palestine that will be completed on April 2nd. For more information, there is a page on our website that is dedicated to it!

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

Sunday, April 2nd is the final day to donate to the Orthodox School of Bethany Lenten Project. We can accept cash or check donations, please place them in the baby bottles located at in the church and in the parish office. You can also use the link below to donate with a credit or debit card.

Parents this is also the last opportunity for your children to color their icons and write their pen pal messages to the students at the school.

We will announce the total collected in the coming weeks

UPCOMING



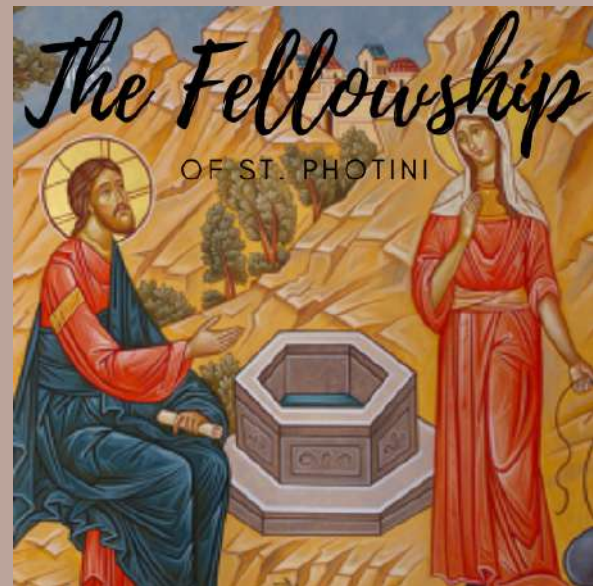
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April- Support of the Bethany School & Orphanage

*Truly, I tell you,
whatever you did for one of
the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.*
~MATTHEW 25:40

**“AN INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR
COMMUNITY OUTREACH LED BY THE
FAITHFUL OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE
ORTHODOX CHURCH”**



PARISH EXTRAS

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

The parish lending has recently gone through a reorganization and added several new titles. The list of current titles are available digitally on our website. Use the sign-out sheet to check out a book.

You can find reading on the following topics;

St. Mary Magdalene Pictorial History, Young Adult, Journals, Children's Books, Orthodox Theology, Spirituality, Multi Media, Family Life, Orthodox Living, About Prayer & Prayer Books, Sacraments, Advent, Great Lent & Pascha, Intro to Orthodoxy, Scriptural Study, Church History, Liturgical Theology, Service Books, Lives of the Saints. Patristics. Memoirs & Commemorations, and Ethics

Access the full list of library titles by clicking the stack of books below!



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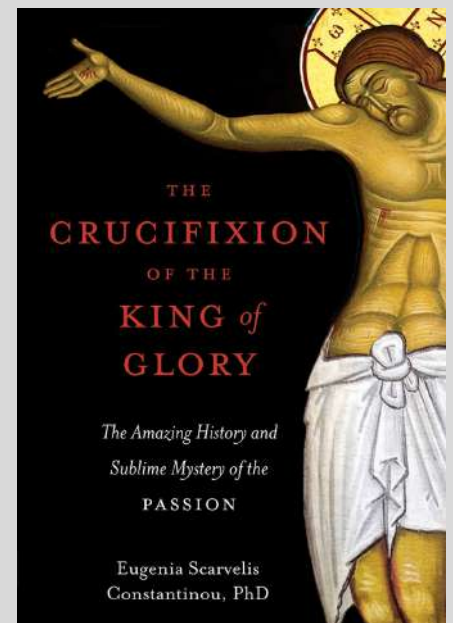
We have our Lenten Store stocked and ready for you to look through in the middle classroom. Everything is priced as marked. We have several new books available for you to read throughout Great Lent.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF THE KING OF GLORY: THE AMAZING HISTORY AND SUBLIME MYSTERY OF THE PASSION

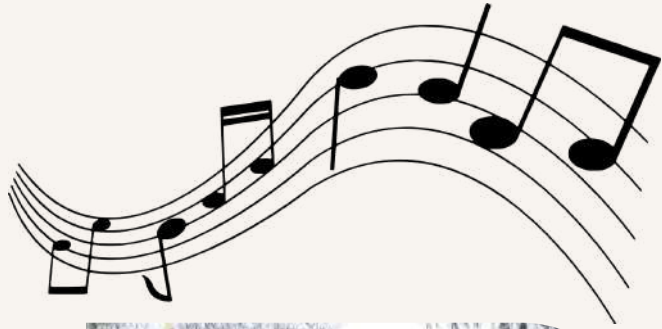
BY DR. EUGENIA SCARVELIS CONSTANTINOU

AVAILABLE IN THE LENTEN STORE

SPITWEAR ORDERS SHOULD ARRIVE TO THE PARISH AROUND PALM SUNDAY, BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR YOUR ORDER!



If you are looking for something specific please reach out to the parish office and we can order it from our suppliers. Your order helps support the parish.



MUSIC MINISTRIES

PARISH BELL RINGERS AND CHOIR



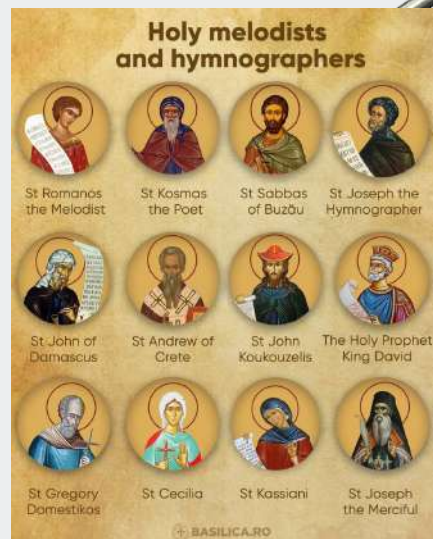
Regular Bell Ringing Rehearsals

There will be no bell rehearsals during Great Lent. If you would like to join this ministry please reach out to Cindy Welch.

PARISH CHOIR

As of now there are no rehearsals scheduled.

Reach out to Reader Gregory with any questions.



“
Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For he has done marvelous things...

-Psalm 98:1

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EDUCATION

LIVE AND LEARN THE FAITH!



**Our
Parish
Youth!**

Church School resumes on St. Thomas Sunday, April 23rd. We will also have our annual egg hunt that day following class.

Please feel free to reach out to me with questions, concerns and ideas.

Yours in Christ,

Terri Oginsky
Church School Coordinator
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toginsky@gmail.com

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS



Oliver Senter
Katerina Jonescu
Katheryn Brcic
Alexandra Kekel
Abigail Arnes
Tea Jonascu
Ethan Durand
Justin Auxier
Ava Arnes
Francis Lazar Senter

Parents please plan to bring your children to ALL Divine services during Holy Week!

Check out our

"A Young Family's Guide to Holy Week in the Orthodox Church"

More information about Youth Outreach during Holy Week can be found on our website

<http://www.st-marymagdalene.org/great-lent-2023>

EDUCATION

LIVE AND LEARN THE FAITH!

FOR YOUTH AGES 12-17

REACH OUT TO SETH AND MIA TO JOIN THE GROUP!

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE
ORTHODOX YOUTH



SMOY SERVICE EVENT

HELP WITH THE EGG HUNT!

We need your help filling and hiding over one thousand eggs for this year's Easter Egg Hunt!

Filling Eggs: During the All Night Vigil on April 14th

Hiding Eggs: During Sunday School on April 23rd

Where: St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church



ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Friday, April 14th after Holy Friday Service through Saturday, April 15th, 2023

Anyone 13 and older can participate

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Sign up for a time slot for your psalter reading

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Enjoy fellowship with other teens and young adults in our parish



SMOY SERVICE EVENT

TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET!

Do you have clothes that don't fit? Toys you never use? Cans cluttering up the garage?

Collect & donate them!

We will be collecting items for the Fosters Closet of Genesee County during the Lenten season. There will be prizes for most items donated and most cans collected. See next page for details.



Spring Cleaning for the Foster Closet

Items accepted for donation include:

- Clothing in new and like-new condition (preemie-3XL)
- Shoes in new and new-like condition
- Like-new toys

Items not accepted at this time:

- Stuffed animals
- Books

Items to be purchased:

- Socks and underwear
- Ethnic hair products

Seth and Mia will accept collections each Sunday, starting on Forgiveness Sunday, and up through Pascha. They will keep track of how much each person has donated. They will also return the pop cans and purchase necessary supplies with the money obtained.

EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

The best education/class you can receive during this Holy time of year is to be present at all the worship services of the church.

"Let us all make haste to humble the flesh by abstinence, as we set out upon the God-given course of the Holy Fast; and with prayers and tears let us seek our Lord and Saviour. Laying aside all memories of evil, let us cry aloud: We have sinned against Thee, Christ our King; save us as the men of Nineveh in the days of old, and in Thy compassion make us sharers in Thy Heavenly Kingdom!"

We sing this as the very first stichera of Great Lent at Forgiveness Vespers, and it points to an important reality: We are about to enter into a God-Given and Holy Period in our lives. The 40+ days of Great Lent are a treasure that, if utilized to its fullness, offers us riches that go far beyond the material world. There is nothing more important in our lives than being in the services during this blessed time, beginning with Clean Week (February 26th to March 4th) where we will have the penitential canon of St. Andrew of Crete every evening. Let us re-set our earthly priorities, putting the spiritual above all else during this first week of Lent and beyond! Be present at the Throne of God dear ones!

Should you have any questions about fasting, prayer rules, or any of the services, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! May our Lord grant us the strength to undertake the path before us!

Wishing you all a tremendous, Grace-filled, and spiritual Great Lenten Season!

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr. Gabriel

YOUNG ADULTS

BOOK CLUB AND FELLOWSHIP

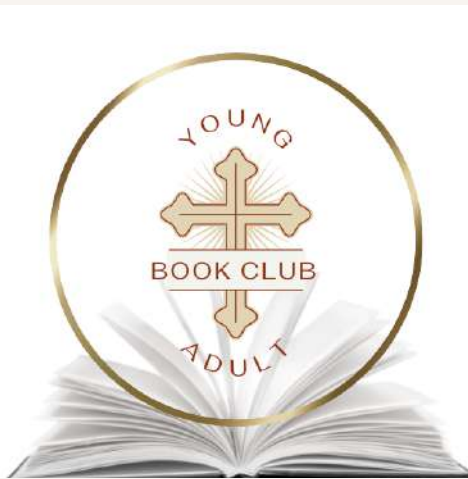
Our Young adult group is for anyone ages 21-45 who wish to join in fellowship and faith.

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church

YOUNG
ADULT
GROUP



To join either of these groups on the Band App, reach out to Subdeacon John Auxier and he will get you added!



The Young Adult self-guided book club is open to everyone in our Pan-Orthodox community. They meet Thursday evenings at 6:00pm (*with the exception of Akathist evenings*) and move from home to home to read spiritual books and enjoy a meal together.

The Young Adult Social group meets Monthly for an Akathist, meal and fellowship. This group also spends time together following Vespers/Vigils on Saturday

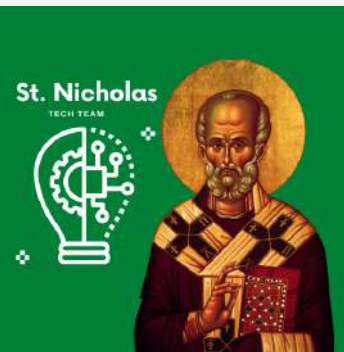
Monthly Akathist 2023 SCHEDULE

HOSTED BY THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

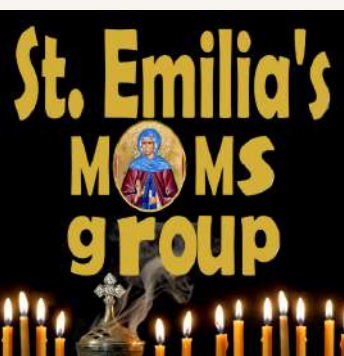
JANUARY	6:00PM
12	St. Seraphim of Sarov
FEBRUARY	6:00PM
9	St. Innocent of Irkutsk
MARCH	6:00PM
9	Canon of St. Mary of Egypt
APRIL	6:00PM
6	Canon of St. Mary of Egypt
MAY	6:00PM
11	Martyr Varus
JUNE	6:00PM
8	Inexhaustible Cup
JULY	6:00PM
13	St. Mary Magdalene
AUGUST	6:00PM
10	St. Joseph the Hesychast
SEPTEMBER	6:00PM
21	St. Iakovos of Evia
OCTOBER	6:00PM
12	TBD
NOVEMBER	6:00PM
9	TBD
DECEMBER	6:00PM
14	TBD

AKATHIST WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHURCH FOLLOWED BY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP - PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

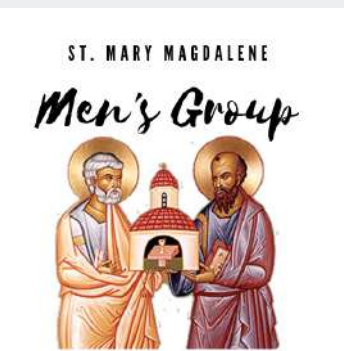
PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS



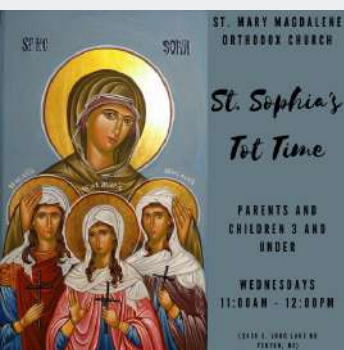
THE ST. NICHOLAS TECH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING, UPDATING, AND ENHANCING THE ONLINE PRESENCE OF OUR PARISH. ENCOMPASSING THE WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, AND LIVE-STREAMING SO THAT WE CAN SPREAD ORTHODOXY THROUGH MODERN COMMUNICATION CHANNELS.



THE ORTHODOX MOM'S GROUP IS MADE UP OF MOTHERS WHO GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS HOW BEST TO HELP RAISE THEIR CHILDREN WITHIN THE TRADITIONS OF THE ORTHODOXY FAITH. WE ARE IN NEED OF A MOTHER TO HEAD THIS MINISTRY.



THE MEN OF THE PARISH GET TOGETHER A FEW TIMES A YEAR AT VARIOUS PLACES TO ENJOY IN FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.



THE ST. SOPHIA'S TOT TIME IS FOR PARENTS OF BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN TO COME TOGETHER FOR FELLOWSHIP, AND COFFEE, DURING THE WEEK. THE GROUP GATHERS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY APPROX. 11:00AM -12:00PM (THE GROUP STILL MEETS ON WEDNESDAY EVEN IF DIVINE LITURGY IS NOT HELD) THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND EXPLORE THE CHURCH WHILE PARENTS COME TOGETHER TO SHARE PARENTING LIFE, JOYS AND DISCUSS THE RAISING OF THEIR LITTLE SAINTS. REACH OUT TO MATUSHKA LAURA WITH ANY QUESTIONS

*The Pan-Orthodox Churches
of Genesee County*

Holy Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
(2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI)

St. George Orthodox Church
(5191 Lennon Rd Flint, MI)

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox
Church
(2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
(2143 S Center Rd Burton, MI)



***Upcoming Events with
our Pan-Orthodox
Brothers and Sisters***

DETROIT'S ANNUAL
INTER-ORTHODOX SUNDAY LENTEN

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Vespers

2023

5 MARCH: TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY

with Youth Procession of Icons
Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, Homilist
ST JOHN the BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
11455 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights (just W of Dodge Park)

12 MARCH: ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Fr Paul Albert, Homilist
HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
20500 Anglin St, Detroit (@ 8 Mile, E of Dequindre)

19 MARCH: THE HOLY CROSS

Fr Michael Butler, Homilist
DESCENT of the HOLY GHOST ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
31500 Ryan Rd, Warren (just N of 13 Mile)

26 MARCH: ST JOHN OF THE LADDER

Fr Paul Patitsas, Homilist
ST THOMAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
29150 10 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills (E of Middlebelt)

2 APRIL: ST MARY OF EGYPT

Fr Joseph Abud, Homilist
BASILICA of ST MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
18100 Merriman Rd, Livonia (between 6 & 7 Mile)



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

Officiated by members of the St John Chrysostom Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood | Very Rev Fr Laurence Lazar, President
Responses by the Detroit Inter-Orthodox Vespers Choir | Victoria Kopistiansky, Director

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Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan

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

2023 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten Refreshments

Great Compline at St. George (*Mondays, 6pm*) All are welcome every Monday night. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas (*Wednesdays, 10:30am*) All are welcome every Wednesday morning.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy and **Lenten Refreshments** (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate together the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion at evening liturgies, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. Unfortunately, we will not be having Potluck Lenten Meals this year, but we will break the fast with Lenten Refreshments.

March 8th **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 6pm

Saturday, March 18th **Lenten Retreat** (*more information to follow*)

March 22nd **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 6pm

March 25th **Great Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy** at Assumption 10am

April 5th **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. George 6pm

April 8th **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy** at St. George 9:30am

Bright Week (April 16th-22nd)

April 17th **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 10am

April 18th **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 10am

April 19th **Paschal Evening Liturgy** at St. George 6pm

April 21st **Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font** at Assumption 10am

*Member Churches of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in North America
A Vision of Orthodox Unity*

*Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan
(OCW) Presents*

The Art of the Holy Icon

**Fr. Dimitrie
Vincent**



Monday, April 24, 2023

7:00 PM

Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church

36375 Joy Rd. Westland, MI 48185

Any questions? Contact us at

OCWMichigan@gmail.com



St. Mary Magdalene

Parish Council

Upcoming Meetings:

All Meetings begin at 7:00pm

January	10th	July	11th
February	14th	August	8th
March	14th	September	12th
April	4th	October	10th
May	9th	November	14th
June	13th	December	12th

**Annual Meeting
December 3, 2023**

Parish Council Members

(Officers will be chosen at the January Meeting)

John Wolf, Chair

George Jonascu, Vice Chair

Ann Schutt, Treasurer

Rachel Burtka, Secretary

Subdeacon Andrew Durand

Terri Oginsky

Jay Rice

Subdeacon John Auxier

Alternate: Pat Matts

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save the date

April
1st- Memorial Saturday
5th- Pan-Orthodox Presanctified at St.
George
6th- Canon of St. Mary of Egypt
8th -15th- Holy Week
16th - GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
16th -22nd-Bright Week
23rd- Church School Resumes, Egg Hunt