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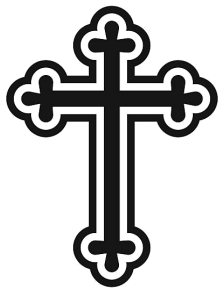
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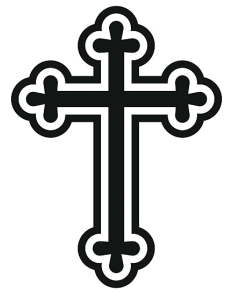
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MONTHLY BULLETIN

AUGUST 2021

Important Dates

to Remember:

- ✝ 8/1 OCPM Sunday
- ✝ 8/5 Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Litija for Holy Transfiguration, 6pm at SMM
- ✝ 8/6 Pan-Orthodox Liturgy for the Feast, 10am @SMM
- ✝ 8/7 VCS Staff Meeting, 2pm in Education Center
- ✝ 8/8 Blessing of the Harvest
- ✝ 8/10 Parish Council Meeting
- ✝ 8/14 Reader & Altar Server Class
- ✝ 8/14 Dormition Lamentations, 5pm
- ✝ 8/15 Holy Dormition Liturgy & Agape Meal
- ✝ 8/15 SMMOY Kick-off
- ✝ 8/16 Cedar Point Trip
- ✝ 8/17-19 VCS
- ✝ 8/22 Fellowship of St. Photini Planning Meeting
- ✝ 8/27-9/6 Parish Office Closed (Appointment Only)
- ✝ 8/28 Playground Mulch Day
- ✝ 8/28 Baptism & Chrismation, 5pm

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The Indescribable Joy of the Kingdom

A message from Fr. Gabriel

In August, we celebrate perhaps my favorite feast of the Year (behind just Christmas and Pascha), the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord! On August 6th, we get a taste of the Kingdom!

The Transfiguration wasn't just some small miracle or a footnote in the earthly ministry of our Lord. It is, rather, the very center of our salvation. In this feast, our future is revealed to us and our destiny as Christians is shown to us. That common future that all those who are moving towards Christ are called to share is revealed on Mt. Tabor.

One of the truly beautiful teachings in Orthodoxy, is that this Glory...this Kingdom of Heaven...is something that we can experience in this life. Even today, it is possible with us to reflect and be engulfed by what many Fathers and Mothers of the Church call "*The Light of Tabor*"; the Energies of God entering into our very being, bringing indescribable heavenly joy.

The way to get there is given to us in the Gospel of Luke. There are three short words in the Transfiguration account that describe this process that the Church calls "*Theosis*", or a "*union with God*". Jesus went up to the mountain...and "*as He prayed...the appearance of His face was altered... and His robe became white and glistening*".

Our Lord is teaching us something very fundamental and basic. You want the Kingdom? Do you want your own Transfiguration by Grace? Do you desire your Own Sight and The Peace of God? Be assured that it is coming to you...**BY PRAYER**.

Personal Transfiguration, reflecting the Glory of God, isn't some fairytale that we read to our Children. It is a reality. One of the ways that I have been trying to warm my heart during these past several months, is to read more of the lives of the Saints. I cannot tell you how many real examples we have of people that witnessed this same Divine Light emanating from Holy Men and Women while they were in prayer.

Perhaps one of the more famous ones that many of you have read in classes with me, is the story of Motovilov, sitting in the woods and having a conversation with St. Seraphim of Sarov, who

while He was praying, became too bright for Motovilov to look at Him! The Divine Light shone all around the forest where they were sitting, and enveloped both the Saint and Motovilov. They just sat in the midst of the snow, basking in the radiance.

When St. Seraphim asked Motovilov how he felt, he responded with words like: *“indescribably calm...extraordinary sweetness... extraordinary joy...extraordinary warmth...and the **smell**, like nothing on earth that could match this fragrance.”* Those of you who have been in the presence of Holiness at a weeping Icon know what smell this is!

St. Seraphim is but one example. Saint Paisios, a wonderful Saint of our own lifetimes, called these moments: *“Sweet Candies from God’s Pastry Shop!”* There is a wonderful story written by a young man who travelled the world looking for answers to deep spiritual questions. His travels once took him into the presence of Saint Paisios, who showed him first hand what holiness feels like:

“As we reached the gate, I was again in a spiritual state of watchful inebriation. Looking down at me from his yard, the Elder started making jokes about “God’s Pastry Shop.” I felt so joyful...it was even embarrassing. I didn’t want to leave his presence...

The elder then placed his hands on my head and momentarily lifted up his eyes to heaven. I was flooded by a spiritual torrent. I felt such a fullness of light and life...of peace and joy...that it took my breath away. Words are insufficient to express what I felt...it was beyond all measurement and comparison...”

I think that sometimes, we fall into this trap of thinking that our faith is a kind of Western Moralism. *“Do the Right thing, don’t sin...pray every once in a while...and you will get into heaven.”* But there is a depth of our faith and our relationship with God that goes SO MUCH deeper than that. There are spiritual aspects of our nature that we simply don’t make the time for in our busy secular lives. There is a real connection that can be made with God...something indescribable and beyond any joy that we can receive from the material world. This taste of heaven, which is brought on by prayer, is shown to us at the Feast of the Transfiguration. The joys of the Kingdom are available to us right here and right now, if we only decide to start walking the path towards that eternal blessedness.

Until we get to that moment, and while we are practicing our own prayer, may we all continue to be inspired by both the Lives of the Saints, and by the Holy Feasts like Transfiguration, which are there to remind us that we too are destined for indescribable Joy that can only be found in the arms of God.



Wishing many blessed years in His service to the newly ordained Subdeacon John Auxier and his family!! Subdeacon John was brought into the subdeaconate on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene on July 22nd by Archbishop Alexander

Month in Review

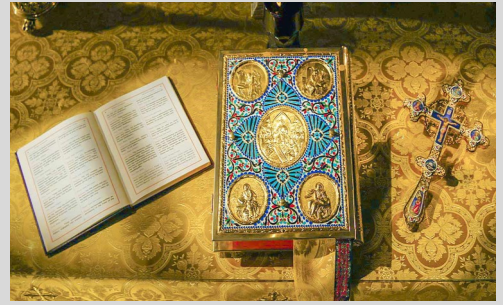
July saw a flurry of activity, highlighted of course by our first ever St. Mary Magdalene Week! We began with a huge kayak blessing, shared meal, and a trip down the Shiawassee River with over 48 kayaks and canoes! It was amazing to see the flurry of color on the river and the lake as we made our way to Linden! We also welcomed His Eminence Archbishop Alexander for our patronal feast day, before ending the week with our 5th annual First Responder's Blessing! It was truly a week to remember! Thank you to everyone who helped to make it possible!!!

Recommended Reading (Available in the Kiosk for \$20 each)

“Eternity in the Moment; The Life and Wisdom of Elder Arsenie Papacioc

by Sorin Alpetri

Elder Arsenie (Papacioc) of Romania (1914–2011) was a witness of the eternal truth of Christ, given by God to contemporary man. A man of deep prayer, he also possessed experiential knowledge of the ways of the world. Before going to the monastery, he had been a gifted athlete, a talented sculptor, a soldier, a mayor, and a prisoner of the Romanian Communist regime. Prison became a spiritual academy for him, and after his release he dedicated his life to God as a monastic. For the next six decades he would labor as a monk—in prison and out of prison. He became a beloved spiritual father, counseling the nuns of the Techirghiol Monastery and the multitude of faithful who flocked to his monastic cell. Drawing on his knowledge of the spiritual life and the workings of the world, he was able to guide people to a life in Christ, marked by activity, not philosophizing and speculation. Every endeavor of his life was characterized by an intensity of purpose and an uncompromising confession of the truth: a knowledge that within each moment we make our choice for eternity. During his long years in prison, he had profound experiences of grace, which helped him realize the power of suffering and sacrifice for Christ. As he himself said, “We must sacrifice not what we have, but what we are.” This comprehensive biography, compiled from the elder’s own words, the recollections of his spiritual children, and the 3,500 pages of files kept by the Romanian secret police, includes many of Fr. Arsenie’s counsels and spiritual maxims.



This Month's Sunday Scripture Readings

August 1st:

Romans 12:6-14

Matthew 9:1-8

August 8th:

Romans 14:1-5

Matthew 9:27-35

August 15th:

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

August 22nd:

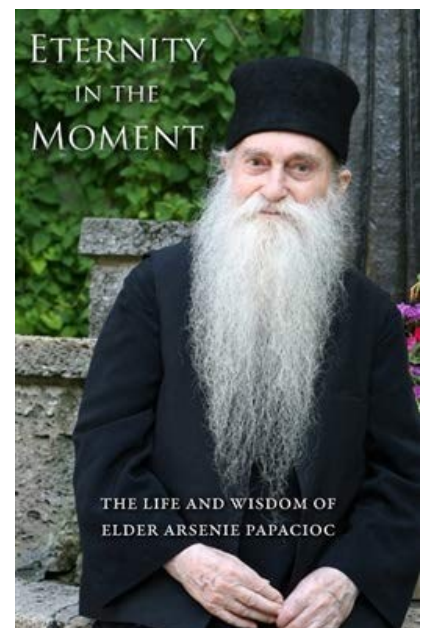
1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Matthew 14:22-34

August 29th:

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 17: 14-23



WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ✝ 2 Charles Owens
- ✝ 4 Julie Yonan
- ✝ 10 Eliana Rice
- ✝ 16 Reader Tom Chiatas
- ✝ 17 Elaine Gejoff
- ✝ 18 William Watson
- ✝ 19 Issac Dollins
- ✝ 21 Tammy Arnes & Daniel Suriano
- ✝ 25 Seraphim Pardee
- ✝ 27 Adam Cody
- ✝ 28 Stephen Walton
- ✝ 31 Blaine Forsyth

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- ✝ 2 Doug & Renee Wilkinson
- ✝ 15 Stephen & Sue Walton
- ✝ 16 Reader Nathaniel & Amanda Auxier
- ✝ 17 Doug & Melissa Auxier
- ✝ 17 Michael & Anne Khoury



Prayers for our new Catechumens.

Remember Vince, Carol, Timothy, Jacob and Mary Ellen in your prayers as they prepare for illumination.

Dormition fast begins August 1st

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St. John Chrysostom's FASTING RECIPE

- ✝ **Let the hands fast**
BY BEING FREE OF AVARICE
- ✝ **Let the feet fast**
BY CEASING TO RUN AFTER SIN
- ✝ **Let the eyes fast**
BY DISCIPLINING THEM NOT TO GLARE AT THAT WHICH IS SINFUL
- ✝ **Let the ear fast**
BY NOT LISTENING TO EVIL TALK AND GOSSIP
- ✝ **Let the mouth fast**
FROM FOUL WORDS AND UNJUST CRITICISM

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

Don't forget to turn off the T.V. and to utilize our wonderful parish lending library to help feed your spiritual growth. Simply sign-out the book you are borrowing on the sheet next to the bookshelf in the Parish Education Center. The parish lending library can be accessed Sunday after Liturgy or during office hours.

The Library covers the following topics and MORE!

- ✝ Introduction to Orthodoxy, Orthodox Theology, Patristics, Spiritual Study, Children's Books, Service Books, Orthodox Living & Prayer, Orthodox Ethics, Church History, Lives of the Saints, Liturgical Theology

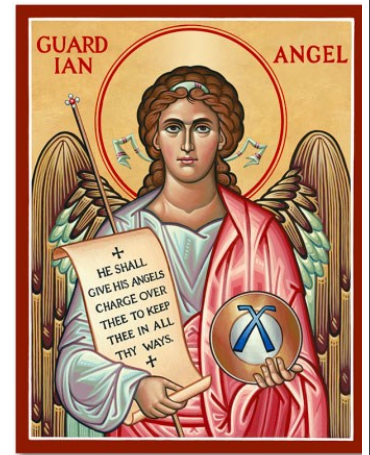
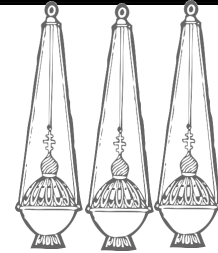
Office Hours

The Church Office and Sanctuary will now be open from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for private prayer and reflection, phone inquiries, deliveries, or for setting an appointment with Fr. Gabriel.

Prayer Life

Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and sisters

Metropolitan Herman	Eric
Vinnie	Terry
Elaine	Tracy
Peter	Maurice
David	Anthony
Michael	Alisha
Mason	Janet
Pat	Ivanka
Joseph	Theresa
Linda	Gus
Arminda	Jeff
Dimitri	Jennifer
Damian	Melissa
Thom	Dawn
Linda	Michelle
Irene	
Nancy	
Rachael	
Dawn	



Armed Forces	Armed Forces Cont.	Catechumens	Mother's With Child
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 Stephen Bondaria– Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander Sarah Tyler—U.S. Air Force	Alyssa William Anastasia David Emily Vince Carol Jacob Mary Ellen Timothy Anniversary of Parish Member's Repose 8– Marian Dimoff 18– Peter Oginsky 30– Nathaniel Hildreth	Matushka Laura Inna Natania Seminarian Family Alexander & Danielle Earl Recently Departed

Parish Greeters

August 1st:

Steve & Sue Walton

August 8th:

Julie & George Jonascu

August 15th:

Seth & Mia Hillaker

August 22nd:

Scott & Tina Shephard

August 29th:

Steve & Sue Walton

Coffee Hour Volunteers

August 1st:

Bruce Watson & Rebecca Lazar

August 8th:

Steve & Sue Walton

August 15th: (Agape Meal)

John & Brianna Walton

August 22nd:

John & Kristin Wolf

August 29th:

David & Cindy Welch

Epistle Readers

August 1st:

Sbdn Andrew Durand

Janet Wiese

August 8th:

Rdr. Nathaniel Auxier

Sbdn. John Auxier

August 15th:

Jenni Otis

Sbdn. Andrew Durand

August 22nd:

Sue Walton

Rdr. Nathaniel Auxier

August 29th:

Sbdn. Andrew Durand

Jeni Otis

Bell Ringers

August 1st:

Cindy Welch

August 8th:

Renee Becklehammer

August 15th:

Tonya Rice

August 22nd:

Vivian Capatina

August 29th:

Cindy Welch



MANY YEARS!

Wishing many blessed years to the newly illumined servant of God Christopher (Christian) Cleis who was Chrismated into the Holy Orthodox Faith on July 17th at Holy Assumption Orthodox Church by Fr. Andrew Bartek in Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio.

Christopher began his Catechumenate at our parish before heading to Ohio for summer employment. Christopher will be making his departure to South Korea this month to further his employment! May God bless his travels!



Wishing many blessed years to the newly baptized and illumined child of God Theodore, his parents Paisios and Anna, and his Godparents Subdeacon John and Renee Auxier. May God bless and guide his journey always!



Prayers of thanksgiving said for the birth of Gabriella Dagher who is now a happy and healthy little girl after being born at just 30 weeks! May God grant her, and her parents Rita and Anthony, many more blessed years in His service!

Monthly Forecast

OCPM Sunday

August 1st will be a Sunday in which we remember the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministries. We will hear some words from our OCPM leader Dcn. Michael, as well as share some experiences that our team has had corresponding with the inmates. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers!

Transfiguration

We will be hosting the Pan Orthodox Community for the Feast of Transfiguration! On August 5th, Great Vespers and Lijtia will be at 6:00 PM. On August 6th, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM.

Blessing of the Harvest

After the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 8th, we will be blessing the harvest! Don't forget to bring your basket of grapes and other fruits to the Church that day! Following Divine Liturgy we will have a small group staying after to cut, split and stack some downed logs on the property.

Parish Cedar Point Trip

Our annual Cedar Point trip is scheduled for Monday, August 16th. Ticket and hotel pricing are available on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions or to RSVP please reach out to Chris Ballnik.

Vacation Church School

The Vacation church school will take place from August 17th to August 19th here at St. Mary Magdalene from 4:45pm—7:15pm. The deadline to register is August 1st! This year's theme is "My Orthodox Tool-kit" and the children will be learning about their home as a little church.

Thursday Liturgies

Thursday Morning Divine Services will continue throughout the most of the month of August. Keep an eye on the calendar to see if we will be celebrating the Liturgy or the Typika that day! Starting August 25th weekday Liturgies will be held on Wednesday at 9am. Weekday mornings are a wonderful and quiet time to come and pray!

Readers and Altar Boy Training/Retreat

For anyone wishing to learn how to chant in the Church, we will be having a Reader's Workshop on Saturday, August 14th, beginning at 3:00. The workshop will run for 45 minutes. Then, at 3:45, we will be having a training session for our new altar boys. If you would like to have your son (who has received or is close to receiving 1st confession) learn to serve in the altar, please plan on bringing him to the training session! Please reach out to Father Gabriel if you have any questions.

Dormition Lamentations and Liturgy, Agape Meal

This year, Holy Dormition happens to fall on a Sunday, which means our Matins and Lamentations service will be held on Saturday, August 14th, beginning at 5:00 PM. This is essentially the funeral service for our blessed Mother, so please please please make sure you are in attendance for that weekend! On Sunday, following the Holy Dormition Divine Liturgy, we will have an agape meal together. Please bring a dish to pass. If you are interested in attending Holy Dormition Monastery for their annual pilgrimage please see the flyer below as space is limited this year.

School Supply Drive

Our August community outreach will be our annual school supply drive for Torrey-Hill School here in Fenton. There is a flyer below that lists items that the school currently is in need of. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect supplies from August 1st–22nd. Please reach out to Terri Oginsky for more information.

St. Photini Fall Planning Meeting

On Sunday, August 22nd we will have our fall planning meeting. During this meeting we will plan and schedule all of our community outreach for the fall months. Please plan on attending if you would like to be part of this ministry!

Playground Help Need

On Saturday, August 28th, we will need some help spreading playground mulch and tidying up the playground! If you are free that day to help finish up the area around our new swings and playground structure, please let Fr. Gabriel or the parish office know!

Parish Office Closed 8/27-9/6

Our Pastoral Assistant will be out of town from Friday, August 27 through Monday, September 6th. We will not have regular office hours during this time. If you need the parish office, to arrange a delivery or would like to arrange a time to meet with Father, please reach out to Rebekah before she leaves or reach out directly to Father Gabriel.

Mark your Calendars

Thursday, September 9th: Annual Pet Blessing with Fenton Adopt-A-Pet

Saturday, September 18th: Lamb Cookers Workshop

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION COMMEMORATED AUGUST 6TH



BLESSING OF THE FRUITS SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH

The pious and ancient Christian custom of blessing the first fruits (and vegetables) of the harvest on the feast of Holy Transfiguration is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transformation of all things in Christ. This signifies the fruitfulness of God's creation in paradise and the eternal Kingdom of Life where all are transformed by the grace of God.

In the ancient world the first week of August was a traditional time for farmers to gather and harvest the early fruits of their summer harvests (grapes and figs are among the traditional fruits). They would then present them to the Church to be blessed on August 6th for the Feast day of Holy Transfiguration then give them for free to the congregation and the poor. These fruits were called the "beginnings."

In a text from the 7th century ("the laws of the kingdom" by emperor Constantine Porfirogenitos) this custom is described vividly: "The Emperor of Constantinople gathers the "beginnings" in Chalcedone, where there are many vines, and then he waits for the Patriarch of Constantinople to come on the the Holiday of Transfiguration, to bless the fruits and to personally hand out the grapes to the laymen".

This custom is honored throughout the Orthodox world across many cultures.

We must not forget that the Church was presented once as a "vine". So, [the] Church blesses the first fruits of vine giving a "theological" meaning to farmer's work.



***DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
ORTHODOX MONASTERY***

Mother GABRIELLA - Abbess

**34th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE 2021
FEAST OF THE DORMITION**

PRESIDING HIERARCHS

His Eminence Archbishop NATHANIEL

His Grace Bishop ANDREI

PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Saturday August 14

6:00 pm Vigil of the Feast with Lamentations
Service will be streamed.

This service is not open to the public.

Sunday August 15

9:00 am Akathist, Hours and Vesting of Hierarchs

10:00 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm Holy Unction Service

Due to the ongoing and uncertain situation of the pandemic, we will limit the number of guests this year asking those who wish to participate in the services of the Divine Liturgy and Holy Unction to make a reservation, by phone or email with Mrs. Cristina Irimie at: (734) 968-5565 or email: cristina_irimie@hotmail.com. Reservations will be taken on the first come first serve basis.

We ask that guests bring their own lunch.

The monastery will provide refreshments, coffee, and sweets.

In Michigan masks are no longer mandatory. However, we would appreciate if guests will continue to observe the previous recommendations of the CDC in view of the rapid spread of the Delta variant of the COVID 19 virus, and for the protection of the monastics.

For any special, and last minute announcements please check our website.

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Parish Kiosk



Icons include:

Christ the Pantocrator
 Holy Trinity (Hospitality of Abraham)
 Theotokos "Tenderness"
 Protecting Veil of the Theotokos
 St. Nicholas
 St. George

Archangel Michael
 St. Mary Magdalene
 St. Euphrosynos the Cook
 St. John the Baptist
 St. Nikephoros

All Micro-Icons



\$5 each



- ‡ Perfect for your desk at work.
- ‡ Great back to school gift for your child's or God-child's backpack.
- ‡ Keep one in your vehicle.
- ‡ Add to your children's prayer corner.

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Our Parish Youth

August Church School Announcements

VCS registration closes on **AUGUST 1ST**, please sign-up if you have not already done so!!!

Church School Registration will open this month.
Keep an eye on the weekly bulletins for more information.

Fall Church School Relaunch



We will be relaunching our Church School on Sunday mornings beginning September 12th. With that being said we need help with staffing church school. If you are a current staff member and plan on continuing or if you are new to the program and would like to become a teacher, please let us know. You can reach out to Terri Oginsky (Church School Coordinator) or Father Gabriel.

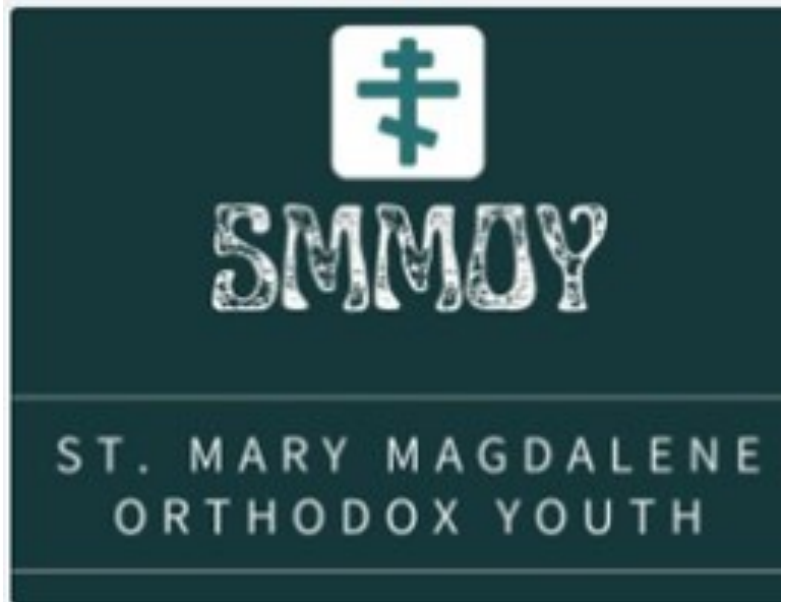
If you are new, please note that we do have a background check procedures in place that is in line with the OCA. This check will need to take place for you to fill a position. If you have any questions about the background check procedure please reach out to Father Gabriel or the parish office.

Kick-off Youth & Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 15th
during the Agape Meal

First Youth Meeting

Saturday, September 11th following
Vespers in the Teen Lounge



COLLEGE CORNER

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



Prayers for our college students:

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| Katherine Arnes | Katheryn Auxier |
| Oliver Lazar Senter | Alexandra Kekel |
| Elena Bucciarelli | Lauren Serafimovski |
| Zachary Wilkinson | Abigail Arnes |
| Douglas Wilkinson | Tea Jonascu |
| Sydney Wilkinson | Ethan Durand |
| Katerina Jonescu | Justin Auxier |

ADULT EDUCATION



"METANOIA"

LEARNING TO CHANGE ONE'S HEART FOR GOD



In a Christian World now littered with various denominations, each teaching a different version of the same Gospel, have you ever wondered or thought what about what the earliest Christians taught? How did they worship? What did they believe? Now is your opportunity to come, discuss and learn about the fullness of what the Ancient Christian Faith is all about!

This 7 week class will cover the fundamental beliefs of the Ancient Christian Church, passed down to us from Christ and His Disciples.

Fall Semester 2021- All classes begin at 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 15th:
Wednesday, September 22nd:
Wednesday, September 29th:
Wednesday, October 6th:
Wednesday, October 13th:
Wednesday, October 20th:
Wednesday, October 27th:

Intro. to the Holy Mysteries of Baptism & Chrismation
The Early Church's Understanding of the Eucharist
Repentance and the Mystery of Confession
The Church and the Mystery of Holy Orders & Priesthood
Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? Holy Unction
The Eternality of Marriage
Death and the Funeral Service

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI



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

Thank you!!!! Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2nd annual Kayak Blessing & 5th Annual first responders blessing a huge success!!!!

For the month of August we will again be collecting back-to-school supplies for children at Torrey-Hill School who are in need of things. See the flyer below for the supplies needed. The collection box will be in the Narthex from August 1st through August 22nd.

August 1st is OCPM (Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry) awareness day! We will have a special collection following the Divine Liturgy to help support this ministry. You will hear from Deacon Michael about this ministry as well as from some of those involved in the ministry.

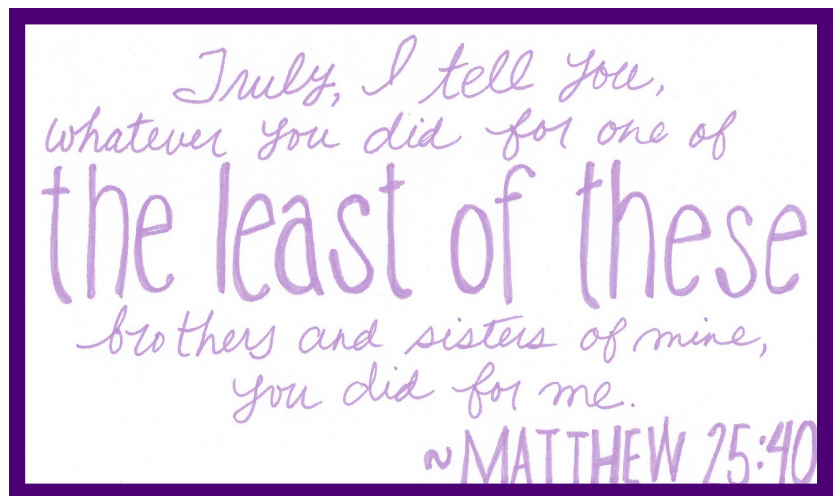
“Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name.” (Psalm 142:7)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

August 22nd—28th: Organization & Distribution of School Supplies to Torrey Hill

September 9th: Pet Blessing at Fenton Adopt-a-Pet

September 11th: City of Fenton blessing at the 9/11 memorial.



Please contact 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.



Orthodox Christian
PRISON MINISTRY

PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY

Did you know that there are Orthodox Christians practicing their faith in prison?

Or that there are prisoners who are ready to repent of their crimes and embrace the Orthodox Church?

Who will minister to them?

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church. OCPM corresponds with thousands of prisoners across the country and provides spiritual books, Bibles, icons, and catechism courses. OCPM trains Orthodox priests and laypeople to enter prisons and minister to prisoners.

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ICONS DISTRIBUTED TO PRISONERS

40,723

BIBLE STUDIES, DAILY READINGS, AND SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS SENT IN 2020



Together we can fulfill the Lord's commandment to visit Him in prison (Matthew 25:36 – "I was in prison and you visited me.")

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry
276 5th Avenue, Ste. 704-3183
New York, NY 10001

347-868-6957
info@theocpm.org

WWW.THEOCPM.ORG



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
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August 1st

St. Mary Magdalene Annual School Supplies Drive to Benefit Torrey Hill School

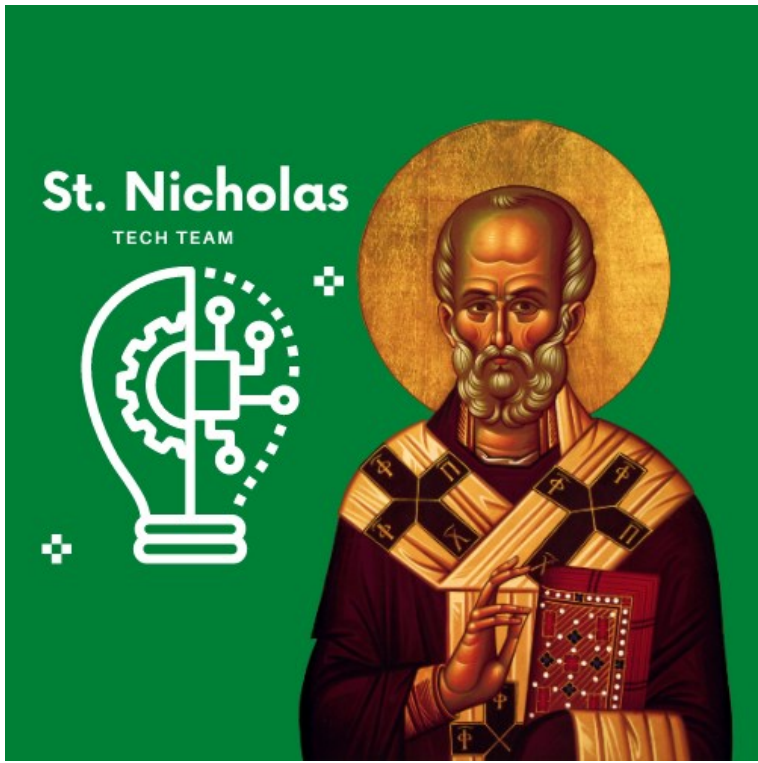
*All donations may be dropped off at St. Mary Magdalene Church,
2439 S. Long Lake Rd. through Sunday, August 22*



Supply List

Sharpened #2 pencils	Mechanical Pencils	Hand sanitizer (personal size)
Colored pencils	Scissors	Kleenex (personal size)
8 pack washable markers	2 pocket folder	Paper towel
24 pack (no larger) crayons	Spiral Notebooks	Napkins
Dry erase markers	Pencil bag or box	Clorox wipes
Large rectangular erasers	Highlighters	Plastic Water Bottle
Plastic 2 pocket Folders	Glue Sticks	Earbuds
Dry board eraser	Red, Blue, Black Pens	Individually packaged snacks
Sticky Notes (3x3)	Pink pencil top erasers	Slider or Ziplock bags (gallon)
Marble composition books	Pencil Sharpener (w/cover)	

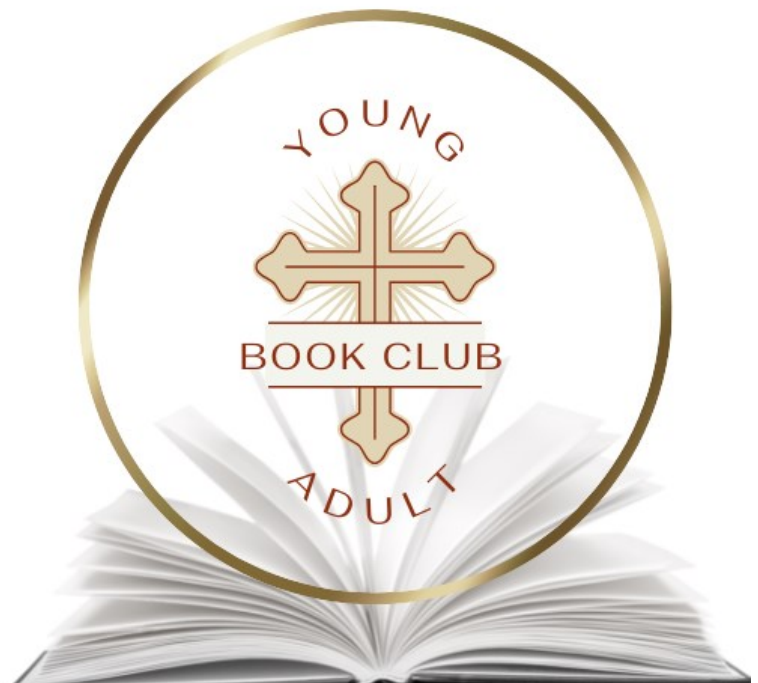
Thank you in advance for your generous donations. You will find a donation box in the vestibule at church from August 1 through August 22...



Calling all Mothers!
The last few months have been a difficult time for many. With all of the changes in life and scheduling, balancing motherhood has been challenging to say the least. Check in on each other and be a listening ear until we can meet together again!

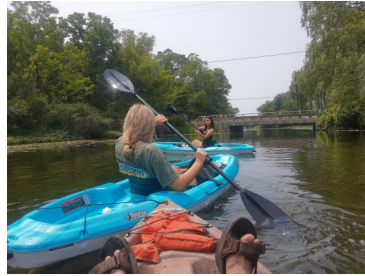
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Men's Group

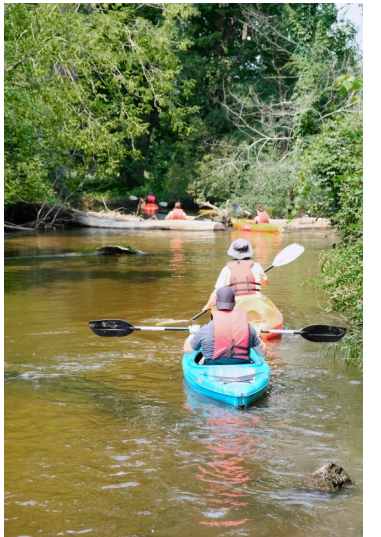
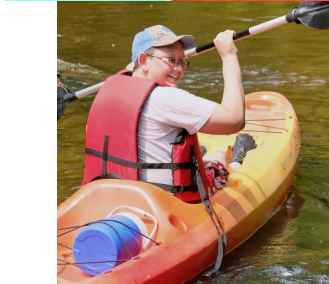
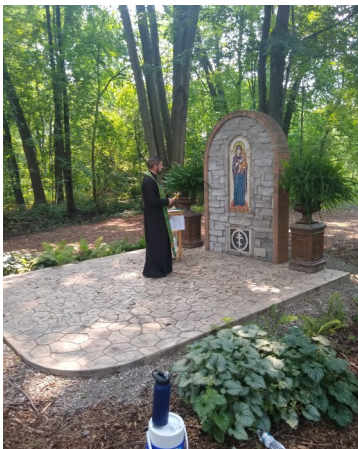


2nd Annual Kayak Blessing & Float!

July 18th



Check out our
Social Media
for more photos!



5th First Responders & Vehicle Blessing!

July 25th



SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH

FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

We are looking for a strong group to help cut, split and stack some logs that are down on the property.

Please bring a change of clothes, chainsaws, axes and safety equipment.



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH FAMILY EVENT

2021 CEDAR POINT ANNUAL TRIP

Monday, August 16th
1 Cedar Point Dr
Sandusky, OH 44870



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHRIS BALLNIK

The Park opens at 10am and closes at 10pm. We plan to meet at the pavilion at exactly 10am next to the main entrance and claim a table with our coolers & other items. We will return to the pavilion at 1:30pm to have a meal together. Pricing and hotel information is available on the table in the Narthex. Please RSVP to Chris so we have an idea of the number attending.



5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PET BLESSING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 6:30PM

ADOPT-A-PET FENTON

(13575 N FENTON RD. FENTON, MI)

In the ups and downs of life, one of the greatest blessings that our Lord bestows upon mankind are our pets! Come join us for the 5th Annual Community Pet Blessing where we will gather together to offer thanks to God for our furry friends, and to bless them so that they can, in good health, continue to assist us throughout our journey in life!

All leashed or crated pets are welcome!

For more information contact St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church 810-750-1401
or Adopt-A-Pet Fenton 810-629-0723
st-marymagdalene.org/upcoming-events or adoptapetfenton.com



Lamb Cookers workshop

September 18th

10:30am - 5:00pm

Meal served after Vespers



If you are interested in learning on how to clean, tie and rotisserie a lamb on our amazing lamb wood burning roaster then this workshop is for you!

Reach out to Rebekah Humphreys for more information!

18th Annual Elias D. Chinonis Golf Classic

August 23, 2021

at Pine Knob Golf Course

5580 Waldon Road • Clarkston, MI 48348

\$125 per Golfer • *Registration 8:00 AM • 11:00 AM Shotgun Start*
Breakfast Buffet starting at 9:00 AM

Join us after golf for: Dinner Buffet/Cash Bar/Prizes & Raffles

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Foursome: Name & Phone

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Gold Sponsor Includes 2 T box signs and 4 golfers	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Silver Sponsor Includes 1T box sign and 2 golfers	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Bronze Sponsor includes 1T box sign	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Dinner Only
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Other

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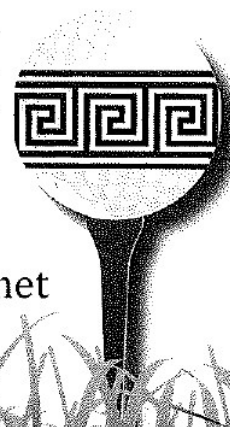
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Return by: August 13, 2021

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Presents

Summer Outdoor Craft
& Art Show



Saturday

August 28, 2021

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc

(Located on Baldwin Road between Fenton & Holly Roads)

Several tables of unique items

Holiday, jewelry, fabrics, toys, bakery

All homemade items, no commercial vendors

FREE ADMISSION

Lunch Available



Come to look for something special, visit with crafters, and
spend time with friends while you enjoy lunch

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