



# St. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH



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## MONTHLY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 2020

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- ✦ 2/1– Pan Orthodox Great Vespers 5pm at Assumption
- ✦ 2/5-7 Fr. Gabriel attending OCA Metropolitan Council Meetings in New York
- ✦ 2/8 St. Photini Meeting following Vespers
- ✦ 2/11 Parish Council Meeting
- ✦ 2/13 & 2/27 Choir Rehearsal
- ✦ 2/22– Parish Parastasis 3:30pm followed by Vespers at 4pm
- ✦ 2/23 Meatfare Sunday
- ✦ Inter Christian Basketball 2/3 & 2/17
- ✦ Compline & Metanoia Class on Wednesdays 2/12, 2/19 & 2/28
- ✦ 3/1 Forgiveness Sunday Vespers following Divine Liturgy

## Preparing for Great Lent: Learning to See Christ in Creation

A message from Fr. Gabriel

Every year, I am blessed to be able to participate in a short retreat to the Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, typically just before Great Lent starts. Anyone who has been on retreat to the monastery, knows that the morning services start very early, with Matins and the 1st hour beginning at 5:00 in the morning, long before the sun has had a chance to peek over the horizon. In the midst of the dark Church, along with a few other priests and deacons, are the nuns who spend their entire day in prayer to God for the sake of each and every one of us.

The last time I was at the monastery during the morning Matins service, a very peculiar thought came over me during the singing of the praises: *If Christ were to choose this exact moment to walk through the doors of this peaceful Church, what would my reaction be?* Have you ever taken some time out of the day to think about that possible reality? If Christ came down in this very moment to the world, what would our gut reaction be? I'm sure there are some, who after closing their mouths which had fallen to the floor, would be rushing to their purses and pockets to grab their cell phones to try and capture the moment. Within seconds, social media accounts would be flooded with selfies of people, trying to take a picture with our Lord in the background. Perhaps some catchy hashtag would begin to sweep the nation, as news would spread



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that our Lord's Return. There are others, who would look at Christ with tremendous skepticism, asking to see his ID, or perhaps requesting that he perform some kind of miracles, just like the unbelievers who had done the same 2000 years ago.

In the dark monastery Church, as this scenario was playing out in my head, I was listening to the nuns sing those praises to God, and I knew exactly what **their** reaction would be. Like so many who desire to be with Christ, they would throw themselves at His feet, and beg His forgiveness for the countless times when they "missed the mark" that He has set forth for them in their lives. As our Lord would make his way behind the iconostasis and take His place on the Throne in the altar, the nuns would no doubt continued to pray with the same zeal as they had had before. This of course is their response...but what would ours be?

We read in gospel an account somewhat similar to the one that I just described. There was a man who was short in stature named Zacchaeus, a tax collector who was roaming the streets of Jericho when he saw a crowd of people shouting in jubilation, because Jesus was passing by. After failing to catch a glimpse of the Rabbi, Zacchaeus climbed to the top of a sycamore tree, in order to see over the masses. Christ recognized Zacchaeus's desire to see Him almost immediately, and invited Himself to the tax collectors house. This man, after spending years of cheating others out of their possessions, did a complete "about face". Zacchaeus experienced Metanoia, a complete change of heart, and from that moment on his life was changed forever.

In just a few short weeks, we enter into a period of the Church Calendar where every Orthodox Christian is called to experience that same "about face" in their own personal lives. And it is in these few Sundays prior to the beginning of Great Lent, that we are told by the Church what is needed in order to make our repentance successful. On that Zacchaeus Sunday, we are reminded of the importance of having a DESIRE to be with Christ.

For Human Beings, being filled with desires is how we all live our lives. Where we often run into trouble is where that desire points to, because we often yearn only for the things that we can see with our eyes! We desire certain foods, more money, more possessions, other human beings (which can be both a good and a bad thing). We tend to want only the things that we can touch, taste, smell, hear, or feel, which makes desiring to be with God often difficult to do.

Yet throughout our readings of the lives of the saints, and of the regular prayer of those who choose to live the monastic life, we hear about those whose desire isn't for the physical things of the earth, but for the heavenly things from above. What is it in their lives that makes them different than us? Why is it that they seem to have an easier time desiring that which they often cannot see with their physical eyes? The answer is found through prayer, meditation, and most importantly, the constant remembrance of God's REAL presence in the world.

If we were to put down our I-Phones and Androids for a few minutes every day, step away from our televisions and computer screens, and walk outside take a deep breath of the cool winter air, we too can see God and His Works in everything:

The sun coming over the horizon.

The trillions of stars in the sky.

The birds of the air singing praises to Him.

The deer roaming the forest and finding food to eat.

The 7.6 billion Human Beings, each of whom is made in His Image and Likeness, who spend their entire lives searching this earth for something Greater than themselves. If we have only the eyes to see and the ears to hear, we see Christ manifest in everything!

In order to begin this journey towards Metanoia (repentance), and to truly change the direction of our lives, we have to remember to give thanks to the Lord for all of the miracles that He works for us; both of the ones that we notice, and the ones that we do not. One of the great tools that the Church has given us to do this is found in the reading of the Psalter, which is literally FULL of references made by the Prophet David to the majesty of God in creation and in our own individual lives. Take some time over the next few weeks, find a dark and quiet place in your house, and contemplate the sacred psalms as you prepare for the coming of the Great Fast!

# THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

## Parish Greeters

**February 2nd:**  
Steve & Sue Walton  
**February 9th:**  
Scott & Tina Shepherd  
**February 16th:**  
Elaine Boucher  
**February 23rd:**  
David & Cindy Welch

## Coffee Hour Volunteers

**February 2nd:**  
Rdr. John & Renee Auxier  
**February 9th:**  
Seth & Mia Hillaker  
**February 16th:**  
Steve & Elizabeth Kekel  
**February 23rd: (Meatfare)**  
Michael & Annie Khoury

## Epistle Readers

**February 2nd:**  
Rdr. Nathan Auxier  
**February 9th:**  
Jennifer Otis  
**February 16th:**  
Sue Walton  
**February 23rd:**  
Sbdn. Andrew Durand

## Alternate Readers

**February 2nd:**  
Janet Wiese  
**February 9th:**  
Rdr. John Auxier  
**February 16th:**  
Rdr. Nathan Auxier  
**February 23rd:**  
Jennifer Otis

Incase you missed this months homilies visit...

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

## WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- † 1—Matthias Suriano
- † 5—Fr. Gabriel Bilas, William Wolf & James Naum
- † 6—Niki Naum
- † 12—Noah Bilas
- † 13— Ethan Suriano
- † 14—Diaconitza Susan Schlaack & Emmanuel Lazar Watson
- † 19—Andrew Auxier
- † 20—Emmett Ballnik
- † 21—Nyomi Forsyth
- † 23—Phillip Moorman & Benjamin Wilkinson
- † 26—Ileana Bilas
- † 27—Taisa Czubenko, Luke Shephard, Diana Auxier, Helen Locascio

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- † 13— Andy & Rebekah Humphreys
- † 15— Andy & Lynne Marko

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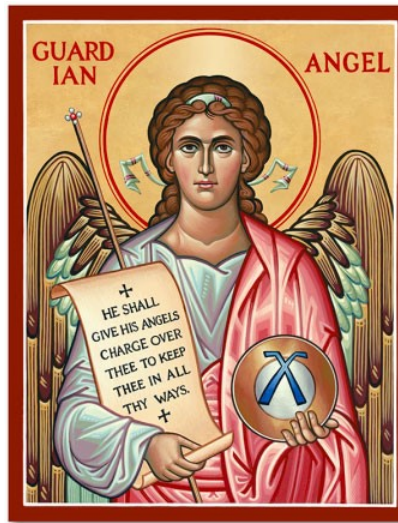
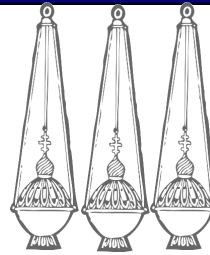
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# Prayer Life

*Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and sisters*

Metropolitan Theodosius	Elnora
Metropolitan Herman	Peter
Reader Gregory	Calvin
Vinne	David
Anastasia	Michael
Alex	Jenna
Elaine	Carol
Perpetua	Melissa
Carol	Susan
Katelyn	Renee
Frankie	Josh
Thom	Paul
Damian	
Stacie	
Caolyn	
Megan	
Lon	
Ella	
Noah	



## *This Month's Sunday Scripture Readings*

### **February 2nd:**

Luke 2:25-32

### **February 9th:**

Luke 18:10-14

### **February 16th:**

Luke 15:11-32

### **February 23rd:**

Matthew 25:31-46

### **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  
 Bradley Grimes,  
 Seaphim Lazar-Watson; Air  
 Force

### **Recently Departed**

Dennis  
 Andrew

### **Catechumens**

John  
 Karem  
 Asher  
 Miriam  
 Elliott  
 Alyssa  
 William  
 Anthony

### **Mother's With Child**

Christine

# MONTHLY FORECAST

## **Pan Orthodox Great Vespers at Holy Assumption:**

We will be celebrating Great Vespers and Lijtia for the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord on Saturday, February 1st, at Holy Assumption in Grand Blanc, beginning at 5:00 PM. There will be no Great Vespers or Confessions at St. Mary Magdalene!

## **Metanoia Classes Continuing:**

Our Compline and Metanoia classes will be continuing throughout the month of February, leading us up to Great and Holy Lent! Metanoia classes are every Wednesday, beginning at 6:30 PM. The only exception is that the first class of the month has been moved to February 4th. Please check the calendar for more details!

## **Fr. Gabriel in New York:**

Fr. Gabriel will be travelling from February 4th to February 7th to New York for the OCA Metropolitan Council Meetings. Should an emergency arise, please contact either Fr. Matthew at St. Nicholas in Burton, or Fr. Joseph at St. George in Flint.

## **Lazarus Bag Project:**

We are completing our Lazarus Bag project during the month of February. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for items that are needed to create the bags! Please have these items to the Church, no later than Sunday, February 16th! We will be blessing and distributing the bags on Sunday, February 23rd! See Marisa Bailey for more information!

## **Choir Rehearsals for Great Lent:**

There are two choir rehearsals scheduled in the month of February, to prepare us for Great and Holy Lent, which begins on March 1st! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, February 13th and Thursday, February 27th, at 6:00 PM for the rehearsals at the Church!

## **Parish Family Memorial Saturday:**

On Saturday, February 22nd, we will be having a memorial service for all of our parish family's departed loved ones, beginning at 3:30 PM (before Great Vespers). During the month of February, please start giving Fr. Gabriel your lists of your departed family members, indicating on the list if they are Orthodox or Non-Orthodox. Please get these lists to Fr. Gabriel no later than February 21st.

## **Preparation for Great Lent:**

Beloved, please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 1st, and make sure that each and every one of our parish members is in Church for the beginning of Great and Holy Lent. We will celebrate Forgiveness Vespers after the Divine Liturgy on that Sunday, and it is imperative that each of us begins the 40 days of preparation with the rite of forgiveness. The first week of Lent has some of the most beautiful and powerful services...each of them offering us ways in which we can all truly come into a state of Metanoia, as we prepare to walk with our Lord to Golgotha, and witness His Resurrection. Don't miss them!

## **Fellowship of St. Photini**

The Fellowship of St. Photini, the community outreach group here at St. Mary Magdalene will be having their pre-Lenten organizational meeting on Saturday, February 8th following great vespers. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Please see any of the leadership team or Deacon Michael if you have any questions.

## **Lenten Prayer Group Sign Up**

This year for Great Lent, we will be instituting a parish wide Lenten Psalter Prayer Group! The goal is to draw nearer to Christ and to one another during the Lenten Fast, by praying the Psalms together as a community in our homes, as we journey towards Holy Pascha.

The Orthodox Church has divided the book of Psalms into 20 sections. In our St. Mary Magdalene prayer group, we will be each praying a new section each day throughout the 40 days of the fast, so that we will all be praying through the entire book of psalms twice during the course of the fast! All you need is a bible, and a little time each day to set aside!

There will be a sign up sheet with a place for your email, so that our coordinator can share the assigned readings to each member individually. By each of us reading different parts per day, this will ensure that the entire book of psalms is read daily by members of our parish family!

## **Pilgrimage to the Monastery Deadline**

Our Lenten Monastery pilgrimage, scheduled for March 29th to April 2nd, still has a few spots available. The deadline to register is Sunday, March 1st! Fr. Gabriel has confirmed that we will be seeing the weeping icon of the Tender Heart while on this trip!



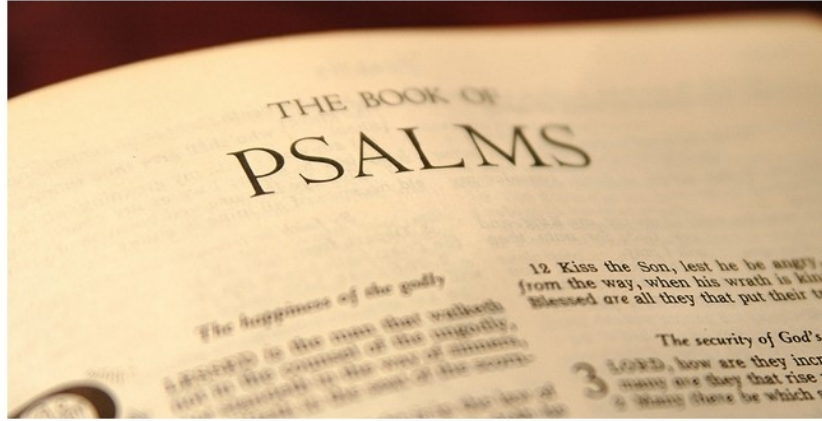
## **Memorial Saturday**

**Saturday, February 22nd, 3:30 PM**

**On this day we will gather together as parish to remember all of the departed members of our families, with a special memorial service before Great Vespers. Please give Fr. Gabriel a list of your departed family members, indicating if they were Orthodox or Non-Orthodox.**

# St. Mary Magdalene Lenten Psalm Group

Preparing for Pascha by Praying the Psalms



## The Goal:

To draw nearer to Christ and one another during the Lenten Fast, by praying the Psalms together as a community, as we journey together towards Holy Pascha.

## How it Works:

The Orthodox Church divided the book of Psalms into 20 sections (called a Kathisma). In our St. Mary Magdalene prayer group, we will each be assigned a different section each day, throughout the 40 days of the fast. By the end of Lent, our parish will have read through the entire book of Psalms twice. If everyone is keeping up with their individual sections every day, it also means that our parish community together is praying the entire book of psalms daily!

## Added Bonus:

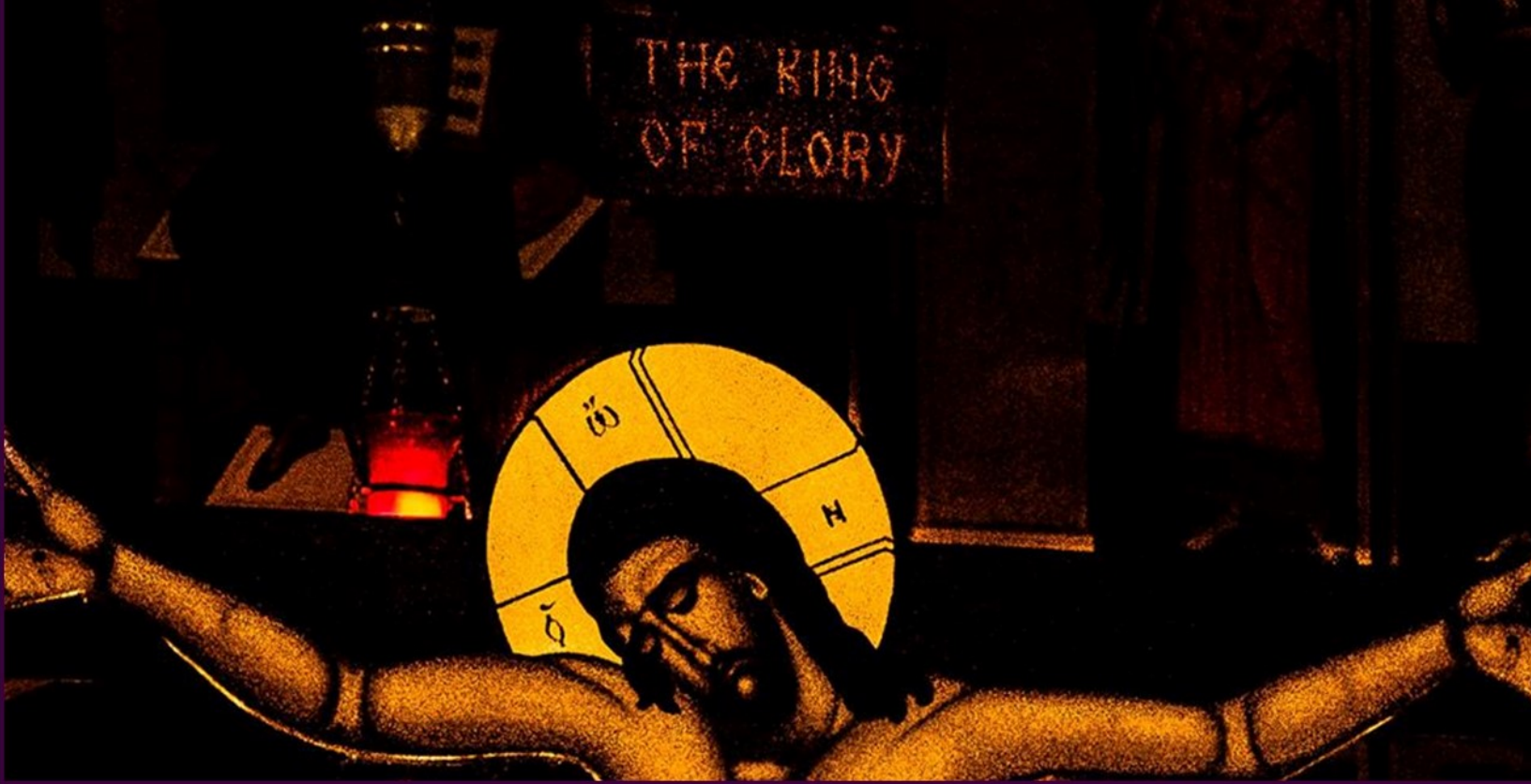
As we go through the journey together, there may be a specific prayer request that you might ask the group to assist you in, whether it is for someone who is sick, suffering, or maybe someone who recently departed. Feel free to email the group email, asking for specific prayer requests to be sent out.

## What do I Need?

All you need is a bible, an email address, and some time each day to pray!

## How Do I Join?

There will be a sign up sheet available at the Church, or you can email [smmpsalmgroup@gmail.com](mailto:smmpsalmgroup@gmail.com)



# CLEAN WEEK 2020



Sunday	March 1st	✠ Divine Liturgy and Forgiveness Vespers, 9:50am
Monday	March 2nd	✠ Clean Week Monday Matins Service, 9:00am ✠ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30pm
Tuesday	March 3rd	✠ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30pm
Wednesday	March 4th	✠ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30pm
Thursday	March 5th	✠ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6:30pm
Friday	March 6th	✠ Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Lenten Potluck , 6:30pm
Saturday	March 7th	✠ Vigil for Orthodoxy Sunday, 4:00pm



# OUR PARISH YOUTH

## Upcoming events:

Our church school students are continuing on with our unit of church history! Starting this month we will be working on a special project for Orthodoxy Sunday! We plan to have class each week in February, breaking March 1st for Forgiveness Vespers!



**“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:**

The Flint OCF only met once in January, and it was at St. George on the 17th. We were joined by Fr. Matthew on the subject of: "Reading the Old Testament Through the Lens of Christ." Fr. Matthew brilliantly elaborated on several OT types of Christ: weaving together Scripture, hymnography and iconography. It was a fascinating and eye-opening talk / group discussion. Our next meeting will be on February 7th. It will be a fellowship meeting, so the activity is still TBD.

**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.



**Prayers for our college students:**

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Greg Auxier         | Laura Khoury     |
| Katherine Arnes     | Rachael Hildreth |
| David Schutt        | Sydney Wilkinson |
| Katherine Schutt    | Katerina Jonescu |
| Oliver Lazar Senter | Katheryn Auxier  |
| Elena Bucciarelli   | Alexandra Kekel  |
| Zachary Wilkinson   |                  |
| Douglas Wilkinson   |                  |



# "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 about what the earliest Christians taught, how they worshiped, and what believed? 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**

## **Spring Semester, 2020**

- Wednesday, January 15th, 6:30 PM: Introduction into Orthodoxy. What is Holy Tradition?**
- Wednesday, January 22nd, 6:30 PM: What do we believe about God?**
- Wednesday, January 29th, 6:30 PM: What is the purpose of man's existence?**
- Tuesday, February 4th, 6:30 PM: What is Prayer? The Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer**
- Wednesday, February 12th, 6:30 PM: Missing the Mark: An Eastern View of Sin**
- Wednesday, February 19th, 6:30 PM: Who is Jesus and What Did He Come Here to Do?**
- Wednesday, February 26th, 6:30 PM: What does the Church believe about Mary?**

## A Month in Review:

January is always one of the best months of the year, as we continue the Feasts of the Nativity, culminating with the Celebration of Theophany! Despite the ice and snow storms, we had a great turnout for our annual river blessing and lamb roast! Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Theophany celebrations possible!



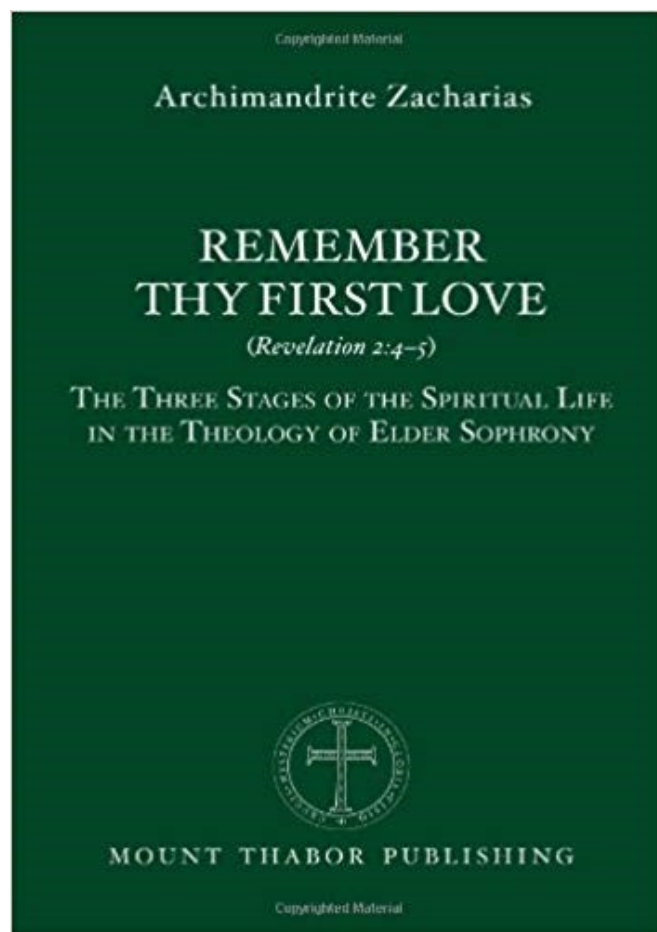
# Theophany

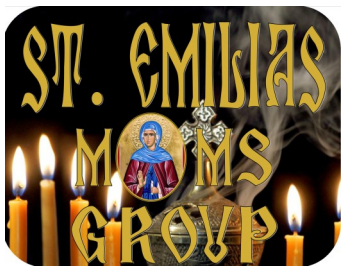


Recommended Reading from  
Fr. Gabriel

## Remember Thy First Love (Revelation 2:4-5): The Three Stages of the Spiritual Life in the Theology of Elder Sophrony by Archimandrite Zacharias

Remember Thy First Love is a graphic description of the three stages in the Christian life according to Elder Sophrony of Essex (1896-1993), disciple of St. Silouan the Athonite (1866-1938) and founder of the Patriarchal and Stavropegic Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Essex, England. In Remember Thy First Love, which complements *The Enlargement of the Heart* (2006) and *The Hidden Man of the Heart* (2008), Elder Zacharias details the nature and purpose of the first grace given at the beginning of the Christian spiritual odyssey, the experience of the apparent withdrawal of grace, and then our final adoption as children, by which we become heirs of God and joint-heirs of Christ (cf. Rom. 8:17). Fr Zacharias' *Remember Thy First Love* also includes an invaluable Index of Names and Subjects.





## St. Emilia's Moms Group

**CALLING ALL MOTHERS:** The St. Emilia Mom's Group was put together last year as a way for mother's of young children to support, learn, and pray for each other, as they partake in perhaps the most important ministry in the Church: The upbringing of Children in the faith. The group typically meets once a month, either at the Church or at a local restaurant. For more information, please see Addie Lanterman or Renea Becklehamer!

# FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI– Next Meeting

## 2/8 follow Great Vespers



“An inclusive opportunity for community outreach led

by the faithful of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church”

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.

The Fellowship of St. Photini will again collect items for our annual distribution of Lazarus Bags. See the flyer or sign-up sheet for items needed.

As a parish family we will be creating 50 Lazarus Bags with the goal of **seeking out** those who are less fortunate, and offering them a helping hand.

Whether it is someone who is begging on the side of a highway, or someone who is sitting on a street corner with no roof over their head, we are called to recognize and help our neighbor in need.

As a family read Luke 16: 19-31, and discuss where you might find someone in need. Each family will be given at

least two bags and will be charged with finding their own personal “Lazarus” to give a bag to. If possible, be sure to get the name of the individual you give the bag to and add them to your personal prayer list.

Please sign up for the items you wish to donate so that we do not double up on items. We will also accept cash donation as well if you are unable to get to the store.

Please see Marissa Bailey, chair, or any member of the St. Photini Leadership team with any other questions.

*I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’*



# LAZARUS BAGS

## ITEMS NEEDED:

- ✦ Hand Warmers
- ✦ Razors
- ✦ Gloves
- ✦ Hats
- ✦ Protein Bars
- ✦ Bottled Water
- ✦ Chapstick
- ✦ McDonald's Gift

Cards

## TRAVEL SIZED:

- ✦ First Aid Kits/  
Band-aids
- ✦ Kleenex
- ✦ Toothbrush
- ✦ Toothpaste
- ✦ Shaving Cream





## St. Mary Magdalene 2020 Lenten Monastery Pilgrimage

### Trip Itinerary

**Sunday, March 29th:** Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton Michigan. Depart for Holy Trinity Jordanville Monastery, arriving on Sunday Evening. *\*We will be traveling through Canada, so **Passports are required!***

**Monday, March 30th:** Morning Services at the Monastery and Breakfast. Tour of the Cathedral, Baptistry, Candle Factor, Incense workshop, and bookstore. Lunch and free time to explore, before departing for St. Tikhon's Monastery in the evening

**Tuesday, March 31st:** Early Morning Services at the monastery, followed by breakfast and a tour of the Monastery Church, Museum, and Grounds. Lunch, followed by free time in the afternoon. Depending on availability, a visit to see the weeping icon of "The Tender Heart" in Taylor, PA, followed by dinner at Cooper's restaurant in Scranton.

**Wednesday, April 1st:** Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy at the Monastery Church and a bookstore visitation. Departing early afternoon for Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City, PA.

**Thursday, April 2nd:** Morning Services and breakfast with the Mothers and Sisters, followed by a tour of the Monastery Grounds and Bookstore. Lunch will be provided, before departing home for St. Mary Magdalene

**Cost is \$340 per person**

*(Cost does NOT include fuel, restaurants, and donations to the monasteries)*

*Email Fr. Gabriel at [frgabrielsmm@gmail.com](mailto:frgabrielsmm@gmail.com) for more information!*



INVITATION  
THE ORDINATION TO  
THE EPISCOPACY  
OF THE VERY REVEREND  
ARCHIMANDRITE ANDREI

as Auxiliary Bishop of  
The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

7:00pm Great Vespers  
Proclamation of Election and Calling of the Bishop-Elect  
Formal Reception

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

8:00am Matins  
9:00am Entrance of the Hierarchs  
Presentation of the Bishop-Elect and his Profession of Faith  
Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with Ordination to the Episcopacy  
1:30pm Grand Banquet

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## GRAND BANQUET AND SUPPORT

We invite you to be with us at this historic event.

**BANQUET ADMISSION IS BY ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY,**  
and must be reserved by January 21, 2020.

We invite you also to consider being a Financial Supporter.

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