

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

January 2023



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*or by appointment

WORSHIP WITH US!



Weekly Service Schedule*
Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy, 9:40am
Wednesday Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
Saturday Vespers & Confessions, 4:00pm

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

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MONTHLY FORECAST

THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY AND THE BLESSING OF WATER

On Thursday, January 5th, we will celebrate the feast of Theophany with Compline, Lijtja, and the Blessing of the Waters, beginning at 6:00 PM. Divine Liturgy will be served on the day of the Feast, January 6th, beginning at 10:00 AM. Containers for Holy Water to take home are available at the Church if you do not already have them!

METANOIA BEGINS

A new "spring" semester of Metanoia will begin on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 PM, with the introductory class for new catechumens and inquirers. For those returning students, the first day will be Wednesday, January 18th! This is offered both virtually and in person for those travelling long distances!

AKATHIST TO ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

There will be a special Akathist Service to St. Seraphim of Sarov on Thursday, January 12th, beginning at 6:00 PM. We are blessed to have with us a small piece of the Liturgical Vestments of St. Seraphim himself! Come learn about this incredible saint through the hymns of the Church!

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE RIVER

On Sunday, January 8th, whether permitting, we will be processing out to the banks of the Shiawassee River for our annual river blessing! Make sure you bring a warm coat on that day!

CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES

Church School will resume on Sunday, January 15th for students from all of the classes. Please see the Church School page of the newsletter for more information!

DORMITION CHARITY DINNER

The Annual Holy Dormition Monastery Charity Dinner will be on Thursday, January 19th. Details on sign-up and registration are below.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Starting this year our parish prayer list will be recycled every 3 months. Often we forget to communicate whether a person needs to remain on the prayer list. To keep a name on the prayer list please email the parish office every 3 months.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

As is the Orthodox Tradition, for those parishioners who would like their house blessed, Fr. Gabriel will begin scheduling those after the feast of Theophany. The sign up form for house blessings is located in this newsletter, or in the parish office!

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE UNBORN

Every year on Sanctity of Life Sunday, our parish family holds a special prayer service for all of the unborn, both those lost to abortion or for those children who fell asleep in the womb. This year's service will take place after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 22nd. If you have any names to add to the list of departed infants, please submit those to the parish office before the service.

MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Men's group will come together on Friday, January 6th at 5pm in the Ballnik Home. All are welcome to attend. Reach out reader Chris with any questions.

**this
Month**



ST. MARY MAGDALENE HOUSE BLESSING FORM 2023

Family Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Best Number to Reach You: _____

Circle What Days and Times Work Best for Your Family

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

Morning Afternoon Evenings

Please return this form to the parish office as soon as possible!

In preparation for your House Blessings, please have a candle, an icon, a small bowl to hold Holy Water and a list of names of your family's living & departed

"GOD KNOWS"

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GABRIEL



God is With Us and has Revealed Himself to Us!

All of the wonderful and life-saving mysteries that we participate in week in and week out, were made possible by a Divine ministry that began today with the Holy Feast of Theophany.

Our Lord spent 30 years...3 full decades of living a relatively quiet and normal life just like you and me. He lived as a child and a son to Joseph and the Theotokos. He got dressed in the morning. He played with other children. He studied as an apprentice.

Our Lord was also not a stranger to the difficulties that humanity faces in the midst of sin. He watched and witnessed the damaging realities of the fallen world. He lived in the midst of the same sorrows that we find ourselves in each and every day of our lives. He no doubt watched as friends and family members got sick. We know that at some point during those thirty years, our Lord had to deal with the passing of his earthly father Joseph, who was already advanced in age at the time of His birth.

There is a temptation for us sometimes, as there was with Job the sufferer in the Old Testament, that God doesn't understand our plight.

We are tempted to believe that He is on a different plane of existence than us...like the ancient Greeks believed with their pagan Gods lived up on Mt. Olympus. We sometimes say in our minds:

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“God doesn't understand our hardships in this life. He doesn't know what it is like to lose a loved one, or to take care of someone who is gravely sick or ill.”

”

We forget that for most of His earthly existence...Christ was our brother. He shared in our sorrows, our weaknesses, our temptations, our suffering, and eventually...even our death. He stood beside us as Immanuel...God WITH US. He is approachable. He is available.

He is accessible to us. On Theophany, we celebrate and are reminded of the day that this wonderful reality became known to the world.

Several members of our congregation had a chance to visit the very sight where God's manifestation to the world occurred. Although the Jordan river is very wide at some points, just a few miles up from the dead sea, there is a point where it narrows to about 30 feet wide, and is perhaps 3 or 4 feet deep at the center. It is so narrow in fact, that if you are standing on Israel's bank, you could very easily start a conversation with someone who is standing on the Jordanian side of the river (provided you don't get into trouble by the border patrol!)

"GOD KNOWS"

CONTINUED

It was at this narrow point of the river all those years ago, that St. John was standing in the midst of the water and preaching about repentance to the many people who were gathered on the banks. And in the midst of all of this...a quiet and humble man who no one had ever seen or heard of before, steps down into the river in order to be baptized.

At that moment, if I can Christianize a popular phrase which is surprisingly fitting: "All heaven breaks loose". The moment that Christ comes up from the water, the heavens open up, and a loud, powerful, and booming voice comes from the sky from the uncreated God Himself. He doesn't say much. He proclaims one simple message for the entire world to hear:

“*This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.*”

So profound and so perfect. What does God say so clearly to the world? What does He want us to know? The identity of **this man** who is standing in front of John.

As we will say at the entrance for the Feast: *“God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to Us.”* That one moment knocked the entire world off its axis. We feel the effects of the Epiphany even today, because the light and the healing that came upon the Human Race on that day...the manifestation and the revelation that God had spent years living and experiencing mankind in a very personal and real way...changed our lives Forever.

God is WITH US and has experienced first-hand our plight as Human Beings. When we are diagnosed with a terminal illness and are suffering from

the side effects of the treatments, God is with us as our Eternal Hope and Physician. When we suffer from depression and we feel as if we are stuck in the middle of a dark tunnel, unable to see or unwilling to continue to the light which shines at the end of that tunnel. God is with us as our Guide. When we have the sudden loss of a beloved family member and our thoughts are flooded with the moments that we will no longer be able to share with them while on this earth...God is with us as our comforter. When we will have our memorial service this month for all unborn infants who have passed on to eternal life in the womb...for all of those that will be present and who are suffering and whose lives seem like such a dark and dreary place...God is with us as our Light, our Warmth, and our Salvation.

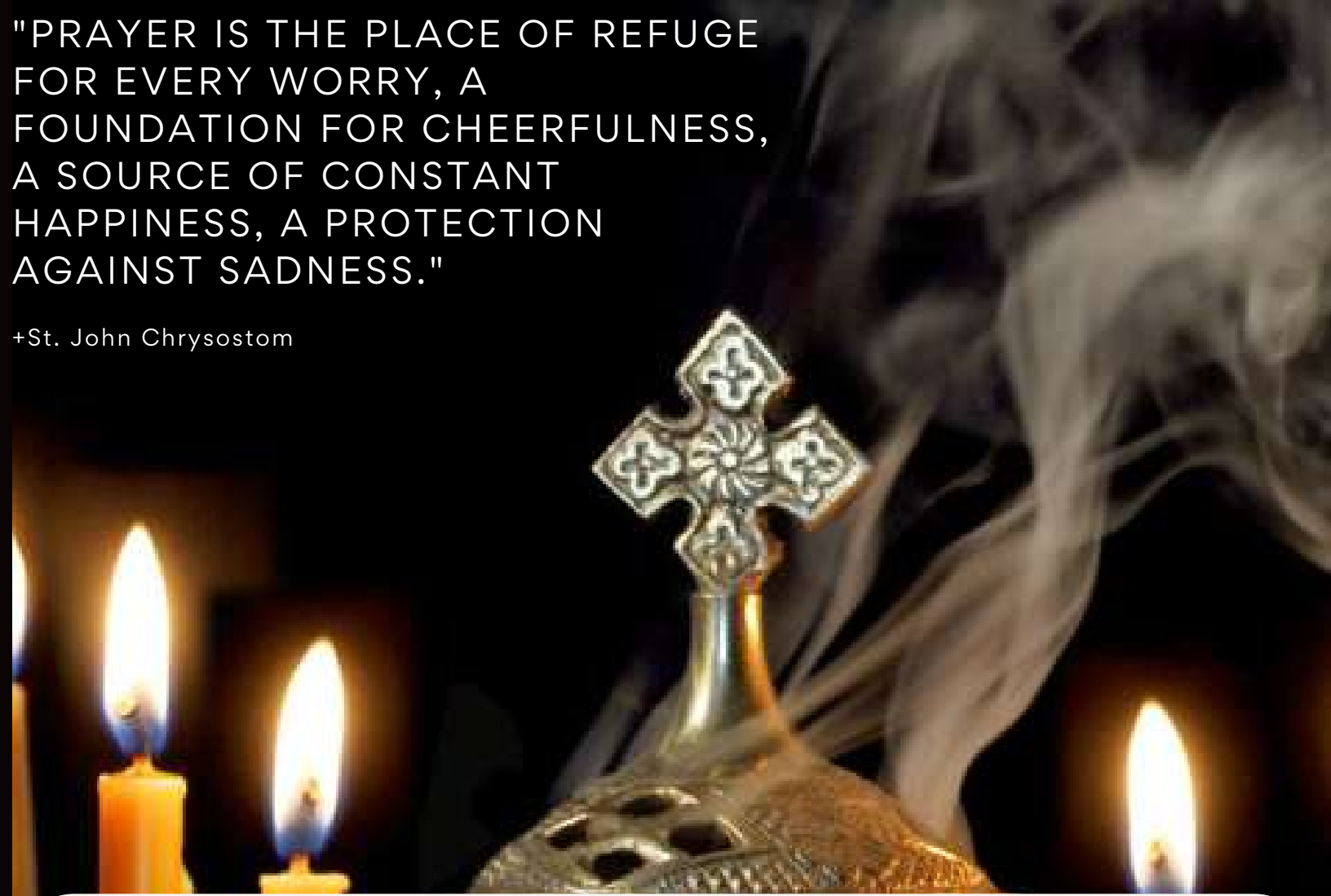
Rejoice dearest brothers and sisters in Christ! Give glory and praise that we have a God who undeniably loves us, and more importantly...**understands** us. Theophany is a reminder to the entire human race that no matter how difficult life can be, no matter how many trials and tribulations are thrown at our feet, God is with us. He is Here. And He has come to save the World!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GABRIEL



"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	Tinna	Nadia
Elaine	Susan	James
David	Brian	
Pat	Sophia	
Michael	Miriam	
Jim	Eva	
Mason	Chrissy	
Theresa	Kristen	
Robert	Cameron	
Linda	Lynne	
Hudson	Jeanne	
Dimitri	Glenn	
Damian	Gerald	
Martin	Tony	
Ivanka	Pam	
Dawn	Arminda	
Jeff	Michael	
Mike	Sarah	
Lauren	Nicole	
Rich	Theresa	
Judy	Debra	
Anthony	Betty	
Megan	David	
Shirley	Rob	

Mother's With Child

Christine
Rachel
Taylor
Mat. Sara

Catechumenate

Collin
Jaclyn
Jacqueline
William
Nicholas
Sarah
Dimitri
Mark

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

8th- Dennis Perez
29th- Andrew Ziats

Recently Departed

Mary Valarie (12/12)
Lon Slocum (12/19)

**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

1-Robyn Dollins
3-Jeremy Becklehamer, Benjamin Cooley
4-Jacob Yonan
6-Brion Cooley, Mason Shipley
7-Annastasia Branoff, Anna Pardee
10-Jaclyn Daugherty, Theresa Cooley
13-Hannah Burtkah
16-Minka Owens, Jay Rice
17-Ingrid Ballnik
18-Katherine Senter, Cindy Welch
19-Katherine Arnes, Adalyn Joseph
20-Jeanette Hildreth, Terry Owens
21-Fr. Dn. David Shephard
24-Katheryn Brcic
25-Michael Khoury
29-Ruthie Becklehamer, Fr. Dn. Mike Schlaack
30-Shannon Joseph
31-Stephen Schlaack

Recent & Upcoming Baptism & Chrismations

12/10 Anna Bieganski
12/10 Anastasia Miller
12/17 Cleopatra Oginsky
12/17 Aaron Torrey
1/7 Anna Joseph
1/21 Lucy Leveille
1/29 Zachariah Auxier

Engagements

Mark Foster & Katerina Jonascu
Nick Swartz & Sarah Miller
John Peters & Jaclyn Selewski

Confession Schedule

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

Saturday Evenings following Great Vespers
Wednesday Mornings following Divine Liturgy

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. Please contact the parish office to add any names to the prayer list.

Anniversaries

31-James & Helen LoCascio

Weddings

David Schutt & Elena Bucciarelli

Recent Funerals

12/15 Mary Magdalene (Valarie) Blanchett
12/27 Lon Slocum

PARISH LIFE

THIS MONTH

January 1st: Bell Ringer Practice after Liturgy

January 3rd: Prayer Service for the Sick and Suffering. [Click here to submit a name.](#)

January 5th: Bell Ringer Practice, 10:30am

January 5th: Compline, Litija, Blessing of the Water, 6pm

January 6th: Theophany Liturgy, 10am
Men's Group Gathering, 5pm at Ballnik's Home

January 7th: Anna Joseph Baptism, 2pm
No Vespers or Confessions at SMM
Vespers available at St. Nicholas in Burton, 5pm

January 10th: Parish Council Meeting, 7pm

January 11th: Divine Liturgy 10am
Adult Education, 6:30pm

January 12th: Akathist to St. Seraphim of Sarov & Young Adult Fellowship

January 14th: SMMOY, 5:00pm

January 15th: 40 days for Mary Valarie
Church School Resumes

January 18th: Divine Liturgy 10am
Adult Education, 6:30pm

January 19th: Holy Dormition Monastery
Charity Dinner, 5pm-8:30pm

January 21st: Lucy Leveille Baptism, 2pm

January 22nd: Sanctity of Life Sunday
Prayer Service following Divine Liturgy

January 25th: Divine Liturgy 10am
Adult Education, 6:30pm

January 28th: *No Vespers or Confessions at SMM*
Vespers available at St. Nicholas in Burton, 5pm

January 29th: Baptism of Zachariah Auxier,
Lazarus Bag Collection begins.

PARISH GREETERS

January 1st: George & Julie Jonascu

January 8th: Seth & Mia Hillaker

January 15th: Freida Owens

January 22nd: Steve & Sue Walton

January 29th: Scott & Tina Shephard

BELL RINGERS

January 1st: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

January 8th: Vivian Capatine & Tonya Rice

January 15th: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

January 22nd: Vivian Capatine & Tonya Rice

January 29th: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

COFFEE HOUR

January 1st: Pat Matts

January 8th: Dave & Cindy Welch

January 15th: Jeremy & Renea Becklehamer

January 22nd: Doug & Melissa Auxier

January 29th: Chris & Rachel Burtka

EPISTLE READERS

January 1st: Rdr Tom Chiatas & Jenni Otis

January 8th: Rdr Chris Ballnik & Rdr Brian Phillip Walton

January 15th: Rdr David Schutt & Rdr Tom Chiatas

January 22nd: Sbdn John Auxier & Rdr. Chris Ballnik

January 29th: Rdr Nathaniel Auxier & Rdr David Schutt

BUILDING PROJECT

EXPANDING THE MISSION OF THE LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WOODS!

There is still a lot to do with our building project! How can you contribute?

1. Pray- First and most important thing that all for us can do is to pray.
2. Make a donation by cash or check and drop it off to the parish office.
3. Make a donation online through our website and choose 'Building Fund' in the dropdown menu.
4. Transfer stocks or bonds to our brokerage account.

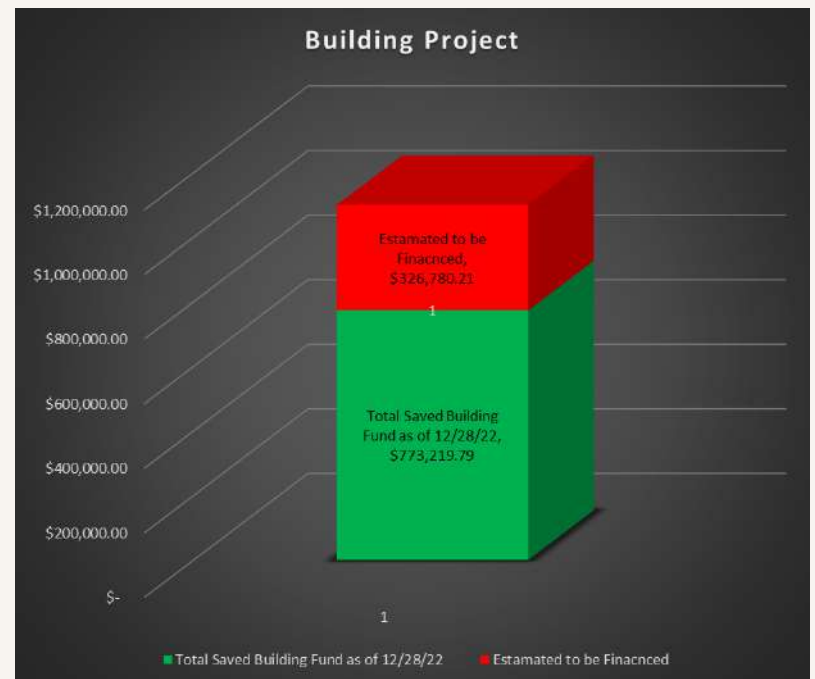
All donations to the building fund are tax deductible



The roof and dome are progressing quickly!



By the Grace of God, as of December 28th, we were able to collect \$1,815.00 for the building fund this month.



DECEMBER'S OUTREACH



St. Nicholas Day Toy Collection for the Foster Closet of Mid-Michigan



Christmas Caroling at Lockwood of Fenton



SMMOY making Ms. Liz's Christmas Cookies for First Responders



Working with Toys for Tots and Center of Hope-Fenton were able to gift over 300 toys to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office at the 3rd Annual "All Kids Are Equal" toy giveaway providing gifts to children with incarcerated parents.



By the Grace of God we were able to collect just over \$3,300 in gift cards for this year's Angel Tree that were went to students at St. Tikhon's Seminary



FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

Glory to God for such great participation from our entire parish family throughout the month of December! We thank God for each and every one of you!

Last month we were able accomplish great things!

+We started the month by sending just over \$3,300 worth of gift cards to seminarians and their families.

+We were able to collect a carload of toys for the Foster Closet of Mid-Michigan.

+We teamed up with Toys for Tots and Center of Hope-Fenton on the Genesee County Sheriff's Office for the 3rd Annual "All Kids Are Equal" toy giveaway providing gifts to children with incarcerated parents.

+We had 15 carolers join us at Lockwood of Fenton on Christmas Day to sing the triumphant news of the birth of Christ to the residents there!

UPCOMING THIS MONTH!



Starting on January 22nd and running through February 12th we will be collecting items for our annual "Lazarus Bags Project." These bags of blessings will be distributed to the homeless in our area. This year's goal is to put together 50 total bags! See the flyer below for the items needed.

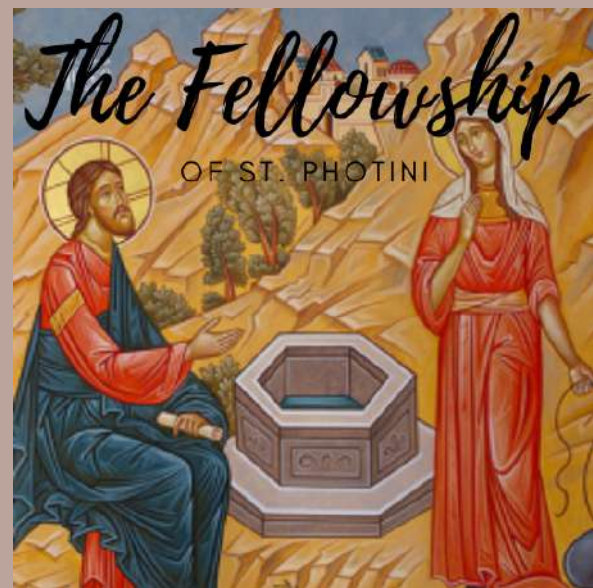
January 22nd - February 12th -ITEM COLLECTION

February 18th- PACK BAGS AFTER VESPERS

February 19th- BLESS & DISTRIBUTE BAGS AFTER LITURGY

*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”**



Ἡ ΠΑΡΑΒΟΛῆ

Ἐ ΠΛΟΥΣΙΟῦ ΚΑΙ Ἐ ΠΟΡΟῦ

ΛΑΖΑΡΟΥ



(Luke 16:19-31)

Lazarus Bags

Items Needed

- +Handwarmers
- +Razors
- +Shaving Cream
- +Gloves
- +Hats
- +White Socks
- +Protein Bars
- +Chicken/Tuna Kits
- +\$10 McDonald Gift Cards
- +Assorted Band-aids
- +Kleenex
- +Combs
- +Washcloths
- +Bars of Soap
- +Sandwich Size Ziplocks

Sign up sheet is on the table
Items due back on February 12th



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!



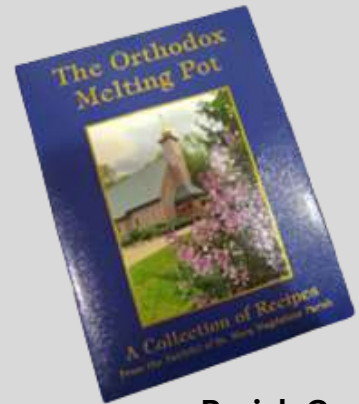
PARISH KIOSK

We were blessed last month to have so many of you take part in our Parish Kiosk. This was not only a great way to share your faith this Christmas season but also a wonderful fundraiser for the church. By the grace of God the kiosk has brought in \$1,816.18 in profit this year. This profit goes towards the day to day operations of the parish!

ITEMS OF THE MONTH



St. Mary Magdalene Tumbler
\$20 each



Parish Cookbooks
\$25 each

WE ARE STILL HERE!!

The Parish Kiosk was moved back to the hallway near the temporary chapel. We still have a wide array of treasures available from books to home altar supplies to icons. Check it out!

We still have St. Mary Magdalene tumblers available for \$20 each and St. Mary Magdalene Cookbooks for \$25.

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

1st Thursday of the Month, 10:30am

1st Sunday of the Month following Divine Liturgy

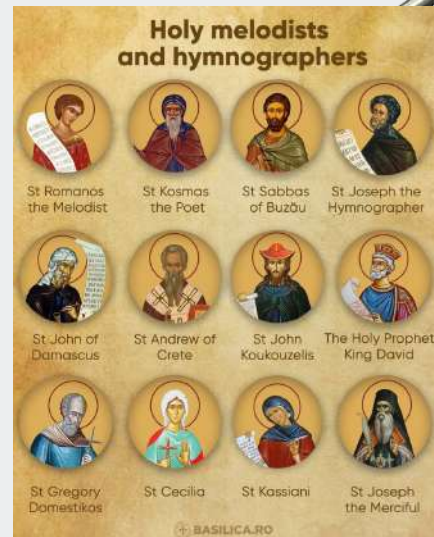
Contact Cindy Welch if you are interested in joining this ministry!

PARISH CHOIR

Thank God for our wonderful choir this Nativity season. Your rehearsals and dedication paid off as you led our parish with your voices.

Special thank you to Reader Greg and Elena for directing!

There are no rehearsals in January, take some time off before the busy Lenten season!



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

-Psalm 98:1



EDUCATION

LIVE AND LEARN THE FAITH!



Our Parish Youth!

Hello families!! As we begin this new year, we are looking forward to our return to church school class. Classes resume on Sunday, January 15. Children will be participating in the Theophany celebration on Sunday, January 8. Children will meet in class for 6 weeks until the beginning of Lent. There will be three more classes following Pascha.

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

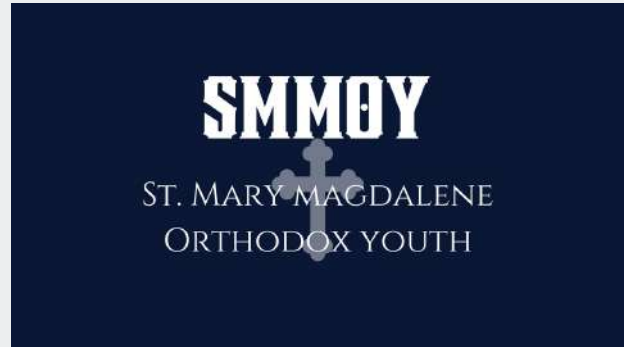
Yours in Christ,

Terri Oginsky
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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



EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

This semester of Metanoia begins on Wednesday, January 11th! Click the register now button to join the class!

[REGISTER NOW >](#)



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

First Semester 2023- All classes begin at 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 11th:
Wednesday, January 18th:
Wednesday, January 25th:
Wednesday, February 1st:
Wednesday, February 8th:
Wednesday, February 15th:
Wednesday, February 22nd:

Introduction to Orthodoxy and Holy Tradition
What do we believe about God?
What is mankind's purpose in life?
What is sin?
What did Jesus Christ come here to do?
How do we pray?
What is the big deal with the Theotokos and the Saints?

YOUNG ADULTS

BOOK CLUB AND FELLOWSHIP

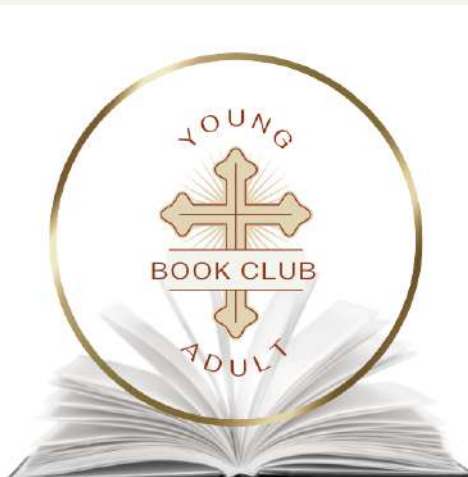
Our Young adult group is for anyone ages 21-45 who wish to join in fellowship and faith.

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

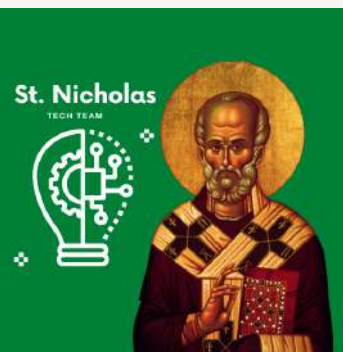
Monthly Akathist 2023 SCHEDULE

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 Repentance
APRIL	6:00PM
6	Canon of St. Mary of Egypt
MAY	6:00PM
11	Martyr Varus
JUNE	6:00PM
8	Inexhaustable 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 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

WHO

Everyone is welcome to join the Pan-Orthodox Community for this annual winter fundraising dinner!

WHAT

This evening is lead by Vespers beautifully sung by the Mothers and Sisters of Holy Dormition Monastery, then we will come together for a meal and a lecture.

WHEN

Thursday, January 19th
5pm - 8:30pm

WHERE

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 Baldwin Rd
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

WHY

The monastic communities throughout the world pray for us all ceaselessly. They need our support to continue their efforts!

HOW

Use the registration form printed at the church to sign up for the event. Consider making a extra donation if you are able and plan to purchase items from the monastery kiosk.

We are responsible for appetizers this year. Please sign-up to donate food for the event!

11th Annual Winter Dinner benefiting Holy Dormition Monastery

Thursday, January 19th

Hosted by The Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439



Join us to experience a beautiful and otherworldly vespers service offered by the Mothers and Sisters of the Monastery.

Please register by Sunday, January 15th. The suggested Donation of \$35/ person or \$25/ student can be paid via check (written to Holy Dormition Monastery). Please do not let the cost keep you away from this wonderful event! The registration form is available at your parish.

Please reach out to your parish coordinator with any questions:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church - Joanne Schultz
St. George Church - Fr. Michael Basset
St. Mary Magdalene Church - Dn. Mike Schlaack
St. Nicholas - Susie Ford

Evening Agenda

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| 5:00pm | Vespers led by the Monastic Community |
| 6:15pm | Social Time, Appetizers & Monastery Gift Shop |
| 7:00pm | Dinner & Program |
| 8:30pm | Closing Prayers & Goodnight |



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)

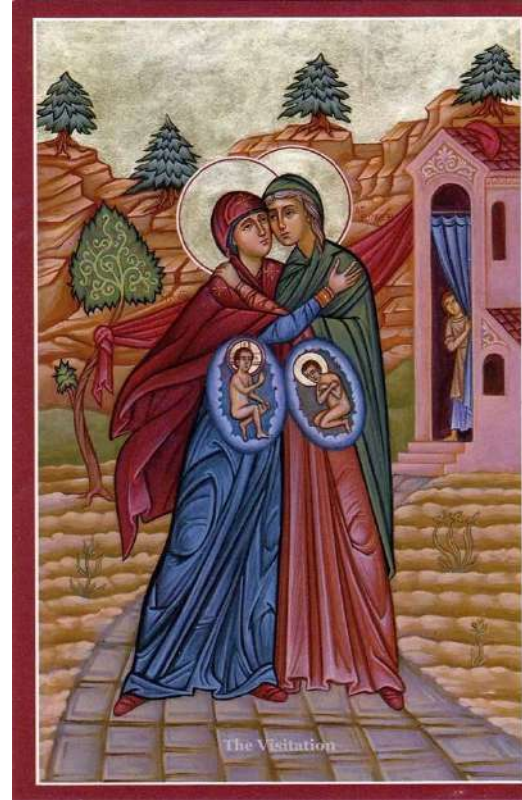
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox
Church
(2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI)

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



For more information on the monastery, please visit their website: www.dormitionmonastery.org

SANCTITY OF LIFE



SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL OF OUR DEPARTED INFANTS OF GOD

On Sanctity of Life Sunday, the St. Mary Magdalene Parish family wishes to invite the entire community to our Church for a special prayer service in memory of all unborn infants. If you know anyone who has ever suffered the loss of a child in the womb, please ask them to join us following the Divine Liturgy to offer prayers and consolation for their dear departed children, and for each other.

Sunday, January 22nd, After the Divine Liturgy (approx. 11:40am)

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

Contact: To submit names to be prayed for, or for more information of the service, please email smmocafernton@gmail.com or call the parish office 810-750-1401



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)

Ann Schutt, Treasurer

Subdeacon Andrew Durand

Rachel Burtka

Terri Oginsky

Jay Rice

George Jonascu

Subdeacon John Auxier

John Wolf

Alternate: Pat Matts

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February

- 5th- 40 day memorial for Lon Slocum
- 12th-Items due for Lazarus Bags
- 14th -Parish Council
- 18th- Pack Lazarus Bags
- 19th Bless & Distribute Lazarus Bags
- 26th- Forgiveness Sunday
- 27th - 4th- Clean Week

March

- 14th- Parish Council

April

- 9th -15th- Holy Week
- 16th - GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA