



St. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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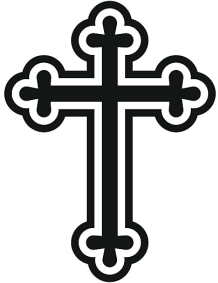
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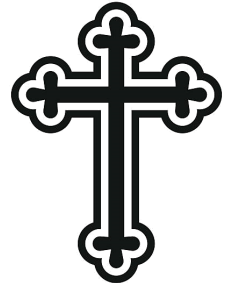
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MONTHLY BULLETIN JULY 2020



Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

A message from Fr. Gabriel

One of the true blessings of our Church having a patroness such as St. Mary Magdalene (who's feast day we celebrate this month), is the incredible example that she offers us through how she lived her life! She was a woman who spent the early part of her adulthood struggling with demons, only to become one of Christ's most loyal and fearless followers! She was a loyal disciple who, while most of the men went into hiding during the Crucifixion, stood at the foot of the Cross of our Lord. She was the first human being to see the Risen God, which gave her such faith and courage that she even went to preach Christ to the Pagan Roman Emperor Tiberias himself!

This is our Patroness! Her faith and Courage in God is our Legacy!

During the time of St. Mary Magdalene, going into the earliest centuries of Christianity, we hear countless stories of un-wavering faith and courage in God, by people who willingly endured danger, tortures, and even death in order to reveal Christ to others. I think sometimes, we as Christians living in the modern era "sit on our hands" in the spiritual life, waiting for that "big moment" when Christ is going to come down, sit next to us, and tell us what we need to do to change our lives. We say to ourselves: *"I will start saying my prayers, fasting, and spreading the faith when THAT BIG MOMENT happens..."*

Indeed, if we were to take a long look at our lives as Orthodox Christians, there have been many miracles and visitations (like myrrh streaming icons or the healing of a family member) which can (hopefully) act as a wonderful springboard for our spiritual lives...but we cannot continuously count on them to sustain us, or give us the type of perpetual faith like that of St. Mary.

So, what is it that the Saints have that allowed them to sustain their spiritual lives in ways that seem so difficult for us? What is it that would allow all of us to **change** the way that we see life, to transform the way that we look at the world, and to give us the type of **God centered life**, full of Christian Courage?

The answer is found in the lives of so many saints, but in particular, that of our patroness. What we need is "A *Daily Devotion to God*". It is the remembrance and diligence in the little things of our spiritual lives, that truly transform who we are as human beings. Visiting a weeping icon, taking a retreat to a monastery, spending an entire day in solitude and prayer, all of these things can be incredibly helpful for the soul. They act as a shot in the arm for us... a way to turn from our fallen ways and make an "about face!" What is needed to **sustain** that path to righteousness, is what we ask for every time we say the Lord's Prayer: *"Give us this day our DAILY bread..."*

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Give us a daily life of prayer...a constant contemplation of God and His works in the life of all mankind. When we learn to do this (through the guidance of God's Holy Church) **everything** changes for us. Living a life of prayer is the difference between lashing out at someone in anger in the moment, or having the control to cross ourselves when we feel our blood beginning to boil and avoid the confrontation all together.

Receiving "Daily Bread" is what allows us to step away from the computer and phone screens, to stop and smell the roses of life for one moment. When we remember all of the things that God has given us in this life, we learn to spend more time enjoying our families, our spouses and our children. We begin to walk through life, paying attention to the tiny miracles that God provides for us every single day!

"Give us this day our Daily Bread." In receiving this, we allow ourselves the opportunity to not spend our days succumbing to our weaknesses and fears as human beings, but rather learning how to converse and live with the living and eternal God.

St. Mary Magdalene spent her days working and following after the Lord as He preached throughout Israel. She saw small opportunities for serving Christ and His Disciples every day. It was her familiar routines and responsibilities that led to her tremendous faith which we remember today!

Never underestimate the power of those little daily devotions! It does not require a lot of energy to pour through a chapter of Holy Scripture every day! It will not completely destroy your social life, if you take 40 minutes to come to Great Vespers on Saturday to prepare for the Sunday Divine Liturgy. It will not ruin your entire schedule, if you spend 5 minutes in the morning to light a candle to thank God for waking up, and 5 minutes in the evening to light a candle and thank God you made it through the day.

Daily Bread! Constant remembrance of the Way, The Light, and The Life that is God! This is what transforms us from simple animals, into true **Human Beings**.

Through the prayers and intercessions of our Patroness St. Mary Magdalene...o Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us and save us, Amen!

Recommended Book of the Month

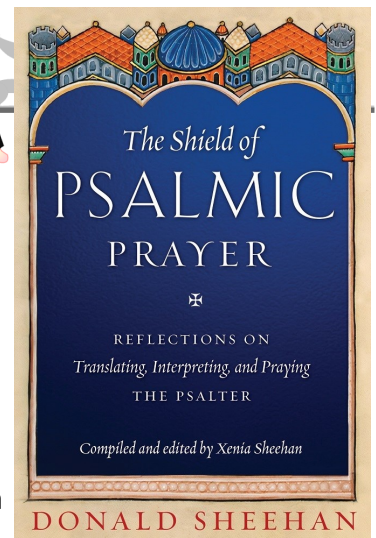
The Shield of Psalmic Prayer:

Reflections on Translating, Interpreting, and Praying the Psalter

by Donald Sheehan, compiled and edited by Xenia Sheehan

In this posthumous collection of poet and teacher Donald Sheehan's reflections on Psalms and psalmic prayer, culled from his journals and teaching notes, you will find two quite different kinds of writing working in tandem: poetic and personal journaling by a man of faith, a scholar, a linguist, and, in the deepest sense, a teacher; alongside scholarly linguistic and poetic analysis by a man steeped in poetry who thought like a poet.

"In the spiritual life, two things are essential: what we do, and how we do it. In this wonderful collection of the late Donald Sheehan's thoughts on the Psalms, we see both. He takes us into what the Psalms are in depth—the Word of God. He also demonstrates, time and again, how those depths shape his life and the world in which he lives. Thus, we are given two things: the Word of God and a life in which the Word has given shape. It is a path we all should walk." -Fr. Stephen Freeman



WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ✝ 1– Andrew Joseph
- ✝ 7– Scott Shephard
- ✝ 9– Ann Schutt & Anabell Durand
- ✝ 10– Alex Branoff & David Daugherty
- ✝ 16– Dr. Melissa Royer
- ✝ 19– Julie Ann Jonascu
- ✝ 20– Ava Arnes
- ✝ 22– Renee Auxier
- ✝ 23– Dean Serafimovski
- ✝ 24– Rdr. Richard (Gregory) Lakey & Rdr. Nathaniel Auxier
- ✝ 25– Kathy Damic & James Locascio
- ✝ 26– Taylor Blohm
- ✝ 27– Karim Wolf
- ✝ 28– Daniel Lesho, Seraphim Lazar Watson & Roland Drummond
- ✝ 29– Megan Owens & Miriam Wolf

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- ✝ 2– Charles & Mink Owens
- ✝ 7– Justin & Perpetua Nakagiri
- ✝ 14– George & Niki Naum
- ✝ 28– Sbdn. Andrew & Meghan Durand



Month in Review

This past Month was one of careful preparation for the phased re-opening of our parish community. Fr. Gabriel would like to shout out all of the people who have continued to help with our live-stream, as well as our skeleton crew for all of the work that they have been able to do during this pandemic. Also, a special thanks goes out to our parish council, who worked a lot this month to come up with way to initiate the directives we received from the diocese. It has been a true blessing to see many of your faces these past few weeks!

Announcing New Office Hours and Pastoral Assistant

The parish council is pleased to announce that we have hired Rebekah Humphreyes as a Pastoral Assistant to Fr. Gabriel. Rebekah has served the parish in a variety of ministries over the past several years, including social media content manager, St. Photini lay leader, and various other behind the scenes projects that have helped to shape and grow our little parish in the woods. Let us all keep Rebekah in our prayers as she begins her new position this month!

One of the many benefits of having a pastoral assistant will be the creation of a regular office hour schedule for the first time here at St. Mary Magdalene. To start with, 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

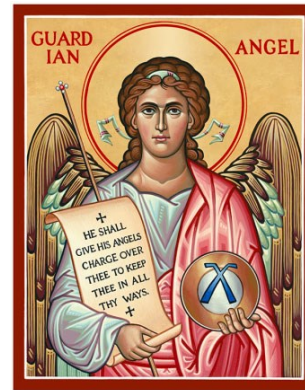
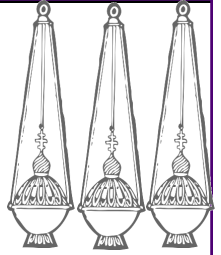
Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and sisters

Metropolitan Theodosius
 Metropolitan Herman
 Archpriest Stephen
 Vinne
 Anastasia
 Alex
 Elaine
 Perpetua
 Carol
 Katelyn
 Frankie
 Thom
 Damian
 Stacie
 Carolyn
 Megan
 Lon
 Ella
 Noah

Elnora
 Peter
 Calvin
 David
 Michael
 Jenna
 Carol
 Melissa
 Susan
 Renee
 Josh
 Paul
 Shari
 William
 Sharon
 Tonya
 Kathy
 James
 Shannon

John
 Betty
 Theresa
 Kristen
 David
 Elaine
 Sandy
 Jeanne
 Jessica
 Sharon
 Claudia
 Leo
 Justin
 Alexandra
 Stephan
 Mat. Laura
 Brion
 Phil
 Stephan

Andrew
 Adelaide
 Linda
 Michael



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
 Stephen Bondaria- Coast
 Guard Lieutenant Commander

Recently Departed

Corrine

Catechumens

Alyssa
 William
 Anthony

Mother's With Child

Renee

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!



Last month, Richard Ziats, who has served as our back up choir director for many years here at St. Mary Magdalene, asked if he could hand over his duties to someone who could help with supplementing our choir directing.

When I first came to this parish, Richard was serving as the main choir director after Popadia Michelle's departure with Fr. Paul. I have relied heavily on him and his vast knowledge of Orthodox Rubrics and Music from the very first time I walked through the doors. He was always the first to offer help when needed, including filling it at funerals, memorial services, weekday Liturgies, and every

Saturday for Great Vespers and Matins.

We have been truly blessed in our community with some wonderful musical talent, as well as a choir that is top notch. We owe a lot of that to wonderful people like Richard. On behalf of the parish council and our entire parish community, I wish to thank him for his many years of serving as our back up choir director here at St. Mary Magdalene. May God continue to grant him many more blessed years in His service!



We also wish to congratulate Anna Hamann, who will be joining Elena Bucciarelli as our new secondary choir directors! May God grant you many years!

Monthly Forecast

+Fr. Gabriel Out of Town

Fr. Gabriel will be out of town from Wednesday, July 1st and returning Saturday, July 11th. The office at the Church will remain open for office hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Should a pastoral emergency arise, please contact Fr. Matthew Butrie at (810) 247-4265. (Please note that there are no Great Vespers scheduled for Saturday, July 4th)

+Pan Orthodox Softball Game

This year's Pan Orthodox Softball Game will take place on Sunday, July 19th, beginning at 3:00 PM at St. Pius X Catholic School Baseball Field (3139 Hogarth Ave, Flint, MI 48532). This year's event and food will be hosted by Holy Assumption Greek Orthodox Church! Players and spectators should sign up by emailing the Church (smmocafernton@gmail.com) or by clicking the link that is in the weekly bulletins.

+Help Needed at the Church!

Our parish property is truly a Garden of Eden, because of the work of our groundskeepers and volunteers who have continued to care and upkeep it for all to enjoy! There are still several projects that are needed to be completed this summer, and we need your help! Some of the projects include weed pulling, spreading wood chips, and also cutting/stacking wood! If you are able to help, please reach out to either Bruce Watson at (810) 444-4136 or Fr. Gabriel.

+St. Mary Magdalene Patronal Feast Day

We will be celebrating our Patronal Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21st and 22nd! The Feasting will begin with Great Vespers and Lijtia on Tuesday at 5:00 PM, and continue with the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday Morning at 10:00 AM. We as a parish community have A LOT to be thankful for, so please make it a point to make it to one of these two services in order to offer up prayers for our wonderful patroness!

+Blessing of Vehicles and First Responder's Blessing Postponed

With the parish still being on a Sunday Schedule due to the phased reopening, we have decided to postpone our annual First Responders and Vehicle Blessing until later on in the year. Stay tuned for more details!

+Weekday Services Resume Middle of July

Please keep an eye on the calendar for the weekday Liturgy Schedule! On top of our regular Sunday Liturgies, we will be adding a Liturgy on July 16th, July 22nd (Patronal Feast), and July 30th. These weekday services are open to all who would like to attend!

+Have empty bottles and cans that have built up during quarantine?

All throughout the month of July, the Church School is asking that you donate your empty bottles and cans to help support our Church School Projects throughout the year! Donations can be made at the Church Education Center during office hours (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM) or when you come to the Divine Services! Thank you for your support of the Church School!

+St. Mary Magdalene Golf Group

We are pleased to announce the first ever St. Mary Magdalene Golf Group, who meets twice a month at some of our local courses for an afternoon of fellowship. If anyone is interested in joining the golf group for an outing, please reach out to Chris Ballnik at cballnik@hotmail.com

MANY YEARS!

This past month our parish family welcomed the newly illumined Seraphim Pardee and the newly baptized child of God Elizabeth Suriano into The Church.

May God always bless and guide your journeys!



Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles

Saint Mary Magdalene

Commemorated on July 22nd



Tuesday, July 21st:

Vespers & Lajtia 5:00pm

Wednesday, July 22nd:

Divine Liturgy 10:00am



Troparion — Tone 1

By keeping His commandments and laws, Holy Mary Magdalene, / you followed Christ, Who for our sake was born of the Virgin, / and in celebrating your most Holy memory today, / we receive forgiveness of sins by your prayers.

We are blessed with the Relics of St. Mary Magdalene that are housed permanently in our Church.

Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene

Commemorated on July 22

Oca.org

The Holy Myrrh-Bearer Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene. On the banks of Lake Genesareth (Galilee), between the cities of Capharnum and Tiberias, was the small city of Magdala, the remains of which have survived to our day. Now only the small village of Mejhdel stands on the site.

A woman whose name has entered forever into the Gospel account was born and grew up in Magdala. The Gospel tells us nothing of Mary's younger years, but Tradition informs us that Mary of Magdala was young and pretty, and led a sinful life. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from Mary (Luke. 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary led a new life, and became a true disciple of the Savior.

The Gospel relates that Mary followed after the Lord, when He went with the Apostles through the cities and villages of Judea and Galilee preaching about the Kingdom of God. Together with the pious women Joanna, wife of Choza (steward of Herod), Susanna and others, she served Him from her own possessions (Luke 8:1-3) and undoubtedly shared with the Apostles the evangelic tasks in common with the other women. The Evangelist Luke, evidently, has her in view together with the other women, stating that at the moment of the Procession of Christ onto Golgotha, when after the Scourging He took on Himself the heavy Cross, collapsing under its weight, the women followed after Him weeping and wailing, but He consoled them. The Gospel relates that Mary Magdalene was present on Golgotha at the moment of the Lord's Crucifixion. While all the disciples of the Savior ran away, she remained fearlessly at the Cross together with the Mother of God and the Apostle John.

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The Evangelists also list among those standing at the Cross the mother of the Apostle James, and Salome, and other women followers of the Lord from Galilee, but all mention Mary Magdalene first. Saint John, in addition to the Mother of God, names only her and Mary Cleopas. This indicates how much she stood out from all the women who gathered around the Lord.

She was faithful to Him not only in the days of His Glory, but also at the moment of His extreme humiliation and insult. As the Evangelist Matthew relates, she was present at the Burial of the Lord. Before her eyes Joseph and Nicodemus went out to the tomb with His lifeless Body. She watched as they covered over the entrance to the cave with a large stone, entombing the Source of Life.

Faithful to the Law in which she was raised, Mary together with the other women spent following day at rest, because it was the great day of the Sabbath, coinciding with the Feast of Passover. But all the rest of the peaceful day the women gathered spices to go to the Grave of the Lord at dawn on Sunday and anoint His Body according to the custom of the Jews.

It is necessary to mention that, having agreed to go on the first day of the week to the Tomb early in the morning, the holy women had no possibility of meeting with one another on Saturday. They went separately on Friday evening to their own homes. They went out only at dawn the following day to go to the Sepulchre, not all together, but each from her own house.

The Evangelist Matthew writes that the women came to the grave at dawn, or as the Evangelist Mark expresses, extremely early before the rising of the sun. The Evangelist John, elaborating upon these, says that Mary came to the grave so early that it was still dark. Obviously, she waited impatiently for the end of night, but it was not yet daybreak. She ran to the place where

the Lord's Body lay.

Mary went to the tomb alone. Seeing the stone pushed away from the cave, she ran away in fear to tell the close Apostles of Christ, Peter and John. Hearing the strange message that the Lord was gone from the tomb, both Apostles ran to the tomb and, seeing the shroud and winding cloths, they were amazed. The Apostles went and said nothing to anyone, but Mary stood about the entrance to the tomb and wept. Here in this dark tomb so recently lay her lifeless Lord.

Wanting proof that the tomb really was empty, she went down to it and saw a strange sight. She saw two angels in white garments, one sitting at the head, the other at the foot, where the Body of Jesus had been placed. They asked her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She answered them with the words which she had said to the Apostles, "They have taken my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." At that moment, she turned around and saw the Risen Jesus standing near the grave, but she did not recognize Him.

He asked Mary, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom dost thou seek?" She answered thinking that she was seeing the gardener, "Sir, if thou hast taken him, tell where thou hast put Him, and I will take Him away."

Kontakion — Tone 4

Podoben: "Today the Virgin..." / Standing before the Cross of the Savior, / suffering with the Mother of the Lord, / the most glorious Mary Magdalene / offered praise with tears. / She cried out: "What is this strange wonder? / He Who holds the whole creation in His hand chooses to suffer. / Glory to Your power, O Lord."

Kontakion — Tone 3

Standing before the Cross of the Savior, / Suffering with the Mother of the Lord, / The most glorious Mary Magdalene offered praise with tears. / She cried out: What is this strange wonder? / He who holds the whole creation in His hand chooses to suffer: / Glory, O Lord to Your power!

Then she recognized the Lord's voice. This was the voice she heard in those days and years, when she followed the Lord through all the cities and places where He preached. He spoke her name, and she gave a joyful shout, "Rabbi" (Teacher).

Respect and love, fondness and deep veneration, a feeling of thankfulness and recognition at His Splendor as great Teacher, all came together in this single outcry. She was able to say nothing more and she threw herself down at the feet of her Teacher to wash them with tears of joy. But the Lord said to her: "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and tell them: "I ascend to My Father, and your Father; to My God and to your God."

She came to herself and again ran to the Apostles, to do the will of Him sending her to preach. Again she ran into the house, where the Apostles still remained in dismay, and proclaimed to them the joyous message, "I have seen the Lord!" This was the first preaching in the world about the Resurrection.

The Apostles proclaimed the Glad Tidings to the world, but she proclaimed it to the Apostles themselves.

Holy Scripture does not tell us about the life of Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection of Christ, but it is impossible to doubt, that if in the terrifying minutes of Christ's Crucifixion she was at the foot of His Cross with His All-Pure Mother and Saint John, she must have stayed with them during the happier time after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Thus in the Acts of the Apostles Saint Luke writes that all the Apostles with one mind stayed in prayer and supplication, with certain women and Mary the Mother of Jesus and His brethren.

Holy Tradition testifies that when the Apostles departed from Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, then Mary Magdalene also went with them. A daring woman, whose heart was full of reminiscence of the Resurrection, she went beyond her native borders and went to preach in pagan Rome. Everywhere she proclaimed to people about Christ and His teaching. When many did not believe that Christ is risen, she repeated to them what she had said to the Apostles on the radiant morning of the Resurrection: "I have seen the Lord!" With this message she went all over Italy.

Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she brought him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words:

“Christ is Risen!” Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracleworker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.

Mary repeated the words of the Apostles, that we are redeemed from the vanity of life not with perishable silver or gold, but rather by the precious Blood of Christ.

Thanks to Mary Magdalene the custom to give each other paschal eggs on the day of the Radiant Resurrection of Christ spread among Christians over all the world. In one ancient Greek manuscript, written on parchment, kept in the monastery library of Saint Athanasius near Thessalonica, is a prayer read on the day of Holy Pascha for the blessing of eggs and cheese. In it is indicated that the igumen in passing out the blessed eggs says to the brethren: “Thus have we received from the holy Fathers, who preserved this custom from the very time of the holy Apostles, therefore the holy Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene first showed believers the example of this joyful offering.”

Mary Magdalene continued her preaching in Italy and in the city of Rome itself. Evidently, the Apostle Paul has her in mind in his Epistle to the Romans (16: 6), where together with other ascetics of evangelic preaching he mentions Mary (Mariam), who as he expresses “has bestowed much labor on us.” Evidently, she extensively served the Church in its means of subsistence and its difficulties, being exposed to dangers, and sharing with the Apostles the labors of preaching.

According to Church Tradition, she remained in Rome until the arrival of the Apostle Paul, and for two more years following his departure from Rome after the first court judgment upon him. From Rome, Saint Mary Magdalene, already bent with age, moved to Ephesus where the holy Apostle John unceasingly labored. There the saint finished her earthly life and was buried.

Her holy relics were transferred in the ninth century to Constantinople, and placed in the monastery Church of Saint Lazarus. In the era of the Crusader campaigns they were transferred to Italy and placed at Rome under the altar of the Lateran Cathedral. Part of the relics of Mary Magdalene are said to be in Provage, France near Marseilles, where over them at the foot of a steep mountain a splendid church is built in her honor.

The Orthodox Church honors the holy memory of Saint Mary Magdalene, the woman called by the Lord Himself from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God.

Formerly immersed in sin and having received healing, she sincerely and irrevocably began a new life and never wavered from that path. Mary loved the Lord Who called her to a new life. She was faithful to Him not only when He was surrounded by enthusiastic crowds and winning recognition as a miracleworker, but also when all the disciples deserted Him in fear and He, humiliated and crucified, hung in torment upon the Cross. This is why the Lord, knowing her faithfulness, appeared to her first, and esteemed her worthy to be first to proclaim His Resurrection.





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St. Mary Magdalene Upcoming Sunday Schedule and Group Assignments

Sunday, June 21st, Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM: Group 1 (Last Names A-D)

Sunday, June 28th, Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM: Group 2 (Last Names E-N)

Sunday, July 5th, Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM: Group 3 (Last Names O-Z)

Sunday, July 12th, Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM: Group 1 (Last Names A-D)

Sunday, July 19th, Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM: Group 2 (Last Names E-N)

Sunday, July 26th, Divine Liturgy, 9:50 AM: Group 3 (Last Names O-Z)

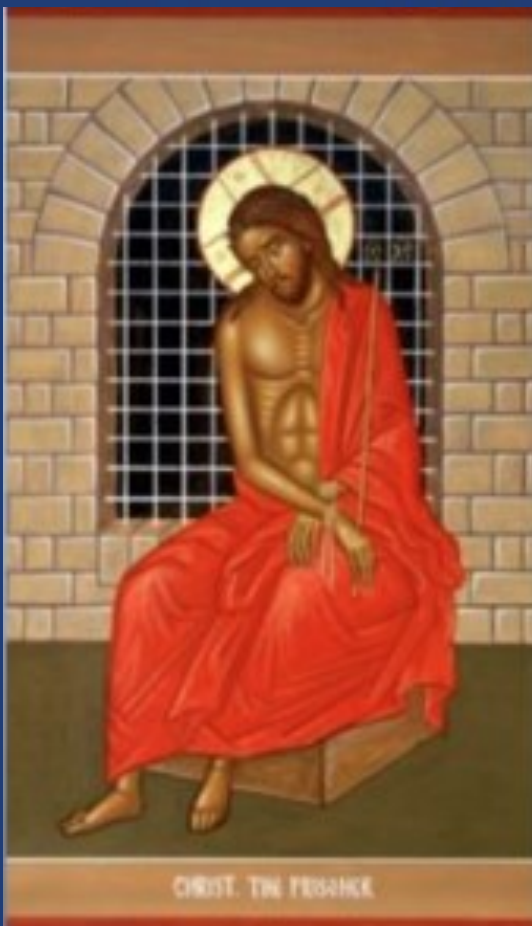
Please Note that all weekday Divine Liturgies and Saturday Vespers and open to all on a first come first serve basis!

This schedule is subject to change, especially as we are allowed more and more people throughout the summer months .

Please stay in your designated groups (no switching or trading) without a blessing to do so from Fr. Gabriel

PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY

"I was in prison and you came to Me."



CHRIST THE FISHERMAN

July 26th

The Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) serves those who are incarcerated and their families, and provides resources, training and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

OCPM.ORG

St. Mary Magdalene Church School
Presents...

POP CAN DRIVE



DONATE

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Thank you for your support of the Church School!

The Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County Softball Game



Drinks & Food
will be provided.

For Questions email
Fr. Gabriel
frgabrielsmm@gmail.com

Sunday, July 19, 2020
3:00pm

St. Pius X Catholic School
Baseball Field
(3139 Hogarth Ave. Flint, MI 48532)

✙ St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
2439 S. Long Lake Rd— Fenton

✙ St. George Orthodox Church
5191 Lennon Rd, - Flint

✙ St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
2143 Center Rd—Burton

✙ Assumption Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Rd.—Grand Blanc

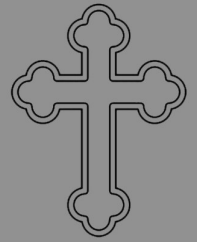
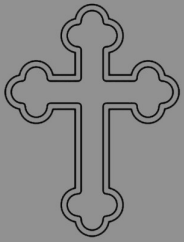


COMING SOON!
**The Saint Mary
Magdalene
Parish
Cookbook**

Meat, dairy,
Lenten,
desserts, main
dishes, side
dishes,
appetizers,
ethnic, soups,
salads and more

**Submit your
recipes as
soon as
possible to
Katherine
Schutt**

**Text:
(810) 965-0574
Email:
graciedakota1228.k@gmail.com**



1st Annual Shiawassee River Blessing of the Fleet Paddle

Saturday, August 1st

Divine Liturgy 10:00am Launch approx. 11:30am

Put in: St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church

2439 S Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430

Pull out: Linden Mill Pond

304 Tickner St, Linden, MI 48451

Blessing of the waters and the fleet by: Fr. Gabriel Bilas



Referral Program To Benefit The St. Mary Magdalene Church Expansion



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