

# ST. MARY MAGDALENE

# June 2023



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\*or by appointment

# WORSHIP WITH US!



Weekly Service Schedule\*  
Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy, 9:40am  
Saturday Vespers & Confessions, 5:00pm

\*check the monthly calendar for any possible changes to this schedule and for weekday Divine Liturgies.

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# MONTHLY FORECAST

## MEMORIAL SATURDAY IS ON JUNE 3RD!

As we reach the epilogue of our months long journey through Lent and Pascha, we remember on the eve of Pentecost all of our departed family and parish members who have gone before us to eternal rest. There will be a panakhida (memorial service) at 4:30 PM before Great Vespers and Lijtja for the Feast of Pentecost. Parishioners are asked to submit a card with their departed family member's names so that each can be prayed for. **If you already filled out a card from the previous memorial services we have done, you do not need to fill out another!**

## GREAT AND HOLY FEAST OF PENTECOST

All of the faithful of our parish should make sure that they are in Church for the Great Feast of Holy Pentecost on Sunday, June 4th! We will have the festal Divine Liturgy with the Vespers and Kneeling prayers for those who are able!

Make sure you are in attendance!

## FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRITDAY

On the day after the feast of Pentecost, the Church remembers the Day of the Holy Spirit. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 5th!

## WEDNESDAY DIVINE LITURGIES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Beginning in June, we will once again be serving our Wednesday Morning Divine Liturgies. However, please pay close attention to the calendar during the summer months! There are several weeks where Fr. Gabriel will be travelling internationally for weddings as well as his vacation in late June. Travel will affect the schedule so please make sure you have a calendar ahead of time! The scheduled Wednesday Liturgies for June are the 7th and the 14th.

## ST. PETER AND PAUL FAST BEGINS

After the Sunday of All Saints (June 11th), the St. Peter and Paul Fast begins in remembrance of the Holy Apostles. This fast will conclude on Thursday, June 29th for the feast of St. Peter and Paul. Make every effort to refrain from eating meat or dairy during this holy period.

## THE FEAST OF ST. PETER AND PAUL

The Pan Orthodox Celebration of the Feast of St. Peter and Paul will take place on Wednesday, June 28th at 6:00 PM at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Burton.

## 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.

## SOCK AND UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Through June 25th we will be collecting NEW socks & underwear for the Foster Closet. We need sizes toddler - 18 years in both male and female style.

## ST. SOPHIA'S TOT TIME

Tot time will take place each Wednesday in June beginning at 11:00am. Now that children are out of school it is open to all ages!

## MONTHLY WOOD CUTTING

For the summer months we will have a monthly wood cutting on the first Sunday following coffee hour. All are welcome to help. Bring your chainsaw, wheelbarrows and work gloves!

June 4th

July 2nd

August 6th

September 3rd

See John Wolf if you have any questions.

## PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS WITH ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER

Saturday, June 10th we will have Vespers & Confessions at St. Nicholas in Burton. Archbishop Alexander will be visiting.

# “SEEING GOD”

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. GABRIEL



I wish to offer you all my heartfelt congratulations this month on the Feast of Pentecost...as we have just reached the epilogue of our 4-month journey through Great Lent, Holy Pascha, Ascension, and now today the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Holy Pentecost!

When we began this journey together, nature was still in the midst of recovering from its long winter cycle. The trees were barren. There were no greens or flowers sprouting from the soil. Today, we look outside and see the trees and plants in full bloom! The world is full new life that has come from God Himself...and this New Life is precisely what we are celebrating today!

At the beginning of Great Lent, our souls were like the frozen soil of our Michigan winters. Yet after spending the 40 days of the Great Fast softening the soil, our Lord planted the seed of Life at Holy Pascha firmly within us. For 40 days, the thirsty seed was watered *“with a fountain of water springing up unto everlasting light”* (John 4:14), until the Son of Man Ascended into the clouds and sent the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, to come down and to enrich our souls...bringing **New Life** into the world, and paving the way for us to grow, so that we might reach the very same heavens to which our Lord Ascended.



Every year on the feast of Pentecost, I love to read the famous work written by a man named Motovilov, who had an incredible conversation with St. Seraphim of Sarov about the Holy Spirit, and what it does in our lives. At the very beginning of this marvelous text, St. Seraphim says that “Acquiring the Holy Spirit of God is the true aim of the Christian Life.” It is the very reason that we do the things that the Church instructs us to do! Prayer, fasting, giving alms...all these things are a type of “Divine Currency” that allows us to acquire the Holy Spirit.

Motovilov then brings up a fascinating question. St. Seraphim is asked something that I am sure all of us have wondered at one time or another in our life:

**“Father, you speak about the acquisition of the Grace of the Holy Spirit being the aim of the Christian Life, but where and how can I see it? Good deeds are visible, but can the Holy Spirit be seen? How am I to know whether He is with me or not?”**

How often do we hear in the Scriptures about the visible manifestation of God working in the midst of His people? In the very beginning of the Bible, Adam sees the Lord walking in paradise! Jacob physically wrestles with God! Abraham had back and forth conversations with Him. Moses and the Israelites saw God when Moses received the tablets of the law on Mount Sinai. God moved with them as a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire as they were being guided to the desert. People saw God and the Grace of His Holy Spirit not during sleep, in dreams, or in their imagination...but right out in the open! Why does this seem so foreign to us today, living in the world in which we live?

# “SEEING GOD”

## CONTINUED

St. Seraphim answers by saying: *“At the present time, owing to our almost universal coldness to our holy faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and our inattention to the working of His Divine Providence in us, and to the communion of man with God, we have gone so far that, one may say, we have almost abandoned the true Christian life.”*

St. Seraphim said this over 200 years ago...imagine how much further away we as a people have distanced ourselves from the true Christian life.

*“...we have departed from the simplicity of the original Christian knowledge...Under the pretext of education, we have reached such a darkness of ignorance, that the things the ancients understood so clearly, seem to us almost inconceivable”.*

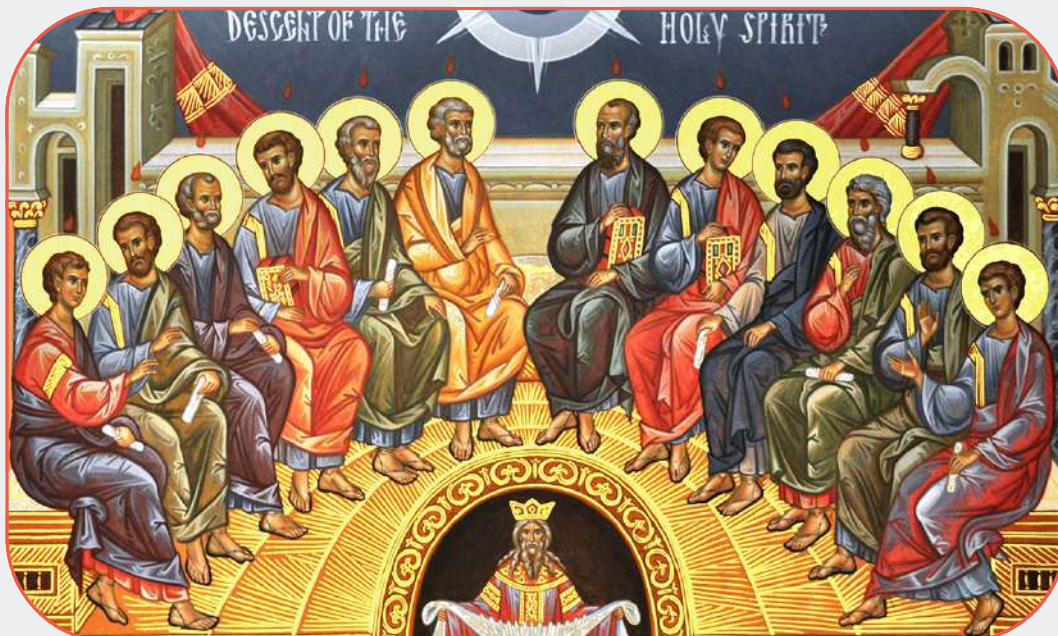
If I were to ask what our goals, dreams, and desires in this life are, how many of us would respond without thought or hesitation: *“The acquisition of the Holy Spirit.”?*

In order to return back to the Divine Knowledge of our ancestors, and to have the same relationship with the Holy Spirit as Holy Men and Women like St. Seraphim of Sarov, we have to first want it in our own lives...to place it at the very top of our priorities, making everything else in life seem insignificant.

After we establish this goal as our true aim, we spend every waking moment doing virtuous deeds for the sake of Christ. We fast not to lose weight or to feel better physically...but for the sake of Christ. We give of our money and our time not to show others how generous we are, but for the sake of Christ. We pray (which St. Seraphim says gives us the most grace of all) not because it's what we are supposed to. Prayer isn't an obligation...it is done for the sake of Christ, as a means of acquiring the Holy Spirit.

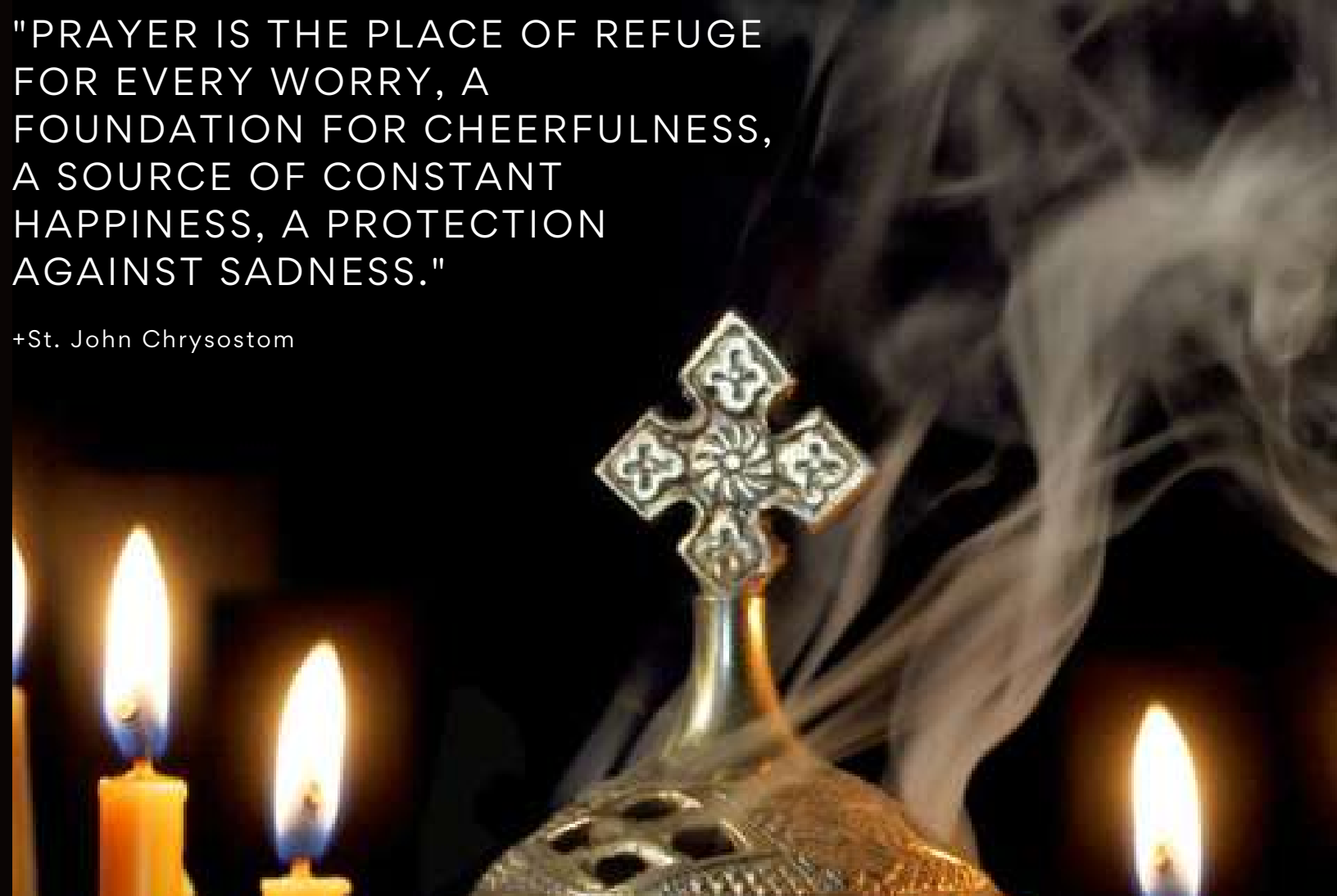
I was reminded of an incredible saying of Elder Thaddaus of Vitovnica, who said that *“every type of work on earth and in all the universe is God's work, and as such it should be performed from the heart, without reservation.”* Every breath we take, job we do, prayer we offer, fast we undertake, person we take care of...all of these are for the sake of Christ.

Dear ones, as we celebrate this month the Feast of Holy Pentecost, all of us need to realign the direction of our hearts, so that we might **live** (not just think about on Sunday morning or during our prayers, but LIVE) for the acquisition of the Holy Spirit.



"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\***

Vinne Doug  
Elaine Rosealie  
David Jim  
Pat Nancy  
Michael Alan  
Lauren Paul  
Mason  
Theresa  
Robert  
Linda  
Arminda  
Martin  
Shirley  
Nadia  
James  
Kathy  
Megan  
Charles  
Bryan  
Barbara  
Edward  
Patrick

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

Anastasia  
Anna  
Natania

### **Catechumenate**

Sarah  
Jeannie  
Monica  
Eric  
Jerry  
Landen

### **Seminarian Families**

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**

3-Milan Glusica  
7-John Baker  
14- Anna Roldougina  
18- Michael Popilchak

### **Recently Departed**

David  
Shirley

*\*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



### *Recent & Upcoming Baptism & Chrismations*

None this month.

### *Engagements*

Mark Foster & Katerina Jonascu  
Nick Swartz & Sarah Miller  
John Peters & Jaclyn Selewski  
William Keegan & Lauren Peters  
Christopher Cleis & Chloe Lee

### Confession Schedule

Father Gabriel will hear confessions on the following days or by appointment  
Saturday Evenings following Great Vespers  
Following weekday Liturgies

Keep an eye on the calendar for exact dates and times.

### 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.

### *Birthdays*

2- Theodore Hamann  
5-Freida Owens  
6-Tonya Rice  
6-Tatum Jannakos  
8-Melissa Auxier  
16-Sophia Suriano  
20-Andy Humphreys  
22-Mike Lionas  
21-Kurt Schutt  
24-Ethan Durand  
25-Stephen Bondira  
27-Rebekah Humphreys  
28-Pat Smith  
28-Dana Oginsky  
29-Max Oginsky

### *Anniversaries*

7-Terry & Freida Owens  
8-Brian & Tammy Arnes  
11-Subdeacon John & Renee Auxier  
17-Doug & Joyce Ballnik  
18-David & Cindy Welch  
19-Subdeacon Paul & Jeanette Hildreth  
26-Reader Gregory & Tailer Jannakos  
30-Larry & Margaret Shipley

### *Weddings*

July: Christopher Cleis & Chloe Lee  
September: John Peters & Jaclyn Selewski

### Recent Funerals

None this month

# PARISH LIFE

THIS MONTH

## New Sock & Underwear Drive

Through June 25th we will be collecting NEW socks & underwear for the Foster Closet. We need sizes toddler - 18 years in both male and female style.

**June 4th:** Feast of Pentecost with kneeling Vespers

**June 5th:** Day of the Holy Spirit Liturgy, 10am  
VCS planning Meeting, 1pm

**June 6th:** Prayer Service for sick & suffering

**June 8th:** Aktathist of the Inexhaustible Cup, 6pm

**June 10th:** Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Nicholas with Archbishop Alexander

**June 17-24th:** Fr. Gabriel will be on vacation if there is an emergency please contact Fr. Matthew 810-247-4265

**June 28th:** Pan-Orthodox Liturgy for the Feast of St. Peter & Paul 6pm at St. Nicholas Burton

**St. Peter and Paul Fast:** June 12th -18th

## Adult Education Mini Series:

June 14th, 6:00pm  
June 21st, 6:00pm  
June 27th, 6:00pm

## PARISH GREETERS

**June 4th:** Seth & Mia Hillaker

**June 11th:** Freida Owens

**June 18th:** Steve & Sue Walton

**June 25th:** Scott & Tina Shehard

## BELL RINGERS

**June 4th:** Vivian Capatine & Tonya Rice

**June 11th:** Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

**June 18th:** Vivian Capatine & Tonya Rice

**June 25th:** Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

## COFFEE HOUR

**June 4th:** Bartley Family

**June 11th:** Joe & Jenni Otis

**June 18th:** Sbdn. Andrew & Meghan Durand

**June 25th:** Kieth & Emily Bieganski

## EPISTLE READERS

**June 4th:** Rdr. David Schutt & Rdr. Tom Chiatas

**June 11th:** Sbdn. John Auxier & Rdr. Chis Ballnik

**June 18th:** Rdr Nathaniel Auxier & Rdr David Shutt

**June 25th:** John Wolf & Ruth Karabina

## Sundays of the Pentecostarion

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Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Sunday of the Holy Apostle Thomas



Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women



Sunday of the Paralytic



Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



Sunday of the Blind Man



Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council



Sunday of the Holy Pentecost



Sunday of All Saints



# MAY'S PASTORAL REPORT

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EXPANDING THE MISSION OF THE LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WOODS!

## **Worship**

By the Grace of God, Holy Week and Pascha was a tremendous blessing, despite the obstacles in having to be off site for the Feast of Feasts! I cannot emphasize enough how incredible our parish community has been able to adapt on the fly to our construction chaos. My thanks goes to the parish council, our pastoral assistant Rebekah, and to literally every one of our parishioners who had a hand in worshipping at St. John's.

Some additional Liturgical announcements from the month of May included welcoming Fr. Barnabas and Matushka Anna from Australia and hosting the celebration of the Ascension with Divine Liturgy on May 25th! We now anxiously await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!

## **Community**

In May, we welcomed Landen and Jerry into the catechumenate on the Sunday for the Samaritan Woman.

As Summer is approaching, it is extremely important for our families to be finding other Orthodox Churches to attend while on their respective vacations and getaways. If no Church is near, please ask me for a copy of the Sunday Reader's service so that each family can pray together on Sunday Morning. When we miss one Sunday, we miss A LOT!

## **Education**

The Church School concluded its academic year this Sunday with a special pizza party celebration. Again, I cannot thank the entire Church School Staff Enough for the work that they did while under construction. I truly cannot wait to see what our Church School has in store for when the expansion is complete and more space is allotted!

Also, announced is our summer adult education mini series "The Acts After Acts" with Protodeacon Michael. Be sure to sign-up for this 3 week course.

## **Stewardship**

We sent the check for the Orthodox School of Bethany last week for a total of \$3,000. The fellowship of St. Photini also began a sock and underwear drive that will continue throughout the month of June.



# St. Mary Magdalene

## Parish Council

### Upcoming Meetings:

All Meetings begin at 7:00pm

June	13th
July	11th
August	8th
September	12th
October	10th
November	14th
December	12th

**Annual Meeting  
December 3, 2023**

### Parish Council Members

John Wolf, Chair

George Jonascu, Vice Chair

Ann Schutt, Treasurer

Rachel Burtka, Secretary

Subdeacon Andrew Durand

Terri Oginsky

Jay Rice

Subdeacon John Auxier

Alternate: Pat Matts

# Building Project Update:



## Exciting News!

The dome and roof are nearly complete! We pray to see the dome go up during the month of June!

The parish council as decided to reopen the brick fundraiser for the summer months. Be on the lookout for order forms after Pentecost. Reach out to the parish office with any questions. *(Fr. Gabriel is happy to help you find a quote)*

### TOTAL MONEY SPENT

JANUARY 1, 2022-

MAY 19, 2023

\$1,000,394.19

### DONATION FROM PRIVATE DONOR

\$497,000

### REMAINING FUNDS IN FLAGSTAR RESTRICTED

AS OF MAY 24, 2023

\$247,569.30

### TOTAL FINANCED BY OCCIF FOR PROJECT COMPLETION

\$550,000

### REMAINING OCCIF BALANCE AS OF MAY 16, 2023

\$546,983.42

### AVERAGE MONTHLY OCCIF PAYMENT

\$3,554.23

### TOTAL BUILDING FUND DONATIONS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2023

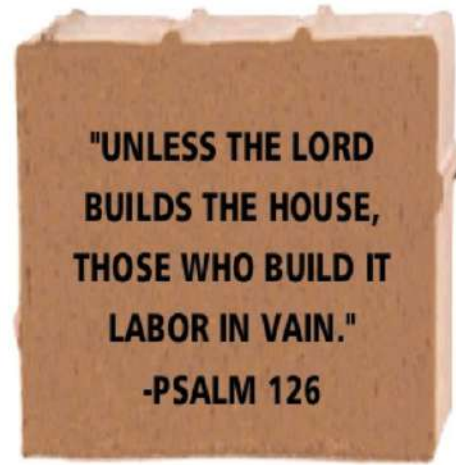
\$6,015.00



# BRICK FUNDRAISER



4"x8" Brick Engraved  
with your favorite scripture  
\$100 Donation



8"x8" Brick Engraved  
with your favorite scripture  
\$200 Donation

- Fill out the order form with your favorite Scripture Verse or Saint Quote. Please place your order form and payment in the basket. Attach your payment to your order form with a paper clip.
- There is an option to order a mini-replica brick keepsake for you to keep at home for an additional \$30
- If you would like to purchase a brick for someone who may not be able to afford one please write a check for the size brick you wish to donate and speak to Rebekah.
- Please distribute order forms to any business, friends or family who would also like to contribute. We can pick the quotes if they are unsure of what to write.

**PLEASE** if you are able fill out the handwritten form and give **cash or check** as payment rather than ordering online. We are charged PayPal fees for all online orders and that takes away from the total potential profits toward the building fund.





# Congratulations!

## 2023



ELIOT LAZAR SENTER

Eliot is graduating from Lake Fenton High School and plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study for a Bachelor of Business Administration



FR. ALEXANDER EARL

Our Seminarian Fr. Alexander has finished his Masters of Divinity from St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary and has a Master of Arts in Religion and Philosophical Theology from Yale Divinity School.

In May he was assigned by Archbishop Alexander to his first parish assignment at St. John the Ladder in Greenville, South Carolina.

Keep Fr. Alexander, Matushka Danielle and baby Cordelia in your prayers during their transition!



SUBDEACON JOHN AUXIER

Subdeacon John is graduating from Kettering University with a Masters in Business Administration



NATHANIEL DAMIC

Nathaniel Damic is graduating from Lake Fenton High School and plans to attend Michigan State University to study human biology and pre-med

*Congrats!*

**GOD GRANT  
YOU MANY  
YEARS!**

Class of 2023



# FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

Through June 25th we will be collecting **NEW** socks & underwear for the Foster Closet.

Sizes: Toddler through grown teenager

Types: Socks all styles and colors

Underwear both girls & boys styles

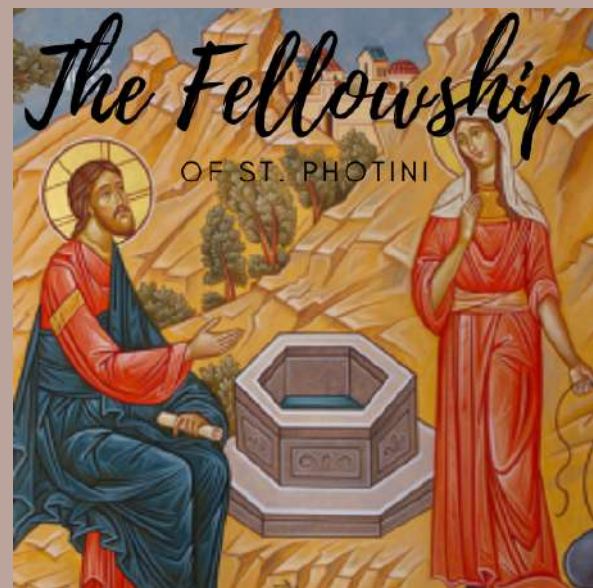
Return your donation to the Foster Closet box in the Education Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation please contact Tonya Rice or the Parish Office.

## UPCOMING

August: School Supply Drive

*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”



# Collecting NEW SOCKS & Underwear

Sizes needed  
Toddler - Teen  
Boy and Girl

New in package

Drop off at the  
parish office through  
the Months of May  
& June

Also accepting cash  
donations



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## Foster Closet of Michigan



# 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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual SMM Spiritwear sale!

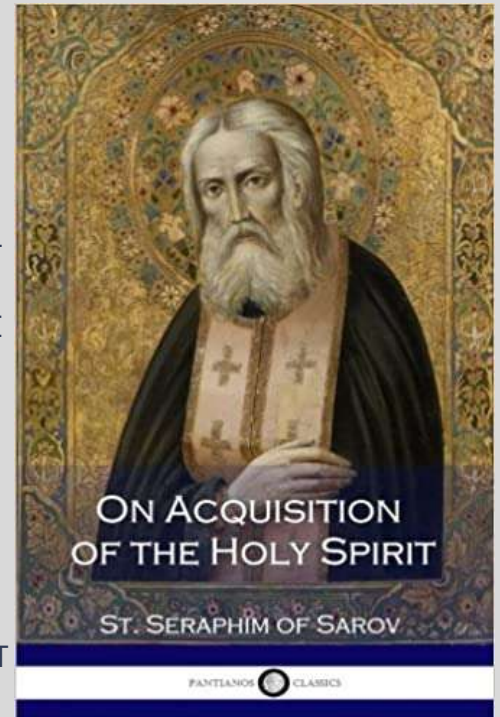
Next up... summer drink koozies!!!

## ON ACQUISITION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

RENOWNED AND RESPECTED AS ONE OF THE WISEST MONKS OF RUSSIA, SAINT SERAPHIM PROMOTED THE MONASTIC DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE WIDER CONTEXT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. LAY PERSONS HEARING HIS SERMONS AND LESSONS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTEMPLATE THEIR PLACE ON EARTH AS ONE OF GOD'S CREATURES, WHILE PRACTISING A MODEST EXISTENCE MINDFUL OF OTHERS.

THIS TEXT ENCAPSULATES THE BELIEFS AND CORE TEACHINGS OF ST. SERAPHIM, INCLUDING AN INTRODUCTION TO HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE TENETS OF HIS PHILOSOPHY IN FAITH. FAMOUSLY ASCETIC AND HARSH ON HIMSELF, SERAPHIM WOULD OFTEN GREET OTHERS WITH KINDNESS AND GENTLENESS, GOING SO FAR AS TO PROSTRATE AT THEIR FEET.

SERAPHIM FOR MUCH OF HIS LIFE LIVED IN THE RUGGED, HARSH TERRAIN OF THE RUSSIAN COUNTRYSIDE AND WOODS; ONE HEINOUS INCIDENT OF HIS LIFE SAW THIEVES BEAT AND SERIOUSLY WOUND HIM, YET DURING THEIR TRIAL THE MONK - PERMANENTLY HUNCHBACKED FROM THE ATTACK - PLEAD TO THE JUDGE TO HAVE MERCY ON THE PERPETRATORS.



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 Tuesday of the Month, 10:30am

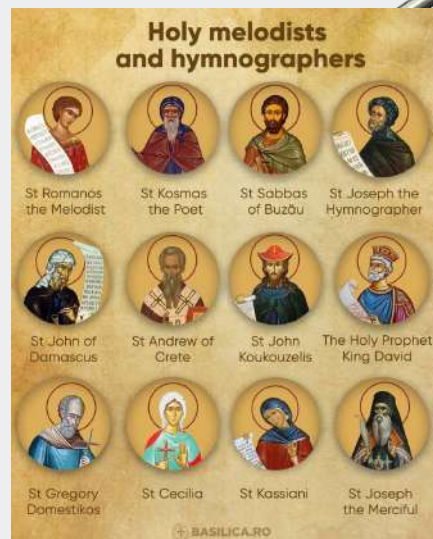
1st Sunday of the Month following Divine Liturgy

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

# PARISH CHOIR

There will be no regular choir rehearsals in the month of June.

If you are interested in joining the choir reach out to Reader Gregory Jannakos or Elena Schutt.



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

*-Psalm 98:1*

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# EDUCATION

LIVE AND LEARN THE FAITH!



Our  
Parish  
Youth!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022-2023 church school year! Thank you to our staff and teachers!

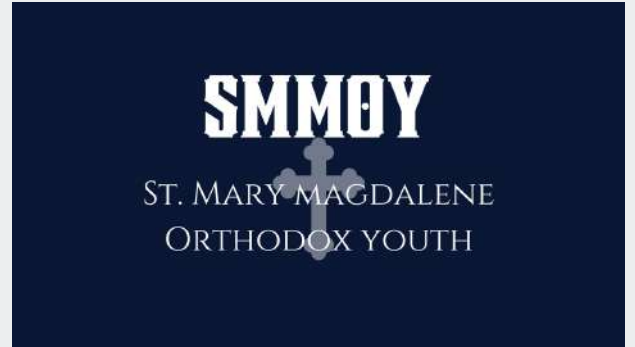
**We are officially on summer break!**

**Please mark your calendars for August 12.** A one day Vacation Church School will take place at St. George Antiochian Church this year. Stay tuned for more information.

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

Yours in Christ,

Terri Oginsky  
Church School Coordinator  
989-906-0135  
toginsky@gmail.com



## Summer Dates & Times TBD

## Fill out the survey in the Band App

### 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



**ST. PETER**



**ST. ANDREW**



**ST. JAMES**



**ST. JOHN**

# "The Acts After Acts"

with Protodeacon Michael Schlaack

Without the voice of Church History and Tradition, it is rare to hear about the works and lives of the Disciples after the conclusion of the Book of Acts. During the Apostles Fast this year, Protodeacon Michael will offer an in-person and virtual mini-series detailing the lives and martyrdoms of our Lord's Disciples as they began their ministry.



**ST. PHILIP**



**ST. BARTHOLOWMEW**

## Adult Education Mini Lecture Series

Wednesday, June 14 | 6:00PM est.

Wednesday, June 21 | 6:00PM est.

Tuesday, June 27 | 6:00PM est.



**ST. THOMAS**



**ST. MATTHEW**

Register today!



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**ST. JAMES**



**ST. JUDE**



**ST. SIMON**



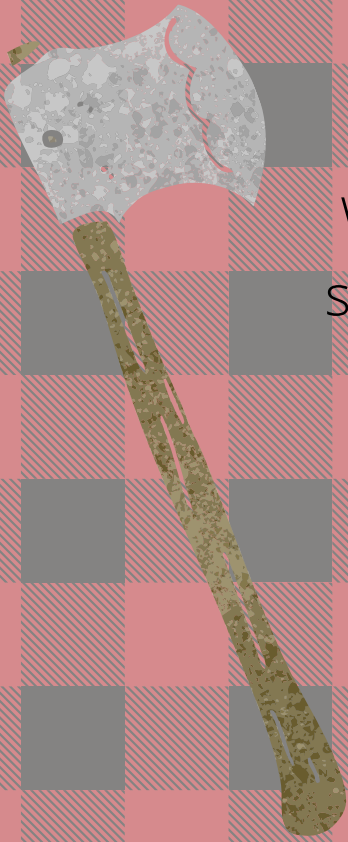
**ST. PAUL**



# **FIRST SUNDAY OF TEH MONTH FOLLOWING COFFEE HOUR**

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.



**June 4th  
July 2nd  
August 6th  
September 3rd**





THE PAN-ORTHODOX  
CHURCHES OF GENESEE COUNTY  
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

**Saturday, August 12**  
**10:00am -5:00pm**

FOLLOWED BY PAN-ORTHODOX  
VESPERS 5:00PM

HOSTED AT  
ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH  
5191 LENNON RD | FLINT 48507

# "REFLECTING THE LIGHT OF THE SON"

-Exploring the Transfiguration and the Dormition-



# YOUNG ADULTS

## BOOK CLUB AND FELLOWSHIP

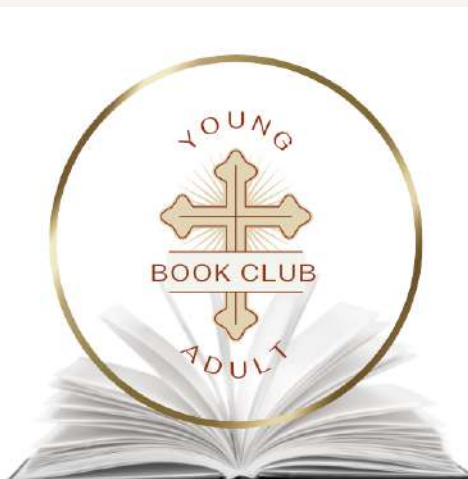
Our Young adult group is for anyone ages 21-45 who wish to join in fellowship and faith.

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

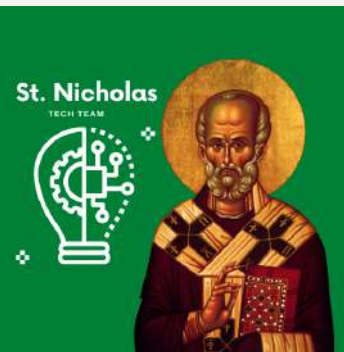
HOSTED BY THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

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

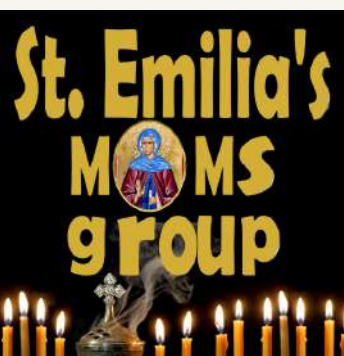
AKATHIST WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHURCH FOLLOWED BY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP - PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS



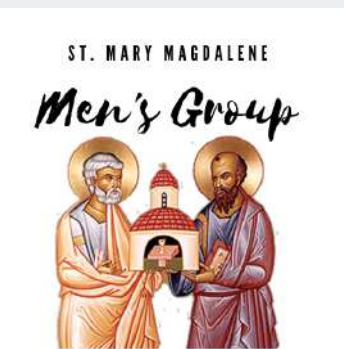
# PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS



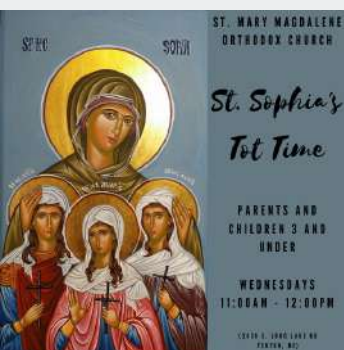
THE ST. NICHOLAS TECH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING, UPDATING, AND ENHANCING THE ONLINE PRESENCE OF OUR PARISH. ENCOMPASSING THE WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, AND LIVE-STREAMING SO THAT WE CAN SPREAD ORTHODOXY THROUGH MODERN COMMUNICATION CHANNELS.



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



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



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

*The Pan-Orthodox Churches  
of Genesee County*

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

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

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

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



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

## PAN-ORTHODOX LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF STs. PETER & PAUL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 6:00PM AT ST. NICHOLAS  
(2143 S. CENTER RD | BURTON, MI 48519)

## PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB LEAD BY FR. MICHAEL BASSET

SUMMER CLUB: OUR FIRST BOOK WILL BE "THE WAY OF THE ASCETICS" BY TITO COLLIANDER. THE GROUP WILL MEET TWICE TO DISCUSS THIS BOOK. THE FIRST LIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS BOOK WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY, JUNE 26TH, 6:00PM AT ST. GEORGE IN FLINT.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING PLEASE REACH OUT TO FR. MICHAEL AT  
989-624-9580 OR FRDNMIKE@GMAIL.COM



ST. JOHN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

# Starting the Conversation on...

## The Stresses of Caregiving

A SAINT SOPHIA SUPPORT  
MINISTRY PRESENTATION



A 45 Minute  
Discussion

**Free &  
Open to  
the Public**

**Wednesday**  
**May 31**

6:00 pm - 8:00pm

St. John Greek Orthodox Church  
11455 Metro Parkway  
Sterling Heights, MI

**Schedule:**

**Paraklesis**

6:00 pm - 6:45pm

**Potluck Dinner**

6:45 pm - 7:15pm

**Dr Maria Aretakis, Ph.D.**  
**Angie Stathakios**

7:15 pm - 8:00pm

**For More Information:** [www.stjohngoc.net](http://www.stjohngoc.net)



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LET'S GET CONNECTED!



# save the date

## July

- 2-Grounds Clean-up and Wood Cutting
- 9-Pan-Orthodox Softball Game
- 13- Akathist to St Mary Magdalene
- 22- Parish Feast Day
- 23-Blessing of the Vehicles & Picnic

## August

- 6-Blessing of the Harvest
- 6-Grounds Clean-up and Wood Cutting
- 12- Vacation Church School
- 14-Matins & Lamentations
- 15-Holy Dormition Pilgrimage
- 20-Kayak & Picnic