

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

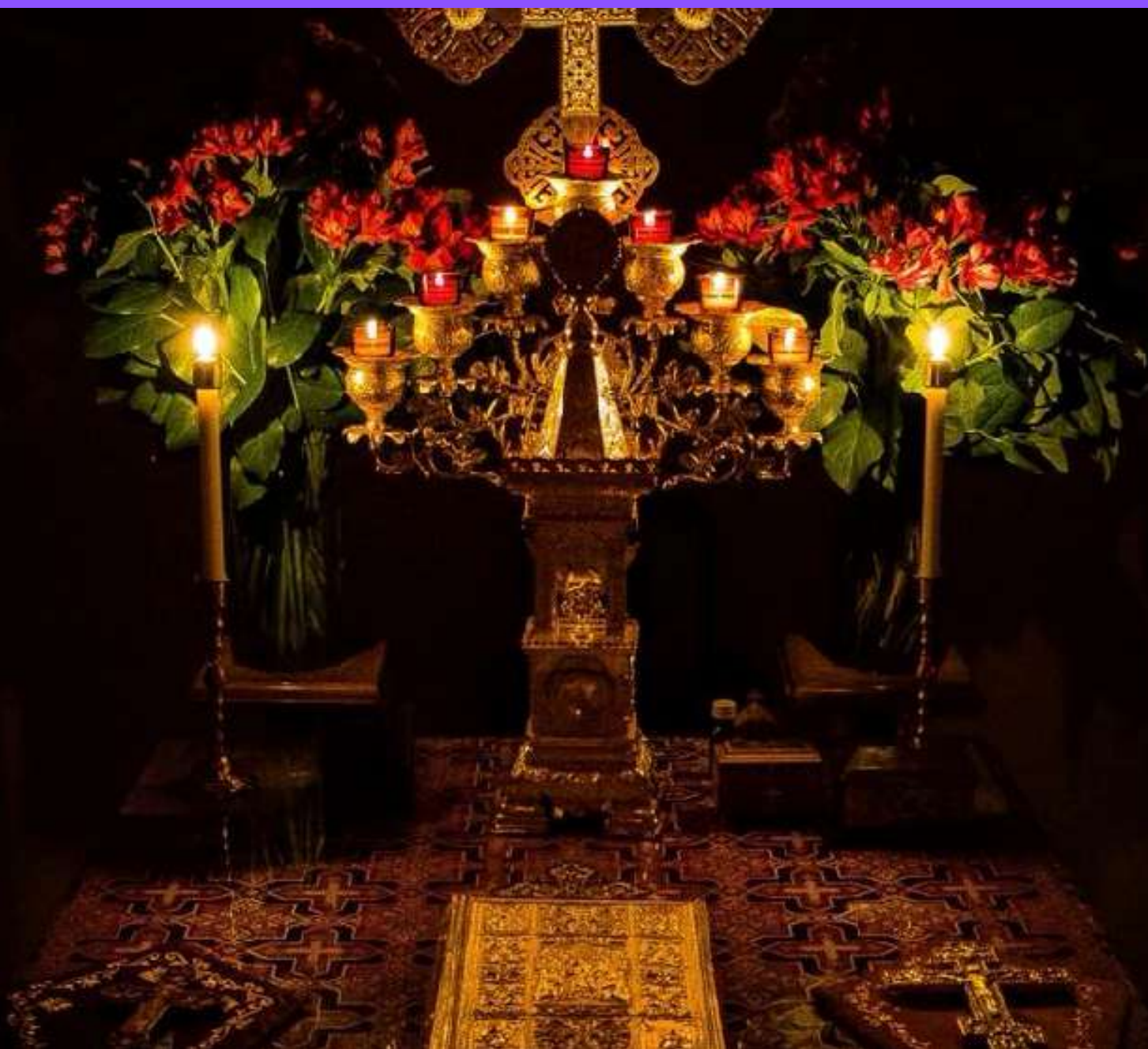
March 2023



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Monday 10:00am-3:00pm
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Friday 10:00am-3:00pm
*or by appointment

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Weekly Service Schedule*

Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy, 9:40am

Wednesdays Services, 6:00pm

(Wednesdays see calendar for location)

Fridays Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30pm

Saturday Vespers & Confessions, 4:00pm

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

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MONTHLY FORECAST

CLEAN WEEK

The first week of Great Lent is appropriately called "Clean Week", as it is our chance to thrust ourselves into the Lenten Season with increased fasting, worship services, and prayer. Be present at the Compline and Canon of St. Andrew of Crete services every night at 6:30 PM. Friday is our first Presanctified Liturgy so for those that will be receiving the Eucharist, be sure to fast after your noon meal!

ORTHODOX SUNDAY

Orthodoxy Sunday is on March 5th! Everyone is encouraged to bring your family icons with you to be blessed, as we process outside (weather permitting) with our icons!

PAN-ORTHODOX PRESANCTIFIED AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE

While most of our parish Presanctified Liturgies are on Fridays during lent, we will be hosting a Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy here on Wednesday, March 8th, beginning at a special time of **6:00 PM**. Please see the Pan Orthodox Schedule of Services in the flier located in the newsletter.

CANON OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

The young adult group will be meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 9th for their monthly services together. This month's service is dedicated to St. Mary of Egypt, an incredible example of repentance for us to follow during the Lenten Season

MEMORIAL SATURDAY

The first memorial Saturday Service will take place on Saturday, March 11th before Vigil, beginning at 3:30 PM.

Several times throughout the lenten season, we remember our departed family members and continue to show our love for them through prayer. Don't forget to fill out the lists for families living and departed.

CANON OF REPENTANCE AND CONFESSIONS

Regular Confessions are not only going to be offered on Saturdays after Vigil, but also every Wednesday at the Pan Orthodox Presanctified Liturgies or at the special Canon of Repentance that will be done at St. Mary Magdalene. Check the calendar for more details

GREAT FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

This year's Pan Orthodox Feast of the Annunciation will take place on Saturday, March 25th at Holy Assumption in Grand Blanc, beginning at 10:00 AM. Vigil and Confessions will be at the regular time at St. Mary Magdalene at 4:00 PM that evening.

READING OF THE LIFE OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

As is the custom of our parish, we will be reading the life of St. Mary of Egypt on Thursday, March 30th, beginning at 6:30 PM. If you are unable to make it in person please take the time to watch the recording on our YouTube Channel.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT

Our Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County will come together on Saturday, March 18th for our Annual Lenten Retreat. See the Flyer below on time and details and how to register.

"THE BITTER WATERS OF MARAH"

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GABRIEL



With the Celebration of the Precious and Life Giving Cross that is given to us during Great Lent, I am reminded of the story we hear from the 14th and 15th chapter of Exodus, when Moses was leading the children of Israel out of Pharaoh's grasp into the midst of the Red Sea. With a wall of water to their right and to their left (the Red Sea is not a shallow body of water! Imagine how awe inspiring this must have been!) they made their way to the other side, and then watched as the waters swallowed up Pharaoh's army...thus delivering them from years of tyranny and slavery. They sang a beautiful hymn of thanksgiving and praise to God, saying things like:

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“Thy Right-hand O Lord is glorified in strength! Thy Right-hand O Lord has shattered thy enemies. In the greatness of your majesty, you have overthrown your adversaries ...Who is like You o Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorified in holiness, marvelous in praises, doing wonders?...The Lord reigns forever and ever!”

”

It only took 3 days for this enthusiasm...this miracle to wear off for the Children of Israel, as they went into the wilderness of Shur. Eventually, they began to run out of water to drink, and when they came to a place called Marah, they found water that they could not drink because it was too bitter. So, the people began to complain to Moses, who was then told by God to go to a nearby tree and cast it into the water. Immediately, the waters became sweet, allowing the Israelites to drink and be refreshed on their long journey.

This small episode from Exodus is a small type of where most Christians find themselves on our journey through Great Lent. We received so much Grace during those first 7 days of clean week. Our hearts were open. Our fasting came easy. The services were packed we all sang from the depths of our hearts that humble verse: *“Have mercy on me O God, have mercy on me!”* Like the Israelites witnessing and giving thanks to God for the incredible miracle of crossing the Red Sea, so we too met the beginning of our journey with such enthusiasm and joy! With the guidance of the Church, we looked for ways in our life to “deny ourselves” ... to say “no” to ourselves and “yes” to God:

“I’m going to watch more closely what I eat.”

“I am going to double my prayer time at home.”

“I have three spiritual books that I want to get through.”

“I am going to guard the distractions that come about from the news and social media.”

“I am going to make sure that I do not miss a single Lenten Service.”

But after 3 weeks, just like the Israelites after 3 days, many of us begin to lose a little steam. Our prayers can sometimes become a little dry. We only cracked a few chapters of those books we wanted to read.

The temptation to watch the news, to participate in various entertainments, as well as a myriad of other distractions began to take hold of us.

If we aren't used to fasting, we began to crave the foods which we have been denying ourselves.

"THE BITTER WATERS OF MARAH"

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A wise monk once told me: *"I never understand why they call it "Great Lent", because I have never met a sincere Orthodox Christian who has ever truly had a "Great" lent!"*

After a short time, Lent can easily become like the bitter waters of Marah. So, just as Moses was instructed by God to throw a tree into the waters to make them sweet, so too does the Church give us the wood of the cross to throw into the midst of our Lenten Journey! We bow down low to this instrument of our salvation, reminding us of the sweetness that awaits us in just a few short weeks at Holy Pascha!

I shared a story with you several years ago that I heard while I was in seminary, about an atheistic woman who once told a priest who was walking in the street: *"Someone who I loved very dearly was shot and murdered in their home. I would think it stupid for me to immortalize them, by wearing a piece of jewelry shaped like the gun that they were killed with."* That woman would be correct if all the cross was a piece of jewelry that reminded us Christ's mode of death! But for a true Christian who truly understands the magnitude of the cross, the cross is EVERYTHING! It is our rock and our support as we wade through the troubling waters of life.

In order to support the weight of those who were crucified on them, the base of the cross had to be buried **deep** beneath the earth so that it would remain firm. It acts in the same way for us, as a way to keep our own lives grounded. When we are in the presence of the cross, there is no movement. There is no change. It demands of us that we concentrate our attention into the depths of our own souls, and in its simplicity, its stillness, and its silence...the bottomless depth of its meaning is opened to us.

Listen to what St. Gregory of Sinai says the cross is for us:

*"O Cross, Be unto me the **might**, the **strength**, and the **power**...the **deliverer** and foremost **defender** against my enemies...the **shield** and **protector**...my **victory** and **establishment**...ever **preserving** and **sheltering** me."*

The Cross is Everything dear ones. For those of us who might have hit a bitter Lenten wall, or have failed in our attempts to deny ourselves, today we are given **hope**. The cross serves as so many things, but above all, it stands as a symbol of hope. When we learn to place our trust in it... when we remember what it means for our lives, not only here on earth, but for all eternity... we gain not only hope, but VICTORY!

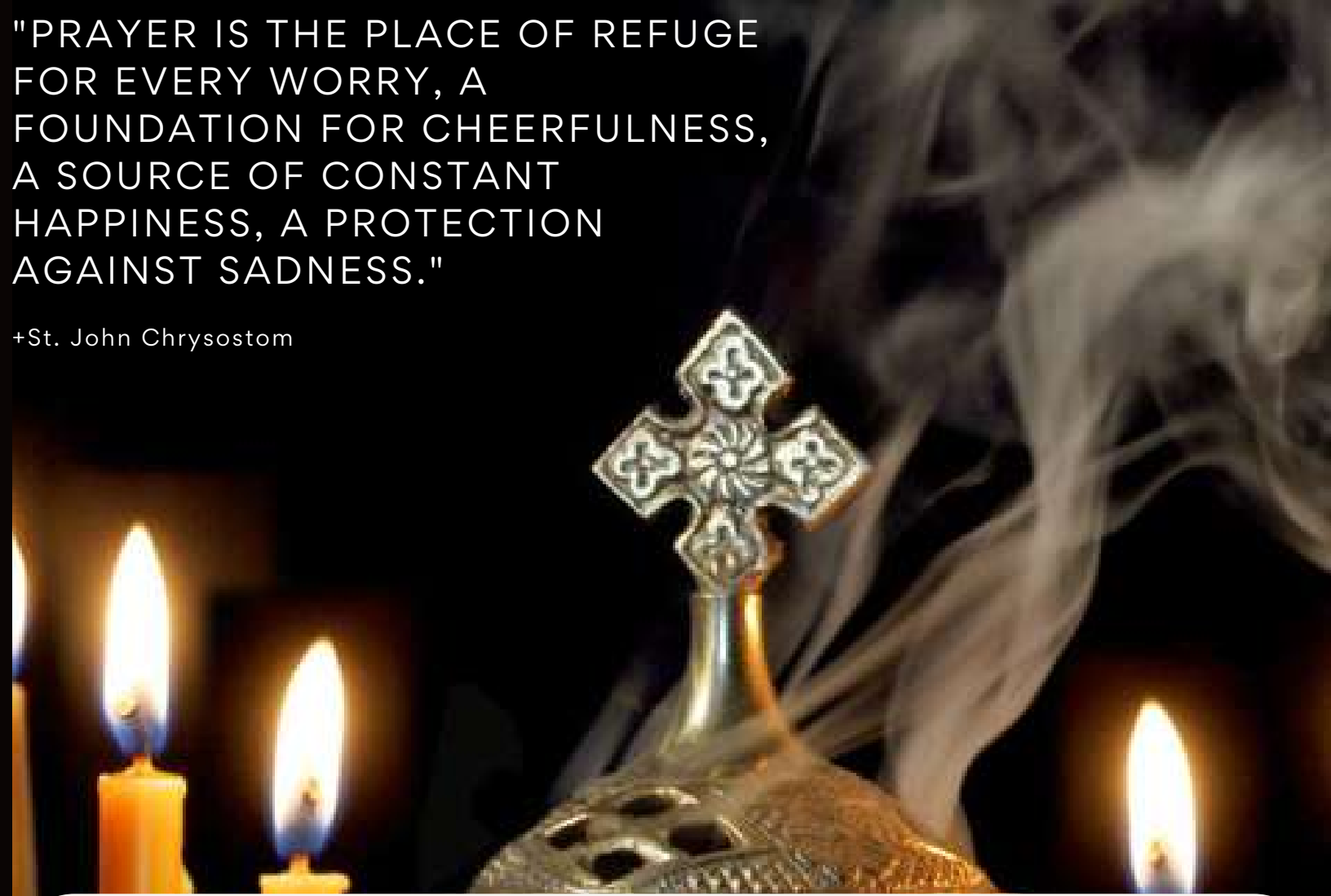
May our Lord, by His Precious and Life-Giving Cross, **sweeten the waters** of our Lenten Journey, which will take us to the foot of Golgotha itself, and after three days, will allow us to gaze inside an empty tomb in order to witness and proclaim the ultimate victory that

"Christ is Risen!"



"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	Lucy
Elaine	Brian	JJ
David	Sophia	Henry
Pat	Miriam	Tom
Michael	Eva	Darja
Jim	Chrissy	Jennie
Mason	Cameron	Marie
Theresa	Lynne	Melanie
Robert	Jeanne	Michael
Linda	Glenn	Terri
Hudson	Gerald	Elizabeth
Dimitri	Tony	
Damian	Pam	
Martin	Armindia	
Ivanka	Michael	
Dawn	Sarah	
Jeff	Nicole	
Mike	Theresa	
Lauren	Debra	
Rich	Betty	
Judy	David	
Anthony	Rob	
Megan	Nadia	
Shirley	James	

Mother's With Child

Mat. Sara
Anastasia

Catechumenate

Collin
Jaclyn
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

13-Jacob Oslin
31-Brigitte Ziegler

Recently Departed

Theresa

**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

Felicity Suriano - April

Engagements

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

Confession Schedule

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

Saturday Evenings following Great Vespers

Wednesday Evenings before Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgies or following the Canon of Repentance

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. We will not have this prayer service during lent and will resume in May. Please contact the parish office to add any names to the prayer list.

Birthdays

2-Jane Bartley
3-Inna Bondira & Amanda Auxier
5-Grant Pierce
7-Brianna Walton
8-Anastasia Kline
11-John Bartley
12-Sтивен Kekel & Katarina Jonascu
14-LeeAnn Barnhart
16-Jodie Bartley
20-Subdeacon John Auxier
21-Joseph Suriano
22-Doug Ballnik
24-George Naum
27-Larry Shipley
28-Pat Matts
30-Chris Burtka

Anniversaries

10-Brion & Theresa Cooley

Weddings

None this month

Recent Funerals

None this month

PARISH LIFE

THIS MONTH

The Orthodox School of Bethany Project

For the month of March we will be collecting charity for the Orthodox School & Orphanage of Bethany. Check out the St. Photini Page for details.

March 3: First Presanctified Liturgy

March 5: Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession

March 8: Pan-Orthodox Presanctified at SMM

March 9: Canon of St. Mary of Egypt

March 11: Memorial Saturday, 3:30pm

March 15: Canon of Repentance & Confession

March 18: Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas 10am - 5pm

March 25: Divine Liturgy for Annunciation

March 30: Reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Sundays of Great Lent

March 5: Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 12th: Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas

March 19th: Sunday of the Holy Cross (midpoint of Lent)

March 26th: Sunday of St. John the Ladder

PARISH GREETERS

March 5th: Scott & Tina Shephard

March 12th: George & Julie Jonascu

March 19th: Seth & Mia Hillaker

March 26th: Freida Owens

BELL RINGERS

March 5th: Vivian Capatine & Tonya Rice

March 12th: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

March 19th: Vivian Capatine & Tonya Rice

March 26th: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

*NOTE: There are no bell practices during Great Lent

COFFEE HOUR

March 5th: Bartley Family (Strict Fast)

March 12th: Rdr. Tom & Cindy Chiatialis (Strict Fast)

March 19th: Terri Oginsky (Strict Fast)

March 26th: John & Kristen Wolf (Strict Fast)

EPISTLE READERS

February 5th: John Wolf & Ruth Karabina

February 12th: Jennifer Otis & Subdeacon John Auxier

February 19th: Sue Walton & Rdr Nathaniel Auxier

February 26th: Rdr. Brian-Philip Walton & Sue Walton

FEBRUARY'S PASTORAL REPORT

EXPANDING THE MISSION OF THE LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WOODS!

Worship:

We have had wonderful attendance for these past few weeks, with a lot of visitors for various services, including the memorial service for the unborn, the 40 day memorial service for Leonid Slocum, and others. Our monthly Akathists still continue to be well attended thanks to our Young Adult Group. February carried with it a lighter schedule of services, but starting Clean Week, our worship services pick up as we begin our march towards Great Lent!

Community

We celebrated the wedding of David and Elena Schutt, as well as the baptism of Zachariah Auxier this past month! We also welcomed a new member to the community in Felicity Adalyn Suriano! Baptism is to be scheduled soon!

Education

Our Metanoia Classes wrapped up this past month, but the real education begins as Great Lent Begins. We learn more from the services of Clean Week than a priest could teach in several years worth of classroom lectures! Be present!

Stewardship

The Pan Orthodox charity dinner for Holy Dormition Monastery went very well! It was well attended and we were able to raise over 7k to support the monastery. Lazarus Bag collection was also complete, with us receiving everything that we needed in order to make and distribute the bags! Glory to God for all of the generosity of our parishioners!

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lazarus Bags last month! Your work and generosity is greatly appreciated!

This month's outreach will be to The Orthodox School & Orphanage in Bethany, Palestine.

We are asking that our children color an icon and write a message that will be scanned and emailed to the students. All supplies for this project will be available to you in the middle classroom. Parents please take the time to do this with your children.

As a parish we will be doing a monetary collection for the school throughout the month of March. Protodeacon Michael will be speaking to us about this project on Sunday the 5th. More information to come!

UPCOMING



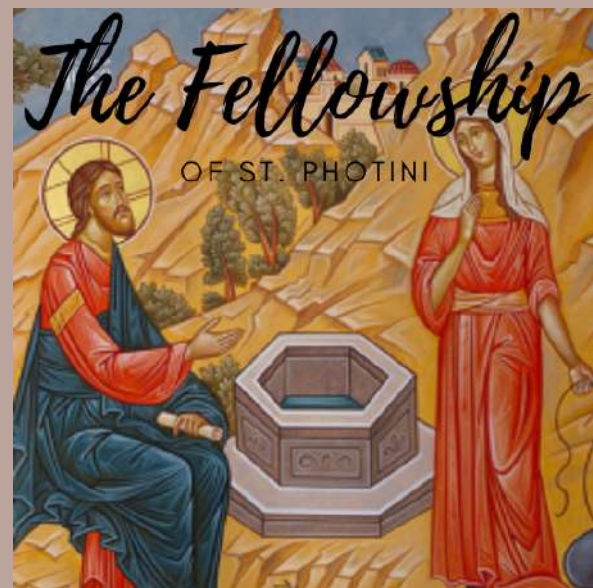
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March - Support of the Bethany School & Orphanage



*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”**



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!

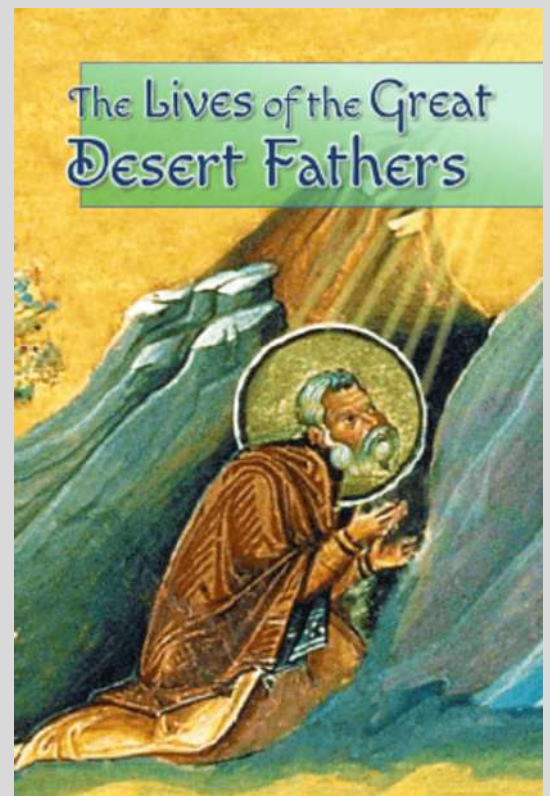


PARISH KIOSK

We have our Lenten Store stocked and ready for you to look through in the middle classroom. Everything is priced as marked. We have several new books available for you to read throughout Great Lent.

THE LIVES OF THE GREAT DESERT FATHERS

AVAILABLE IN THE LENTEN STORE



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

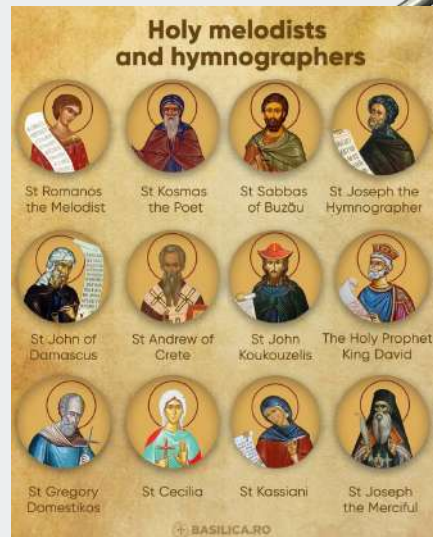
There will be no bell rehearsals during Great Lent. If you would like to join this ministry please reach out to Cindy Welch.

PARISH CHOIR

March 25th: 2:00pm - 3:45pm

More rehearsals will be announced shortly for Great Lent.

Reach out to Reader Gregory with any questions.



“ 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!

Greetings Parents, Church School Teachers and Children! Welcome to Great and Holy Lent. Church school classes will resume after Pascha so children can fully participate in all of the services of the church during this time of preparation. We are planning an Almsgiving opportunity for the children. Beginning on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 5, following the veneration of the cross, we are asking the children to color an icon page and write a note to the children at The Orthodox School & Orphanage of Bethany, Palestine. These will be scanned and emailed to the children in the Holy Land. There will be a coloring station set up in the middle classroom with the necessary materials for children to complete their sheet. Please take some time to support your children in this effort. Wishing you all a blessed and spiritually fruitful Lenten Season. .

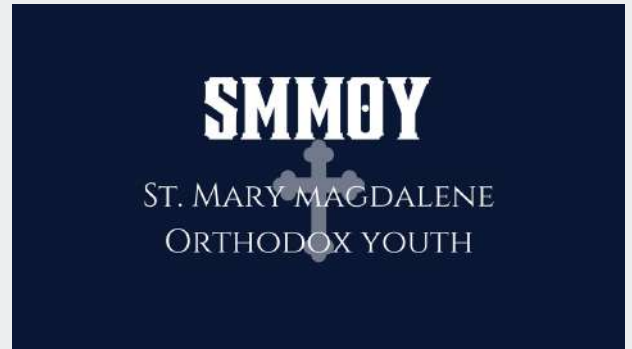
Please feel free to reach out to me with questions, concerns and ideas.

Yours in Christ,

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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

The best education/class you can receive during this Holy time of year is to be present at all the worship services of the church.

"Let us all make haste to humble the flesh by abstinence, as we set out upon the God-given course of the Holy Fast; and with prayers and tears let us seek our Lord and Saviour. Laying aside all memories of evil, let us cry aloud: We have sinned against Thee, Christ our King; save us as the men of Nineveh in the days of old, and in Thy compassion make us sharers in Thy Heavenly Kingdom!"

We sing this as the very first stichera of Great Lent at Forgiveness Vespers, and it points to an important reality: We are about to enter into a God-Given and Holy Period in our lives. The 40+ days of Great Lent are a treasure that, if utilized to its fullness, offers us riches that go far beyond the material world. There is nothing more important in our lives than being in the services during this blessed time, beginning with Clean Week (February 26th to March 4th) where we will have the penitential canon of St. Andrew of Crete every evening. Let us re-set our earthly priorities, putting the spiritual above all else during this first week of Lent and beyond! Be present at the Throne of God dear ones!

Should you have any questions about fasting, prayer rules, or any of the services, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! May our Lord grant us the strength to undertake the path before us!

Wishing you all a tremendous, Grace-filled, and spiritual Great Lenten Season!

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr. Gabriel

YOUNG ADULTS

BOOK CLUB AND FELLOWSHIP

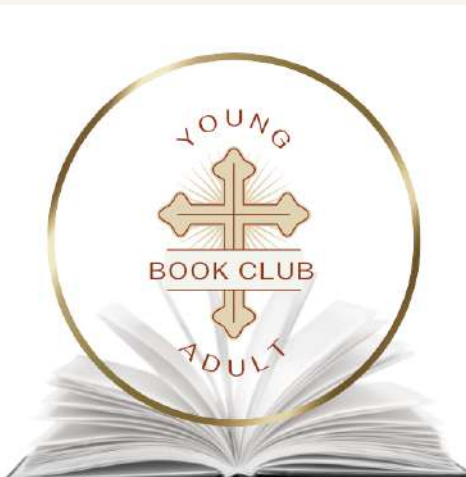
Our Young adult group is for anyone ages 21-45 who wish to join in fellowship and faith.

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

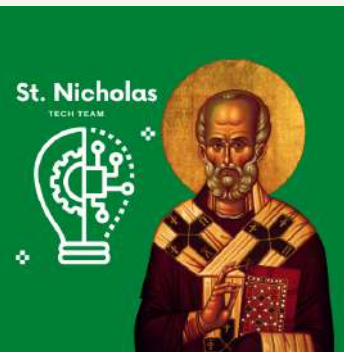
Monthly Akathist 2023 SCHEDULE

HOSTED BY THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

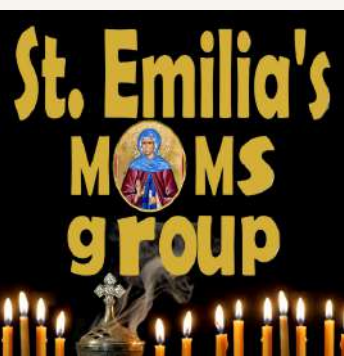
JANUARY	6:00PM
12	St. Seraphim of Sarov
FEBRUARY	6:00PM
9	St. Innocent of Irkutsk
MARCH	6:00PM
9	Canon of St. Mary of Egypt
APRIL	6:00PM
6	Canon of St. Mary of Egypt
MAY	6:00PM
11	Martyr Varus
JUNE	6:00PM
8	Inexhaustible Cup
JULY	6:00PM
13	St. Mary Magdalene
AUGUST	6:00PM
10	St. Joseph the Hesychast
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

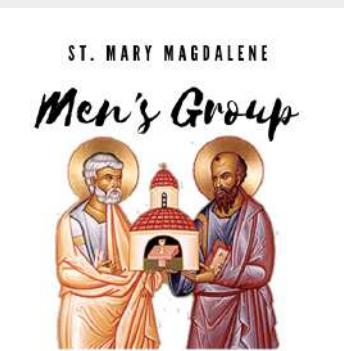
PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS



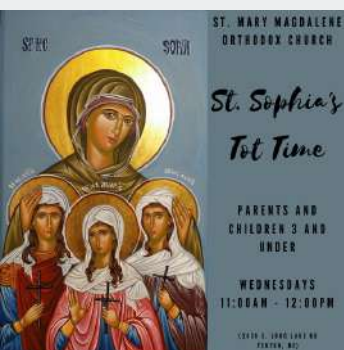
THE ST. NICHOLAS TECH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING, UPDATING, AND ENHANCING THE ONLINE PRESENCE OF OUR PARISH. ENCOMPASSING THE WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, AND LIVE-STREAMING SO THAT WE CAN SPREAD ORTHODOXY THROUGH MODERN COMMUNICATION CHANNELS.



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 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***

DETROIT'S ANNUAL
INTER-ORTHODOX SUNDAY LENTEN



Vespers
2023

5 MARCH: TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY

with Youth Procession of Icons
Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, Homilist
ST JOHN the BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
11455 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights (just W of Dodge Park)

12 MARCH: ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Fr Paul Albert, Homilist
HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
20500 Anglin St, Detroit (@ 8 Mile, E of Dequindre)

19 MARCH: THE HOLY CROSS

Fr Michael Butler, Homilist
DESCENT of the HOLY GHOST ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
31500 Ryan Rd, Warren (just N of 13 Mile)

26 MARCH: ST JOHN OF THE LADDER

Fr Paul Patitsas, Homilist
ST THOMAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
29150 10 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills (E of Middlebelt)

2 APRIL: ST MARY OF EGYPT

Fr Joseph Abud, Homilist
BASILICA of ST MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
18100 Merriman Rd, Livonia (between 6 & 7 Mile)



Prayer. Education. Fellowship. ALL ARE WELCOME.
Services 6:00pm | Free-will offering | Refreshments follow

Officiated by members of the St John Chrysostom Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood | Very Rev Fr Laurence Lazar, President
Responses by the Detroit Inter-Orthodox Vespers Choir | Victoria Kopistiansky, Director

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Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810-750-1401
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

2023 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten Refreshments

Great Compline at St. George (*Mondays, 6pm*) All are welcome every Monday night. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas (*Wednesdays, 10:30am*) All are welcome every Wednesday morning.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy and **Lenten Refreshments** (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate together the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion at evening liturgies, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. Unfortunately, we will not be having Potluck Lenten Meals this year, but we will break the fast with Lenten Refreshments.

March 8th **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 6pm

Saturday, March 18th **Lenten Retreat** (*more information to follow*)

March 22nd **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 6pm

March 25th **Great Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy** at Assumption 10am

April 5th **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. George 6pm

April 8th **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy** at St. George 9:30am

Bright Week (April 16th-22nd)

April 17th **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 10am

April 18th **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 10am

April 19th **Paschal Evening Liturgy** at St. George 6pm

April 21st **Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font** at Assumption 10am

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The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 South Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810-750-1701
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

**Come, Join Us for this Lenten Retreat by
Archbishop Alexander and Bishop Anthony!**

The Cross of Christ – The Scriptures and the Priesthood



Bishop Anthony
*Diocese of Toledo & the Midwest
Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese*

**Saturday
March 18, 2023**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
2143 S Center Rd • Burton, MI**

**Please RSVP by March 13 to
(810) 744-0070 or
stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com**



Archbishop Alexander
*Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo
Orthodox Church in America*

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| 10 am | Divine Liturgy |
| 11:30 am | Lunch (free will offering) |
| 12 pm | Registration |
| 12:30 pm | The Scriptures and the Cross – Archbishop Alexander |
| 1:30 pm | Break |
| 1:45 pm | The Priesthood and the Cross – Bishop Anthony |
| 2:45 pm | Break |
| 3 - 3:30 pm | Questions and Answers |
| 4 pm | cathedral vigil followed by Confessions |

Guest Speakers

Archbishop Alexander was consecrated on May 5, 2012 as bishop of the Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo (OCA) and on March 30, 2016 was elected to his second see of Dallas and the Diocese of the South (OCA).

Bishop Anthony was consecrated on December 11, 2011 as Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest, for the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

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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)

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

ST MARY MAGDALENE SPIRITWEAR

DISTRICT TEES @ \$20 EACH - ADULT XS - 3X, YOUTH XS - XL, LADIES XS - 3X



MILTGRN, LATTE, SEAGLASS, BLACK, ROYAL
#DT104 - ADULT COLORS

RED, ROYAL, CHARCOAL
#DT600Y - YOUTH COLORS

PURPLE, FUSHIA, JADE, LATTE, BLACK
#DT104L - LADIES COLORS

DISTRICT 3/4 SLV TEES @ \$25 EACH - ADULT & LADIES XS - 2X



GREY/ROYAL, RED WHT/BLK
#DM136 - ADULT COLORS

GREY/ROYAL, PINK WHT/PEACH
#DM136L - LADIES COLORS

JERZEE FULL ZIP HOODIES @ \$38 EACH
#993 - ADULT S - 2X & #993B YOUTH YM - YXL

JERZEE HOODIES HOODIES @ \$30 EACH
#996 - ADULT S - 2X & YOUTH YM - YXL



FOREST

DK HTHR

MINT, DK PURPLE, SCUBA BLUE, BLACK, CHARCOAL
ADULT COLORS



BLACK

ROYAL



NEON PINK, DEEP PURPLE, BLACK, SCUBA BLUE
#996B - YOUTH COLORS

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RABBIT SKINSONESIE
@ \$15 EACH
#4400 - SIZES
NB, 6MO, 12MO, 18MO, 24MO



RABBIT SKINS LONGSLV ONESIE
@ \$18 EACH
#4411 - SIZES
NB, 6MO, 12MO, 18MO, 24MO



RABBIT SKINS
3/4 SLV TEE
@ \$20 EACH
#3330 - SIZES
2T, 3T, 4T, 5-6T

JERZEE SWEATPANTS
@ \$35 EACH
#973M ADULT - S - 3X
#973B YOUTH - YS - YL



BLACK

SPORT TEK JOGGERS
@ \$40 EACH
#ST233 - ADULT ONLY - XS - 2X



SPORT TEK DRYFIT F.Z. HOODIES @ \$50 EACH
ST236 - MENS - SIZE XS - 3X
LST236 - LADIES - SIZES XS - 2X
RED, GREY, ROYAL, PINK (LADIES ONLY)

EMBROIDERED GARMENTS



PORT UPF POLY POLOS @ \$28 EACH
ST520 - MENS - SIZE XS - 3X
LST520 - LADIES - SIZES XS - 2X
KELLY, SAPPHIRE, RED, BLACK



HTHR NAVY, HTHR CHARCOAL
MENS

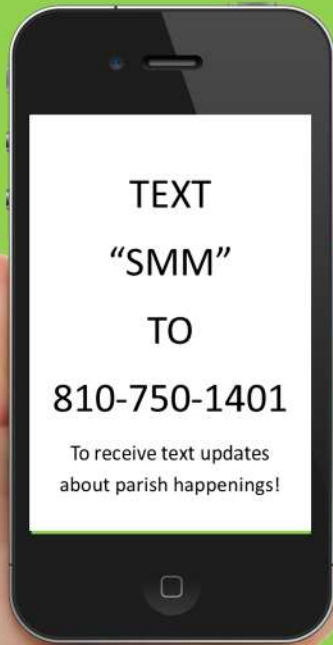
AQUA, RASPBERRY
LADIES

PORT MICROFLEECE JACKETS @ \$35 EACH
F235 - MENS - SIZE XS - 3X
L235 - LADIES - SIZES XS - 2X

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April
1st- Memorial Saturday
5th- Pan-Orthodox Presanctified at St.
George
6th- Canon of St. Mary of Egypt
8th -15th- Holy Week
16th - GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
16th -22nd-Bright Week