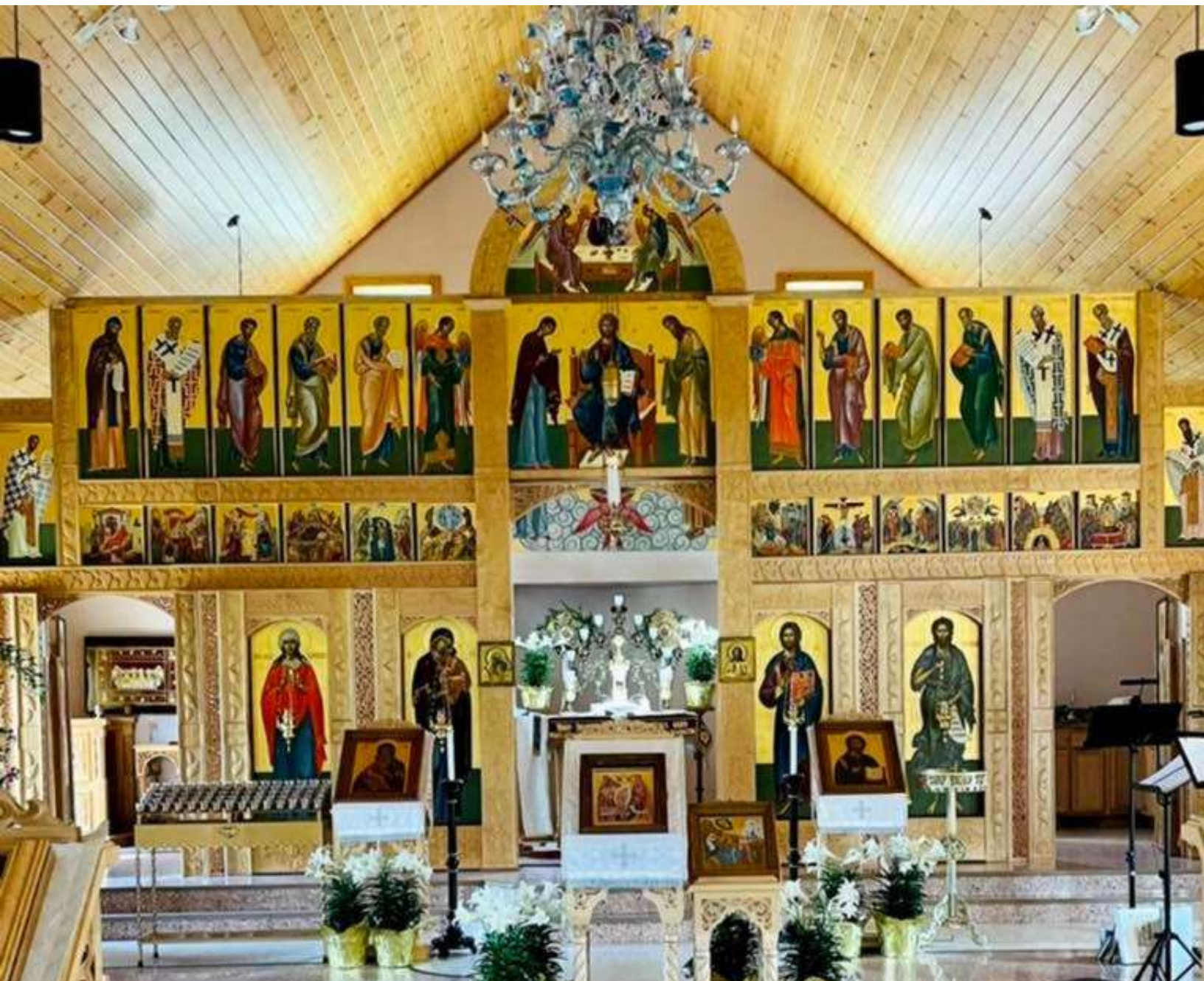


# May 2022

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MAY 2022

# Monthly e-Newsletter

ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Leaving No Doubt

From the Desk of Fr. Gabriel

Christ is Risen! Can there be any doubt of that reality?! How incredible of a feeling it was to celebrate the Resurrection! Pascha isn't just another Holy day...it is an experience. It brings about in all of us a special change that can only be brought on when God rises from the dead!

We read in the post crucifixion accounts of the Gospels what happens to people after they experienced and came into the presence of the Risen Lord. Before Jesus made his appearance after His crucifixion St. Mary Magdalene was filled with grief and doubt that her master was dead. Travelling on the road to Emmaus, two men were in complete despair as they were lamenting how the great deliverer had been arrested, tortured, and crucified. In the Gospel for St. Thomas Sunday, we hear how the Disciples (our Lord's most ardent followers) hid themselves in the upper room out of sadness and fear of the Jews. They thought to themselves: *"If the Jews were capable of doing these things to the master, imagine what kind of horrors they would inflict to His servants!"*

What do we see happen to all of these men and women after they come to experience the Risen Christ and His presence among them? His presence transformed our weeping patroness St. Mary Magdalene into a disciple with unbounded joy. The power of the resurrection eventually led her to shed all fear in life and proclaim the Risen Christ in the audience of Caesar Tiberias himself!

Christ's Risen presence transformed the hearts of the two travelers on the road to Emmaus. After not recognizing that it was Jesus who had appeared and spoke to them, they asked themselves: *"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the scripture to us?"*

Look what His presence did to the Disciples who were locked in and afraid to open the door! They went from broken and disheartened, to strong, confident, and bold lions of faith! Even after our Lord ascended into heaven, the disciples sang, rejoiced, healed, and taught the masses, and they did it not just for a few days after the resurrection, but for the rest of their lives! All of them (except one) joyfully went to their martyrdom, proclaiming this reality! Why? Because the presence, the experience, and the power of the Risen Lord would live through them for eternity.

Every year, we bless this large loaf of bread called the "Artos" towards the end of the Paschal Liturgy. It remains in the Church itself until after Bright Week, when we take it, break it amongst ourselves, and are reminded of the sweetness of Pascha once again. This tradition came about from the Apostles themselves, who after our Lord ascended into heaven would always leave a plate at the end of the table during their common meals. On the plate would be a piece of bread, reminding them of Christ's Presence among them!

## UPCOMING THIS MONTH

1-Agape Meal, Pascha Egg Hunt, Ice Cream Social & Moving Day

7- Tatiana & Xenia Hanna's Baptism, 1pm at St. George

7-Vespers, 5pm at SMM

10- Parish Council Meeting

18-Midfeast Pentecost Liturgy, 10am (Wednesday Liturgies Resume)



St. MARY  
MAGDALENE  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Leaving No Doubt cont.

The Fathers of the Church carried on this tradition, and on the feast of feasts of Pascha, the Church made it the custom to put out this sweet bread to remind the faithful that the Lord suffered for us, was buried, and then triumphantly rose again! We are reminded that Jesus is Himself the True Bread of Life and is always invisibly present with His Church, *even to the end of the age!*

When we greet each other in the streets, we say: "*Christ is in our midst*" and respond with "*He is and always will be!*" Letting that reality sink into our minds and our hearts changes everything for us! "*The Lord is my light and my salvation...whom shall I fear?*" Nothing! Because the God of all Loves Us, died For Us, rose on the third day for us! Rest assured that same God continues to be with us now and forever!

# WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS IN HIS SERVICE!

On Great and Holy Thursday, Archbishop Alexander elevated Deacon Michael to the rank of Protodeacon and Tonsured Paisios Hamann a Reader



*"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*

### Prayers for our Sick and our Suffering

*His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman  
Archbishop Damaskinos*

Vinne	Dawn	Joanne	Mike
Elaine	Jeff	Susan	Brian
David	Terry	Shirley	Gloria
Michael	Michelle	Peter	Sophia
Mason	Sarah	Norm	
Pat	Rich	Arminda	
Joseph	Harry	Tinna	
Theresa	Judy	Vicky	
Robert	Anthony	Mircea	
Linda	Dorothy	Allison	
Hudson	Tyler	Steve	
Dimitri	Mary	Ellanore	
Damian	Silvia	Dale	
Martin	Megan	Ava	
Terry	Roger	Samantha	
Ivanka	Jim	Sandy	

### Mother's With Child

Natalia  
Alexandra  
Tailer  
Erika  
Mia  
Lauren  
Matushka Kaila  
Michelle  
Eleni  
Matushka Danielle  
Elizabeth  
Tricia  
Renee

### Catechumenate

Scott  
Collin

### Seminarian Families

Deacon Alexander &  
Matushka Danielle Earl  
  
Reader Paisios, Anna,  
John & Theodore  
Hamann

### Anniversary of Parish Members Departed

18- Rose Marie Khoury

### Recently Departed

Archbishop Paul  
Cyrus Lazar

**Prayers for our Armed Forces**

Michael Oginsky - U.S.  
Stephany Bishop - U.S. Navy  
Patrick Tejkl - U.S. Marines  
Lindsey Cazatt - U.S. Navy

Jason Wilburn - Army Rangers  
Alex Suriano - Air National Guard  
Dallas Watson - Air Force

Stephen Bondira- Coast Guard  
Lt. Commander  
Sarah Tyler- U.S. Air Force

**PARISH GREETERS**

**May 1**

Freida Owens

**May 8**

Seth & Mia Hillaker

**May 15**

Scott & Tina Shephard

**May 22**

Steve & Sue Walton

**May 29**

George & Julie Jonascu

**COFFEE HOUR**

**May 1**

Reader Chris & Robyn Ballnik

**May 8**

Doug & Melissa Auxier

**May 15**

Christina Lazar & Michael McGinn

**May 22**

George & Julie Jonascu

**May 29**

David & Cindy Welch

**BELL RINGERS**

**May 1**

Tonya Rice

**May 8**

Vivian Capatina

**May 15**

Renea Becklehamer

**May 22**

Cindy Welch

**May 29**

Tonya Rice

**WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS!  
BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1- RACHEL BURTKA
- 4- DELIA BARTLEY
- 6- MATUSHKA SARA SHEPHARD
- 8- MEGHAN DURAND, LUCAS LIONAS, ALEXA LIONAS
- 12- JOE OTIS
- 15- DANIEL OGINSKY
- 20- JENNI OTIS & ELIZABETH SURIANO
- 21- ALYSSA VINCENT
- 22- ANDY MARKO & ELENA BUCCIARELLI
- 24- ANNA HAMANN & NATHANIEL DAMIC
- 30- LYNDA JOSEPH
- 31- ELIOT SENTER

- 5- ANDREW & SHANNON JOSEPH
- 8- FR. GABRIEL & MATUSHKA LAURA BILAS
- 10- READER TOM & CINDY CHIATALAS
- 11- CHRIS & ROBYN DOLLINS
- 17- DEACON DAVID & MATUSHKA SARA SHEPHARD
- 17- JEREMY & RENEA BECKLEHAMER
- 17- KEITH & EMILY BIEGANSKI
- 2- JOHN & PEARL WHITE
- 21- BRADY & KATHY DAMIC
- 23- JOSEPH & CHRISTINE SURIANO



## EPISTLE READERS

May 1  
John Wolf  
Reader Nathaniel Auxier

May 8  
Reader Brian-Phillip Walton  
Sue Walton

May 15  
Theophan Forsyth  
John Wolf

May 22  
Reader Tom Chiatalas  
Jenni Otis

May 29  
Reader Chris Ballnik  
Reader Brian-Philip Walton



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

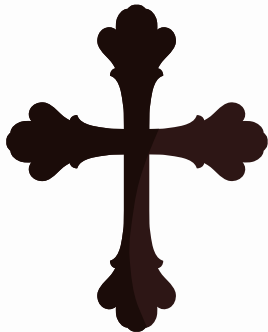
May 1  
Acts 5:12-20  
John 20:19-31

May 8  
Acts 6:1-7  
Mark 15:43-16:8

May 15  
Acts 9:32-42  
John 5:1-15

May 22  
Acts 11:19-26, 29-30  
John 4:5-42

May 29  
Acts 16:6-34  
John 9:1-38



The Church is opened for  
private prayer  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
10am -3pm  
or by appointment



"The Church is a hospital, and not a  
courtroom, for souls. She does not  
condemn on behalf of sins but grants  
remission of sins."  
+St. John Chrysostom

## RECOMMENDED READING

**THE MOUNTAIN OF SILENCE: A  
SEARCH FOR ORTHODOX  
SPIRITUALITY**

**BY KYRIACOS MARKIDES**

An acclaimed expert in Christian mysticism travels to a monastery high in the Mountains of Cyprus and offers a fascinating look at the Greek Orthodox approach to spirituality.

In an engaging combination of dialogues, reflections, conversations, history, and travel information, the author follows Father Maximos, a Mount Athos monk, to the troubled island of Cyprus. As Father Maximos establishes churches, convents, and monasteries in this deeply divided land, Markides is awakened anew to the magnificent spirituality of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Images of the land and the people of Cyprus and details of its tragic history enrich the Mountain of Silence. Like the writings of Castaneda, the book brilliantly evokes the confluence of an inner and outer journey. The depth and richness of its spiritual message echo the thoughts and writings of Saint Francis of Assisi and other great saints of the Church as well. The result is a remarkable work—a moving, profoundly human examination of the role and the power of spirituality in a complex and confusing world.

# MONTHLY FORECAST

## Happenings on St. Thomas Sunday

Please mark your calendars to come to Liturgy on May 1st! There is a LOT THAT IS HAPPENING! First, it is St. Thomas Sunday and the breaking of the Artos bread from Holy Pascha. Second, it is our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Ice Cream Social for the Children in celebration of their graduation from Church School. Third, it is MOVING DAY! We will be moving the Church over to the new temporary chapel after the Agape Meal that is scheduled!

## Saturday Vespers and Confessions Return to Regular Time

Starting on Saturday, May 7th, our regular Saturday Great Vespers and Confessions will return to the normal time of 5:00 PM. D

## Feast of Mid-Pentecost

On Wednesday, May 18th, join us as we celebrate the Feast of Mid-Pentecost with a Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM!

## Wednesday Liturgies Resume

Following the Feast of Mid-Pentecost, we will resume our regularly scheduled weekday Divine Liturgies on Wednesdays beginning at 10:00 AM. These services are always such a joy to have in our Liturgical Schedule, as there truly is nothing better than starting the day off with a Divine Liturgy!

## SMMOY

The Next SMMOY Gathering will be on Saturday the 21st where our teens will be finishing the board game they are developing.



## PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES OF LAZARUS SATURDAY



# BUILDING THE LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WOODS

## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS ON THE FOUR PILLARS OF CHURCH GROWTH

### **What is Happening in the Pillar of Worship?**

We had incredible attendance for our Holy Week and Pascha services, which saw a visit from His Eminence Archbishop Alexander, the tonsuring of Reader Paisios, and the elevation to Protodeacon of our beloved Deacon Michael! With all of the building changes that are beginning this month, as well as the temporary move to the chapel for Divine Services, all of us will need to do our very best to keep the Worship Services of the Church as our primary focus in building our little Church in the Woods!

### **What is Happening in the Pillar of Community?**

April saw the baptism and chrismation of 8 new souls to the Holy Orthodox Faith! It was truly a joyous occasion for all those who were present! We also had the added blessing of hosting two Pan Orthodox Services! Thank you not only to those who cooked for the Pot Luck, but also to our SMMOY group who provided the Pancake Breakfast on Lazarus Saturday! What a blessing!

### **What is Happening in the Pillar of Education?**

With the upcoming move the education center, the regular Church School schedule will be ending on May 1st. The next adult education class is scheduled for the end of summer after all of the vacations and conventions!

### **What is Happening in the Pillar of Stewardship?**

We received several large donations towards the building fund this past month. Thank you to all of those who continue to support the project, as we try to raise as much as possible before our late summer deadline (when we will need to take out a small financing loan from the Orthodox Church Capital Improvement Fund).

## 2022 PARISH FAMILY PHOTO



# MOVING DAY!

**We need your help!**

**Sunday, May 1st**

following the Divine Liturgy

We will be moving items from the Church Sanctuary to our new Chapel in the Office & Education Center as we begin construction. Muscles preferred but not required, we need help sorting and organizing as well! All are encouraged to help! This is the same day as our Agape Meal and Egg Hunt for the children, so plan to make a day of being at the church!





# "AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, HAVE PUT ON CHRIST!"

On Sunday, April 10th we will welcomed 8 new warriors for Christ into our parish family through the sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation.

Remember in your prayers:

- St. Mary Magdalene (Mary Ellen McLean) Baptism
- St. Timothy (Tim Kruger) Baptism
- St. John the Forerunner (Dan Barnhart) Chrismation
- St. Andrew the First Called (Andrew Barnhart) Chrismation
- Righteous Jacob (Jake Barnhart) Chrismation
- St. Nicholas the Czar Passion Bearer (Jacob Bowers) Chrismation
- St. Anna (Carol Lizzio) Chrismation
- St. Stylianos (Vince Lizzio) Chrismation



RENE AND NATANIA HANNA INVITE YOU TO  
THE BAPTISM OF THEIR DAUGHTERS

*Tatiana & Xenia*

7 MAY 2022 AT 1:00PM

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

5191 LENNON RD

FLINT, MI 48507

Dancing, Drinks and Hor D'Oeuvres to follow  
2:30pm

Masonic Hall

(7449 Miller Rd Swartz Creek, MI 48473)

Kindly RSVP to Natania by April 16th 315-572-1194

# PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

Pascha is right around the corner and now is a good time to disconnect from electronics and refocus on your edification through spiritual reading. We have several books available in our parish lending library!

The Library covers the following topics and MORE!

Introduction to Orthodoxy, Orthodox Theology, Patristics, Spiritual Study, Children's Books, Service Books, Orthodox Living & Prayer, Orthodox Ethics, Church History, Lives of the Saints, Liturgical Theology



**P**

**NOW AVAILABLE**

**Parish Kiosk Gift Certificates**

**For purchase at any value for any occasion. See Rebekah in the parish office to purchase yours as a gift today!**

**A K**

**R I**

**I O**

**We have hot/cold tumblers for sale for \$20 each. These are great for your summer adventures out on the boat or out in the woods!!!**

**S S**

**What a great way to share your faith!**

**H K**

# UPCOMING CHOIR REHEARSALS



## Holy melodists and hymnographers



St Romanos  
the Melodist



St Kosmas  
the Poet



St Sabbas  
of Buzău



St Joseph the  
Hymnographer



St John of  
Damascus



St Andrew of  
Crete



St John  
Koukouzelis



The Holy Prophet  
King David



St Gregory  
Domestikos



St Cecilia



St Kassiani



St Joseph  
the Merciful

THANK YOU!!!  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Parish would like to  
give thanks to God  
for all of our choir  
members  
throughout Great  
Lent, Holy Week  
and Pascha!

Your devotion of  
your talents made  
the Feasts of Feasts  
that much more  
incredible!

NO rehearsals this  
month as you  
earned time off!!



## MAY'S CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

**MAY 1:  
LAST DAY OF CLASSES  
PASCHA EGG HUNT  
END OF THE YEAR ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Greetings to everyone and many thanks to all of you who have supported Church School this year. As I have said repeatedly, we are incredibly blessed with bright, curious children, dedicated parents and a staff of hardworking, dedicated people. Thank you, everyone!!

So, we find ourselves at the end of the church school year. The Pre-k through 8th grade classes will meet on May 1 for a final class followed by the Annual Pascha Egg Hunt and the end of the year Ice Cream Party. We have adjusted the schedule to be sure there is plenty of time to prepare for the beginning of the expansion. There are many things to move and limited space to move them too. Again, thanks to everyone for being flexible.

The high school class plans to meet on May 8 and May 15 to complete a project they have been working on.

Stayed tuned for news about the plan for next year. I am hopeful that our current teachers will continue in their roles. If you have an interest in working in this ministry, please feel free to contact me at any time.



Yours in Christ,  
Terri Oginsky  
Church School Coordinator  
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CHILDREN'S SERMON ON THE LIFE OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN!

*Pascha Egg Hunt  
&  
Ice Cream Social*

ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY & CHURCH SCHOOL

2439 S. LONG LAKE RD

FENTON, MI 48430



SMMOY

ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
ORTHODOX YOUTH

UPCOMING  
GATHERING

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

Thank you to our teens who came together to provide a most excellent Pan-Orthodox Pancake Breakfast for Lazarus Saturday.

Thank you to those who stayed the night and kept Vigil at the Tomb and those who read from the Old Testament Readings.



LAZARUS SATURDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



## CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!

As is our custom here at St. Mary Magdalene we would like to honor all of those graduating in 2022 from either High School or College.

***Please send an email to [smmocafenton@gmail.com](mailto:smmocafenton@gmail.com) with the following information by Wednesday, May 21 to be included in the June Monthly Newsletter.***

Full Name of Graduate

Name of the school from which they are graduating

Name of the school they will be attending (if continuing education)

Name of degree earned or area of study they will be going into.

A baby picture or a today picture of the graduate.

Reach out to Rebekah at the parish office with any questions.

# COLLEGE CORNER

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Katherine Arnes  
Oliver Senter  
Sydney Wilkenson  
Renee Wilkenson  
Katerina Jonescu  
Katheryn Brcic  
Alexandra Kekel  
Abigail Arnes  
Tea Jonascu  
Ethan Durand  
Justin Auxier

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“AN INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH LED BY THE  
FAITHFUL OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
ORTHODOX CHURCH”

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SIGNED OUR PASCHA CARDS FOR OUR SHUT-INS  
WE RECEIVED SEVERAL MESSAGES ABOUT HOW PRECIOUS THESE CARDS WERE  
TO THOSE WHO COULD NOT CELEBRATE PASCHA IN PERSON.

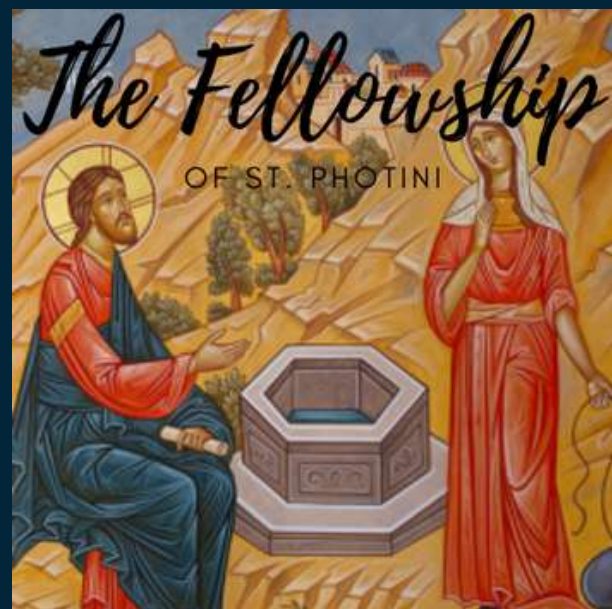
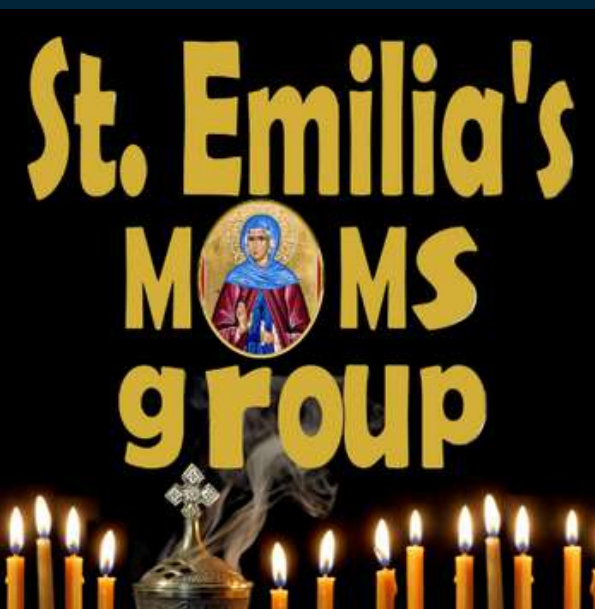
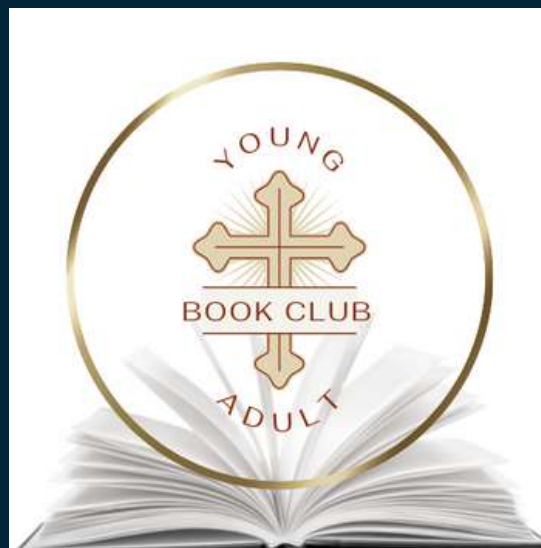
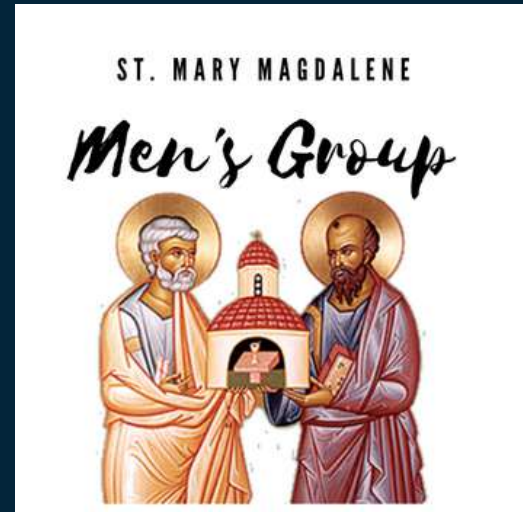
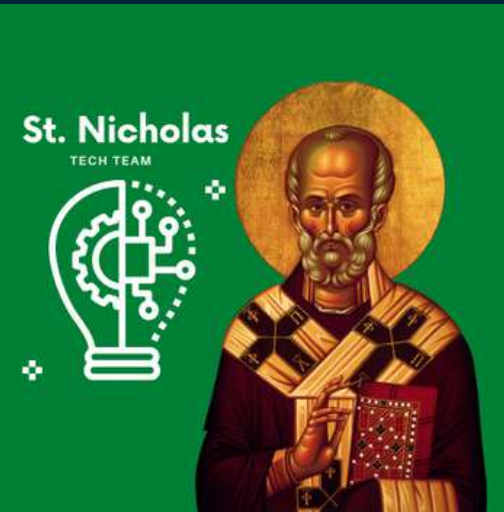
WE HAVE NO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MAY AS WE FOCUS ON THE TRANSITION  
TO OUR NEW WORSHIP SPACE.

Please contact Deacon Mike or the Parish  
office if you would like to join the efforts of  
the Fellowship of St. Photini

*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



# PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS





**St. Mary Magdalene**

Parish Council

## Upcoming Meetings:

**May 10th, 7:00pm**  
**June 14th, 7:00pm**

### Parish Council Members

Joe Otis, Chair  
Reader Chris Ballnik, Secretary  
Ann Schutt, Treasurer  
David Welch  
Tina Shepherd  
Subdeacon Andrew Durand  
Rachel Burtka  
Terri Oginsky

Alternate: Jay Rice



# FELLOWSHIP AGAPE MEALS

Agape (Greek agapē): in the New Testament, the fatherly love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God. In Scripture, the transcendent agape love is the highest form of love and is contrasted with eros, or erotic love, and philia, or brotherly love.

## Sobornost: Divine-Human Oneness

Sobornost means spiritual harmony based on freedom and unity in love. It is a necessary component in our membership with the Body of Christ, for if we are not bound together in love, our freedom becomes our enemy, separating us from others and ultimately from Christ Himself. This concept was so important to early Christians that it was the basis for the agape meal, when Christians shared their food with one another after the celebration of the eucharistic banquet.

That the pre-communion fast would be broken after the Divine Liturgy with a communal meal (the love feast) clearly demonstrates the importance of community within the life of the Church. Sobornost is the divine human oneness we experience as members of the on Body, the Church, and is the moment when we who are many become one. It is the image of the unity of the Holy Trinity, finding its expression among the believers.

Sobornost is not the same as fraternity, a submission to a brotherhood for benefit of the individual. Rather, it is akin to *kenosis* (the relinquishment of divine attributes by Jesus Christ in becoming human) Sobornost is when the individual gives up self-benefit for the community or ecclesia.

We cannot truly be one in Christ if we do not seek out oneness with our fellow Christians. Nor can we be one with Christ if we routinely reject sobornost for heights of spirituality that make us so conscious of self that they separate us from our neighbor.

*-"The Morning Offering" Abbot Tryphon November 16th*

## 2022 AGAPE

### MEAL SCHEDULE

**May 1st:** Agape Meal bring a dish to pass - Egg Hunt for the kids.

**June 12th:** Holy Pentecost, bring a dish to pass

**July 24th:** First Responders Blessing, Main Meal provided please bring a dessert to share, **TBD**

**August:** No Agape Meal

**September 18th:** Agape Meal, bring a dish to pass

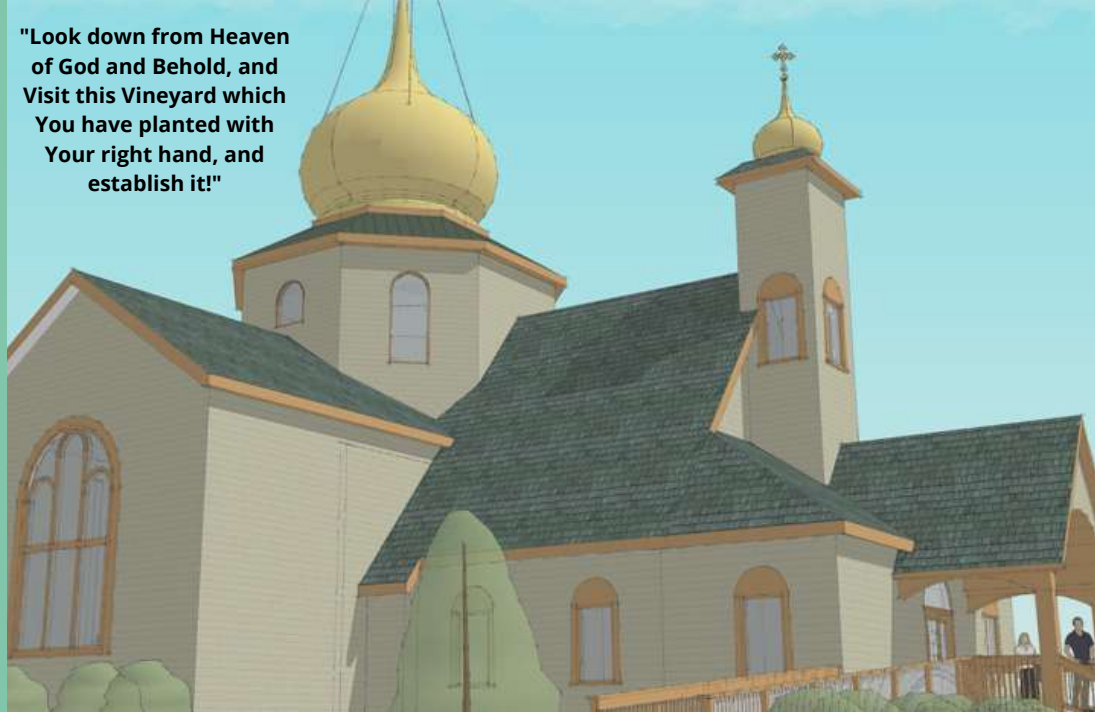
**October 9th:** October Fest bring a dish to pass, **TBD**

**November 13th:** Veterans Lunch, main dish provided, please bring a dish to pass, **TBD**

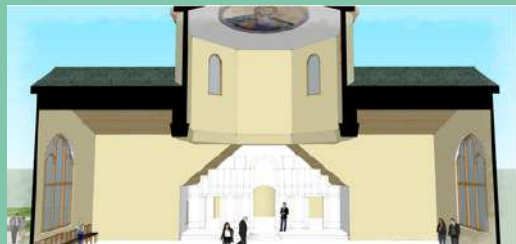
**December 11th:** Agape Meal (Fasting)

**December 24th:** Holy Supper, **TBD**

"Look down from Heaven of God and Behold, and Visit this Vineyard which You have planted with Your right hand, and establish it!"



Outdoors from the front of the building.



The inside of the Sanctuary.



Outdoors from the back of the building.



**St. MARY  
MAGDALENE**  
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# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WE BREAK GROUND THIS MAY!!!!



## EXPANDING THE MISSION

By the Grace of God, since the founding of the mission in 2002, our Lord has indeed allowed tremendous growth to our little parish in the woods. The time has now come, as was the hope of our founding members, to complete the expansion of our Church Temple in order to accommodate an ever growing parish family!

## WORSHIPING IN THE CENTER OF THE CROSS

Beginning in 2019, the parish began to make plans for a future expansion with the goal of doubling the size of our current worship space, while still maintaining the "Little" Church feel by keeping the faithful in close proximity to the altar. The expansion calls for each side of the existing temple to extend out into the shape of a cross, leaving us to worship in the very center of the cross which is where Christians belong!



## WINDOWS INTO THE PAST

Along with the new additions, we have been given the blessing to acquire the stain-glass icon windows from St. Tikhon's Monastery, the oldest Orthodox Monastery in the country, thus tying a small piece of History from the Orthodox Church in America to our little parish in the woods.

## A TREMENDOUS BLESSING

We have received a commitment from a private donor who has offered to match any donation dollar for dollar, up to \$500,000! If God so wills that we are able to make the most of this incredible gift, we should be able to cover the cost of the expansion without the need of a mortgage!

**If you would like to help take advantage of this blessing, checks can be made out to St. Mary Magdalene with the memo "Building Fund".**

## HOW CAN YOU HELP FULFILL THE MISSION?

The first and most important thing that all of us can do is to pray, by adding this prayer to your daily intentions:

"O Lord our God, we ask that you bless the good intentions and works of the faithful of St. Mary Magdalene parish, and by the Grace Guidance, and indwelling of the Most Holy Good and Life Creating Spirit, allow it to build up it's Holy Community to Your Glory. For unto You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen!"

How can you help?

1. Like and share our social posts to spread awareness
2. Keep us in your prayers as we embark on this new mission.
3. Give as you are able, remember we have a matching donor that will meet dollar for dollar up to \$500,000 so no amount of giving is too small!

How to give.

1. Checks can be made payable to St. Mary Magdalene with "building fund" in the memo line and mailed to St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church 2439 S. Long Lake Rd - Fenton, MI 48430
2. Visit our website at <http://www.st-marymagdalene.org> and click the donate button on the bottom right hand side of the page
3. Cash can be dropped at the Parish Office Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am & 3pm or by appointment.
4. The parish also has options available for investment transfers of appreciated stocks, bonds and mutual funds. For more information on this option call the parish office at 810-750-1401.

Please join us for our 41st

# MACEDONIAN OPEN



## GOLF SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022

LUNCH & REGISTRATION @ 11 AM

SHOTGUN START @ \*\*12 NOON\*\*

Dinner & Prizes following golf

### \$125 PER GOLFER INCLUDES:

- 18 HOLES OF GOLF W/ CART
  - GOLF SCRAMBLE FORMAT
  - FULL USE OF DRIVING RANGE
  - FLINT CONEYS FOR LUNCH
  - LONG DRIVE CONTEST
  - CLOSEST TO THE PIN CONTEST
  - BUFFET DINNER
  - PRIZES & AWARDS AT DINNER
- \*ASK ABOUT THE SKINS GAME AT CHECK-IN\*

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:**  
**ST. NICHOLAS**  
**ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
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 Grand Blanc, MI 48439 flintelks222.com

#### SPONSORSHIP INFO:

##### HOLE SPONSOR \$125

includes 1 sign on course; plus recognition in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

##### CONTEST SPONSOR \$200

includes 1 sign sponsoring one of the contests (closest to pin, long drive, veges hole); plus recognition in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

##### BIRDIE SPONSOR \$500

includes 1 golfer & 1 sign by the putting green; plus recognition at dinner; in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

##### EAGLE SPONSOR \$1,000

includes 4 golfers & 1 sign by the putting green; plus special recognition at dinner; in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

##### \*PLATINUM SPONSOR \$2,500\*

includes 4 golfers & 1 large sign by the putting green; plus special recognition at dinner; in our thank you flyer and the Church newsletter

##### PRIZE SPONSOR \$200 or \$500

donations will be used to purchase door prizes for the golfers and/or prizes for the banquet dinner; includes recognition at the prize table, in our thank you flyer and the Church newsletter

Individuals, families and businesses are all welcome and encouraged to become a sponsor or make a cash donation

\*\*\*Please return this portion by June 3rd\*\*\*

**GOLFER # 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**GOLFER # 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GOLFER # 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GOLFER # 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: if you do not have a foursome we can place you in one

#### REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM

Golfer(s) (\$125 per Golfer)

Sponsor a Hole (\$125)

Contest Sponsor (\$200)

Birdie Sponsor (\$500)

Eagle Sponsor (\$1,000)

Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500)

Prize Sponsor (\$200 or \$500)

Cash Donation (amount) \_\_\_\_\_

(in lieu of donating a prize this year

please consider a cash donation)

**= TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

Please write Name/Logo/Info to put on sign in box below:

Note: if you have .jpg file (or another format) of your logo please email it to Chris Nedanis at: cned77@gmail.com

#### Make Checks Payable to:

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**  
'memo' to read: Macedonian Open

#### Mail Entry Form & Payment to:

ATTN: Macedonian Open  
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
2143 S. Center Rd.  
Burton, MI 48519

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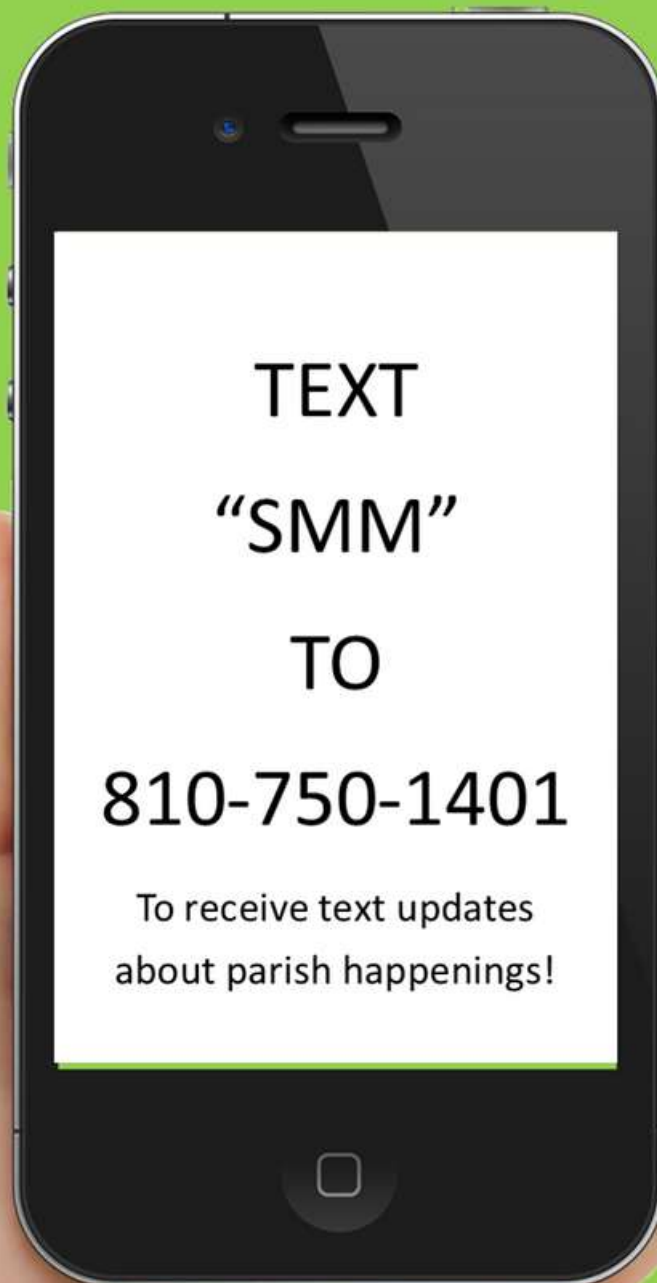




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Donation of

\$500.00

# REFERRAL PROGRAM

To benefit the Building Expansion Project

Know anyone who is looking to buy or sell a home in the state of Michigan? Conne Terova of Real Estate One is offering an incentive program to benefit the St. Mary Magdalene Church Expansion Fund by offering a \$500.00 donation for every referral that results in a sold home!

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