

October 2023



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Precious & Lifegiving Cross
September 14, 2023

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*or by appointment

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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

Feast of the Protection of Our Lord

On the Sunday, the 1st of October, we celebrate the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos.

Great Vespers, Lijtja, and Confessions will be at the regular time of 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 30th.

Divine Liturgy will be at the regular time, beginning at 9:40 PM with the Hours on Sunday Morning.

Choir Rehearsals

Now that the summer is coming to an end, it is time to start ramping up our regular choir rehearsals, leading us towards the Nativity Season. In October, we have a full choir rehearsal

set for October 14th, a Women's Sectional on October 21st, and a Men's Sectional on October

28th. All rehearsals begin at 2:30 PM and take us up to Great Vespers! If you are currently in

the choir, or have been thinking of lending us your singing voice, please plan on coming to the assigned rehearsals!

Prayer Service for the Sick and Suffering

Our regular prayer service for the sick and suffering is now being changed to the 2nd Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:00 PM. October 10th will be our next one. Please be sure to submit the names of those who are in need of special prayers by going to our website (<http://www.st-marymagdalene.org/prayers-for-the-sick-and-suffering>)

Diocesan Conference in Fort Wayne, IN

On the weekend of October 7th and 8th, Fr. Gabriel will be attending the annual Diocesan Conference with His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Eminence Archbishop Alexander at our Diocesan Cathedral in Fort Wayne, IN. Our parish delegate that was voted on by the parish council is Ann Helena Schutt. Please keep them both in prayer as they attend the conference!

Metanoia Continues

Our Metanoia Course continues on through October every Wednesday Evening beginning at 6:30 PM. This class is not only for inquirers and catechumens, but also for those who want to further study the ins and outs of the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith. If you want to learn more, or are interested in attending the class and receiving the materials, please reach out to Fr. Gabriel or Rebekah Humphreys.

One Year Panaxhida Service for Elizabeth Ziats

There will be a one year memorial service for Elizabeth Ziats before Great Vespers on Saturday, October 28th, beginning at 4:30 PM.

"I WILL SING PRAISE TO YOUR NAME O MOST HIGH!"

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GABRIEL



In the city of Constantinople, there was once a young monk named Romanus who acted as the Church Sacristan for perhaps the greatest Christian Church ever built, Hagia Sophia. Despite spending time in what St. Vladimir's emissaries called "heaven on earth", the young monk would often leave the Church and spend his nights alone in the field, where he would be deep in prayer and growing in his love for our Lord.

Despite his many talents and knowledge of the services, there was one thing that the monk Romanus was not skilled at...singing. Once, on Christmas eve, he was assigned to chant for the service, but he read so poorly that the clergy made another chanter to come to take his place. It became somewhat of a joke, so much so that the others ridiculed Romanus, which devastated him even more than his inability to chant in the Church. Dejected, he went to the one place where he found comfort... in the arms of prayer.

Although young Romanus didn't realize it at the time, he was about to receive a Christmas gift that not only would change his entire life...but effect even our lives as Orthodox Christians now centuries later. While in deep and tear-filled prayer, Romanus received a visitation from the Mother of God as he was praying before her holy icon. Just like the prophets of old, she gave him a scroll and commanded him to eat it. The Theotokos gave her blessing and disappeared from the monk's presence.

Later that evening at the all-night Vigil, Romanus was overcome by the Holy Spirit, and at a certain point of the service, in a voice that sounded as if the angels of heaven themselves had entered the temple, the Church heard for the first time the Kontakion that we still sing today on Christmas come from his lips:



To this day, we call hymns sung for Feasts or the Saints "Kontakia", which is the Greek name for the small pole on which a scroll is wrapped around. This is in honor of the vision of the Theotokos coming down to St. Romanus, after which he went on to compose a thousand hymns, a few of which are still used to this day by Christians to glorify God.

This weekend, in honor of the Feast of St. Romanus the melodist, we offer praise and thanksgiving for one of the most important ministries of the Church. We give thanks to the all-mighty God for those men and women who dedicate their time and (like St. Romanus) their **God given** talent to the singing of the hymns that penetrate our very souls. Today, we honor the Choir of Angels that our parish in particular is so blessed to have with us.

"I WILL SING PRAISE TO YOUR NAME O MOST HIGH!"

CONTINUED

In a recent epistle from Metropolitan Tikhon, His Beatitude reflects on just how important song is, not just in our worship services, but to the entire universe. He said:

“Even before the first Father Adam was formed, when the physical world was first coming into being, the scriptures speak of music: “The Morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy...Music is, in some mysterious way, a part of creation and a part of redemption, such that even heaven is filled with song...and this song, though it begins in time, extends beyond time, and is taken up by the angels and saints forever.”

Elsewhere in the writings of the Church Fathers, particularly St. Augustine, it is said that when *“you sing in the Church, you pray twice.”* These references and so many more are a testament to the importance of the biblical tradition of sacred song, *that has bridged the gap between those ancient songs sung by the prophets and patriarchs, to the eternal songs sung by the angels and the saints.*

All of that being said, I want to re-iterate something extremely important, most especially those who are just joining the Church and to all of our catechumens. The Church is not a Grace dispensary where our only role is to consume these gifts that we receive at every service. It is rather a Holy Place in which we receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit, and are called to plant it, cultivate it, grow it, and spread it to the rest of the world. All of us, from the oldest parishioner down to the child that is still in the womb have an important role to play, most especially in the ministry of worship.

For those that are in the choir, I encourage you all to take this incredible ministry and to grow it. Encourage others to join. Practice the sacred hymns here at Church and at home. It is a tremendous blessing and a position of leadership to be a part of the choir, and it is the responsibility of each of you to grow and mature not only individually, but together as you continue to praise the Lord with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

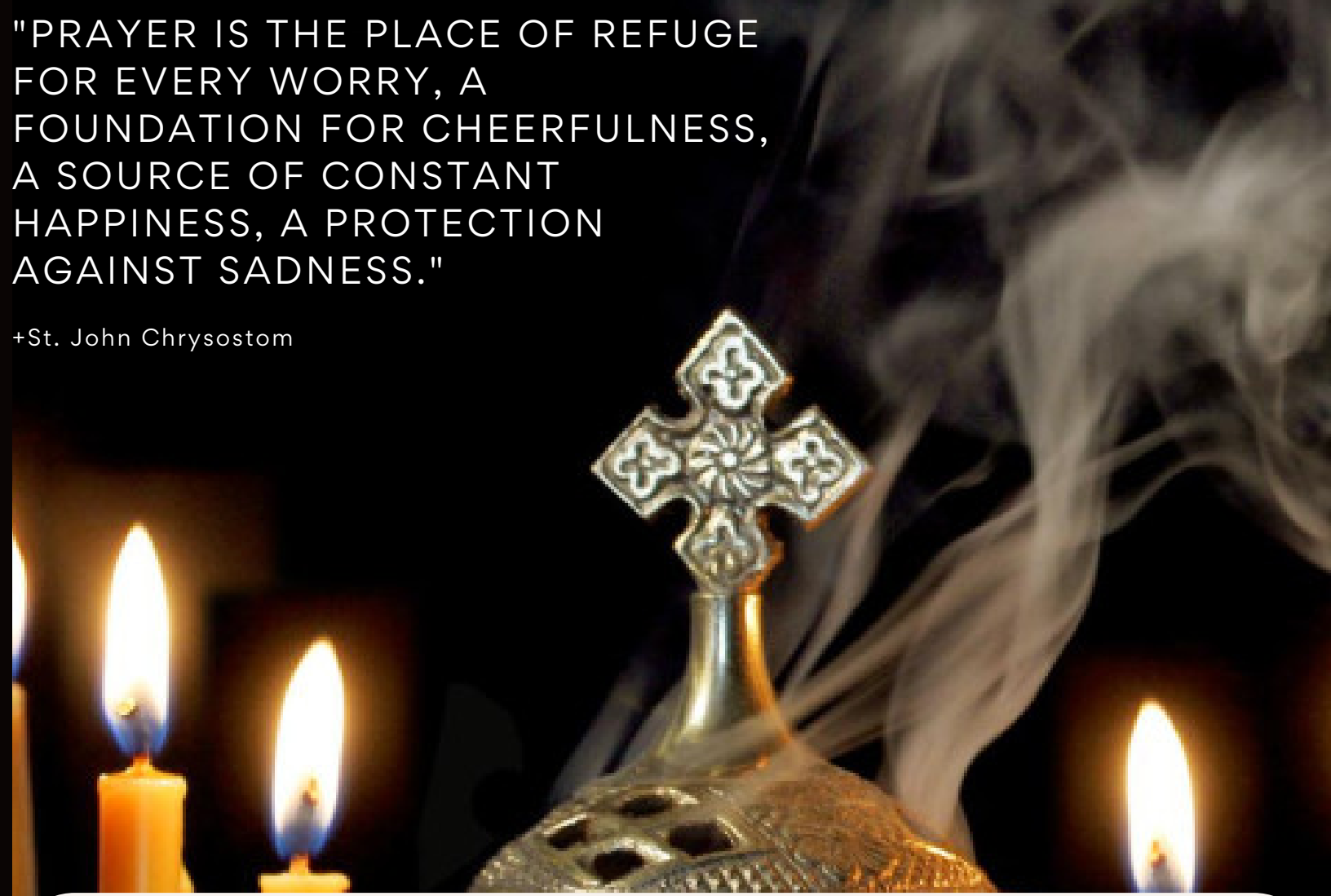
For those who have the ability to sing but do not find yourself currently in the choir, I encourage you today to take on the ministry of joining the angelic voices who lead us in prayer. If you can read music, if you can teach voice, if God has graced you with any vocal talent whatsoever, please offer that gift back to God! Encourage your children to sing, albeit a little quieter than the choir!

For those that might be like St. Romanus before his visitation from the Theotokos, who cannot carry a tune or have a problem staying on pitch, I ask that you humble yourself. Singing might not be a ministry that God has called you to, but there are so many other ways with which we can offer music to our Lord. A wonderful example of this is that we are always in need of new members to learn how to ring the bells to call all of us to worship!

May our Lord be well pleased with our sacrifice of praise, and rejoice over us, and quiet us with his love, and sing over us in his joy!

"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*

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|------------|-----------|
| Archpriest | Theresa |
| Polycarp | Doug |
| Dn. Peter | Conne |
| Vinne | Sumner |
| Elaine | Marilee |
| David | David |
| Pat | Jamie |
| Michael | George |
| Lauren | Tom |
| Mason | Ryan |
| Theresa | Sonya |
| Robert | Anna |
| Linda | Malanie |
| Arminda | Elizabeth |
| Martin | Richard |
| Shirley | Josiah |
| Nadia | Geanette |
| Bryan | Paul |

Seminarian Family

- Reader Paisios,
Anna, John,
Theodore & Baby
Hamann

Mother's With Child

- Anna
Dania
Inna
Anna
Catherine
Sydney

Catechumenate

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| Sarah | Derek |
| Jeannie | Alexis |
| Monica | Maverick |
| Eric | Kamden |
| Jerry | Ryan |
| Landen | Morgan |
| Ethan | Milo |
| Allison | |
| Stella | |
| Vera | |
| Kane | |
| Stephanie | |
| Matthew | |

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

- 18-Veronia Sepanko
18-Andrew Joseph
30-Liz Ziats

Recently Departed

- Mat. Priscilla
James

**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
William Keegan & Lauren Peters
Jeff Schalk & Julia Zayan
Jared Torrey & Ruthanne Yelland

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 second Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm. Please contact the parish office to add any names to the prayer list.

Birthdays

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| 1-Paisios Hamann | 18-John Walton |
| 3-Greg Jannakos | 19-Seth Hillaker |
| 3-Terri Oginsky | 19-Vince Lizzio |
| 7-Nektarios Smith | 19-Juniper Oginsky |
| 10-Doug Auxier | 20-Asher Wolf |
| 14-Isabella Otis | 22-James Oginsky |
| 14-Tea Jonascu | 23-Hunter Dollins |
| 15-Irelynd Otis | 24-Rilynn Jannkaos |
| 15-Fr. Alexander Earl | 24-Lauren Peters |
| 16-Joyce Ballnik | 30-David Brcic |
| 16-Keith Bieganski | |

Anniversaries

1-Mykola Newmerzyckyj & Michelle Rosynsky
6-Chris & Rachel Burtka
11-John & Brianna Walton
14-Michael & Angelina Lionas
14-Seraphim & Anna Pardee
17-Rdr Christopher & Robyn Ballnik
18-John & Delia Bartley
26-Kurt & Ann Schutt

Weddings

September: John Peters & Jaclyn Selewski

New Catechumens

Ryan, Morgan, Milo

Recent Funerals

None this month

PARISH LIFE

THIS MONTH

Fellowship of St. Photini October Outreach Ministry:

Blanket Making Project October 1- 29th

Metanoia: Wednesdays in October, 6:30pm

October 3: Bell Practice

October 6-8: Diocesan Conference in Ft. Wayne, IN

October 10:
Prayer Service for Sick & Suffering, 6pm
Parish Council, 7pm

October 12: Parish Monthly Akathist followed by Young Adult Fellowship

October 17-20: Pastoral Conference in Chicago

October 22: SMMOY Escape Room Fellowship Event

October 26: Men's Group Outing, 6pm at the Bilas Home

October 28: One year Parastasis for Liz Ziats

October 29: Church School Fall Harvest Fest



Keep our new catechumens in your prayers!

PARISH GREETERS

October 1: Steve & Sue Walton

October 8: Scott & Tina Shephard

October 15: George & Julie Jonascu

October 22: Seth & Mia Hillaker

October 29: Freida Owens

BELL RINGERS

October 1: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

October 8: Vivian Capatine & Tonya Rice

October 15: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

October 22: Vivian Capatine & Tonya Rice

October 29: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

COFFEE HOUR

October 1: Dave & Jaclyn Daugherty

October 8: Helen LoCassio & Vivian Capatina

October 15: Kurt & Ann Schutt

October 22: Brion & Thersa Cooley

October 29: Scott & Tina Shephard

EPISTLE READERS

October 1: Ruth Karabina & John Wolf

October 8: Rdr Tom Chaitalas & Jenni Otis

October 15: Rdr Chris Ballnik & Rdr Brian-Philip Walton

October 22: Rdr David Schutt & Rdr Tom Chaitalas

October 29: Seraphim Pardee & Rdr Chris Ballnik

A RECTOR'S PASTORAL REPORT

ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

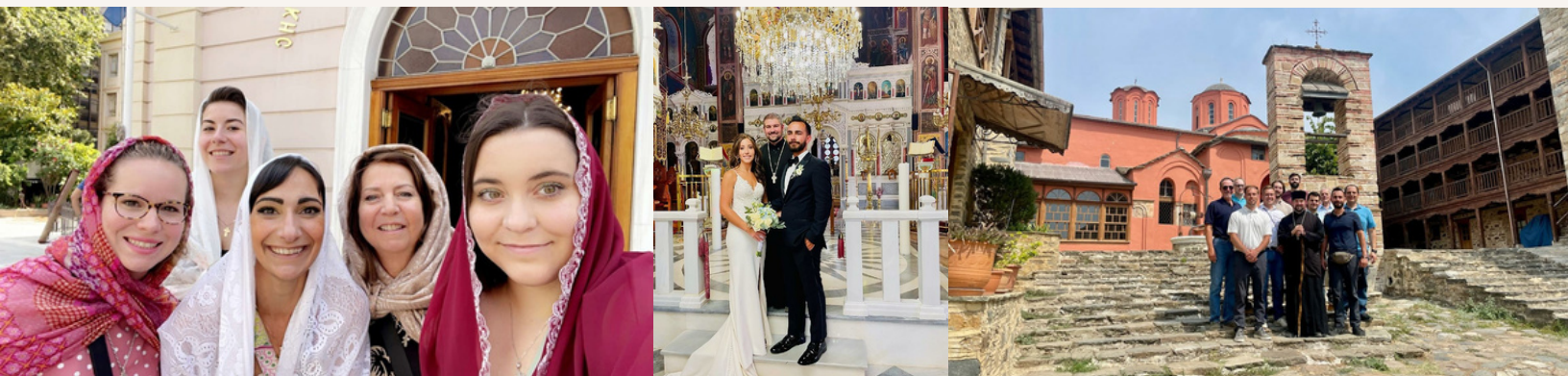
"UNLESS THE LORD BUILD'S THE HOUSE, THOSE WHO BUILD IT LABOR IN VAIN"

Worship: Glory to God for our continuing good attendance at Divine Services! Please make sure that you are moving as far forward as you can so that everyone can fit into our temporary chapel! Remember that this tight space is only temporary and we are in the home stretch of our building project for the temple! While we were in Greece, we received a new "diamond" style icon of St. Paisios from St. Andrew Skete on Mt. Athos, which was hung up in the Church. This icon was blessed in the home of St. Paisios on the Holy Mountain during my visit there last week. Holy St. Paisios pray unto God for our parish!

Community: Last month, we celebrated the marriage of John and Jaclyn Peters in Chios, Greece. This past weekend, we also added 14 new catechumens to our growing list. Continue to pray for Ethan, Allison, Stella, Vera, Derek, Alexis, Kamden, Maverick, Kane, Stephanie, Ryan, Morgan, Milo, and Matt as they begin their journey to Holy Orthodoxy.

Education: Metanoia classes began last semester. We have over 36 registered, with a vast majority of that made up of inquirers and catechumens. Church School also opened up with our "take home" set up. The children will review their lessons with the parents at home and report back to me on what they learned in order to receive a special prize from the prize box. The High School class began at the end of September, focusing on Orthodox Apologetics towards the difficult topics being brought into our High Schools today.

Stewardship: Coming up in October we will have our annual blanket making drive for the entire month. These blankets will be distributed to a local memory care facility. In September the beginning steps were made to start "The Holy Myrrhbearers" Ministry. This ministry will help parishioners and their families navigate the death and burial of a loved one.



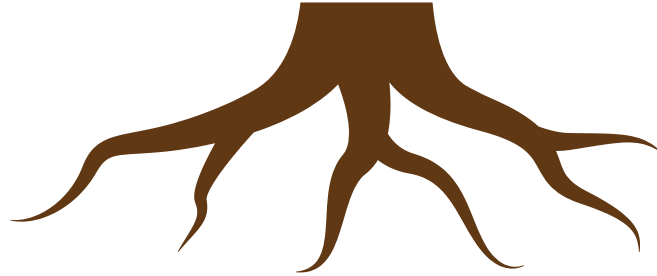
Some of our ladies in Thessaloniki

Marriage of
John & Sophia Peters

Some of our Men on Mt. Athos



THIS MONTH'S QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Q: Why Can't Bishops Marry in the Orthodox Church?

A: In the very early Church, Bishops were indeed married. We hear about it in scripture in 1st Timothy: "A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, and able to teach...". Furthermore, we know Peter was married, as Christ healed his mother-in-law. Even early in the Church, St. Gregory the Great's father was Bishop of Nazianzus, after being converted by his wife Nonna.

The practice of being a married bishop eventually came out of practice throughout the entire Church, especially after monastic communities began to form after the Christian persecutions. As Christian communities began to spread and become larger, the responsibility of each Bishop to have so many souls under his omophorion made celibacy almost a necessity. It is now a common practice amongst all Orthodox Churches to select candidates for the Episcopacy from the ranks of the Monasteries.

Q: In Matthew 24, the Disciples ask Jesus what the signs will be that mark Christ's second coming, and the end of the age. How did the Disciples know Jesus would come again before he had died, risen, and ascended? For most of the Gospel stories, the disciples seem clueless. In this case, they seem to know about the second coming before Christ even told them!

A: I think we need to start with the understanding that not everything said or taught is recorded in the Gospels. The end of the Gospel of John says: "And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I supposed that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." It would be naive of us to think that all what Jesus had said is written in the Gospels.

That being said, the Gospels are full of Christ preparing His Disciples for what was to come in the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, even though it had not happened yet. Matthew 16:21: "From that time, Jesus began to show the disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised on the Third day."

Mark 9:31: "He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the Third day."

As far as His Ascension into Heaven, there are references in John where he says: "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you."

It is fair to say that Jesus taught His disciples exactly what was going to happen...but they still had the same doubts. "Ok, so you will be crucified, resurrected, will go to your father...but when is the enthronement of the Messiah happening? When is the end of our age? When is our que to go and draw swords and wipe these romans out?!"



St. Mary Magdalene

Parish Council

Upcoming Meetings:

All Meetings begin at 7:00pm

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| 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:



If you have any questions regarding the building project please reach out to our contractor Jonathan Peters or to a member of parish council.

September Highlights:

- The interior of the dome was completed including the new insert
- Concrete entrances and stairs were poured.
- Several Inspections were completed so that finishing work may begin
- The mold issue in the basement was treated and cleaned up.
- Iconographers are scheduled to be in October.



TOTAL MONEY SPENT

JANUARY 1, 2022-

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

\$1,477,770.15

DONATION FROM PRIVATE DONOR

\$807,781.60

REMAINING FUNDS IN FLAGSTAR RESTRICTED

AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

\$2,454.76

TOTAL FINANCED BY OCCIF FOR PROJECT

COMPLETION

\$550,000

REMAINING OCCIF BALANCE AS OF

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

\$542,961.69

AVERAGE MONTHLY

OCCIF PAYMENT

\$3,554.23

TOTAL BUILDING FUND DONATIONS SINCE

JANUARY 1, 2023

\$14,054.00

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

This month we will once again take part in our annual blanket making project. Starting Sunday, October 1st, we will begin our annual blanket making drive. All materials will be available to you in a kit with instructions.

We ask that families sign-out a kit and take it home and make it in a pet free/smoke free environment. If you need a space to make the blanket talk to Rebekah for a time to use the education center.

When you complete the blanket, sign it back in and deliver it to the church. The last day to return blankets will be Sunday the 29th. All the blankets will be going to a local memory care facility. If you have any questions about this project, reach out to Vivian Capatina or Helen LoCascio.

UPCOMING



November- December : Seminarian Angel Tree

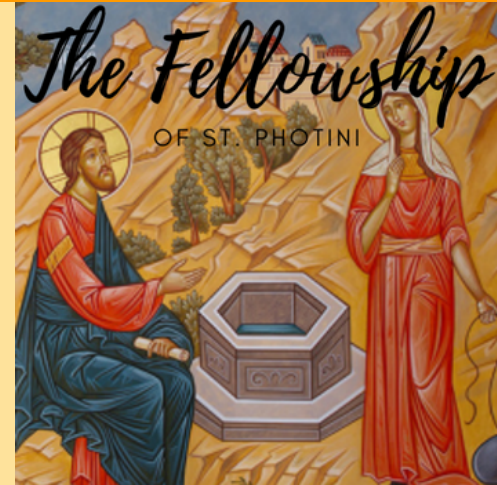
December- Cards for our shut ins and Christmas Day Caroling

*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”



Fellowship of St. Photini



ANNUAL BLANKET MAKING

All blankets made will go to charity.

OCTOBER 1ST - OCTOBER 29TH

CHECK OUT A BLANKET KIT*

MAKE A BLANKET WITH YOUR FAMILY

RETURN YOU BLANKET

*PLEASE MAKE YOU BLANKET IN A PET FREE & SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT. IF YOU NEED A PLACE TO MAKE A BLANKET THE EDUCATION CENTER IS AVAILABLE. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A TIME.

For more information please reach out the Helen LoCascio or Vivian Capatina.

PARISH EXTRAS

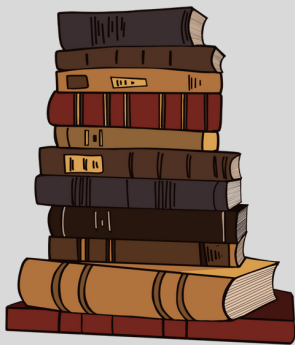
PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

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

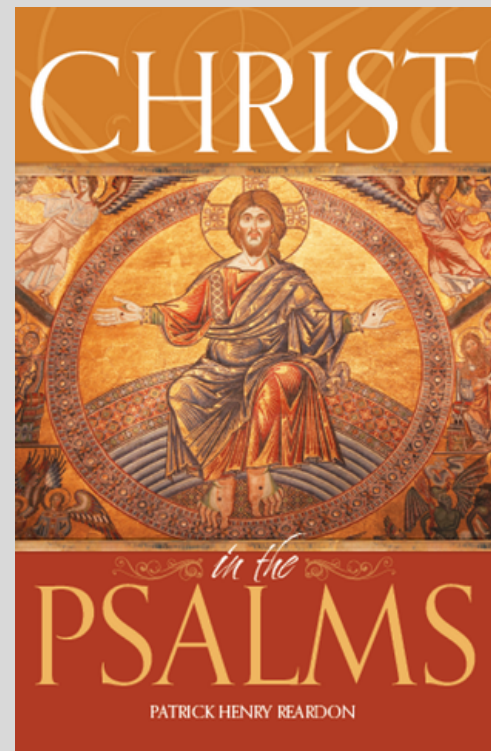


The parish kiosk is still up and running. There will be new home prayer corner items arriving shortly. If you are looking for something and do not see it please reach out to the parish office so we can order it for you!

CHRIST IN THE PSALMS FR PATRICK HENRY REARDON

Christ in the Psalms takes the reader on a thought-provoking and enlightening pilgrimage through this beloved prayer book of the Church. Lively and highly devotional, this book holds a wealth of insight into the beloved Scriptures, the world of the Early Church, and the Apostles themselves, who constantly used and referred to the Psalms in their own writings. Appropriate for Great Lent or any other time of the year.

Part of the current Pan-Orthodox Book Study. with Fr. Michael Basset. Copies available in our library or in the Kiosk for \$20 each.



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



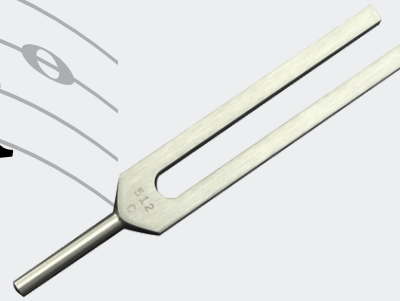
Regular Bell Ringing Rehearsals

1st Tuesday of the Month, 10:30am

1st Sunday of the Month following Divine Liturgy

This ministry needs new volunteers! If you are interested contact Cindy Welch to join this ministry!

PARISH CHOIR



“CHURCH MUSICIAN SUNDAY”

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST!

**UPCOMING REHEARSALS:
ALL REHEARSALS ARE FROM 2:30PM-4:30PM**

Saturday, September 30- Men’s Sectional

Saturday, October 14- Full Choir

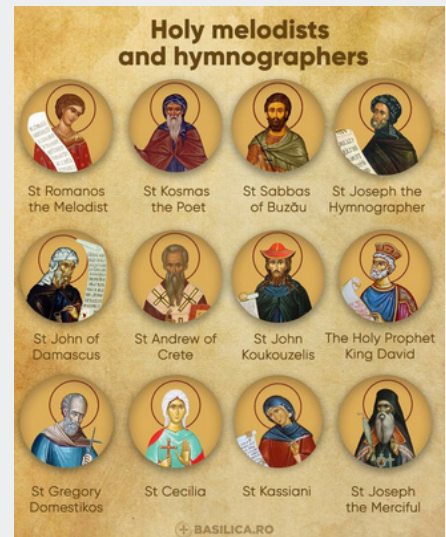
Saturday, October 21- Women’s Sectional

Saturday, October 28- Men’s Sectional

NATIVITY SERVICES REHEARSALS:

Saturday, November 18- Full Choir 2:30-3:30pm

Saturday, December 16-Full Choir 2:30-3:30pm



“*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!

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 29TH

Welcome to October!! The 8th through 12th grade students began meeting in September. Our team of teachers includes Subdeacon Andrew and Meghan Durand, Subdeacon John Auxier and Reader David Schutt. It should be a great year of learning for our students. Thank you to our teachers.

In September, we began providing a weekly "homework" assignment for all the children. These can be found in family folders in the container by the door. Registration forms can be found there as well if you still need to register your children. The goal is for all children to be registered so we can be organized and ready to begin once the church expansion is completed.

We are planning a monthly activity to bring the children together for fellowship. October is Fall Harvest Fest on October 29 following Divine Liturgy. There will be fun activities and food for all to enjoy. Mark your calendars!

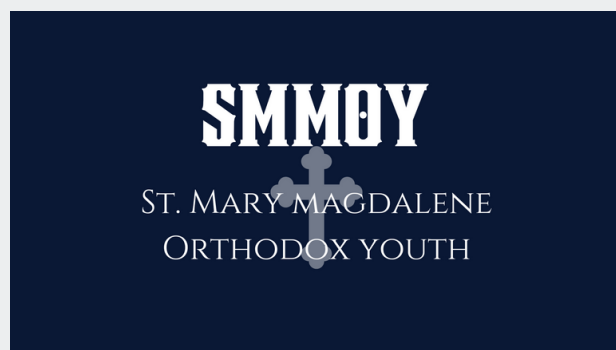
Please feel free to reach out to me with questions, concerns and ideas.

Yours in Christ,
Terri Oginsky
Church School Coordinator
989-906-0135 toginsky@gmail.com

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS



Katheryn Brcic
David Brcic
Alexandra Kekel
Abigail Arnes
Tea Jonascu
Ethan Durand
Justin Auxier
Ava Arnes
Francis Senter
Eliot Senter



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

3:00PM



PLEASE R.S.V.P.
IN THE BAND APP
IN THE COMING DAYS!

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Fall HARVEST FESTIVAL

CHURCH SCHOOL
FALL FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, September 29th

Following Divine Liturgy

2439 S. LONG LAKE RD

FENTON, MI 48430

GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND SNACK!

*If you would like to
volunteer for this event
please reach out to Terri
Oginsky or Mat. Laura*

Sponsored by:

CHURCH SCHOOL



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

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| 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 | Inexhaustable Cup |
| JULY | 6:00PM |
| 13 | St. Mary Magdalene |
| AUGUST | 6:00PM |
| 10 | St. Joseph the Hesychast |
| SEPTEMBER | 6:00PM |
| 21 | St. Iakovos of Evia |
| OCTOBER | 6:00PM |
| 12 | 12 Holy Apostles |
| NOVEMBER | 6:00PM |
| 9 | Archangel Michael |
| DECEMBER | 6:00PM |
| 14 | King David |

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| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH: | INTRODUCTORY CLASS FOR SEEKERS & CATECHUMENS |
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| WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH | THE EARLY CHURCH'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE EUCHARIST |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH: | REPENTANCE & THE MYSTERY OF CONFESSION |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH: | THE CHURCH & THE MYSTERY OF HOLY ORDERS & THE PRIESTHOOD |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH | THE ETERNITY OF MARRIAGE |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH: | WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE? -HOLY UNCTION |
| WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST: | DEATH & THE FUNERAL SERVICE |

"The Hidden Prayers of the Liturgy"

with Fr. Gabriel Bilas

While much of the Divine Liturgy is chanted out loud for all to hear, there are many ancient prayers and actions that are done silently by the Bishop or the Priest. In this Advent Mini-Series, we will be uncovering the "Hidden Liturgy" found in these powerful prayers and actions, which coincide with the invisible Heavenly Liturgy that simultaneously takes place.



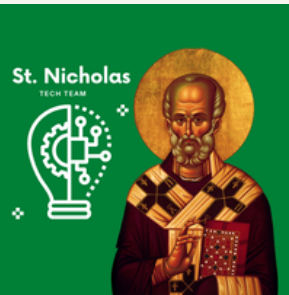
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Wednesday, November 29 | 6:00PM
Wednesday, December 6 | 6:00PM
Wednesday, December 13 | 6:00PM

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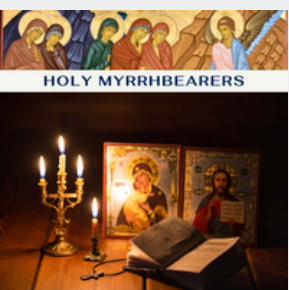
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THE ST. SOPHIA'S TOT TIME IS FOR PARENTS OF BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN TO COME TOGETHER FOR FELLOWSHIP, AND COFFEE, DURING THE WEEK. THE GROUP GATHERS ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY APPROX. 11:00AM -12:00PM (*THE GROUP STILL MEETS ON 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



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***Upcoming Events with
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PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB

LEAD BY FR. MICHAEL BASSETT

BOOK: "CHRIST IN THE PSALMS" BY FR. PATRICK HENRY REARDON

TENTATIVE MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 6:00PM AT ST. GEORGE (5191 LENNON RD FLINT)

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Orthodox Christian Women (OCW) Presents



The Role of Icons in the Orthodox Church

Rev. Fr. Teodor Petrutiu

Monday, October 9, 2023

7:00 PM

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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- 12- Veteran's Memorial Day
- 15-Nativity Fast Begins
- 21- Liturgy for the Entrance
- 22-Molebin of Thanksgiving
- 29-Mini Lecture Series begins

December

- 3- Annual Meeting
- 10-St. Nicholas Day Celebration
- 27-30 OCF retreat at Antiochian Village