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The Story of the Cross

A message from Fr. Gabriel

“The Cross is the guardian of the whole world. The Cross is the beauty of the Church. The Cross is the might of kings. The Cross is the confirmation of the faithful. The cross is the glory of the angels...and the wounding of demons”.

The Cross is everything for us! We bring it out to the center of the Church. We decorate it with beautiful and fragrant flowers. We bow down low before the **life-giving** wood. In all of these external movements, we give Glory to God for the Cross!

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, which we celebrate on September 14th, is one that is unknown to many in the modern Christian world, because you will not find it anywhere in Holy Scripture. It is found rather through Holy Tradition, in the history books, and in the hymnography of the Ancient Church.

When our Lord was taken down from the Cross, the instrument of His death remained on Golgotha for some time, before it was eventually thrown down into the trash heap near the spot of the crucifixion. A few decades later, after the city of Jerusalem was destroyed, Emperor Hadrian gave orders to build a temple over the land where the cross was buried to the Roman Goddess Venus, who was the Goddess of fornication, lust, and desire.

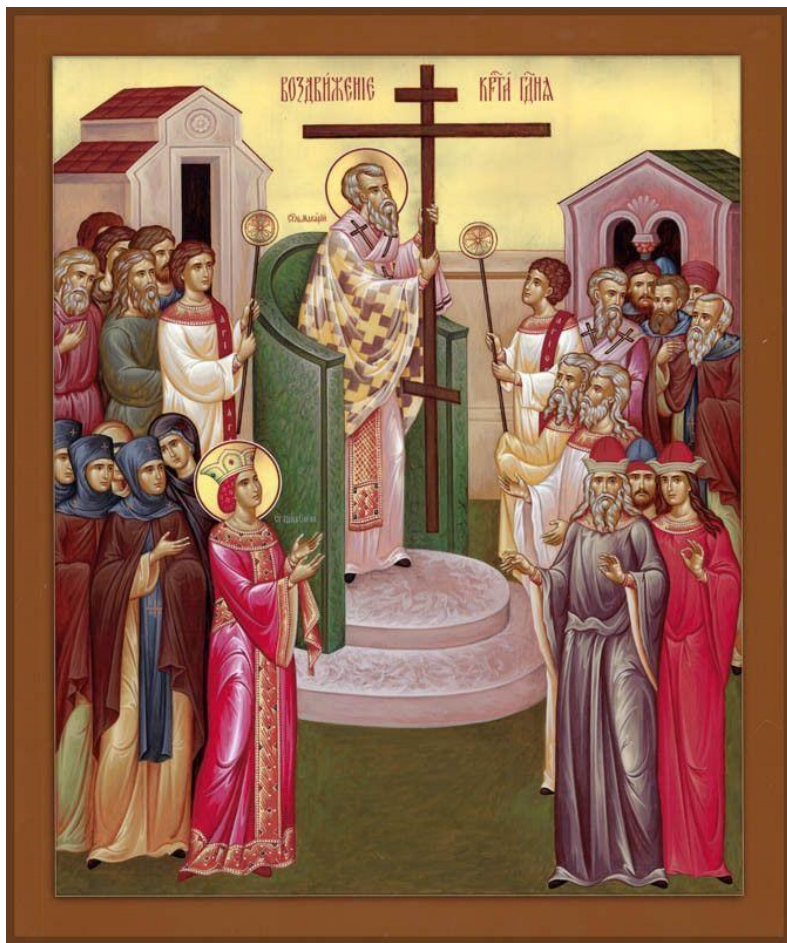


So imagine if you will, for several hundred years, on the very spot that the True God gave His life for the human race, He had to watch from above as His own creation offered sacrifices to the Goddess of the Passions, just a few meters above the Cross of Christ!

(When we come into an Orthodox Church, we see the cross of Christ depicted literally everywhere. It is on the Altar table, on the top of the Royal doors, even on the fabric of the icon stands. Many of our Churches are even designed to be constructed in the shape of the cross, leaving the faithful to worship in the very center of it! The Cross is everywhere! It is raised! It is prominent! It is exalted! Can we claim the same thing with our own spiritual crosses? How much is the cross exalted within us? Does our Lord's love take precedent in our own lives, above everything else in this world? Or is it sometimes buried, neglected, and "thrown into the trash heap" as we occupy ourselves with earthly concerns?)

After Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, which stopped the persecution of Christians throughout the empire, he sent his elderly mother St. Helen to Jerusalem to find the Holy Places that had been decimated and buried by the Pagans. After years of searching, she met with an elderly Hebrew man named Jude, who told her that Golgotha was buried beneath the temple of Venus.

St. Helen had the temple demolished and the land excavated, and it was there that they found three crosses, a board with the inscription "King of the Jews", and four nails that were used to put our Lord to death. In order to determine which of the crosses was that of Christ's, the Patriarch of Jerusalem ordered that a corpse be brought to the site. They laid a dead man on the three crosses, and when he was laid on the cross of our Lord, his eyes opened as he came to life!



The entire Christian world celebrated and rejoiced at the finding of the true cross! It was lifted up and exalted on high! One year later, Emperor Constantine ordered that the area surrounding Golgotha and the Empty Tomb be enclosed in a massive Church that was finished 9 years after the finding of the Cross. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, although it has been rebuilt several times throughout history, still stands today over those sacred sites, welcoming Christian pilgrims from around the world!

The history of the Cross reminds us of the one thing that is needed in order to dig through the trash heap of our passions and to dig out the spiritual cross that is within us: **Effort!** Being a half a world removed from the Holy Places that St. Constantine and Helen preserved for us, we do not have the benefit of walking into the Holy Sepulcher and physically experiencing the energy that radiates from the tomb of Christ. We rather gain true

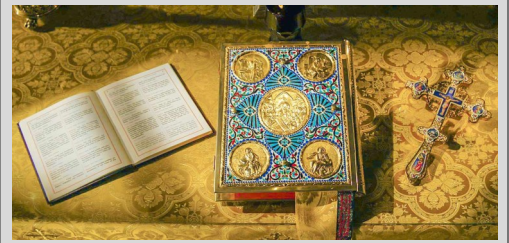
knowledge of the power of the Cross by doing what our Lord tells us in the Gospel: **Denying ourselves** of our own selfish wants and desires, **taking up** our hardships, sufferings, and doubts, and **following after Him**.

Month in Review

This past August, we were able to gain some wonderful connections in the community by utilizing the Shiawassee River on our parish property. Our parish hosted the first ever “Blessing of the Fleet” in conjunction with the Feast of the Procession of the Cross, and blessed several kayaks from local kayakers. The Tri-County Times was present and wrote a very wonderful article on the event. We look forward to continuing this new tradition next year around the Feast of the Cross!

Book of the Month Club

Beginning this month, for anyone who would like to join, we will come together on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00pm to discuss the book of the month (below). This month we will meet in the Education Center with the goal to eventually move from home to home for a more intimate setting. As you read try to bring 1-3 things that really struck you or warmed your heart, and want to share with everyone who attends! Wine and snacks will be provided.



This Month's Sunday Scripture Readings

September 6th:

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-43

September 13th:

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Matthew 22:1-14

September 20th:

2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Matthew 22:35-46

September 27th:

3 Corinthians 6:1-10

Luke 5:1-11



Recommended Book of the Month

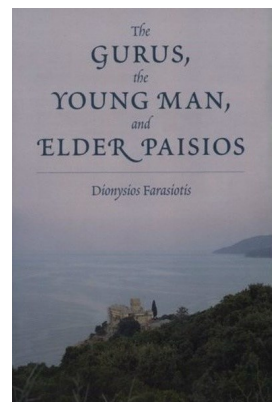
The Gurus, the Young Man, and Elder Paisios

By Dionysius Farasiotis

This powerful memoir tells the story of a Greek youth who, out of a desire to know the truth empirically, began to experiment in yoga, hypnotism, and various occult techniques. Eventually drawn back to the Faith of his forefathers—Orthodox Christianity—he visited the ancient monastic republic of Mount Athos in his native Greece, where he was brought to a knowledge of the Truth of Jesus Christ by the saintly Elder Paisios (1924–1994). Nevertheless, believing he had only found “part of the truth” on the Holy Mountain, he chose to give the “same opportunity” to Hindu yogis that he had given to Elder Paisios and other Orthodox monks. Thus, at the age of twenty-five, he embarked on a trip to India, where he undertook his search in the ashrams of three famous gurus, one of whom was worshipped as a god. His experiences in India, along with his subsequent encounters with Elder Paisios on Mount Athos, are recounted in the present book in vivid detail.

Popular in Greece since its first publication there in 2001, *The Gurus, the Young Man, and Elder Paisios* is a page-turning narrative of both outward adventures and inward struggles. What stands out most in this book, however, is the radiant image of Elder Paisios, possessed of divine gifts, laboring in prayer for his fellow man, and overflowing with unconditional love. Through this, one sees the uncreated Source of the elder’s love and of the author’s spiritual transformation: the true God-man Jesus Christ, Who honors man’s personal freedom while drawing him, through love, into everlasting union with Himself.

We have 2 copies of this book available for \$17 in our parish kiosk.



WISHING YOU MANY BLESSED YEARS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- † 6– Cindy Chiatas
- † 10– Harriet Raphael
- † 11– Emma Khoury & Alexandra Cooley
- † 13– Margaret Shipley
- † 19– Jerimiah Becklehamer
- † 20– Trisha Shephard & Abigail Arnes
- † 29– Jeremy Blohm
- † 30– Robyn Ballnik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

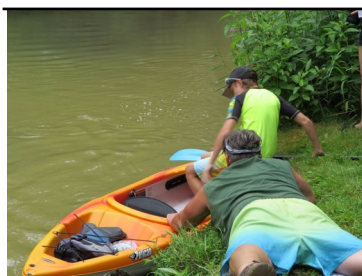
- † 6– Fr. Deacon Michael & Mat. Susan Schlaack
- † 6– Joe & Jenni Otis
- † 14– David & Salome Daugherty
- † 25– Bruce Watson & Rebecca Lazar
- † 26– George & Julie Jonascu
- † 28– John & Patricia Matts



Blessing of the Harvest for Holy Theophany



Reader Richard receiving the Diocesan Gramota

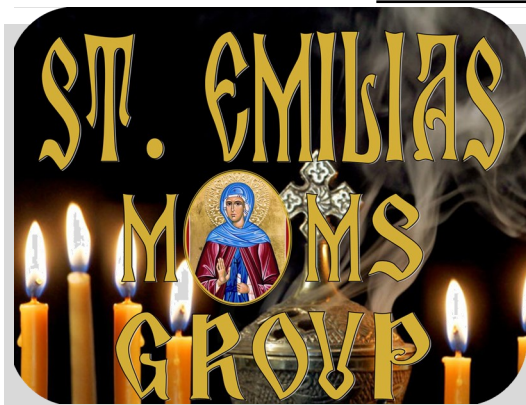


Blessing of the Fleet



St. Mary Magdalene Kiosk -New Arrivals





Calling all Mothers!

The last few months have been a difficult time for many. With all of the changes in life and scheduling, balancing motherhood has been challenging to say the least. Check in on each other and be a listening ear until we can meet together again!

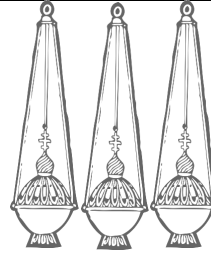
Office Hours

The Church Office and Sanctuary will now be open from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for private prayer and reflection, phone inquiries, deliveries, or for setting an appointment with Fr. Gabriel.

Prayer Life

Pray for our sick and suffering brothers and sisters

Metropolitan Theodosius	Fran
Metropolitan Herman	Corina
Vinnie	Ryan
Anastasia	Erin & Josh
Alex	Robert
Elaine	Dimitri
Perpetua	Damian
Carol	Thom
Katelyn	
Frankie	
Stacie	
Peter	
David	
William	
Sharon	
Michael	
Mason	
Patricia	
Joseph	



Armed Forces	Armed Forces Cont.	Catechumens	Mother's With Child
Matthew Beck; Air Force Michael Oginsky; U.S. Marines Patrick Tejkl; U.S. Marines Lindsey Cazatt; U.S. Navy Stephany Bishop; U.S. Navy Jason Wilburn; Army Rangers Alex Suriano; Air National Guard	Dallas Watson; Air Force Bradley Grimes, Seraphim Lazar-Watson; Air Force Stephen Bondaria– Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander	Alyssa William Anthony James Anastasia Jennifer Recently Departed Dale Fred	Renee Robyn Amanda Christina Seminarian Family Alexander & Danielle Earl Anniversary of Parish Member's Repose Thomas Naum

Monthly Forecast

Nativity of Theotokos:

The first major feast day of the Orthodox Liturgical Year (September 1st) is the Nativity of the Theotokos. This year's Pan Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the feast will be held at Holy Assumption in Grand Blanc on Tuesday, September 8th at 10:00 AM, and will be **open to all**

Archbishop Alexander Visits for Exaltation of the Cross:

On Monday, September 14th, we will be welcoming His Eminence Archbishop Alexander for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, beginning at 10:00 AM for Divine Liturgy. Great Vespers will be served at St. Nicholas at 6:00 PM the evening before. Both of these services will be **open to all!**

Metanoia Continues:

Our Metanoia Classes continue on Wednesdays during the first part of September! Don't forget that we will be having a short reflection on prayer beginning at 6:10 in the Church, prior to the classes being offered at 6:30 PM

Pet Blessing:

This year's pet blessing will take place on Thursday, September 10th at the Fenton Adopt a Pet (13575 Fenton Rd. Fenton, MI) at 6:30 PM. All animals will have to be leashed! Please join us for a special outdoor prayer service to St. Mamas as we give thanks to God for all animals!

Planning for the Future Zoom Call All Parish:

There is a very important **All Parish Meeting** that will be taking place virtually on **Thursday, September 24th, beginning at 7:00 PM**. We will be sending links and information on how to access the meeting virtually in the coming days. Please make sure you are present so that you can gain some insight into the future of our parish!

Book Club:

The second meeting of our new book club will take place on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 PM. This month's book will be our book of the month "The Young Man, the Gurus, and Elder Paisios". Be sure to read the book and join us for a friendly discussion over some snacks!

All Parish Outdoor Divine Liturgy and Picnic Blessing:

We have been given the blessing to have an "All Parish" outdoor Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 20th! This will be the first time where everyone of our parish family will be able to gather together to celebrate the Liturgy since the beginning of the state-wide shut-downs! Be sure to bring your own picnic lunch, and Fr. Gabriel will bless the baskets and food, as we all have a socially distanced meal outside on the beautiful Church grounds!

Office Closed on Labor Day:

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day. Regular office hours of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM will resume on September 9th.

Golf Group:

The Saint Mary Magdalene golf group will be meeting on Friday, September 11th, and on Friday, September 25th. For more information on how to join these outings, please contact Christopher Ballnik.

Cookbook Recipes and Deadline:

Our parish cookbook is nearly complete! We are hoping to get at least one recipe per family, to truly make this a complete parish family cookbook! Please email your submissions to Katherine Schutt at graciedakota1228.k@gmail.com

Thursday Liturgies this month:

Thursday Morning Divine Liturgies will be continuing indefinitely, beginning at 10:00 AM. Be sure to keep an eye on the calendar for any changes in times/dates because of feast days or Fr. Gabriel's travels.

SMM Fantasy Football Team:

If you are interested in taking part in the St. Mary Magdalene Fantasy Football Team for 2020, please see Fr. Gabriel, as there are a few open slots for a team this year!

*The Church is a hospital,
and not a courtroom, for
souls. She does not con-
demn on behalf of sins, but
grants remission of sins.*

- St. John Chrysostom

The Church is now open for private prayer
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
10:00am—3:00pm

or make an appointment
smmocafernton@gmail.com



PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

Don't forget while you are social distancing to turn off the T.V. and to utilize our wonderful parish lending library to help feed your spiritual growth. Simply sign-out the book you are borrowing on the sheet next to the bookshelf in the Parish Education Center. The parish lending library can be accessed Sunday after Liturgy or during office hours.

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

ST. MARY MAGDALENE GOLF GROUP

We are pleased to announce the first ever St. Mary Magdalene Golf Group, who meets twice a month at some of our local courses for an afternoon of fellowship.

If anyone is interested in joining the golf group for an outing, please reach out to Chris Ballnik at cballnik@hotmail.com



Kiosk New Arrivals

- ✝ We have received new books to our parish kiosk.
- ✝ We also have several new children's books available.
- ✝ We have two copies of the book of the month available for \$17 each
- ✝ We have new icons in stock! Perfect additions to your home prayer corner
- ✝ If you would like to see anything specific in the kiosk please let us know!

Church New Year

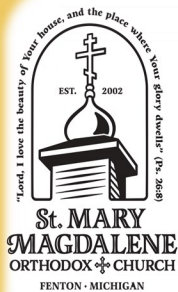
Commemorated on September 1

From: oca.org



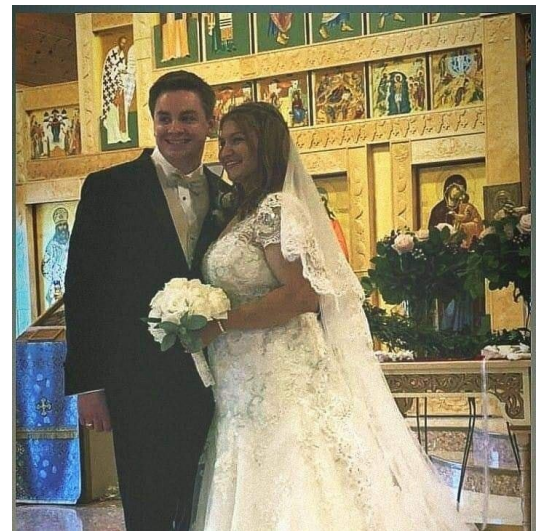
The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).



**MAY GOD GRANT
YOU MANY YEARS!**

SERVANT OF GOD READER NATHANIEL &
HANDMAIDEN OF GOD AMANDA AUXIER





Our Parish Youth

2020 Church School Announcement

With the current directive offered by our diocese, we are currently not able to meet for face to face for church school classes until at least the end of this year!

With each monthly bulletin we will be sending out a pdf that will contain group of lessons for that month. Lessons, and either a coordinating craft/coloring page or icon, will follow along with the church calendar/Gospel lesson for the appropriate week! At the end of each month, we will make a Facebook post where kids can share what they have learned and their artwork!

Look for the September packet to be emailed out in the coming weeks! We can't wait to get back to in person learning as soon as we are able!

Thank you again to everyone who donated to our can/bottle drive!

-In Christ,
Matushka Laura



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (OCF) is the official campus ministry organization of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America.

Flint OCF:

As the school year gears back up the OCF is hoping to get back to a bit of normalcy. David who has been the leader of the Flint OCF will be graduating this year. We are looking for any of our college students in the area who would like to step into this leadership role. Please contact David Schutt or your local priest if you are interested.

Prayer of a Student

Christ my Lord, the Giver of light and wisdom, who opened the eyes of the blind man and transformed the fishermen into wise heralds and teachers of the gospel through the coming of the Holy Spirit, shine also in my mind the light of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Grant me discernment, understanding and wisdom in learning. Enable me to complete my assignments and to abound in every good work, for to You I give honor and glory. Amen.

Prayers Before Study

Most blessed Lord, send the grace of Your Holy Spirit on me to strengthen me that I may learn well the subject I am about to study and by it become a better person for Your glory, the comfort of my family and the benefit of Your Church and our Nation. Amen

Christ, the true light, who enlightens and sanctifies every person coming into the world, let the light of Your countenance shine upon me (us) that I (we) may see Your unapproachable light; and guide my (our) steps in the way of Your commandments, through the intercessions of Your all-holy Mother and of all the Saints. Amen.

Prayer After Study

I thank You, Lord our God, that again on this occasion You have opened my eyes to the light of Your wisdom. You have gladdened my heart with the knowledge of truth. I entreat You, Lord, help me always to do Your will. Bless my soul and body, my words and deeds. Enable me to grow in grace, virtue and good habits, that Your name may be glorified, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



Prayers for our college students:

Katherine Arnes

Sydney Wilkinson

David Schutt

Katerina Jonescu

Katherine Schutt

Katheryn Auxier

Oliver Lazar Senter

Alexandra Kekel

Elena Bucciarelli

Lauren Serafimovski

Zachary Wilkinson

Abigail Arnes

Douglas Wilkinson

ADULT EDUCATION



"ΜΕΤΑΝΟΙΑ"
LEARNING TO CHANGE ONE'S HEART FOR GOD



In a Christian World now littered with various denominations, each teaching a different version of the same Gospel, have you ever wondered or thought about what the earliest Christians taught, how they worshiped, and what believed? Now is your opportunity to come, discuss, and learn about the fullness of what the Ancient Christian Faith is all about!

This 6 Week Class will cover the fundamental beliefs of the Ancient Christian Church, passed down to us from Christ and His Disciples

Summer/Fall Semester, 2020

- Wednesday, August 12th, 6:30 PM: Intro. to the Holy Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation**
- Tuesday, August 18th, 6:30 PM: The Early Church's Understanding of the Eucharist**
- Wednesday, August 26th, 6:30 PM: The Church and the Mystery of the Priesthood**
- Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, 6:30 PM: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?**
- Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 6:30 PM: Death and the Funeral Service**
- Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 6:30 PM: The Eternality of Marriage**



For this month's community outreach we will be teaming up with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center for their Trek 4 Missions fundraiser.

Please Join our St. Mary Magdalene Team, lead by Theophan Forsyth, on this adventure!

From August 9-September 14th each team is asked to find pledges/donations to total \$2,000 from each team. They are also asked to walk, swim, bicycle, jog, hike, etc. a total of 1,200 miles for each team. We know our team at St. Mary Magdalene can achieve more than 1,200 miles.

Whether you already work out regularly or would like to add some activity to your routine, all you have to do to join the team is report your miles and any donations that you receive.

Check your inbox! Early Next week you will receive an email with all the documentation you need to fulfill your commitment to OCMC or there are hard copies available at the church during office hours. If you have any questions please contact Theophan (Bob) Forsyth or call or email the office. We look forward to many people participating in this month's event!



JOIN OCMC'S VIRTUAL TREK FOR MISSIONS!

Start something exciting in your community by gathering a team to run, walk, cycle, and more for Orthodox missions. Join parishes across the country to complete 60,000 miles and raise \$100,000 to support a new generation of missionaries.

TREK STARTS **AUGUST 9** & GOES UNTIL **SEPTEMBER 14**

LET'S GO THE DISTANCE TO SHARE THE FAITH!

This virtual fundraiser is about staying healthy, having fun outdoors, and uniting as the Body of Christ. No matter the distance, missionaries throughout our Church's history and today are trekking across the world to bring the Gospel message to those who have not heard. You can join them and support their ministry. Its easy!



COMPLETE 1,200+ MILES AND RAISE \$2,000!

For questions: events@ocmc.org To register: <https://www.ocmc.org/Trek4Missions>



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UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHEDULE & GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, September 6th, Divine Liturgy 9:50am: Group 3 (Last Names O-Z)

Sunday, September 13th, Divine Liturgy 9:50am: Group 1 (Last Names A-D)

Sunday, September 20th, Divine Liturgy 9:50am: EVERYONE!!!!

Sunday, September 27th, Divine Liturgy 9:50am: Group 2 (Last Names E-N)

PLEASE NOTE that ALL weekday Divine Liturgies and Saturday Vespers are open to all on a first come first serve basis!

✝ *The outdoor Liturgy scheduled for September 20th is open to everyone, there are no group assignments*

✝ *This Schedule is subject to change, especially as we are allowed more and more people throughout the upcoming months.*

✝ *All are welcome but those within the designated groups will be given priority in the sanctuary with overflow being in the downstairs chapel. Please stay in your designated groups if possible to switch or trade please get a blessing from Fr. Gabriel.*

The Pan-Orthodox Churches
Of Genesee County

Divine Liturgy for the
Nativity of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 8th

10:00am

Hosted at:

Holy Assumption

Greek Orthodox Church

OPEN TO ALL!!



St. Nicholas—Burton

St. Mary Magdalene—Fenton

St. George—Flint

Holy Assumption—Grand Blanc



The Nativity
of the
Theotokos



4th Annual Community Pet Blessing



Thursday, September 10th @ 6:30 PM
Adopt-A-Pet
13575 N Fenton Rd. Fenton, MI

In the ups and downs of life, one of the greatest blessings that our Lord bestows upon mankind are our pets! Come join us for the 4th Annual Community Pet Blessing where we will gather together to offer thanks to God for our furry friends, and to bless them so that they can, in good health, continue to assist us throughout our journey in life!

Any leashed or crated pets are welcome! Social Distancing and Masks will be required!

There will be a special gift for all pets in attendance!

For More Information, contact the Church at (810) 750-1401 or Adopt-A-Pet at (810) 629-0723

st-marymagdalene.org or adoptapetfenton.com



The Exaltation of the Cross

Monday, September 14th

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

with Archbishop Alexander

Troparion – Tone 1

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance. / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries. / And by virtue of Your Cross, / preserve Your habitation.

Kontakion – Tone 4

As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, / granting them victories over their adversaries, / by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.



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**OUTDOOR DIVINE LITURGY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**

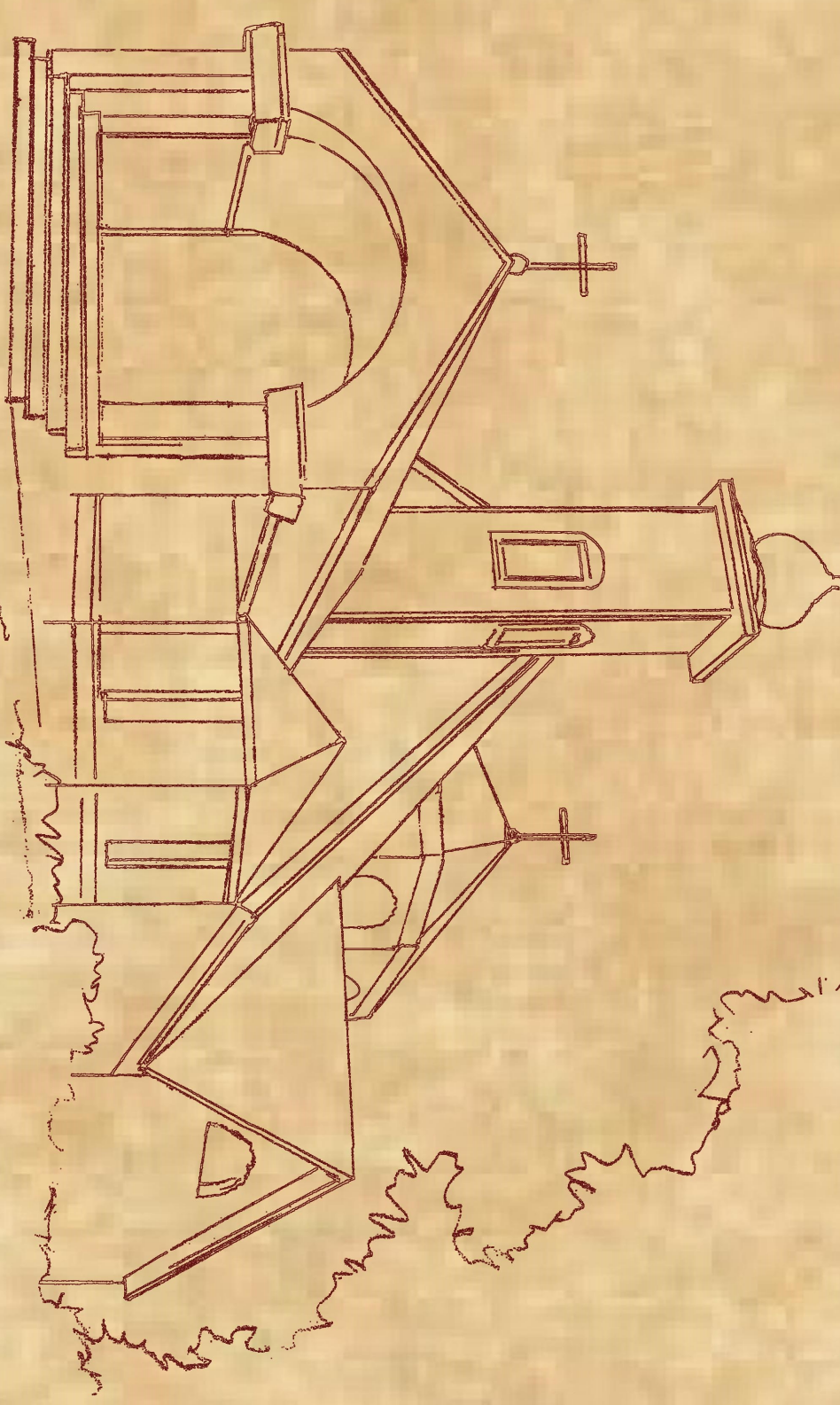
**OPEN
TO
ALL!!**

**Please pack a picnic lunch for your family
Father Gabriel will bless your baskets!**

If you are able, please bring a table and lawn chairs or a blanket for your family's picnic

"Our Continuing Journey to the Kingdom"

Developing a vision for the future of our Little Church in the Woods



Join us as we have some open discussions with our Architects on
Tuesday, Sep 15th 7:00 pm



**St. Mary Magdalene
Parish Cookbook**

Submit your
recipes by
**October 4,
2020**

**Most Needed:
Appetizers and
Side Dishes**

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

2021 Orthodox Pilgrimage to Alaska



EARLY BIRD PRICE \$2,365pp - must book by Aug 31, 2020

single supplement \$695 Triple rate \$275/room savings

Join your fellow Orthodox believers in this special group pilgrimage. Visit the relics of St. Herman and have the opportunity to visit Spruce Island and Monk's Lagoon where "Apa Herman" lived and prayed. Join the congregation in Anchorage for a special July 4th liturgy, then visit Eklutna best known for its iconic native orthodox cemetery. Take in the wonders of Kenai National Forest while visiting a historic village parish. And don't forget the opportunity to see some of Alaska's wonderful wildlife up close at the Wildlife Conservation Center.

Included:

- 7 days/6 nights accommodation
- round trip air to Kodiak from Anchorage
- touring and sight seeing as listed in itinerary
- daily breakfast

Jun 30 - July 6, 2021 GUARANTEED DATE*

Call **713-688-6793** or visit the website to book today!
Visit website for complete details and register.
Space is limited.

Required intra-vacation air segments are Anchorage/Kodiak. Included air prices are based on \$350pp. If air is higher at time of booking traveler to pay difference. Not Included: tips, optional tours, alcoholic beverages, meals not listed, personal expenses, air tickets to/from Alaska

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