



MAY 2024
**ST. MARY MAGDALENE
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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*or by appointment

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Weekly Service Schedule*
Sunday Hours & Divine Liturgy, 9:40am
Wednesday Divine Liturgy, 10:00am
Saturday Vespers & Confessions, 5:00pm

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

ADDITIONAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

Holy Week
April 26- May 4

Bright Week
May 5- May 11

See the Posted Schedule below for all Holy Week & Bright Week Services.

9-Reader's Akathist to St. Paisios, 6:00pm

14- Prayers for the Sick & Suffering, 6:00pm

VESPERS TIME CHANGE

Following Pascha, Saturday Vespers will change to 5:00pm.
Note: May 11th and May 18th Vespers will be served at St. Nicholas at 5:00pm due to weddings at St. Mary Magdalene.

HOLY WEEK (SEE DETAILS BELOW)

Great Lent is in full swing! Visit the Great Lent Page of our website for the full service schedule!



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Friday, April 26th::

Vespers for Lazarus Saturday, 6:30pm (confession available)

Saturday, April 27th: Lazarus Saturday

Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at Holy Assumption, 9:15 am

Great Vespers & Confession at St. Mary Magdalene, 4:00pm

Sunday, April 28th: Palm Sunday

Divine Liturgy, 9:40am & Parish Photo

Bridegroom Matins, 7pm (confession available)

Monday, April 29th: Great & Holy Monday

Bridegroom Matins, 7pm (confession available)

Tuesday, April 30th: Great & Holy Tuesday

Bridegroom Matins, 7pm (confession available)

Wednesday, May 1st: Great & Holy Wednesday

Holy Unction, 7pm (fast from your noon meal for the sacrament)

Thursday, May 2nd: Great & Holy Thursday

Divine Liturgy for the Institution of the Eucharist, 10am

Passions Gospels, 7pm

Friday, May 3rd: Great & Holy Friday

Royal Hours, 10am

Unnailing Vespers, 3pm

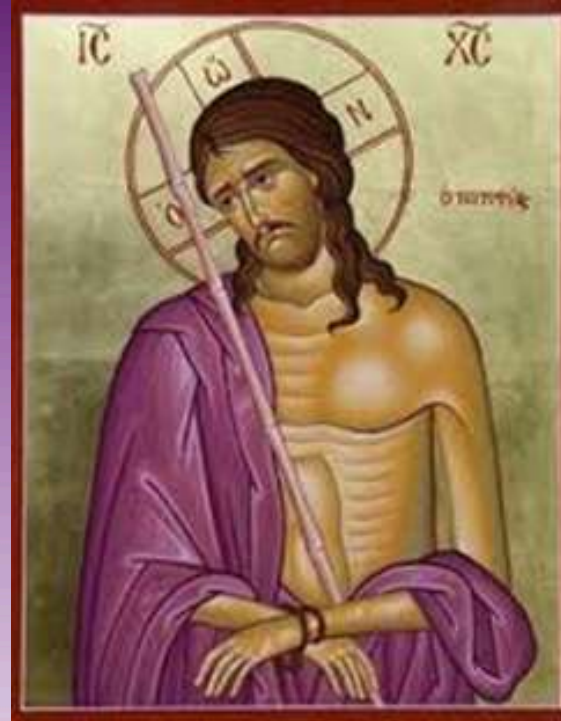
Lamentations & Procession, 7pm

All Night Vigil

Saturday, May 4th: Great & Holy Saturday

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Old Testament Readings, 10am

Nocturns & Paschal Service, 11:30pm followed by agape meal



PASCHA & BRIGHT WEEK



Sunday, May 5th: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA

Agape Vespers, 1pm

Monday, May 6th: Bright Monday

Divine Liturgy, 10am at St. Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, May 7th: Bright Tuesday

Divine Liturgy, 10am at St. Nicholas

Wednesday, May 8th: Bright Wednesday

Divine Liturgy, 6pm at St. George

Friday, May 10th: Bright Friday

Divine Liturgy 10am at Holy Assumption

Saturday, May 11th: Bright Saturday

Great Vespers, 5pm at St. Nicholas

MONTHLY FORECAST

Parish Happenings!

BRIGHT WEEK

We continue our Paschal Celebrations all through bright week with Pan-Orthodox Liturgies.

Monday- 10:00am St. Mary Magdalene

Tuesday- 10:00am St. Nicholas

Wednesday - 6:00pm St. George

Friday - 10:00am Holy Assumption

To the best of your ability try to make bright week services to continue the Feast of Feasts.

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME WITH ST. MARK'S

On Monday, May 27th we will join our brothers and sisters at St. Mark's in Rochester Hills for a Memorial Day softball game. Details TBD. Reach out to Rdr Chris Ballnik if you would like to play.

END OF YEAR CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, May 12th we will have our Annual end of the year church school celebration . We will recognize our teachers and students with a pizza party & egg hunt following the Divine Liturgy.

If you would like to help with the egg hunt please reach out to Terri Oginsky.

MID-PENTECOST

On Wednesday, May 29th we will re-start our Wednesday weekday Liturgies with the feast of Mid-Pentecost. Liturgies will be at 10:00am followed by St. Sophia Tot Time.

CHARITABLE GIVING:

St. Mary Magdalene

Your generosity is so appreciated over the last several months of our building project. While the majority of major items have been completed we still have several small items to complete. You can help by donating through our Amazon wish-list or a donation to the building fund. We still also have our day to day operating expenses (utilities, liturgical supplies, education, etc.) So please consider an extra Paschal offering with your regular tithe!

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

Retreat and Workshop with Protodeacon Mark Barna

On Saturday, May 25th we will have an all day retreat/workshop on "A Christian Ending" - the purpose of this retreat is to build and develop our Myrrhbearer Ministry, Ancient Christian Burial Customs and End of Life care/planning through the lens of the church. It is free to attend. You can scan the flyer in the Narthex to register. See Cindy Welch with any questions.. Registration is now open! You can also register online here. [REGISTER TODAY!](#)



DEATH TO THE WORLD

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but because I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (John 15:18)

This is a verse taken from the Gospel we read from St. John on Holy Thursday evening, where our Lord is speaking about "the world". "The world" is a term constantly referred to in Holy Scripture, and also constantly spoken about by the Saints and theologians, and priests during their homilies. It doesn't always refer to God's glorious and beautiful creation like we hear in Genesis. In many places, like in the excerpt I just read, it refers to anything that is in rebellion against God.

Jesus often taught and spoke about how we are to be *"not of the world"*. All of us are called to be different. We are called to think different, to act different, and to be transformed from what "the world" would normally expect. Being different... living in the world but not *"of the world"*...this is the way of a true Christian.

As an aside, being apart of a Church that is not of "the world" is also why so many people have found their way into the Holy Orthodox Church! The teachings don't change! The Gospel doesn't change with the ebbs, flows, and popular opinions of society. We say so beautifully at the

beginning of Lent that *"This is the faith of the apostles! This is the Faith of the Fathers! This is the Faith which has established the universe!"* It is this faith that keeps itself separate from "the world" which our Lord spoke about.

During the three years of our Lord's public ministry in the midst of the "world", how many times did He do or say things contrary to *"worldly thinking"*? When Jesus was calling His disciples, one of them told Jesus: *"I need to bury my father who just died, I can't follow you yet."* What was our Lord's response? *"Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead!"* This is so backwards to the reaction that "the world" would expect! Yet in this one response from our Lord, an entire homily could be written about new life that is found in following after Christ!

There are so many other examples of people of "the world" responding to Christ in shock and awe of his teachings... that were not of "this world":

In a few weeks we remember St. Photini, the Samaritan woman at the well. The disciples will ask Jesus:

"Why are you talking to this samaritan woman who is a sinner?"

"Why Lord, are you letting the kids surround you?"

"Why do you eat with tax collectors and harlots?"

"Why do you forgive sins when only God can do that?"

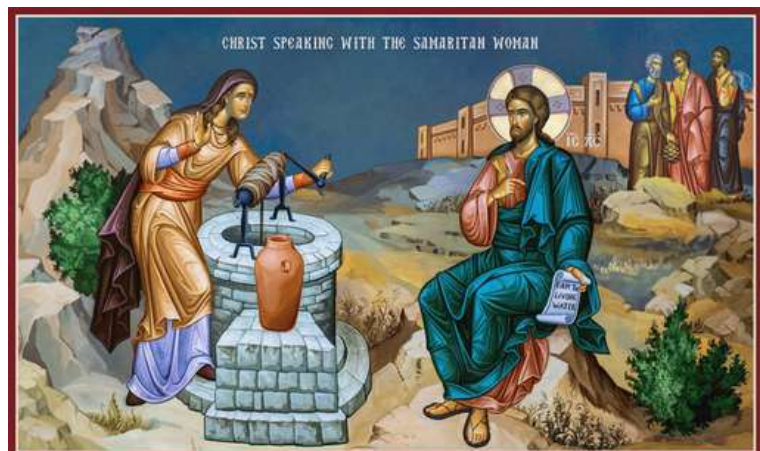
"Why are you washing our feet?"

"You mean I have to forgive those who hurt me?"

"Wait, you are going to Jerusalem to die? Are you crazy?"

"Why don't you answer the charges put against you?"

Our Lord taught us through each of these examples, and so many more, how we are meant to live, think, and act differently than what is expected in "the world".



DEATH TO THE WORLD

CONTINUED

What better example do we have than the women who are presented by the Church later this month on the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers. The Theotokos, Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Joanna, Salome, Mary and Martha...these women could care less about "worldly thinking". They had no fear whatsoever of what society might think of them. They followed and ministered to Jesus from the very beginning! They showed no fear to stand at the foot of the cross and show their love and devotion to Christ. They showed no fear of going in the dark to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus.

The Holy Myrrhbearers were different. They had an unwavering dedication to Christ...and they were rewarded for it. Did God bestow the greatest news the entire universe had ever known to the disciples first? No! They ran, scattered, and hid behind closed doors for fear of the Jews...for fear of "the World!" Yet for those who fearlessly followed after Christ with all of their heart, upon them was bestowed the blessing to hear those three sweet words that will continue to strengthen us for the rest of our lives: "Christ is Risen".

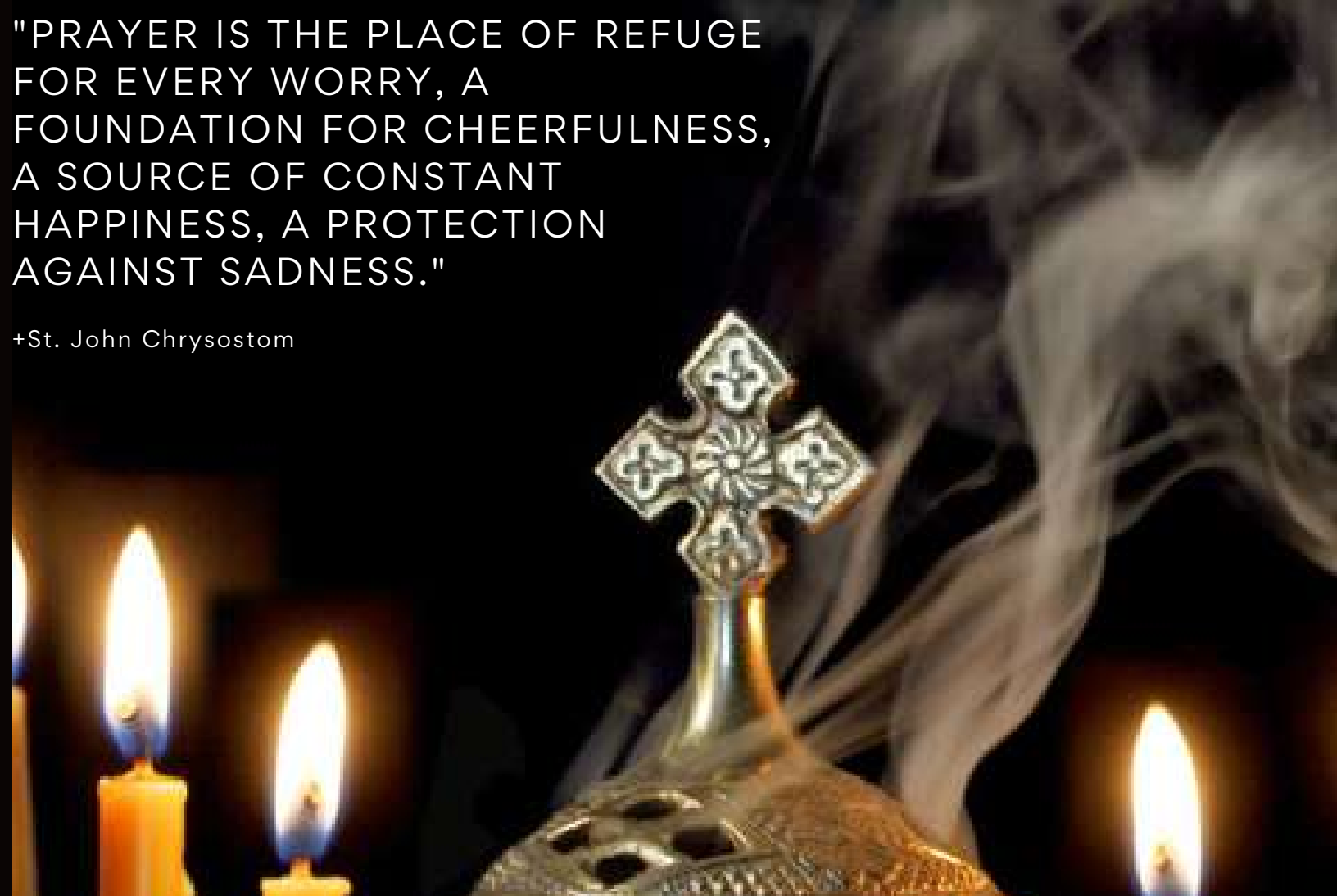
Brothers and Sisters in Christ...Be different. The winds of change in "the world", even in our own country, are constantly howling. Right will become wrongs, and wrongs will be made right. St. Anthony the Great once said: "A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him saying: 'You are mad; you are not like us.'"

We take the example of how we ought to live in the midst of this chaos from the Myrrhbearers and the Saints who came after them...by being different and living our lives **in accordance with He Who has conquered "The world"**



"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*

+Alexander Jeanette
+Nathaniel David
Sbdn. Paul Hannah
Vinne Kayla
Elaine Sonny
David Greg
Pat
Michael
Lauren
Mason
Theresa
Robert
Armanda
Martin
Shirley
Nadia
Child
Hudson

Mother's With Child

Allison Jaclyn
Lauren Natania
Renee Michelle
Emily Katy

Catechumenate

Landen
Scott
Dominic
Arden
Imara

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
Sergeant John McCay - Army Chaplin

Anniversary of Repose

18-Rose Marie Khoury

Recently Departed

Terry

Seminarian Family

Reader Paisios, Anna, John,
Theodore & Alexander Hamann

**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

Nick Schwartz & Sarah Miller
Tyler Hinsley & Emily Lizzio
Jeff Schalk & Julia Zayan
Nicholas Berens & Katherine Arnes

Birthdays

1-Rachel Burtka	22- Elena Schutt
4-John Bartley	28-Ryan Maten
6- Mat. Sara Shephard	30-Lynda Joseph
8- Lucas Lionas	
8- Alexa Lionas	
12-Joe Otis	
12-Gavin Mackie	
20-Jenni Otis	
20- Elizabeth Suriano	
22-Andy Marko	

Anniversaries

5- Andy & Shannon Joseph
8-Fr. Gabriel & Mat. Laura Bilas
10-Rdr Tom & Cindy Chiatas
17-Dn. David & Mat. Sara Shephard
17-Jeremy & Renea Becklehamer
17-Kieth & Emily Bieganski
20-John & Pearl White
21-Brady & Kathy Damic
23-Joe & Christine Suriano

Weddings

11- Basil Keegan & Lauran Peters
18-Mark Foster & Katerina Jonascu
19-Greg Auxier & Alexis Ferguson

New Catechumens

None this Month

Recent Funerals

Terry Owens

Confession Schedule

Father Gabriel will hear confessions on the following days or by appointment. Saturday Evenings following Great Vespers/Vigils. Father will only be able to hear confessions through Holy Tuesday then he will be busy preparing for Pascha. 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.

PARISH LIFE

THIS MONTH

Fellowship of St. Photini May Outreach Ministry:

There will be no special collections in May. However, as you do your spring cleaning keep the Foster Closet in mind!

Adult Education: A Christian Ending Retreat- Saturday, May 25 10am -4pm

Tot Time: Wednesdays after Bright Week at 11:30am following Divine Liturgies

Parish Council: Tuesday, May 14, 7pm

Homeschool Co-Op: We are in the early stages of planning a Homeschool Co-op at the parish. If you would like to be involved please reach out to Renee Auxier.

Pascal Gospel in Many Languages John 1:1-5

Aramaic: Mark Yonan
Arabic: Rita Dagher
Chinese: John Bartley
Cornish: Anna Pardee
French: Jeanette Hildreth (sub: Rita Dagher)
Gaelic: Anna Pardee
German: Katherine Schutt
Greek: Rdr Thomas Chiatas
Italian: Cindy Welch
Latin: Richard Ziats
Polish: Cindy Chiatas
Romanian: Jeanette Hildreth (sub: Elena Schutt)
Russian: Inna Bondira (sub: Stephen Bondira)
Slavonic: Richard Ziats
Spanish: Kristin Swor Wolf (sub: Asher Wolf)
Swedish: Rdr Chris Ballnik
Ukrainian: Mykola Newmerzyckyj (sub: Michelle Rodynsky)

Anyone know any other languages???
Contact Jeanette Hildreth if you would like to read the first part of the Gospel in a different language.

PARISH GREETERS

May 5: Steve & Sue Walton

May 12: George & Julie Jonascu

May 19: Seth & Mia Hillaker

May 26: Freida Owens

BELL RINGERS

May 5: Jeannie Azor & Tonya Rice

May 12: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

May 19: Jeannie Azor & Tonya Rice

May 26: Cindy Welch & Ruth Karabina

COFFEE HOUR

May 5: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA - BRING YOUR BASKET!

May 12: David & Cindy Welch

May 19: Ruth Karabina

May 26: David & Jaclyn Daugherty

EPISTLE READERS

May 5: Sue Walton & Rdr Nathaniel Auxier

May 12: Rdr Brian-Philip Walton & Rdr Nathaniel Auxier

May 19: Ruth Karabina & John Wolf

May 26: Rdr Tom Chiatas & Jennifer Otis

ST.MARY MAGDALENE PARISH AMAZON WISHLIST



As we get back into the swing of being in the newly expanded temple, we have many small things and some large we need to make the space functional... especially tables for our hall space.

We lost all items in the basement due to a water leak last spring. If you would like to donate items please visit our Amazon Wishlist using the link below. You can choose to have items shipped directly to the church. If you would like a donation letter for tax purposes please reach out to the parish office.



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WISHLIST

PASTORAL REPORT

UPDATE FROM FR. GABRIEL

Worship:

By the absolute Grace of God, we brought 24 new warriors for Christ into the fold, just in time for Holy Week and Great and Holy Pascha! These days of the Liturgical year are certainly the most important to fight off the temptations of "the world" and to be present, as we journey with our Lord's towards Golgotha, and then spend the next 40 days celebrating His dominion over Death itself!

Community:

What an amazing showing we have had from our parish community, all of whom have stepped up to take care of the needs of the Church! Holy Week and Pascha preparations take on a life of their own, and it takes a whole village to pull them off. My thanks to all who have volunteered to clean, to make the red eggs, to decorate, to sing, and to all of the jobs that have been done that I am forgetting to list. Know that our Lord has looked upon your labors and will continue to shine on you!

Education:

We welcomed Fr. Andrew Damick for our Pan Orthodox retreat this past month, and it went beautifully! Wonderful attendance, many compliments, and great fellowship! The Church school has completed it's short year. However, now that we have full use of our facilities again, preparations have already begun for next year where we will be expanding the calendar and projects. Stay Tuned for more information as it becomes available!

Stewardship:

God gave us a beautiful piece of property with which to have our Church, and after construction, that beautiful property needed a lot of work. We had well over 30 hands of all ages on our parish property clean up day, who helped to install a french drain system for the entire Church, as well to fix the grade and to spread top soil and grass to the areas affected by construction. By the time this newsletter is published, we should already be seeing the growing fruit of our labors!



St. Mary Magdalene

Parish Council

Upcoming Meetings:

All Meetings begin at 7:00pm

January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11

July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

**Annual Meeting
December 1, 2024**

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

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. PHOTINI

In the month of May we will focus on the charitable giving to our parish as we journey together to the Pascha of our Lord.

In May we will also be working on a project with Foster Parents Awareness Month.

UPCOMING

May:
Fostering Awareness Month
June:
Sock & Underwear Drive for the Foster Closet
July:
OCPM Sunday
August:
Back to School Supply Drive



ONGOING

- Collection of Old Eye Glasses
- Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Foster Closet supplies
- Ethnic Hair Care Supplies

*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



If you would like to order any items for your home altar please reach out to the parish office!

We have our Lenen Pop-up Kiosk set up in the vestibule. Check it out!

BREAD & WATER, WINE & OIL: AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE OF GOD

BY FR. MELETIOS WEBBER

Worry, despair, insecurity, fear of death... these are our daily companions, and even though we attempt to ignore them or try to crowd them out, they are there, waiting for us in our quieter moments. It is precisely where we hurt most that the experience of the Orthodox Church has much to offer. The remedy is not a pep talk, or any simple admonitions to fight the good fight, cheer up, or think positively. Rather, the Orthodox method is to change the way we look at the human person (starting with ourselves).

According to two thousand years of experience, Orthodoxy shows us how to be transformed by the renewing of our mind a process that is aided by participation in the traditional ascetic practices and Mysteries of the Church. In this unique and accessible book, Archimandrite Meletios Webber first explores the role of mystery in the Christian life, then walks the reader through the seven major Mysteries of the Orthodox Church, showing the way to a richer, fuller life in Christ.

Bread & Water, Wine & Oil

AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE OF GOD



Archimandrite Meletios Webber

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



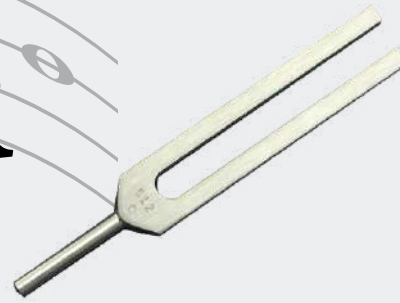
Regular Bell Ringing Rehearsals

1st Tuesday of the Month, 10:30am

1st Sunday of the Month following Divine Liturgy

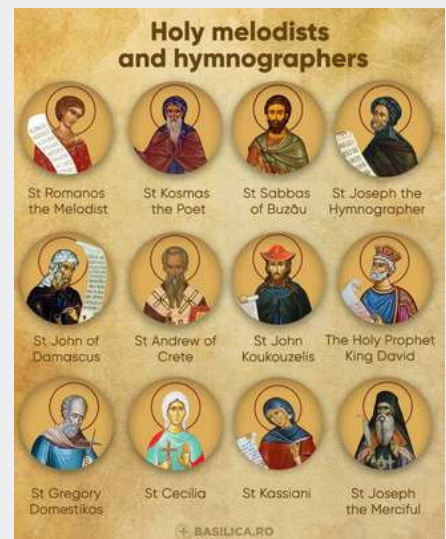
This ministry needs new volunteers! If you are interested contact Cindy Welch to join this ministry!

PARISH CHOIR



UPCOMING REHEARSALS:

No Scheduled Rehearsals this month



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

-Psalm 98:1



EDUCATION

LIVE AND LEARN THE FAITH!

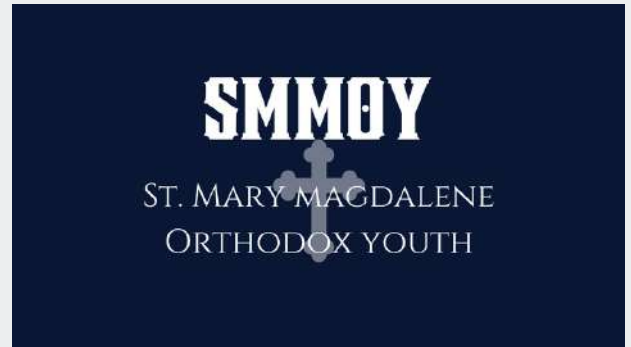


Our Parish Youth!

Church School classes finished their last lesson on Sunday, April 22 as we eagerly approach Palm Sunday and Pascha. We will have an official end of year Pizza Party along with our annual Easter Egg Hunt following Divine Liturgy on Thomas Sunday, May 12. Although the church school year for our 4 through 12 year old children was short, our children had a chance to focus on the last four Sundays of Lent and the themes associated with those Sundays. The hope is that these classes increased our children's understanding of the meaning of these days and the saints associated with them. Thanks to all of our teachers for their hard work and for all of our parents who support our efforts by making sure children are in church and able to attend church school. Spring is here and Summer is upon us and before we know it it will be Fall. Happily, this year we will be able to have a full church school year for all of our students. With that in mind, in the next few weeks you will once again be asked to complete a registration form for your children to assist in planning for the next church school year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for all your support. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to reach out. Thank you in advance and God Bless all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Terri Oginsky
Church School Coordinator
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KEEP AN EYE ON BAND!!

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS



Katheryn Brcic
David Brcic
Abigail Arnes
Tea Jonascu
Ethan Durand
Justin Auxier
Ava Arnes

YOUNG ADULTS

BOOK CLUB AND FELLOWSHIP

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

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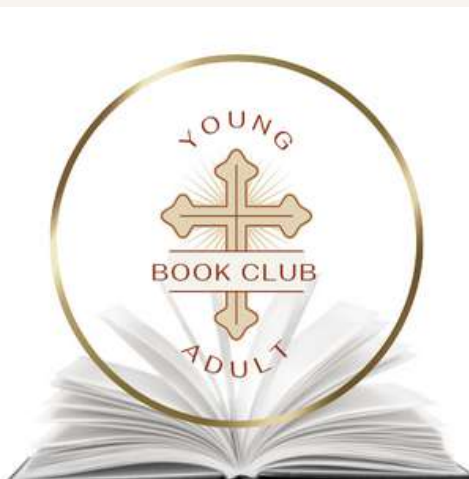
YOUNG
ADULT
GROUP



The Young Adult Social group meets Monthly for an Akathist, meal and fellowship.

This group also spends time together following Vespers/Vigils on Saturday

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.

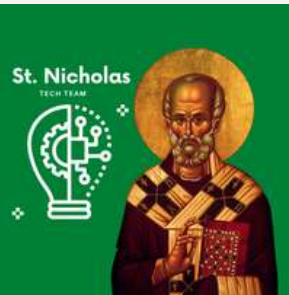
Monthly Akathist 2024 SCHEDULE

HOSTED BY THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

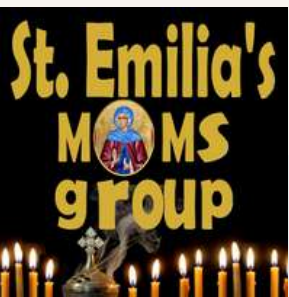
JANUARY	6:00PM
11	Guardian Angel
FEBRUARY	6:00PM
8	Romanov Passion Bearers
MARCH	6:00PM
14	Martyr Varus
APRIL	6:00PM
11	Canon of St. Mary of Egypt
MAY	6:00PM
9	St. Paisios
JUNE	6:00PM
13	St. John Maximovich
JULY	6:00PM
11	St. Matushka Olga
AUGUST	6:00PM
8	Joy of all Who Sorrow
SEPTEMBER	6:00PM
12	Holy Cross
OCTOBER	6:00PM
10	Inexhaustible Cup
NOVEMBER	6:00PM
14	Joachim & Anna
DECEMBER	6:00PM
12	Holy Myrrhbearers

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

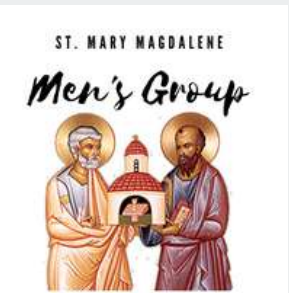
PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS



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



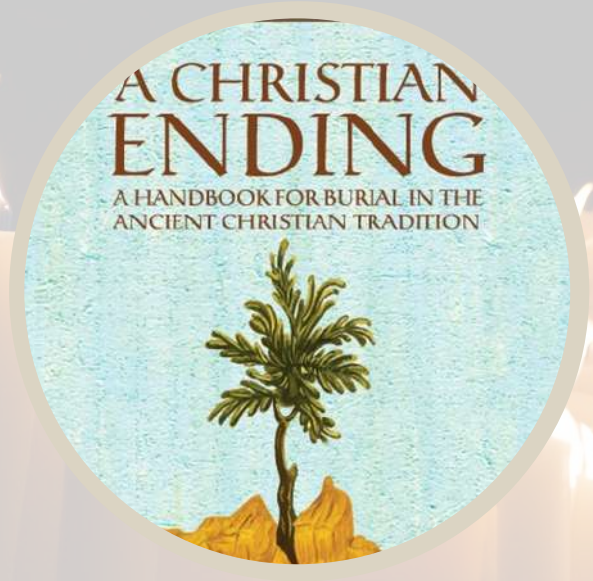
THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS IS A DEVELOPING MINISTRY IS TO HELP OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES NAVIGATE END OF LIFE, DEATH AND THE BURIAL OF LOVED ONES. AS WELL AS EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL AFTERCARE FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL.



MAY 24-26

“A CHRISTIAN ENDING”

A WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP A
MYRRHBEARER MINISTRY IN YOUR PARISH



HOSTED BY ST. MARY MAGDALENE & ST. NICHOLAS PARISHES

RETREAT LEAD BY PROTODEACON MARK BARNA
AUTHOR OF “A CHRISTIAN ENDING; A HANDBOOK FOR BURIAL IN THE
ANCIENT CHRISTIAN TRADITION”

FRIDAY | MEET & GREET 7:00PM

SATURDAY | CHECK-IN , SOCIAL TIME & HOSPITALITY 9:00AM
FULL DAY WORKSHOP BEGINS 10:00AM
LUNCH PROVIDED AS A FREE-WILL OFFERING
GREAT VESPERS & CONFESSIONS 5:00PM

SUNDAY | Q & A FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

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Holy Assumption Greek
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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***

UPCOMING PAN-ORTHODOX EVENTS

BRIGHT WEEK SERVICES

MONDAY- 10:00AM ST. MARY MAGDALENE

TUESDAY- 10:00AM ST. NICHOLAS

WEDNESDAY - 6:00PM ST. GEORGE

FRIDAY - 10:00AM HOLY ASSUMPTION

HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY GROUNDS WORK DAYS

THERE WILL BE TWO SPRING MONASTERY WORK DAYS- BOTH FROM 10AM - 4PM.

BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS AND GLOVES, ETC.

LITURGY WILL BE AT 8 AM.

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST

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

2024 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 at St. Nicholas, allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

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

Presanctified Divine Liturgy and **Lenten Potluck Dinner** (*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 be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. The Lenten Potluck Dinners will be coordinated by the host parish.

Sunday, March 24th Great Feast of the **Annunciation Great Vespers** at Assumption 6pm

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

March 27th **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 6pm

Saturday, April 6th **Lenten Retreat** (*more information to follow*)

April 10th **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. George 6pm

April 24th **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 6pm

April 27th **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy** at Assumption 9:30am

Bright Week (May 5th - 11th)

May 6th **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 10am

May 7th **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 10am

May 8th **Paschal Evening Liturgy** at St. George 6pm

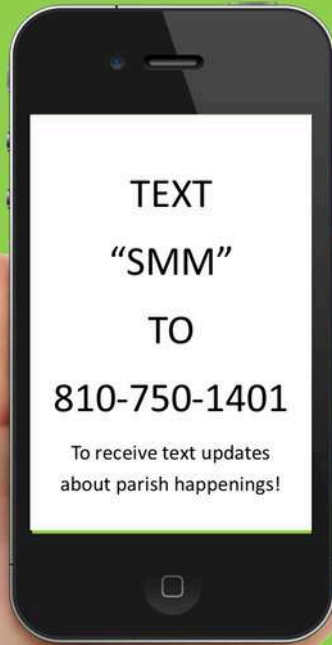
May 10th **Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font** at Assumption 10am

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May:

- 12- EOY Church School Celebration
- 14- Prayers for Sick & Suffering
- 14- Parish Council
- 25- Christian Ending Retreat
- 27- Pan-Ortho Softball Game
- 29- Mid Pentecost

June:

- 12-Leave Taking of Pashca Vespers
- 13-Ascension Liturgy
- 25-28 Diocesan Clergy Retreat