



# Sunday Reading

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**Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women**  
**May 6/19, 2024**

**Неделя Жен-Мироносиц**  
**6/19 мая 2024 г.**

**Matins Gospel Reading III / Евангелие воскресное 3-ое: Mark/от Марка 16:9-20**  
**Epistle Reading / Апостол: Acts/Деян.: 6:1-7**  
**Gospel Reading / Евангелие: Mark/от Марка 15:43-16:8**

### Today/Сегодня

→ **St. John Brotherhood Cooks Parish Meal in Honor of St. Xenia Sisterhood, Egg Hunt, Parish Council** ←

### Services & Activities at St. Vladimir's for the Next Week:

Monday Понедельник	Tuesday Вторник	Wednesday Среда	Thursday Четверг	Friday Пятница	Saturday Суббота	Sunday Воскресенье
26	21	22	23	24	25	26
Неделя о Расслабленном Исповедь 0900 Часы 0930 Бож. Литургия 1000	Evening Services 1800	St. Nicholas of Myra Div. Liturgy 0700  Moleben & Akathist to the Theotokos 1800		Evening Services 1800  <i>All-English Cycle</i>	Sts. Epipanius and Germanus Div. Liturgy 0800  Confession 1700 Vigil 1800	Sunday of the Paralytic Confession 0900 Hours 0930 Div. Liturgy 1000
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Вечерние бого- служения 1800	Св. Николая Бож. Литургия 0700  Молебен и Акафист 1800		Вечерние бого- служения 1800	Свт. Епифания и Германа Бож. Литургия 0800  Исповедь 1700 Бдение 1800	Неделя о Расслабленном Исповедь 0900 Часы 0930 Бож. Литургия 1000

**Fast Day - Fish Allowed**  
Постный день, дозволяется рыба

**Fast Day - Wine & Oil Allowed**  
Постный день, дозволяются вино и елей

**Fast Day - Strict Fast**  
Строгий постный день

### Scripture Readings for the Coming Week

In order to help increase the general knowledge of scripture in our parish family we present here for your edification the scripture readings for the coming week. At least one Gospel Reading and one Epistle reading are assigned for each day of the year. Hearing or reading only the readings appointed for Sunday merely scratches the surface of the great spiritual wealth that the scriptures provide us. Some of the readings are easily understandable – others are less so. As Orthodox Christians we do not make private interpretation of scripture, but rather consult the fathers of the Church for their explanations to aid us in our understanding. Those wishing to have access to such explanations are asked to contact Fr. Gregory or inquire in the kiosk for further reading in this regard. Bibles may also be acquired in the kiosk.

<u>Monday</u>	Acts 6:8-7:5 & John 4:46-54
<u>Tuesday</u>	Acts 8:5-17 & John 6:27-33
<u>Wednesday</u>	Acts 8:18-25 & John 6:35-39
<u>Thursday</u>	Acts 8:26-39 & John 6:40-44
<u>Friday</u>	Acts 8:40-9:19 & John 6:48-54
<u>Saturday</u>	Acts 9:19-31 & John 15:17-16:2

### Чтения из Священного Писания на предстоящие недели

Чтобы наши прихожане лучше знали Священное Писание, мы предлагаем вашему вниманию чтения из Писания на следующую неделю. На каждый день года приходится как минимум по одному чтению из Евангелия и Апостола. Ограничиваясь только воскресными чтениями, мы едва касаемся духовного богатства Священного Писания. Некоторые чтения легко понятны, другие – менее. У православных не принято самостоятельно толковать Писание, мы обращаемся к толкованиям Отцов Церкви, которые помогают нам понять его смысл. Интересующиеся толкованиями могут обратиться за рекомендациями относительно литературы к о. Григорию или в киоск. Библию также можно приобрести в киоске.

<u>Понедельник</u>	Деян. 6:8-7:5 и от Иоанна 4:46-54
<u>Вторник</u>	Деян. 8:5-17 и Иоанна 6:27-33
<u>Среда</u>	Деян. 8:18-25 и от Иоанна 6:35-39
<u>Четверг</u>	Деян. 8:26-39 и от Иоанна 6:40-44
<u>Пятница</u>	Деян. 8:40-9:19 и от Иоанна 6:48-54
<u>Суббота</u>	Деян. 9:19-31 и от Иоанна 15:17-16:2

## Christ is Risen! Христос Воскресе! Χριστός Ανέστη!

### Synaxarion for the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

On this day, the third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Myrrh-Bearing women; and we also commemorate Joseph of Arimathæa, who was a secret disciple, and also Nicodemus, who was a disciple by night. Of these Saints, the women were the first and unerring witnesses of the Resurrection of Christ, while Joseph and Nicodemus were witnesses of His burial, which are the primary and most essential elements of our dogmatic teaching. For Nicodemus was expelled from the synagogue as soon as he decided to part company with the Jews, while Joseph, after burying the Lord's body, was cast by the Jews into a pit, from which he was snatched up by Divine power and brought to Arimathæa, his homeland. After arising, Christ appeared to him while he was still in fetters, and gave him greater assurance of the

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#### Parish Council Meetings 2023-24

March 19	April 30	May 21	June 18
July 23	August 20	September 24	October 29
November 16	December 17	January 21	February 18

Parish Council Information: [www.stvladimiraami.org/pcinfo.htm](http://www.stvladimiraami.org/pcinfo.htm)

*The mission of St. Vladimir Orthodox Church is to gather Orthodox Christians of all nationalities and backgrounds, as well as all those desiring to embrace the Orthodox Christian Faith, as a parish family for mutual spiritual support and the salvation of our souls. We strive to emulate in our lives, and especially in our parish family, the relationship between the persons of the Holy Trinity as the highest and most profound example of love.*

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*Миссия Свято-Владимирского православного прихода заключается в объединении православных христиан вне зависимости от национальности и происхождения, а также всех, кто желает прийти к Православной христианской вере, в одну приходскую семью с целью взаимной духовной поддержки и спасения душ. В нашей жизни, и особенно в жизни нашего прихода, мы стремимся подражать отношениям между Лицами Святой Троицы, примеру высочайшей и глубочайшей любви.*

## The Three Lampadas ~ Три лампы

At St. Vladimir's we have installed a series of lampadas above the Royal Doors to aid our faithful in understanding when one may move about in the church during Divine Services. The scheme is the following:

- Just middle lamp lit (◇◇◇) = may light candles or move if needed, no prostrations on knees allowed
- No lamps lit (◇◇◇) = may light candles or move if needed, prostrations on knees at appointed times (for weekdays only)
- Just outside lamps lit (◇◇◇) = no moving about or talking at all unless there is a fire or some other catastrophe, prostrations on knees at appointed times (for weekdays only)
- All three lamps lit (◇◇◇) = no moving about or talking at all unless there is a fire or some other catastrophe, no prostrations on knees allowed

В Свято-Владимирском храме над Царскими вратами установлено несколько лампад, чтобы направлять верующих во время богослужений. Ниже приведена схема:

- Горит только средняя лампада (◇◇◇) = можно зажигать свечи или ходить, если необходимо, земные поклоны не допускаются
- Все лампы погашены (◇◇◇) = можно зажигать свечи или ходить, если необходимо, земные поклоны допускаются в назначенное время (кроме субботы и воскресенья)
- Горят только наружные лампы (◇◇◇) = ходить и разговаривать нельзя – если только не начался пожар или другая катастрофа, земные поклоны допускаются в назначенное время (кроме субботы и воскресенья)
- Горят все три лампы (◇◇◇) = ходить и разговаривать нельзя – если только не начался пожар или другая катастрофа, земные поклоны не допускаются

mystery of the Resurrection. Although Joseph suffered greatly at the hands of the Jews, he was no longer able to keep silent about this mystery, but boldly recounted to everyone what had happened. It is said of Nicodemus that, by virtue of his writings, he was the first to explain in detail the events surrounding the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, because, coming from the synagogue, he was better informed about the schemes and deliberations of the Jews, and, in short, he knew everything about them. And because, as we have said, Joseph and Nicodemus were reliable witnesses of the Lord's burial, they were ranked together with the women who beheld the Resurrection. These women were the first to behold the Resurrection, and it was they who announced the glad tidings to the Disciples; for it was fitting that the sex which had first fallen to sin and had inherited the curse should be the first to behold the Resurrection and to hear the joyous greeting, having formerly heard the words: "in pain thou shalt bring forth children." They were called Myrrh-Bearers, because Joseph and Nicodemus, being in a hurry to bury the body of the Lord on the Friday, since the next day was the great day of the Sabbath, anointed it according to Jewish custom, but not as they ought to have done; they only anointed it with aloes and spices, wrapped it in a winding-sheet, and committed it to the grave; for this reason, having an ardent love for Christ, as disciples of His, these women purchased costly myrrh and came by night, both for fear of the Jews and because the Law permitted them to mourn earlier in the day and to anoint the body, thereby making up for a deficiency that had been due to pressure of time. When they arrived at the tomb, they saw different sights: the two shining Angels inside the tomb, and the other sitting on the stone; after this, they beheld Christ and worshipped Him; St. Mary Magdalene asked Him about Himself as if He were the gardener. Many were the Myrrh-Bearers, but the Evangelists mentioned only the important ones, leaving the others aside. First of them all was Mary Magdalene, from whom Christ had cast out seven demons; after the Ascension of Christ, she went to Rome, as the story has it, and delivered Pilate and the High Priests to an evil death, after relating to the Emperor Tiberius the events surrounding Christ; she later reposed in Ephesus and was buried by St. John the Theologian; her Relics were translated to Constantinople by Emperor Leo the Wise. The second was Salome, who was a daughter of St. Joseph the Betrothed and whose husband was Zebedee; she gave birth to St. John the Evangelist and St. James. For Joseph had begotten four sons: James, called the Less, Joses, Simon, and Jude; and three daughters: Esther, Tamar, and Salome, the wife of Zebedee. Hence, when you hear in the Gospel about Mary, the mother of James the Less and Joses, keep in mind that she is the Theotokos; for the Theotokos was reckoned to be the mother of the sons of Joseph, and, as it turns out, St. John the Evangelist was a nephew of Christ, since he was the son of a sister. The third of the Myrrh-Bearers was Joanna, the wife of Chuza, the administrator and steward of King Herod's household.

The fourth and the fifth were Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. The sixth was Mary, the wife of Clopas, whom some call Cleopas. The seventh was Susanna. And there were very many others, as the Divine Luke records, who supported Christ and His Disciples from their own resources. Because these women proclaimed the Resurrection and contributed greatly to assuring us, with utter certainty, of Christ's Resurrection, the Church of God received the tradition of celebrating them after St. Thomas, for they were the first to see Christ risen from the dead, preached the message of salvation to all, and most excellently pursued the life according to Christ and as befitted women who were disciples of Christ. By the intercessions of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

### **Some Recommended Web Links (Since Spiritual Reading isn't ONLY Reading Books)**

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| Our Parish Orthodox Information Page:      | <a href="http://www.stvladimiraami.org/orthodoxinfo.shtml">http://www.stvladimiraami.org/orthodoxinfo.shtml</a>     |
| The Diocesan Orthodox Information Page:    | <a href="http://www.chicagodiocese.org/about_orthodoxy.html">http://www.chicagodiocese.org/about_orthodoxy.html</a> |
| Bishop Alexander's Orthodox Pamphlet Page: | <a href="http://www.fatheralexander.org">http://www.fatheralexander.org</a>                                         |
| The Orthodox Christian Information Center: | <a href="http://www.orthodoxinfo.com">http://www.orthodoxinfo.com</a>                                               |

**Looking for more? Please contact Fr. Gregory ([ogrish@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:ogrish@stvladimiraami.org))**

## **Слово в Неделю Жен-Мироносиц**

*Священномученик Серафим (Чичагов)*

Нынешний воскресный день определен Св. Церковью Христовою к убожению памяти св. жен-мироносиц. Кто были жены-мироносицы? Все евангелисты прежде всего указывают на Марию, рожденную в Галилейском городе Магдалы, ту самую, из которой Иисус изгнал семь бесов. За такое благодеяние Мария Магдалина платила Господу пламенною любовью. Вторая мироносица - Мария Иосиева, мать Иакова и Иосии, следовала за Спасителем до самого гроба. Сын этой Марии, Иаков Алфеев, был одним из 12 Апостолов. Саломия была матерью сынов Звевеевых, Апостолов Иоанна и Иакова. Кроме Марии Магдалины и Марии Иаковлевы, св. Апостол Лука указывает на жен-мироносиц - Иоанну и еще других, не называя их по именам (Лк, 24, 10). Кто была эта Иоанна? Жена Хузы, домоправителя Иродова, исцеленная также Господом. По словам св. Апостола Луки, между женами была несомненно Сусанна (Лк. 8,1-3) и многие другие, которые служили Христу своим достоянием. Конечно, к числу жен-мироносиц принадлежали Мария и Марфа, сестры Лазаревы, столь пламенно любившие Господа.

Святая Церковь Христова убожает память всех святых, и особенно дороги христианам эти жены-мироносицы, счастливые спутницы Христовы, которые служили Учителю не только своим достоянием, но и трудами рук своих, преданные Ему всем сердцем, страдавшие вместе с Господом, окружавшие Его не только во время путешествий, но и на крестном пути, на Голгофе, у самого Креста. Воспоминания о их самоотвержении, подвигах, о их несравненной и нежной любви ко Христу наполняют сердца верующих людей тою же любовью ко Господу и стремлением служить Ему до самой смерти!

Христос не выбирал жен-мироносиц и не звал их следовать за Собою, подобно Апостолам и 70 ученикам, но они сами пошли за Ним как за единою целию своей возрожденной жизни, как за вечной истиной, как за своим Спасителем и Сыном Божиим, несмотря на Его видимую бедность, простоту и явную враждебность к Нему первосвященников и народных наставников. Они сами покинули свои дома, дела, имущество, семьи и пошли за Господом, радуясь, что хоть чем-нибудь могут быть полезными Христу и Его общине. Во время крестного шествия Христа на Голгофу только женщины-мироносицы плакали и рыдали. Господь услышал вопль жен и обратился к ним со словом утешения. Что должны были испытать эти любящие жены, стоя у Креста Спасителя и видя весь позор, ужас и, наконец, смерть возлюбленного Учителя?! Все ученики от страха разбежались, даже Апостол Петр, обещавший умереть с Иисусом и трижды отрекшийся от Него, и только Богоматерь с Иоанном Богословом и жены-мироносицы остались у самую Креста. Затем Богоматерь унесли на руках, ибо Она лишилась чувств, но Мария Магдалина и другие жены-мироносицы, которых толпа отодвинула от Креста, пребывали здесь до самого конца. Когда Сын Божий испустил дух, те же жены-мироносицы поспешили домой, чтобы уготовить ароматы и миро, а Мария Магдалина и Мария Иосиева смотрели, где полагали тело Иисусово во гроб. Они ушли только по наступлении совершенной темноты, чтобы пред рассветом опять прийти ко гробу. И за свое усердие к Сыну Божию, за решимость воздать Ему почестями при погребении, за свою непоколебимую веру эти святые жены первыми из человеков получили удостоверение о Воскресении Христа и сделались первыми и сильными проповедницами, как познавшие это из уст Ангела.

И так, возлюбленные матери, жены и сестры, пример благоговейных жен-мироносиц пред нами! Жизнь их многопоучительна и теперь для современных христианок. Они не отличались добродетелями, пока не знали

Христа; Мария Магдалина была жилищем злого духа, Марфа была образцом житейских влечений и мирской суеты, но Божественное учение Спасителя, чудеса Сына Божия и благодать Христова совершенно их возродили.

По примеру жен-мироносиц многие христианские женщины впоследствии обратились с живою верою к вознесшемуся на небо Христу. В истории христианства мы видим множество матерей и жен, возлюбивших учение Христа и Святую Церковь более, чем свое знатное происхождение, земную славу, почести, богатства, наслаждение мира, более, чем родителей, мужей и своих детей, предпочитавших смерть отречению от Христа и Его заповедей. Мы знаем даже таких матерей, которые вели на казнь за Христа своих отроков и с радостью отдавали их в жертву людям, дабы прославить в Царствии Божиим. Некоторые с великим мужеством и терпением распространяли учение Христово и просветили целые страны. Многие храмы и монастыри строились благочестивыми царицами, княгинями и боярынями.

Святая Церковь и ныне с упованием смотрит на вас, благочестивых жен и сестер! Вы поддерживаете еще веру в ваших семьях и заботитесь об украшениях и благолепии храмов. Но в наше время является множество жен с небывалым еще в истории христианства направлением и состоянием духа. Я хочу сказать вам о тех, которые не находят себе никакой деятельности, томятся своею жизнью, жалуются на скуку и чистосердечно спрашивают всех: что им делать, чем заняться? Они признают в себе недостаток энергии, здоровья и отсутствие всяких стремлений, желаний, дарований и любви к чему бы то ни было. Точно на них не лежит никаких обязанностей, точно они не дочери своих отцов и матерей, не матери своих детей, не жены своих мужей!?

Спрашивается: что делать тем, которые имеют на руках престарелых родителей и скучают? Покоить родителей и помогать им готовиться к переходу в загробную жизнь. Это ли не обязанность, не дело, не служба родителям, а главное - Богу? Что делать замужним женщинам? Сохранять то, что зарабатывают их мужья, создавать приятный очаг мужьям, воспитывать детей, блюсти в домах Дух Божий, быть примером христианской жизни для младших и служащих. Насколько дети окажутся подготовленными к духовной жизни и к борьбе со страстями, настолько жизнь их будет легче и избавлена от скорбей, испытаний и искушений. Но чтобы мать семейства могла свято исполнять свои важные обязанности, ей необходимы знание веры, искренняя вера, понимание любви Божией, любовь к Богу и неразлучная жизнь со Святою Церковью. У кого нет собственных детей, они могут посвятить жизнь чужим детям, часто бедствующим, заброшенным, осиротевшим, часто впадающим в грех по неведению. Спрашивают еще: где найти отдых от ежедневных забот и попечений? Странный вопрос для светского человека! Ведь столько в миру придумано развлечений и удовольствий, но надо признать, следовательно, что светские удовольствия не развлекают и не дают отдыха, а только денежно разоряют. Оно, несомненно, так. Поэтому пусть эти жены и девицы научатся истинной жизни у прежних христианок, у своих предков, которые находили покой и отдых в духовном чтении, в молитве, в церковной жизни, в благотворительности, в просвещении народа.

Возлюбленные сестры во Христе, помогайте пастырям, служите Господу! Аминь.

## **Announcements**

St. Vladimir's parish extends a warm welcome to all visitors.

Please stay with us after the kissing of the cross for our coffee hour. All are invited.

### **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ST. VLADIMIR'S? JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY!**

By joining St. Vladimir's you show your visible support of the parish which nourishes you and your family spiritually. We all hope the parish will be there when we need it (for marriages, funerals, baptisms, etc.). By joining the parish we support it both spiritually and financially. To renew your membership or to become a new member, please contact one of our membership coordinators: Vasilii Krivtsov ([vasilii.krivtsov@gmail.com](mailto:vasilii.krivtsov@gmail.com) or 734-669-8712) or Dmitry Knysch ([dmitriknysch@hotmail.com](mailto:dmitriknysch@hotmail.com) or 734-358-5996). We cordially invite you to join our parish family!

### **WELCOMING OTHERS TO CHURCH – EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!**

You can only make a first impression once. That is why it is so important, and **the responsibility of each and every one of us**, to warmly welcome visitors to our parish. Is the visitor not acting "appropriately"? Assure them that all will be fine and lovingly help. Is the visitor's child fussy? Assure them that we welcome children in the church and not to worry. If they ask for a place to go to quiet the child please point out the nursery – do not push them out the door. Does the visitor have questions? Answer them if possible, and if not, refer them to someone who can. A smile and a welcoming word can make the difference in someone's spiritual life both in this life and the next. Please show love one to another so that people will know that we are Christ's disciples! We want to be known for our warm hospitality as was Abraham – but we all must work together to make our parish as welcoming as we possibly can!

## **Рекомендованные веб-сайты (духовное чтение – это НЕ ТОЛЬКО книги)**

Страница миссионерских листов еп. Александра:

<http://www.fatheralexander.org>

ПРАВОСЛАВИЕ.RU:

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru>

Православная библиотека:

<http://www.wco.ru/biblio>

Православие и мир

<http://www.pravmir.ru>

**Нужны еще ссылки? Обращайтесь к о. Григорию ([ogrisha@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:ogrisha@stvladimiraami.org))**

### **PASCHAL OPEN HOUSE AT FR. GREGORY'S MAY 26**

Fr. Gregory, Matushka Elizabeth, Maria, Michael, and Natalia invite all St. Vladimir's family and friends to their Paschal Open House on May 26 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at their home in Saline. Please join them as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! And this year this is Natasha's High School Graduation Party too! DO NOT MISS!

### **CHURCH SCHOOL BEGAN JANUARY 20**

St. Vladimir's Church School began January 20! St. Vladimir's Church School begins January 20 after the Divine Liturgy and every Saturday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. through May 18 with the exception of May 4 (Holy Saturday). We have condensed the classes to the greatest extent possible for the convenience of our busy families – we value your time. Please do us the favor of valuing the time of the teachers and other volunteers who make our Church School possible by being on time.

All children are urged to participate in the Vigil following Church School and in the Sunday (and other feast days) Divine Liturgies to the greatest extent possible by ringing bells, serving in the altar, singing, helping in the kiosk, and most importantly by being present in the church and praying with their parish family, AND ESPECIALLY by partaking of the Holy Mysteries. The Liturgy is not a spectacle or event that we watch, but a prayerful “work of the people” that we participate in through our prayerful involvement. Please contact Fr. Gregory with questions in this regard.

To learn more about our Church School please contact the Church School Coordinator, Alexandra Pyrozhenko at [info@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:info@stvladimiraami.org).

### **LITURGY FOR YOUR NAME'S DAY?**

It is a true blessing to have the opportunity to partake of Holy Communion on one's patron saint's day. Fr. Gregory is willing to consider serving Liturgy on your name's day – yes YOURS. If you would be willing to attend the Divine Services on the eve of the feast and on the feast itself, and to partake of Holy Communion on that day please contact him. This is not a guarantee that we can do this – but we can certainly try. But please don't tell him a week before. Something like six months before would be better – three months before as a minimum. See Fr. Gregory with questions!

### **Build the New Hall & Finish the School!**

Thank God, we have had more and more difficulty fitting everyone into our parish church for our parish meals on Sundays! Let us thank God for such problems! Because every problem is an opportunity in the spiritual life, and this problem is no exception. Sometimes the opportunity also provides a “win-win”: where more than one problem can be solved at the same time. This is true for us at St. Vladimir's - and we can solve these “problems” for \$3.85 per week per adult member of our parish. TWO problems solved for less than the cost of a Starbucks coffee. Please read on to find out how: **More information:** <https://tinyurl.com/stvschoolandhall>

### **PRAYER FOR THE ILL AND TRAVELING**

You've no doubt noticed that at every Divine Liturgy at St. Vladimir's we pray for the ill and those who are traveling. Please contact Fr. Gregory to be sure that if you are ill or traveling you will be remembered as part of these special prayers.

### **OUR ELDERLY PARISH FAMILY NEED RIDES TO CHURCH**

We do not see our elderly parish family members at church on Sunday morning every week. In fact we do not see them all that often. The reason for this is: they need rides to church. And they need a little prompting sometimes in this regard since they don't want to be “a bother”. It is a privilege to serve our elderly parish family members in this way and we need to be quite zealous about it. If you can help organize or participate in this ministry please contact Fr. Gregory. There are not a lot of folks that need rides, but they need to be contacted early in the week to arrange the Sunday ride, assured that they are not bothering anyone, and they need to be picked up in a timely manner on Sunday morning. One person doesn't have to do all this, and frankly speaking, based on where our elderly live, it would be impossible for one person to do it all. We need several people to help. Please contact Fr. Gregory to take part in this very honorable activity – an activity worth waking up early on Sunday morning to participate in.



## **COMMUNING THE SICK, BLESSING HOMES, SPIRITUAL SUPPORT – PLEASE REACH OUT**

Fr. Gregory is available to bring Holy Communion to the sick, bless homes and apartments (or dorm rooms), or to provide spiritual support to any and all of our parish family whenever there is a need. Please do not hesitate to contact him! Too often those in need suffer in silence because they do not want to “bother” the priest. Fr. Gregory is here to serve our parish family – just as Christ came to minister so too is this the calling of the parish priest. You can reach Fr. Gregory by phone or SMS at 734-649-5746 or via email at [ogrisha@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:ogrisha@stvladimiraami.org). Rest assured – he looks forward to hearing from you any time – whether you have a specific need or even if you just need to talk – please contact him!

## **SEVERAL WAYS TO HELP YOUR PARISH**

Did you know that some (in fact many) companies offer matching funds for donations made to non-profit organizations such as our parish? To find out more please contact your Human Resources department at your place of employment. Did you know that if you donate your used car to Charity Motors you can direct that the proceeds from the sale of the car go to our own St. Vladimir parish? You can find out more at their web site: <http://www.charitymotors.org> Please consider these options to support your parish!

## **Объявления**

Свято-Владимирский приход рад всем гостям.

Пожалуйста, оставайтесь на чашку кофе после целования креста. Приглашаются все.

## **ДОБРО ПОЖАЛОВАТЬ В НАШ ХРАМ!**

Став членом Свято-Владимирского прихода, вы выразите свою поддержку нашей церкви, которая духовно питает вас и вашу семью. Мы все приходим в церковь в важных случаях (свадьбы, крестины, отпевания, и т.д.). Как члены прихода, мы помогаем церкви как духовно, так и финансово. Чтобы возобновить свое членство, или стать членом, обратитесь или к Василию Кривцову ([vasiliy.krivtsov@gmail.com](mailto:vasiliy.krivtsov@gmail.com) или 734-669-8712) или к Дмитрию Книшу ([dmitriknish@hotmail.com](mailto:dmitriknish@hotmail.com) или 734-358-5996). Мы от всего сердца приглашаем вас стать членом нашей приходской семьи!

**МОЛИТВА О БОЛЯЩИХ И ПУТЕШЕСТВУЮЩИХ** Вы без сомнения заметили, что на каждой Божественной литургии в Свято-Владимирском храме мы молимся за болящих и путешествующих. Просим обращаться к о. Григорию, если вы заболели или отправляетесь в путь, чтобы вас поминали в этих особых молитвах.

## **ПРИВЕТСТВИЕ ДРУГИХ В ЦЕРКВИ – ОБЯЗАННОСТЬ ВСЕХ!**

Первое впечатление можно произвести только один раз, и именно поэтому оно так важно. Обязанность всех и каждого из нас – тепло приветствовать всех приходящих в наш храм. Если посетитель ведет себя “неподобающе” – подбодрите его и помогите с любовью. Капризничает ребенок? Скажите что мы рады видеть детей и попросите не беспокоиться. Если посетители спрашивают, где можно успокоить ребенка – укажите им детскую комнату, не выталкивайте их за дверь. У посетителя есть вопросы? Постарайтесь ответить на них, или попросите того, кто может ответить. Улыбка и приветливое слово могут изменить чью-то духовную жизнь – в этой жизни и следующей. Просим всех проявлять взаимную любовь, чтобы люди увидели, что мы последователи Христа. Мы хотим, чтобы все знали о нашем гостеприимстве, как знали о гостеприимстве Авраама, но чтобы сделать наш приход гостеприимным должны постараться все!

## **26 МАЯ – О. ГРИГОРИЙ ПРИГЛАШАЕТ ВСЕХ НА ПАСХАЛЬНЫЙ ПРИЕМ**

о. Григорий, матушка Елизавета, Мария, Михаил и Наталья приглашают всех прихожан Свято-Владимирского прихода и друзей на пасхальный прием в 26 мая, начиная с 1800 в их доме в Салине. Мы приглашаем всех вместе отпраздновать Воскресение Христово!

## **ЦЕРКОВНАЯ ШКОЛА ОТКРЫВАЕТ ДВЕРИ 20 ЯНВАРЯ**

Школа Свято-Владимирского Храма начинает учебный семестр 20 января. Занятия будут проходить каждую субботу до 18 мая за исключением 4 мая. Уроки максимально сжаты для удобства наших занятых прихожан – мы ценим ваше время. Просим ценить время преподавателей и других добровольцев, благодаря которым существует наша Приходская школа, и не опаздывать.

Мы рекомендуем всем детям как можно более активно участвовать в бдении после уроки и воскресной Божественной литургии: звонить в колокола, прислуживать в алтаре, петь, помогать в киоске, а главное, быть в храме, молиться вместе с другими прихожанами, и, в ПЕРВУЮ ОЧЕРЕДЬ, причащаться Святых Тайн. Литургия - это не спектакль или представление, которое мы смотрим, но «молитвенная работа», в которой мы участвуем путем молитвы. С вопросами обращайтесь к о. Григорию.

За дополнительной информацией о нашей Приходской школе обращайтесь к ее Директору, Александре Пироженке: [info@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:info@stvladimiraami.org).

**ПРИЧАЩЕНИЕ БОЛЬНЫХ, ОСВЯЩЕНИЕ ДОМОВ И ДУХОВНАЯ ПОДДЕРЖКА – ОБРАЩАЙТЕСЬ**  
О. Григорий может принести Св. Дары больным, освятить дома, квартиры (или комнаты в общежитии), и оказать духовную поддержку всем без исключения прихожанам, когда это требуется. Не стесняйтесь обращаться к нему! Слишком часто нуждающиеся в помощи молчат, боясь «обеспокоить» священника. О. Григорий всегда готов служить прихожанам, так же как Христос пришел служить людям – в этом заключается призвание пастыря. К о. Григорию можно обратиться по телефону 734-649-5746 или послать текстовое сообщение, или написать по адресу [ogrisha@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:ogrisha@stvladimiraami.org). Не беспокойтесь, он будет рад услышать вас в любое время – вне зависимости от того, нужно ли вам что-то конкретное, или вы просто хотите поговорить – обращайтесь!

**Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy: REGISTER NOW!**

Register Your Child NOW: [www.a2oca.org](http://www.a2oca.org)  
Catechism Every Wednesday 2 Years Old+ with a Parent: [imelabiotis@a2oca.org](mailto:imelabiotis@a2oca.org)

**Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy: VOLUNTEER!**

Contact our Head Teacher, Irene Melabiotis, to learn more about helping at school: [imelabiotis@a2oca.org](mailto:imelabiotis@a2oca.org)  
Contact Brendan Hayden to learn more about helping build the building: [bhayden@a2oca.org](mailto:bhayden@a2oca.org)  
**Learn More/Support:** [www.a2oca.org](http://www.a2oca.org)

**Schedule of Services this Week ~ Расписание богослужений на этой неделе**  
<https://tinyurl.com/stvschedule>

**Church School is EVERY SATURDAY!**

Join us every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. for Law of God, with special classes (Church Slavonic, Church Singing) beginning at 4:15 p.m. Learn more and sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/iA1jS9JyuKxMj71BA>

**Non-Perishable Food Collections: Always at STV**

At STV we collect non-perishable food items. Always. We don't have food drives - we do this every single day. There are many people in our local community who are food insecure. We ask our parishioners to bring a can or box of non-perishable food every time they come to church. Make this a part of your family worship! The little you give means a lot to a family who is food insecure. Remember our Lord's admonition to us in this regard: "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink..." (full passage: Matthew 25:35-40)

**\*Curious Vlad Every Monday at 8:00 p.m.\***

**Ask Questions about the Orthodox Faith ~ Ask Questions about Parish Life at STV ~ Invite Friends**  
**Every Monday at 8:00 p.m. (UNLESS there is Liturgy Tuesday morning)**  
**Ask a question in advance:** <https://forms.gle/EiLdkBERtXtHDX7B6>  
**Sign on to the live program:** <http://tinyurl.com/curious-vlad>

**STV Zoe for Life Survey – HELP: Children, Moms, Families**

As Orthodox Christians we believe that life begins at conception. Thus, our pro-life approach is driven by this tenant of our faith, and we work to help those who are in crisis pregnancies bring their children to term and birth. But our pro-life activities do not end with the birth of a child! We also strive to support young families to be successful in raising their children. For an Orthodox Christian pro-life means pro-mother, pro-family, and pro-child. It is especially important that, encouraging large families, we also assist large and young families!

**TAKE OUR SURVEY TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP:** <http://tinyurl.com/stvzflsurvey2024>



## Important Upcoming Dates

It is hard for us to think ahead sometimes. Our lives are busy and we tend to only live in the “now”. But there are important things happening in the life of our parish and the Holy Church, and we want you to get these on your calendars as soon as possible! Dates are: CHURCH/CIVIL.

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| Ascension of the Lord: May 31/June 13    |                                            |
| Pentecost Sunday: June 10/23             | Sts. Peter & Paul: June 29/July 12         |
| St. Vladimir Day: July 15/28             | Transfiguration of the Lord: August 6/19   |
| Dormition of the Theotokos: August 15/28 | Russian Orthodox Festival: September 21-22 |



“Let us not then be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the Cross our seal made with boldness by our fingers on our brow, and on everything; over the bread we eat, and the cups we drink; in our comings in, and goings out; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we rise up; when we are in the way, and when we are still. Great is that preservative; it is without price, for the sake of the poor; without toil, for the sick; since also its grace is from God. It is the Sign of the faithful, and the dread of devils: for He ‘triumphed over them in it, having made a show of them openly’ [Colossians 2:15]; for when they see the Cross they are reminded of the Crucified; they are afraid of Him, who bruised the heads of the dragon. Despise not the Seal, because of the freeness of the gift; but for this the rather honour your Benefactor.”

+ St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Catechetical Lectures)

“Keep careful watch, to ensure that the enemy does not make off with any who are off guard or remiss; and that no heretic may pervert part of what you have been given. Accepting the faith is like putting into the bank the money we have given you; God will ask you for an account of this deposit.” + St. Cyril of Jerusalem

God is loving to man, and loving in no small measure. For say not, I have committed fornication and adultery: I have done dreadful things, and not once only, but often: will He forgive? Will He grant pardon? Hear what the Psalmist says: “How great is the multitude of Thy goodness, O Lord!” Your accumulated offenses surpass not the multitude of God’s mercies: your wounds surpass not the great Physician’s skill. Only give yourself up in faith: tell the Physician your ailment: say thou also, like David: “I said, I will confess my sin unto the Lord:” and the same shall be done in your case, which he says immediately: “And you forgave the wickedness of my heart.” + St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Catechetical Lectures)

“A man obtains the fear of God if he has the remembrance of his unavoidable death and of the eternal torments that await sinners; If he tests himself every evening as to how he has spent the day, and every morning as to how he has spent the night, and if he is not sharp in his relations with others.” + St. Dorotheos of Gaza

“In the mercy of God, the little thing done with humility will enable us to be found in the same place as the saints who have labored much and been true servants of God.” + St. Dorotheos of Gaza

“Let us be convinced that nothing can happen to us apart from the providence of God.” + St. Dorotheos of Gaza

“A man can know nothing about the judgments of God. He alone is the one who takes account of all and is able to judge the hearts of each one of us, as He alone is our Master. Truly it happens that a man may do a certain thing which seems to be wrong out of simplicity, and there may be something about it which makes more amends to God than your whole life; how are you going to sit in judgment and constrict your own soul? And should it happen that he has fallen away, how do you know how much and how well he fought; how much blood he sweated before he did it? Perhaps so little fault can be found in him that God can look on his action as if it were just, for God looks on his labor and all the struggle he had before he did it, and has pity on him. And do you know this, and what God has spared him for? Are you going to condemn him for this and ruin your own soul? And how do you know what tears he has shed about it before God? You may well know about the sin but do you not know about the repentance?” + St. Dorotheos of Gaza

# Children's Liturgies at St. Vladimir's

With God's help we intend to serve children's Liturgies on the following days. At these Liturgies the parish children sing, serve in the altar, attend the kiosk, prepare the meal after the Liturgy, and otherwise, having been appropriately trained, fully participate in the liturgical and administrative life of the parish with minimal adult supervision. Please join us! See Fr. Gregory for more information, but **parents: DO NOT MISS THESE DIVINE SERVICES!** Young people need to live their faith – these Liturgies are an appropriate and spiritually healthy venue which provides them a wonderful opportunity to do so!

Saturday, May 11, 2024 (Bright Saturday)

Saturday, June 22, 2024 (Pentecost Memorial Saturday)

Thursday, December 19, 2024 (St. Nicholas)

**DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE GETTING TO CHURCH? Please contact Fr. Gregory or Jack and let them know! We offer these options to help!**

**\*Rides to Church\***

**\*Home Computer Help to Hear Live Services\***


**\*Receive "Sunday Reading" via Post\***

**\*Receive CDs of every weekend's Services via Post\***



St. Vladimir Parish You Tube Channel: [www.youtube.com/StVladimirChurch](http://www.youtube.com/StVladimirChurch)

## Please Maintain Proper Attire in Church ~ В какой одежде следует ходить в храм

| Men                                                                                                                             | Women                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | Женщины                                                                                                                                                                                         | Мужчины                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <u>Casual Dress:</u>                                                                                                            | <u>Casual Dress:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     | <u>Повседневная одежда:</u>                                                                                                                                                                     | <u>Повседневная одежда:</u>                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress pants</li> <li>• Dress shirts</li> <li>• No shorts</li> <li>• No hats</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress or skirt below the knee</li> <li>• Head covered (I Corinthians 11)</li> <li>• Shoulders covered</li> <li>• No pants (unless under a skirt/dress)</li> </ul> |                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Платье или юбка ниже колена</li> <li>• Покрытая голова (1-е к Коринфянам, гл. 11)</li> <li>• Покрытые плечи</li> <li>• Брюки не допускаются</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Брюки</li> <li>• Строгая рубашка</li> <li>• Шорты не допускаются</li> <li>• Головные уборы не допускаются</li> </ul> |

## Youth Group Schedule 2024

9-12 Year Old Group: 2:30 p.m. ~ Teen Group: 4:00 p.m. ~ Young Adult Group: 6:00 p.m.

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|---------------|---------------------|
| January 21    | February 18         |
| March 17*     | April 21            |
| May 12        | June 9**            |
| July 21**     | August: No Meetings |
| September 2** | October 6           |
| November 10   | December 8          |

**\*Ice Cream Ice Skate! ~ \*\*Young Adult Only**

## English Liturgies – Invite Your Friends and Loved Ones!

Our parish practice is to serve one cycle of Divine Services per month (Friday Evening Services and Saturday Divine Liturgy) completely in English. This is a missionary effort designed to allow those who are interested in Orthodox Christianity to more easily access the beauty of the Divine Services – the “theology in action” of the Holy Church. However, ALL ARE WELCOME at these services! Please invite friends and loved ones! Let us work together to no longer allow Orthodox Christianity to be the best kept secret in the spiritual life of North America! Please join us! Evening Services begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday with Divine Liturgy at **8:00 a.m.** on Saturday on the following dates:

Friday, January 26 & Saturday, January 27, 2024

Friday, February 23 & Saturday, February 24, 2024

Friday, March 29 & Saturday, March 30, 2024

Friday, April 26 & Saturday, April 27, 2024

Friday, May 24 & Saturday, May 25, 2024

Friday, June 28 & Saturday, June 29, 2024

Friday, July 26 & Saturday, July 27, 2024

Friday, August 30 & Saturday, August 31, 2024

Friday, September 27 & Saturday, September 28, 2024

Friday, October 25 & Saturday, October 26, 2024

Friday, November 29 & Saturday, November 30, 2024

Friday, December 27 & Saturday, December 29, 2024

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## How to Support YOUR Parish

People often ask us how they can make donations to St. Vladimir’s other than by making a donation at church. We work continuously to make this as easy for our parish family and friends as we can and we appreciate your feedback in this regard. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!**

If you would like to use a **CREDIT CARD, DEBIT CARD, PAYPAL, ZELL, VENMO, or make your donation directly from your bank account** please visit our parish DONATE page:

<https://tinyurl.com/donatestva2>

If you would prefer to make a RECURRING gift by making an **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER** from your bank to ours, you will need some or all of the information below. If you need more information than what is found here, please email us at [treasurer@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:treasurer@stvladimiraami.org).

You need the name of the church bank: Chase Bank

You need the name on the account: St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church

You may need the address: 9900 Jackson Rd. Dexter, MI 48130-9426

You'll need the American Banking Association Routing Number: 07 2000326

You'll need the account number: **EMAIL US AT [treasurer@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:treasurer@stvladimiraami.org)**

**\*\*\*We welcome and encourage you to remember the parish in your will or in other estate planning.\*\*\***

# Lots of Ways to Get Involved in our Parish Life!

*Please do not throw this bulletin in the garbage ~ Пожалуйста, не выбрасывайте этот бюллетень в мусор*

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| <p><b><u>Sisterhood Corner ~ Уголок сестричества</u></b><br/> <a href="http://www.stvladimiraami.org/stxenia">www.stvladimiraami.org/stxenia</a></p> <p><b>Head Sister – Leta Nikulshina</b><br/> <b>Assistant Head Sisters: Paola Miranda, Zhanna Skalitzky, Elizabeth Joyce</b><br/> <b>Treasurer – Marina Edwards</b><br/> <b>Secretary – Snezhana Knysh</b></p> <p>Sisters are welcome to participate in the ministry of hospitality by hosting weekly meals for our parish family following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.</p> <p>There are many other opportunities to serve the Lord through the auspices of our Sisterhood as well – please contact any of the officers above to learn more!</p> | <p><b><u>Brotherhood Corner ~ Уголок братства</u></b><br/> <a href="http://www.stvladimiraami.org/stjohnbrotherhood/stjohnbrotherhood.shtml">http://www.stvladimiraami.org/stjohnbrotherhood/stjohnbrotherhood.shtml</a></p> <p><b>Brotherhood Officers for 2023-24 are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Head Brother: Mark Kaphaem</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Assistant Head Brother: Donald Skalitzky</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Secretary: Subdeacon Michal Marsh</b></li> </ul> <p>Our Brotherhood cares for our facilities, our grounds, prepares for the Divine Services by caring for the lamps, candles, and other similar duties; and prepares for our parish meals.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>With God's help we intend to build the interior of our new parish school with STV volunteer labor in 2023 and 2024 – YOU CAN HELP!</i></p> </div> |
| <p><b><u>Bell Ringers' Corner ~ Уголок звонаров</u></b><br/> <a href="mailto:jwhill@umich.edu">jwhill@umich.edu</a></p> <p><b>Head Bell Ringer: John Hill</b></p> <p>All who would like to participate in ringing the bells at St. Vladimir's are welcome to contact our Head Bell Ringer. Instruction is offered for those who do not know how to ring. Girls are especially urged to participate in this important ministry of the Church!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b><u>Readers' Corner ~ Уголок чтеца</u></b><br/> <a href="mailto:info@stvladimiraami.org">info@stvladimiraami.org</a></p> <p><b>Senior Reader: Ken (Peter) Doll</b></p> <p>The schedule of Readers is sent monthly via email. Interested in reading in the church? Please see our Senior Reader! How to read in church:</p> <p><a href="http://www.stvladimiraami.org/sheetmusic/instructionsforreaders.pdf">http://www.stvladimiraami.org/sheetmusic/instructionsforreaders.pdf</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b><u>Church School Corner ~ Уголок Приходской Школы</u></b></p> <p><b>Church School Coordinator: Alexandra Pyrozhenko</b></p> <p>St. Vladimir's Church school is for all children in K-8 grades. Classes are offered in English &amp; Russian. Contact Alexandra or Fr. Gregory for more information!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b><u>Choir Corner ~ Уголок хора</u></b></p> <p><b>Festal Choir Director: Julia Easson</b><br/> <b>Weekday Choir Director: Katherine Mihaliov</b><br/> <b>Vigil Choir Director: Ken (Peter) Doll</b></p> <p><b>Like to sing?</b></p> <p>Consider using your voice to glorify God! Please contact one of our directors if you are interested!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b><u>Youth Group Corner ~ Уголок молодежного кружка</u></b></p> <p>The Youth Group plans many fun activities for St. Vladimir's tweens, teens, and young adults this year! Please plan to join us!</p> <p><b>ALL INFORMATION HERE:</b></p> <p><a href="http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/ygschedule.pdf">http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/ygschedule.pdf</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b><u>Altar Servers' Corner ~ Уголок прислужника</u></b></p> <p><b>Head Altar Server: Subdeacon Robert Lanterman</b><br/> <b>Assistant Head Altar Server: Reader Michael Marsh</b></p> <p>Boys may begin to serve in the altar at St. Vladimir's from the time they begin to go to Confession (usually about 7 years old). We encourage all our boys to serve in the altar! For more information please contact Subdeacon Robert or Reader Michael!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |