

**THIS WEEKEND AT ST. VLADIMIR'S
FEBRUARY 2, 2018**

Make an appointment/schedule a confession with Fr. Gregory:

<https://calendly.com/ogrisha>

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This weekend's schedule at St. Vladimir's is below – please join us as your personal calendar allows!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Fr. Gregory Available Time/Confession by Appointment: 3:00 p.m.

Make an appointment: www.calendly.com/ogrisha

Divine Service Rubrics Basic Training: 4:00 p.m.

Learn more/sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/npOqxlB7H0N1ty5a2>

Youth Choir: 4:00 p.m.

Church School: 5:00 p.m.

Register here: <https://goo.gl/forms/2kjtgO3vzh8KK0F62>

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Live Stream: <http://www.stvladimiraami.org:8000/liturgy.mp3>

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Moleben to St. Vladimir: 8:00 a.m.

Prayer to St. Vladimir – Please Use if you cannot Join us for the Moleben:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/pamphlets/prayertostvladimir.pdf>

Confession: 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Make an appointment: <https://calendly.com/ogrisha>

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Live Stream: <http://www.stvladimiraami.org:8000/liturgy.mp3>

Following Divine Liturgy: Weekly Parish Family Meal

More information: <http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/lunchdonationflyer.pdf>

During Parish Meal: Ask the Priest!

Ask a question ahead of time: <https://goo.gl/forms/b9ykwty3RbsTUmEy2>

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THIS SUNDAY! IOCC Souperbowl of Caring is February 4

Every year on Superbowl Sunday billions of dollars are spent on snacks and drinks. Meanwhile, people in American and around the world go hungry. This is a good time for us to make this illogical situation a bit more normal. On February 4 we will take up a collection at the kissing of the cross for International Orthodox Christian Charities. We will also hold a food drive for Food Gatherers. Please bring non-perishable food items to St. Vladimir's on Sunday, February 4. For questions or to help please contact our IOCC Liaison, Marina Edwards.

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Sisterhood Feast Day is this Tuesday

Please note that the heavenly protector of our Sisterhood, St. Xenia of St. Petersburg is celebrated on February 6. Vigil will be held on February 5 at 6:00 p.m., with Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. on February 6. All Sisters all called upon to prepare themselves to Confess and Commune of the Holy Mysteries on this most important feast day for the Sisterhood!

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Fr. Gregory Name's Day is this Wednesday – Open House is Thursday

Fr. Gregory, Elizabeth, Maria, Michael, and Natalia invite everyone to their home to celebrate Fr. Gregory's name's day on Thursday, February 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Gregory is named in honor of St. Gregory the Theologian, who is celebrated on January 25/February 7 each year. Fr. Gregory's name's day is also the annual commemoration of St. Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev, first episcopal martyr of the Revolution. This year marks 100 years since St. Vladimir's martyrdom, and we will commemorate both him and St. Gregory at the Divine Services on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday

morning at 8:00 a.m. Please join us as your personal schedule allows! Don't know where Fr. Gregory lives? Please email info@stvladimiraami.org or text 734-475-4590.

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Forgiveness Sunday – Time to Make Plans – Do Not Miss!

One of the most important Sundays of the Church Year is coming up soon. This is Forgiveness Sunday – the day before Great Lent begins. This year Forgiveness Sunday is February 18. **ALL ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS SHOULD ATTEND LITURGY AND VESPERS AFTER LITURGY THIS DAY.** On this day, immediately after Divine Liturgy, we liturgically begin Great Lent with the beautiful, meaningful, and incredibly necessary Forgiveness Vespers. At this service (which is not long – less than an hour) we hear the beautiful words of the Lenten Triodian calling us to repentance and spiritual struggle during Great Lent. But even more importantly – we perform the order of forgiveness where each of us bows down before the other and sincerely asks forgiveness for all the offenses, known and unknown, that we have caused to our brothers and sisters in Christ. As the Lord tells us in the Gospel: “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.” (Matthew 5:23-24) Our gift to God during Great Lent is our spiritual struggle. But that gift will be unaccepted if we do not first forgive/reconcile with our parish family members. Let us make our gift acceptable and begin Great Lent by forgiving each other at Forgiveness Vespers February 18!

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House Blessing Time – Make Your Appointment Now!

Each year following the feast of the Theophany (the Lord’s Baptism – January 19) it is a traditional and pious custom to have one’s home blessed by the priest. Homes are blessed at St. Vladimir’s until the beginning of Great Lent. Please visit this link to make an appointment: <https://calendly.com/ogrisha/house-blessing>. Please contact Fr. Gregory to schedule a house blessing if the times listed do not work for you. If you live far from St. Vladimir’s please consult with those other parishioners of St. Vladimir’s who live near you so that you can all have your homes blessed on the same evening. If you would like to have Fr. Moses bless your house please contact him at 530-591-0416 or priestmoses@gmail.com. Generally he can bless houses after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, but has more availability on Saturdays and Sundays. Congratulations to all with the feast of our Lord’s Baptism!

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How to Support St. Vladimir's

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.

Please read here a short piece about the best way to support St. Vladimir's – by making a planned recurring gift to our parish:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/plannedstewardship.pdf>

How to make such a recurring gift? If it is favorable or more convenient for you to use a credit card, please visit our Network for Good giving page:

<https://stvladimiraami.networkforgood.com/projects/36049-stewardship-tithes-general-fund>

If you prefer PayPal:

<https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=kRuJoZJOYPD1jGZ14E9mOHYAmXsvCmpAaKkgCpUOi1Tj8QDaHNIpW3EKAVp2u1nh1NST10&country.x=US&locale.x=US>

If you would prefer to make a recurring gift by making an electronic 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.

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: 235651509

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

Thank you for your support of our parish!

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Annual Parish Meeting set for February 11, 2018 – Pay Membership Dues Now!

At the November 18, 2017 Parish Council meeting the date of the 2017 annual meeting was set for February 11, 2018. As we prepare for our annual meeting in February it is important that those who have not yet paid their 2017 membership dues in fact do this to participate in the meeting. And given our membership dues are not too much (\$55/year for a working adult and \$27.50 for non working adults) why not just take care of 2018 now too? 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 (vasiliy.krivtsov@gmail.com or 734-669-8712) or Dmitry Knysh (dmitriknys@hotmai.com or 734-358-5996) or Konstantin Poplavsky (734-944-4087 or 419-344-2071). We cordially invite you to join our parish family!

Please find our membership form here – you can just fill this out and return to one of the membership coordinators:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/membershipform.pdf>

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Vacation Bible School Dates + Planning

The dates for the 2018 Vacation Bible School are July 16-20. We need to form our VBS planning committee and begin to meet and plan very soon. EVERYONE can help! Please visit this link ASAP to volunteer your time, treasure, or talent to this important ministry!

<https://goo.gl/forms/CKKVrNqsq4mknIn12>

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YOU HAVE TEETH! KEEP THEM HEALTHY AND HELP OUR PARISH!

New Dentist Office Donates 10% of Fees to St. Vladimir's Building Fund

Prime Dental, a brand new dental practice in Farmington Hills owned by St. Vladimir's parishioners, will donate 10% of your dental fees in their practice to the St. Vladimir's building fund. And the dentist speaks English and Russian!

You have teeth. You need those teeth taken care of. And the quality of care is absolutely top notch! Call Prime Dental now and make an appointment (and talk to them about PPO insurance and other such details). Care for your teeth and help us to build our new church!

Prime Dental: 248-987-2879 ~ www.primedentaloffice.com

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Reading the Sunday Life of the Saint

Young people who can read clearly and loudly are welcome and urged to participate! THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE ENGAGED IN PARISH LIFE! Research shows that it is very important for young people to be engaged now so they persist in the Church into adulthood.

The sign up sheet can be found at the link below. PARENTS: please contact Karl Meyer or Alexandra Pyrozhenko with questions!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18AHfYesuK3-z4HZ8-ysdAne4RIKaiFEdpPNz6oueoU4/edit?usp=sharing>

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Feedback Sought!

We want to know what you think! We want your ideas about how we can do things better! We want your ideas about what we need to do but we are not! And ESPECIALLY we want your ideas about how we can attract more faithful to St. Vladimir's! Give us your feedback here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/cPFIs9XgfdiLBmOn2>

Thank you!

See you soon at St. Vladimir's!

Fr. Gregory