

**THIS WEEKEND AT ST. VLADIMIR'S
NOVEMBER 9, 2018**

Make an appointment or 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!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

St. Vladimir Fall Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Monastery Departs St. Vladimir's: 12:00 p.m.
Please pray for the pilgrims' safe travels: <https://tinyurl.com/y75ptvo2>

Michigan Deanery ORPR Camper Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
More information/sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/abZWID2y5T9quUjO2>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Church School Annual Pilgrimage to Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI: 12:00 p.m.
Please note: there are no Church School classes at St. Vladimir's this afternoon at 5:00 p.m.
Please pray for the pilgrims' safe travels: <https://tinyurl.com/yeh9zfxk>

Fr. Gregory Available Time/Confession by Appointment: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Make an appointment: <https://calendly.com/ogrisha>

Confession: 5:30 p.m.

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Live Stream: <http://www.stvladimiraami.org:8000/liturgy.mp3>

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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 Liturgy: Weekly Parish Meal

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

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEKEND AT ST. VLADIMIR'S

Everything else can be found on our web site: www.stva2.org

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ONE: Weekly Email Reboot

We are going to try to make the Monday and Friday emails much smaller so that it is ideally more valuable for our parishioners. If you are not seeing something here that you expect to see or want to find please check our web site, our Facebook page, our Twitter feed – or just send us a text at 734-475-4590 or an email at info@stvladimiraami.org. You are invited to use those methods to give us feedback about the new email format too!

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TWO: Giving at St. Vladimir's

Our Parish Council met on Thursday evening, November 8. Bottom line: we have not been doing a very good job of providing guidance to our parishioners about the spiritual obligation of financial stewardship. About 1/3 of the Lord's parables touched this subject – yet we have not touched it comprehensively for years. And that is not fair to our parishioners. So we will begin to touch this subject a bit more actively. This is a spiritual issue – not a financial one. And this is the way we will approach it. No pressure – but education. We begin here. The Treasurer's Corner page provides all sorts of information about why one should make a prayerful decision about stewardship, whether the Patriarch pays our electrical bills, allows you to ask a question of the Treasurer, see our weekly collections, and more. The Donate page is set up to make your life easy and to provide you peace – make a recurring donation after having made a prayerful decision about stewardship. We hope sincerely that these information pages are helpful for all our parishioners and we welcome your feedback!

Treasurer's Corner: <https://tinyurl.com/y7y5ukgc>

Donate: <https://tinyurl.com/ycfk6xcq>

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THREE: Starosta's Corner

The latest Starosta's Corner is available on our web site! See it here:

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

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FOUR: Why Church Marriage – New Posting on Blogtushka

There are some of us in our St. Vladimir family who have not yet gotten married in the Church. We should address this issue, not with acrimony, but from an educational point of view. It is my hope that if we do this it will become clear that marriage in the Church is not some sort of optional thing, but is absolutely crucial if we hope to be successful as a couple. And we'll talk about what "successful" means too. It might be something different than what you are thinking as you begin this note...

Read the whole article here:

<https://blogtushka.blogspot.com/2018/11/marriage-in-church-why.html>

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FIVE: Expanding our Worship Space – Moving Forward

We are packed into our present worship space. The parish council has been discussing this at length and how we can get the new church project started as soon as possible. More on that is coming soon and we think it is important that you understand that we are concerned about this and about how we move forward. We will move forward! Not in 10 years. Not in 5. Hopefully in 1 year. Maybe in 2. We will discuss this at the annual meeting on March 19 in some detail and hope to have an actionable plan fully in place by the end of that meeting. In the mean time, you can help. A lot. By moving forward. Physically. Closer to the front of the worship space. Often we are packed right to the back doors on Sunday – but sometimes there is 10 feet of open space in the front. We appreciate that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee has made such an impression our parishioners (read here if this reference isn't clear to you:

https://chrysostompress.org/c_sunday_publican_pharisee.html). But we need you to move forward. You. The people who read this email. Not someone else. **PEOPLE ARE LEAVING ON SUNDAY BECAUSE THERE IS NO SPACE FOR THEM TO STAND.** But there is room.

But we can't expect those who are visiting to stand in the front. If they did that we would probably even judge them for being a little pretentious. So those of us who are regular parishioners need to push themselves (figuratively and literally) to get to the front of the church. Please. Otherwise people will show up, not be able to physically get into the worship space and leave. It happens every Sunday. **LET'S MAKE SURE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN!**

See you soon at St. Vladimir's!

Fr. Gregory