

THIS WEEKEND AT ST. VLADIMIR'S  
AUGUST 11, 2017

See this email in PDF format:

<http://www.stvladimiraami.org/pamphlets/fridayemail.pdf>

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

<https://calendly.com/ogriha>

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Festival Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Confession: 5:00 p.m.

Vigil 6:00 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Confession 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

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

Following Divine Liturgy: Weekly Parish Meal

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Dormition Fast begins August 14

The fast in preparation for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God begins on August 14 each year. This is a strict fast, along the lines of Great Lent. No meat or dairy products are eaten, as is the case for all lenten periods, but during this lent fish is only allowed on the feast of the Transfiguration, August 19. Please utilize this gift that the Holy Church has given us for our spiritual good by following the fast. This is one only two weeks. If you wait too long to begin it will be over!

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## Sunday Activities Fall 2017

In order to help facilitate long-term planning for our parishioners we will organize some of our parish Sunday afternoon activities based on the Sundays of the month. This allows for folks to plan far ahead, and we strongly urge you to do so to avoid missing those things that you want to participate in! Please contact Fr. Gregory with questions. These activities, as always, will run September through May, with June, July, and August not following this schedule due to vacations.

First Sunday of the Month: Ask the Priest at the Parish Meal

Second Sunday of the Month: Youth Groups

Third Sunday of the Month: Matthew 25 Adult Activities

More information: <http://blogtushka.blogspot.com/2017/06/matthew-25-our-parish-family-response.html>

Lead/participate in one of our Matthew 25 Efforts:

<https://goo.gl/forms/OrxUcrMAjXdVpnzQ2>

Fourth Sunday (sometimes Saturday) of the Month: ORPR Camper Meeting

Fifth Sunday of the Month if there is one: Nothing Scheduled

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## Volunteer Opportunities - Helping Fr. Gregory

As most of our parishioners are aware, Fr. Gregory has several responsibilities in addition to being our parish Rector. He is the Dean of the Michigan Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, the Dean of our Diocesan Seminary, and the Secretary of the the Diocesan Council. All these things are getting done, but with some help they could be done much better than they are. Presently there are two volunteer opportunities to help Fr. Gregory with these duties:

1. Help with Audio/Visual at St. Vladimir's: we are presently streaming audio of our major Divine Services. This is great! But we would like to revive our "Sound of the Parish" blog. That means we need one or two people to see to it that recorded Divine

Services are edited and posted there. We would also like to do more video and still photography. Again - that means we need one or two people to help out.

2. Matthew 25 Leaders: see the entry directly above this one in today's email.

3. Church School Teachers: after the Divine Services the Church School is the most important ministry of our parish. Archbishop Peter has blessed the Church School - all children and parents should be participating in this crucial effort. You needn't be a theologian to be a teacher - but you have to be willing to learn. :)

4. Youth Group Volunteers: our young people need to learn about their faith, but they also need to act on that faith - to do good works for the sake of Christ. We need volunteers to help facilitate this important work!

Please contact Fr. Gregory if you would like to volunteer or if you would like to learn more. Each of us has a ministry. Perhaps one of the above opportunities is yours? If not - and that is totally understandable - challenge yourself. What IS your ministry? Please contact Fr. Gregory if you would like to discuss this or any other aspect of our faith.

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#### Youth Group Activities this Fall

Join us monthly for important opportunities for our youth to live out their faith in service to others and to strengthen bonds of friendship with Orthodox Christian peers!

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

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#### ORPR Camper Meetings this Fall

All present, past, and future campers are welcome! Come learn about ORPR, how to get ready for the 2018 camp session (including sharing best practices for parents and campers), meet our parish (and Michigan Deanery) campers and much more!

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

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St. John Kochurov Society - Join Today!

Archbishop Peter and our diocesan St. John Kochurov Society are calling "100 Members for 100 Years" in honor of the upcoming 2017 centennial of St. John's martyrdom (October 31/November 13, 2017). Donate and join today to immediately aid our diocesan youth, missions, and monasteries facing critical needs:

<https://stjohn.networkforgood.com/projects/21107-join-st-john-kochurov-society>

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Sign up NOW! Most Important Outreach to our Local Community!

EVERY PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER HAS SIGNED UP! Do not wait a minute longer to sign up yourself!

It is time to sign up for this year's Russian Festival! Time to encourage friends, acquaintances, neighbors, coworkers, and everyone you know to join us for this wonderfully fun activity, which is also our most important outreach to our local community! Do not miss - sign up today!

Sign up sheet:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yh4aUfPECd7q0JW41W2Rp4\\_WRyZeCrtD\\_ZrZrod5rEI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yh4aUfPECd7q0JW41W2Rp4_WRyZeCrtD_ZrZrod5rEI/edit?usp=sharing)

The Bar is full! Sign up before the spot you want is gone!

Dates of the Festival: September 16 & 17, 2017

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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