

**THIS WEEKEND AT ST. VLADIMIR'S  
JUNE 22, 2018**

Make an appointment or schedule a confession with Fr. Gregory

<https://calendly.com/ogrisha>

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Apostles' Fast Began June 4

Please note that the fast which prepares us for the feast of Sts. Peter & Paul begins on Monday, June 4, 2018. As is the case with all fasting periods, we abstain from meat and dairy products during this fasting period. This fast is similar to the Nativity fast in that it is less strict than Great Lent and the Dormition Lent. That is, fish is often allowed during this fasting period. We call upon all to take advantage of this opportunity to grow spiritually by fasting in accordance with the Holy Church's instructions, by increasing one's prayer life, spiritual readings, and attendance at Divine Services, and by decreasing one's consumption of entertainment and empty distractions. If you have questions about fasting or any aspect of spiritual life, please contact Fr. Gregory or Fr. Moses. May the Lord grant all a spiritually profitable Apostles' Fast!

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**

Fr. Gregory Available Time/Confession by Appointment: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Confession: 5:00 p.m.

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

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24**

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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All English Cycle is NEXT Friday and Saturday

Please join us next Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. for our monthly All-English liturgical cycle. Invite friends and loved ones! Invite neighbors! Invite co-workers! This is a missionary endeavor and meant to bring new people to the church. 80% of Americans say they would come to church if someone only invited them, according to a recent study. So let's invite!

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40 Consecutive Liturgy Commemoration Now Available

Many people ask us for 40-day commemorations at the Divine Liturgy. This practice – remembering someone who is ill or who has died for 40 consecutive days at the Divine Liturgy – is known as “Sorokoust”. We do not serve Liturgy every day at St. Vladimir's. But we did serve 122 Liturgies last year. Thank God we have the opportunity to serve Liturgy often. We provide a sort of modified Sorokoust for our parish family. We can commemorate your friends or loved ones at 40 consecutive Liturgies. This will take more than 40 days, but nonetheless it will indeed be helpful for those who are commemorated. Please arrange these special commemorations with Fr. Gregory or with Albina Serafimovna at the parish kiosk. There is no “cost” for these commemorations, but it is common to give a donation in thanksgiving for the prayers. The amount is completely up to those arranging the Sorokoust and, as with other special services at St. Vladimir's, should be based on your financial situation. If God has blessed you with much you should give much. If He has blessed you with little, you should give little. Please see Fr. Gregory with questions about this or any other spiritual issue.

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Wednesday Evenings in our Parish

We strive to provide our parish family with several opportunities to connect with the Church throughout the week, but we are especially focusing on Wednesday – the mid point of the week. A new offering in this regard is Small Compline + Discussion at Fr. Moses' home each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending around 7:30 p.m. For more information, his address, etc., please call or text him at: 503-591-0416. In addition to the service and the discussion light refreshments will be served. Please bring a snack to share if you can. This means that now we have an activity to the east of Ann Arbor (Fr. Moses'), to the West (at St. Vladimir's – the weekly akathist) and to the south (Adrian Bible Study). We now need to establish something in Ann Arbor itself and/or to the north. If you are interested in establishing a Bible Study or other similar gathering in either of those areas please contact Fr. Gregory. Here is the Wednesday night lineup as of today:

6:00 p.m. Weekly Akathist for the Ill at St. Vladimir's

6:00 p.m. Weekly Small Compline & Spiritual Discussion at Fr. Moses'

8:00 p.m. Adrian Bible Study

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Volunteer for Festival Duties Now – the 2018 Festival is September 15 & 16:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14paULj3UY8s49B8HaxB31EkABpf8pEpppX5BUOn5H7o/edit?usp=sharing>

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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Archbishop Peter is September 2-17

Please join Archbishop Peter, Bishop Longin (of the Serbian Church), Fr. Gregory, and several of our parishioners on a special trip to the Holy Land September 2-17, 2018. Of course – we St. Vladimirians will be returning a bit early so we can work at the Ann Arbor Russian Festival, but that does not minimize the importance of this pilgrimage. And this will be Archbishop Peter's last as pilgrimage leader. Every door in Jerusalem is open to him – there is no pilgrimage leader like Vladyka! If you have been waiting to go to Jerusalem for the right time wait no more! This is your last chance to be in the land of the Lord's birth, ministry, life, crucifixion, and resurrection with your own bishop! More information is here – reserve your spot today – space is limited:

[https://chicagodiocese.org/news\\_180411\\_1.html](https://chicagodiocese.org/news_180411_1.html)

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Too Noisy in Church

It is important that we make an effort – a real effort – to refrain from speaking in church. We have gotten a bit lax about this lately and the timing is not good. Archbishop Peter will be visiting soon and he will most certainly correct this inappropriate behavior if we do not correct it ourselves. And we will like it a lot less if he feels the need to do this than if we learn to do this on our own. If one absolutely must have a conversation during the time of the Divine Services this should be done either:

1. In the kiosk area IN VERY HUSHED TONES. The glass doors are by no means sound proof. We are failing quite terribly here. The Parish Council will discuss this at the next meeting and measures will be taken to cut down on the cacophony coming from behind the glass doors during the Divine Liturgy.

2. Outside

3. Most appropriately, unless the conversation involves a life or death situation: at the meal after the Divine Liturgy

4. We ask parents that if they bring toys for their children that these be soft toys that do not make noise when dropped on the floor or on the benches.

Please contact Fr. Gregory with questions or concerns.

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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](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 [info@stvladimiraami.org](mailto:info@stvladimiraami.org)

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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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