

**THIS WEEK AT ST. VLADIMIR'S
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

Make an appointment or schedule a confession with Fr. Gregory

<https://calendly.com/ogrisha>

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Please find our weekly bulletin, “Sunday Reading”, on-line here:

<http://www.stvladimiraami.org/SundayReadings/CurrentSundayReading.pdf>

Please find our weekly prayer list on-line here:

<http://www.stvladimiraami.org/SundayReadings/parishprayerlist.pdf>

Please find the latest schedule of services and activities on-line here:

http://www.stvladimiraami.org/calendars/current_calendar.pdf

Please find our Youth Group Schedule of Activities here:

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

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SPECIAL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. VLADIMIR’S

Monday 8:00 p.m. - Ask the Priest on OCN Facebook

Ask a question: <https://goo.gl/forms/VvUStKujO9yZyKIB2>

Monday 9:30 p.m. - Vespers, Matins, and Divine Liturgy for St. Mardarije –
MIDNIGHT LITURGY

More information – please share: <https://goo.gl/forms/tSLopONpcCsUupPl2>

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Matins for St. Andrew the First Called Apostle

More information – please share:

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

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy for St. Andrew the First Called Apostle

More information – please share:

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

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - Akathist to the Mother of God for the Ill

Add a name to our prayer list: <https://goo.gl/forms/JICdEKHknJcH1hCq1>

Wednesday 8:00 p.m. - Adrian Bible Study

Sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/w5bB2MkkAqLwtm6k2>

Friday 6:00 p.m. - Bake Sale Drop Off and Set Up

More information: headsister@stvladimiraami.org

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Annual St. Vladimir Bake Sale!

More information – please share: <http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/bakesale2017.pdf>

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - Fr. Gregory Available Time by Appointment

Make an appointment: www.calendly.com/ogrisha

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir

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

Learn more/sign up: <https://goo.gl/forms/npOqx1B7H0N1ty5a2>

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Church School

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

Saturday 6:00 p.m. - Vigil

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

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

Prayer to St. Vladimir (if you can't join us please read this prayer Sunday morning): <http://stvladimiraami.org/pamphlets/prayertostvladimir.pdf>

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Confession by Appointment Only

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

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

After Liturgy: Parish Weekly Lunch

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

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BAKE SALE IS DECEMBER 16!

Please join at our annual Bake Sale on December 16!

Join = Bake for the Sale

Join = Help work at the Sale

Join = Invite friends and loved ones – use this flyer:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/bakesale2017.pdf>

Contact our head sister, Ksenia Nikulshina now to find out how you can help:

headsister@stvladimiraami.org

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Join the St. Vladimir's Snow Plowing Team!

We need a few more folks to learn how to plow snow so that we have enough folks to make sure we are covered for each and every storm. Right now we have three people trained. It would be good to have at least two more. If you can help please contact Fr. Gregory, Konstantin Poplavsky, or Vasily Golubets. Reach out at info@stvladimiraami.org, 734-475-4590, or see one of them at church! Men and women are welcome to join the team!

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Youth Group Activity Schedule for Winter/Spring 2018

Please find the schedule of Youth Group Activities for this spring and winter at St. Vladimir's at this link:

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

All are welcome! We need an additional helper for our 9-12 year old group. Please contact Fr. Gregory if you can help!

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ORPR Camper Meetings for Winter/Spring 2018

Please find the schedule of ORPR Camper Meetings for this spring and winter at St. Vladimir's at this link:

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

All present, future, and past campers are welcome! Spread the word!

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Sunday Activity Schedule for Winter/Spring 2018

Please find the schedule of Sunday Activities at St. Vladimir's at the following link:

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

Please note too that we will have a lecture each Sunday of Great Lent during the parish meal, as is our usual practice. Other activities scheduled for those days will be adjusted (usually later in the afternoon) accordingly.

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All English Schedule for 2018!

Please find the schedule of all English cycles of Divine Services for 2018 at this link:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/englishliturgyschedule2018.pdf>

Thank you to all who support and make these services possible! Invite friends and loved ones! Do your part to spread the word in our society about Orthodox Christianity!

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Church School this Saturday - Register Now

We are back for Church School this Saturday at St. Vladimir's!

Register at this link:

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

See our Church School video here:

<https://youtu.be/vspDTcLQvOo>

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Nativity Fast begins November 28

We congratulate all our parish family with the beginning of the upcoming Lenten period preceding the feast of our Lord's Nativity! This Lenten period begins November 28 each year and runs until January 7 – the feast of our Lord's Nativity. This Lenten period is much less stringent than Great Lent. During this fast, as usual, we abstain from meat and dairy products. But fish is allowed on many days. Please consult our parish schedule (linked below) for more details on the culinary aspects of fasting. Of course, the culinary fast is a tool to aid us spiritually to prepare for our Lord's Nativity – it is not an end unto itself. If you have not fasted in the past please consult Fr. Gregory for practical advice on how to be successful in fasting. Fasting a very important way that we place ourselves in obedience to the Church, the Ark of our salvation, and extraordinarily helpful in our spiritual struggle to draw nearer to our Lord at this special time of year.

http://www.stvladimiraami.org/calendars/current_calendar.pdf

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Extra Divine Services for Nativity Lent – Participation Welcome!

It is our parish practice to serve many of the Great Lenten services during the week, but we have never added extra services during Nativity Lent. Until this year! There will be Divine Services at least once during each week of the Nativity Fast OUTSIDE the usual Saturday/Sunday services this year. This is part of an effort within the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America to serve Divine Liturgy at least once daily during the upcoming Nativity Fast. Sign up today to help with these services (sing, read, serve in the altar) here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IOZwEikNAjdaykb1t2ih7PIWY8AKEDwIoHlm_m7lTfw/edit?usp=sharing

We have highlighted the services in question in GREEN at the link above. The dates we will hold Divine Liturgy during the week of the Nativity Fast (and evening services the evening before) are:

December 1 – MIDNIGHT LITURGY
December 7
December 12 – NEW – MIDNIGHT LITURGY
December 13
December 15 – CANCELED
December 22 – MIDNIGHT LITURGY
December 29 – MIDNIGHT LITURGY
January 4

Please join us as your personal schedule allows! Make a special effort to attend at least some of the weekday Lenten services this Nativity Fast!

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Annual Parish Meeting set for February 11, 2018 – Membership Drive Starts 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: Vasiliy Krivtsov (vasiliy.krivtsov@gmail.com or 734-669-8712) or Dmitry Knysh (dmitriknys@hotmail.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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Parish Cemetery Plots are Now Available

We are pleased to offer plots in our parish cemetery for sale. To learn more please review the Regulations, Rules, and License Agreement at this link:

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

You can see the plot map of those spaces available at this link:

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

Please note that the plots nearest the future parish church are exclusively available to St. Vladimir's members until 12/31/17. Also, members receive a discount on the cost of cemetery plots. To learn more about parish membership please visit this link:

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

Questions or more information: cemetery@stvladimiraami.org

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Adrian Bible Study and Adult Discussion – Next is December 13

Please join us at our Adrian Bible Study on Wednesday, November 1. All are welcome! Please pre-register at the link below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/1j3s2AwGj3ZDNcWG2>

Want to start your own neighborhood Bible Study? Contact Fr. Gregory to learn how!

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Liturgy on 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!

See you soon at St. Vladimir's!

Fr. Gregory