

**THIS WEEK AT ST. VLADIMIR'S
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023**

Schedule for the Week: <https://tinyurl.com/stvschedule>

All Divine Services Broadcast on our Live Streams: <https://tinyurl.com/stvsocial>

Make an appointment or schedule a confession with Fr. Gregory: <https://calendly.com/ogrish>

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ONE: Theophany of the Lord Schedule

The schedule of services for the Theophany of the Lord has been published and is available at the following link:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/theophany2023schedule.pdf>

Please note there is a great blessing of the waters on January 18 AND January 19. On 1/18 we bless water in the church. On 1/19 we bless water at the "Jordan" after we process to it. A house blessing schedule will be published in the nearest future.

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TWO: January 21 – BIG SATURDAY!

8:00 AM: Blessing of the Huron River: MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

10:00 AM: Monthly All-Parish Work Day:

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

2:00 PM Yolka/Christmas Pageant is January 21 – BUT TICKETS NOW

Our STV Children's Nativity Celebration is sent for January 21! Tickets are on sale now. Learn more and buy tickets until January 19 at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/stvyolka2023>

6:00 PM Vigil

Join us as your personal schedule allows!

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THREE: Cross Procession January 22 is in Support of Life!

Sign up now at the link below! Join us for a short procession (1-2 miles walking at most). During the procession we will stop at some logical place (town square, etc.) and hold a short concert and/or serve a short moleben. We will provide a traditional Orthodox witness to our communities: we will have information about Orthodox Christianity available for those who are interested, and talk to those who would like to learn more. As January 20 marks the annual March for Life, this will be a cross procession specifically focused on the Orthodox Church's teaching that life begins at conception. Don't miss this great opportunity to bring our faith to our neighbors! Sign up for Brighton today!

CROSS PROCESSION SUNDAY, JANUARY 22: <https://forms.gle/kJL7uTHAD7N9cF1n9>

All are welcome - join us!

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FOUR: Prince Vladimir Youth Association of Michigan Founded

Thank you to everyone who made this last weekend's PVYAMI activity such a huge success!

On Saturday/Sunday, January 14/15, 2023 about 20 young adults (18-25 or so) gathered at our St. Vladimir Church in Ann Arbor. Fr. Andrei Sommer, Vice Chair of ROCOR's Youth Committee, joined us from the Synodal Cathedral in New York City and led the activities for the weekend. Fr. Andrei arrived on Friday, January 13 in time to participate in the St. Vladimir Annual Nativity Charity Ball, as did many of the program participants. The ball was in support of the St. Vladimir parish's parish school, the Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy, which is presently under construction and slated to begin instruction in the school in September or 2023. The school is already teaching students in the church proper, but the new facility will be a huge boon to this crucial educational endeavor, aimed at preparing the next generation of leaders for our Orthodox Michigan.

Saturday began with Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Basil the Great, served by Priest Colin Bower and Deacon Dmitri Mihailov. After a light brunch the work began! The gathered young people prepared and recorded podcasts in support of the greater PVYA podcasting project, which began at the PVYA conference in Utah in June, 2022. Not just a few of Saturday's participants had also been in Utah, and those young people took the lead in the day's work. Nine new podcasts were prepared and will be released over the next few months. All are encouraged to subscribe to the podcasts:

APPLE: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/orthodox-youth-podcast/id1649569037>

SOUND CLOUD: <https://soundcloud.com/youthpv>

SPOTIFY: <https://open.spotify.com/show/7qgggLx8S01r6U5RDoDUfm>

Following the podcasting work the young people participated in the Saturday evening Vigil, which was followed by a somewhat massive bonfire and a pizza dinner. In the midst of all the work and social interaction something else important happened too: a Prince Vladimir Youth Association of Michigan was founded. Much more information in this regard will be forthcoming, but this group focuses on the 18-25 year old demographic, which has been traditionally under-served by the Church in North America. We hope to make a difference in the faith of this important age group, and we ask your prayers in this regard.

On Sunday all gathered again in the church to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Following the Liturgy the parish sisterhood offered a rather bountiful meal to all the parishioners, as well as the PVYA participants. A bit of work polishing Saturday's podcasting efforts was undertaken, and then all returned to their homes in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Fr. Andrei was presented with the gift of an icon of St. Mardarije of Libertyville, who reposed at the beginning of the 20th Century in Ann Arbor, and who is the patron saint of the Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy. In return, Fr. Andrei gave a copy of his recently published book to the parish library, and also to Fr. Gregory Joyce, Rector of the parish.

Thank God for His mercy in allowing the young people to gather. This first effort of the PVYAMI was successful, but much work is still to be done. May the Lord also bless the forthcoming efforts!

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FIVE: Church School Begins January 28

St. Vladimir's Church School begins January 28 at 5:00 p.m. and every Saturday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. through May 20 with the exception of April 15 (Holy Saturday). We have condensed the classes to the greatest extent possible for the convenience of our busy families – we value your time. Please do us the favor of valuing the time of the teachers and other volunteers who make our Church School possible by being on time.

All children are urged to participate in the Vigil following Church School and in the Sunday (and other feast days) Divine Liturgies to the greatest extent possible by ringing bells, serving in the altar, singing, helping in the kiosk, and most importantly by being present in the church and praying with their parish family, AND ESPECIALLY by partaking of the Holy Mysteries. The Liturgy is not a spectacle or event that we watch, but a prayerful “work of the people” that we participate in through our prayerful involvement. Please contact Fr. Gregory with questions in this regard.

To register, please visit this link: <https://forms.gle/XyneqrPctATd5hrFA>

To learn more about our Church School please contact the Church School Coordinator, Alexandra Pyrozhenko at info@stvladimiraami.org.

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SIX: Annual Meeting Date Set

The date of the 2022 Annual Parish Assembly has been set for February 19, 2023. To participate in the meeting via voting or running for parish office one must be a member of the parish. To become a member of our parish please contact one of our membership coordinators: Dmitry Knysh (dmitriknysh@hotmail.com or 734-358-5996) or Konstantin Poplavsky (kepoplavsky@yahoo.com or 734-944-4087). We cordially invite you to join our parish family!

Annual Meeting Letter & Agenda:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/annualmeeting2023.pdf>

More information on the annual meeting will be posted on our web site and sent via email and post to those who are on our mailing list. If you are not on our email list or mailing list please email info@stvladimiraami.org and we will be happy to add you to either or both of these lists.

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Additional Resources:

Sunday's "Sunday Reading": <https://tinyurl.com/stvpubs>

Sunday's "Good News": <https://tinyurl.com/stvpubs>

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

See you soon at St. Vladimir's!

Fr. Gregory