THIS WEEK AT ST. VLADIMIR'S
MARCH 27, 2017

Holy Week & Bright Week 2017 Schedule

http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/paschaschedule17.pdf

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Make an appointment/schedule a confession or house blessing 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

Please find our Choir/Reader/Altar Server Sign Up for non-Sunday Services here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IOZwEikNAjdaykb1t2ih7PlWY8AKEDwIoHlm_m7lTfw/edit?usp=sharing

Please find the sound files of the weekend's Divine Services at this link:

http://soundoftheparish.blogspot.com/

Please find the All English Divine Service Schedule at this link:

http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/englishliturgyschedule2017.pdf

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

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - Matins with the reading of the life of St. Mary of Egypt and the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Thursday 5:00 p.m. - Hours and Presanctified Liturgy (~6:30 p.m.)

Friday 6:00 p.m. - Matins for the Laudation of the Theotokos (Akathist Saturday)

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy for the Laudation of the Theotokos (Akathist Saturday)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal & Adult Spiritual Discussion

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Church School & Weekday Choir Rehearsal & Adult Spiritual Discussion
Register for Church Church: https://goo.gl/forms/QpdBq4zUqadobII42

Saturday 6:00 p.m. - Vigil

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Confession by Appointment
Make an appointment: https://calendly.com/ogrisha

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

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9-12 Year Old + Teen Joint Youth Group Activity is 4/2/17

Please join us to help prepare for the Michigan Deanery Missionary Choir performance the evening of 4/2/17. This is an important activity as the young people will be working for the good of the Holy Church directly. More information and sign up is below.

9-12 Year Old Youth Group: https://goo.gl/forms/Fa33IWjREUS6RmUL2

Teen Youth Group: https://goo.gl/forms/BJY2lMAhJpY7n6KE3

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Michigan Deanery Missionary Choir Performs 4/2/17

Please sign up below for limited seating for the April 2 Michigan Deanery Missionary Choir concert in downtown Ann Arbor. The concert is in a private home and we will email you the details if you are one of the first 25 to sign up. So sign up now! :)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1so7SBvMHZy6FBm4E3AkG9Sb9YmQsPCsp9sVlRtVrMlw/edit?usp=sharing

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Notary Public Service at St. Vladimir's

We are happy to announce that Ivanna Iavorska-Em has completed all training and is now a Notary Public. Ivanna can notarize official documents as needed for St. Vladimir's parishioners at no charge – this is a service that we are happy to offer to our parishioners and we thank Ivanna for her willingness to serve our parish family in this way! Ivanna is fluent in English, Russian, and Ukrainian. To make an appointment to have Ivanna notarize your papers according to the rules and standards of the Notary Public laws please email info@stvladimiraami.org or call or SMS: 734-475-4590.

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House Blessing Time

Each year following the feast of the Theophany (the Lord's Baptism – January 19) it is a traditional and pious custom to have one's home blessed by the priest. Homes are blessed at St. Vladimir's until the beginning of Great Lent. Please visit this link to make an appointment:

https://calendly.com/ogrisha/house-blessing

Please contact Fr. Gregory to schedule a house blessing if the times listed do not work for you. If you live far from St. Vladimir's please consult with those other parishioners of St. Vladimir's who live near you so that you can all have your homes blessed on the same evening. Congratulations to all with the feast of our Lord's Baptism!

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Great Lent Begins February 27 – Pascha is April 16

Please note that Great Lent begins this year on February 27. The week previous to this is a week where all foods are allowed except for meat. During Great Lent we abstain from meat and dairy products including fish (although fish is allowed on the Annunciation – April 7, and Palm Sunday – April 9). Let us recall that fasting is a tool given to us by God to aid us spiritually. For some it is easy to fast, for others it is difficult. However, what is most important is that we make a sincere effort to follow the fast. Why? Simply because the fast helps us to see our sins by helping us to focus spiritually. Eating "light" foods, or perhaps rather, abstaining from "heavy" foods such as meats and cheeses, allows us to be less focused on our stomachs and more focused on our souls, and of course, in this season when we undergo our journey to the Resurrection of our Lord we dearly wish to improve ourselves spiritually that we might meet the risen Christ better than we were when we began Great Lent. St. John Chrysostom writes that we abstain from meats that we might abstain from our sins. This nicely sums up the reason the Holy Church, as a loving mother, gives us the gift of fasting. Pascha is April 16 – may God grant us all a spiritually profitable Great Lent!

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Alms Giving at St. Vladimir's this Great Lent

Alms giving is a strong tradition of the Holy Church during lenten periods. As we spend less on our food at these times of year we take that extra and give it to those less fortunate. At St. Vladimir's we will collect alms according to the following schedule this Great Lent.

Sunday, March 5: Parish Fund for those in Need of Assistance
Sunday, March 12: Parish Fund for those in Need of Assistance
Sunday, March 19: International Orthodox Christians Charities
More information: https://www.iocc.org/
Sunday, March 26: Alpha House
More information: http://alphahouse-ihn.org/
Sunday, April 2: Zoe for Life Michigan
More information: http://www.zoehousemi.org
Sunday, April 9: Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem
More information: http://jerusalem-mission.org/

If you miss one of these collections but would like to provide support please contact our Treasurer, Marina Edwards, at treasurer@stvladimiraami.org

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New Ann Arbor Business is Hiring

Proclean is owned by our own Nick Vlisides and Julia Easson and they are hiring! This business will help local realtors prepare homes for sale. The work is part time but the pay is good. Please contact Nick or Julia at 734-276-6753 if you would like to learn more!

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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