

**THIS WEEK AT ST. VLADIMIR'S
FEBRUARY 19, 2018**

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

First Week of Great Lent Full Schedule:

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

Additional Activities:

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

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

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First Week of Great Lent begins TODAY

The first week of Great Lent is one of the most important weeks of the year from a spiritual point of view. If we are to get much out of Great Lent we need to put much in, and participating in the first week services to the greatest extent possible is a huge help in this regard. Please find the schedule of services below. Take a few minutes to schedule your participation in as many of these Divine Services as possible so that you take advantage of this special time of year!

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

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General Confession & Communion of the Parish is this Saturday & Sunday

As is our tradition at St. Vladimir's (a pious tradition found throughout the Russian Orthodox Church) we urge all our family and friends to attend as many of the services as possible during the first week of Great Lent (beginning with the very important Forgiveness Sunday Vespers), with the goal of confessing and partaking of the Holy Mysteries on either Saturday, February 24 (Theodore Saturday) or Sunday, February 25 (The Sunday of Orthodoxy). Let us begin our Great Lenten journey of repentance and preparation for the feast of feasts, our Lord's Glorious Resurrection, by forgiving each other and partaking of the Cup of Life together as a parish family!

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Soul Saturdays this Great Lent

The Holy Church appoints several special Saturdays throughout the year on which we especially commemorate our departed friends and loved ones. At St. Vladimir's we will serve the following memorial services on the following dates this Great Lent:

Feb. 10: Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. (Vespers & Matins for the departed the evening prior at 6:00 p.m.) - All English Cycle

March 3: Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. (Matins for the departed the evening prior at 6:00 p.m.)

March 10: Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. (Matins for the departed the evening prior at 6:00 p.m.)

March 17: Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. (Matins for the departed the evening prior at 6:00 p.m.) - All English Cycle

Please join us for those services that you are able to and for those you are not: please assure the commemoration of your friends and loved ones at the services by emailing their names (please distinguish between Orthodox and non-Orthodox departed) to info@stvladimiraami.org or by otherwise contacting Fr. Gregory.

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Evening Presanctified Liturgies & Lenten Dinners this Great Lent

This year, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Peter, we will celebrate the beautiful Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts throughout Great Lent on Wednesday evenings. Matins begins at 3:00 p.m. Liturgy will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. Following each of these services our St. Xenia Sisterhood will organize a light Lenten dinner. Please contact our Head Sister, Ksenia Nikulshina (headsister@stvladimiraami.org or see her in church) if you would like to help with the dinner. We have excellent Lenten recipes to share if you'd like to try something new! Please join us for these remarkably beautiful and meaningful Lenten evening services and for mid-week fellowship with your parish family at the meal afterwards!

Wednesday, February 28

Wednesday, March 14

Thursday, March 22 – NOTE THIS IS A THURSDAY

Wednesday, March 28

The Liturgical Fast for those communing begins after breakfast for the 6:30 p.m. services. In other words, you may eat breakfast, but eat or drink nothing further after that. Parents should use their best judgment regarding their children, as always. Those who confessed on the weekend prior to the Wednesday Presanctified need not confess again on/before Wednesday.

PLEASE NOTE! There are other Presanctified Liturgies throughout Great Lent that begin with Matins at 8:00 a.m. and Liturgy about 11:30 a.m. - mostly on Fridays. Please consult the schedule of services on our web site for more details.

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Great Lent Full Schedule – Make Plans Now!

The entire schedule of services and activities for Great Lent at St. Vladimir's is available now at this link:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/calendars/greatlent2018.pdf>

TAKE TIME NOW – RIGHT NOW – TO PUT THE SERVICES YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN ON YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR! If at all possible try to participate in at least one weekday service, in addition to the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Liturgy weekly. It is the WEEKDAY Divine Services of Great Lent that distinguish it from the rest of the year. May the Merciful Lord grant us all a spiritually profitable Great Lent!

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House Blessing Time – Make Your Appointment Now!

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. If you would like to have Fr. Moses bless your house please contact him at 530-591-0416 or priestmoses@gmail.com. Generally he can bless houses after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, but has more availability on Saturdays and Sundays. Congratulations to all with the feast of our Lord's Baptism!

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Church School began January 20

St. Vladimir's Church School begins January 20!. Classes will be held every Saturday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. through May 19 with the exception of April 7. 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 day) 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.

Register at this link:

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

See our Church School video here:

<https://youtu.be/vspDTcLQvOo>

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St. Vladimir's Shared Calendar is Available!

See all the services and activities for the rest of the year and even into 2018!
Here's how (this is for Google – other ICAL supported calendars work too):

1. Open Google Calendar.
2. Next to "Other calendars" on the left, click the down arrow.

3. Select Add by URL.

4. Enter the calendar's address in the field provided:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/calendar%40stvladimiraami.org/public/basic.ics>

5. Click Add Calendar. The calendar will appear on the left side under "Other calendars."

Note: It might take up to 12 hours for changes to show in your Google Calendar.

Please consider adding our shared calendar to your other calendars so you will always know when the Divine Services are scheduled!

If you would like to see the calendar in HTML please visit this link:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=calendar%40stvladimiraami.org&ctz=America/New_York

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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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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