

**THIS WEEK AT ST. VLADIMIR'S
AUGUST 20, 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

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

Ask a question (for next week's show): <https://goo.gl/forms/VvUStKujO9yZyKIB2>

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - Weekly Akathist for the Ill

Add a name to the prayer list: <https://goo.gl/forms/p12kgAEfbpPxBIU2>

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - Holy Personalities of the 20th Century

More information: <http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/holypersonalities2018.jpg>

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

More information/schedule: <https://goo.gl/forms/85T5qWv1MTmvgfIB3>

Friday 6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Matins for Martyr Photios & Company – All English Cycle

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

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy for Martyr Photios & Company – All English Cycle

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

Following Divine Liturgy: Making IOCC School Kits

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

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

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Confession

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

Saturday 6:00 p.m. - Vigil

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

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>

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Time to Volunteer for the Festival – Less than One Month Left!

Please join us in participating in our most important outreach to our local community of the year – the Ann Arbor Russian Festival! WE NEED YOU! And when we prepare for and participate in such a shared effort we grow closer as a parish family. We increase trust, friendship, and love in our midst! We help others by introducing them to our Orthodox Faith, and by raising money for charity. And we help ourselves by strengthening our parish family bonds and raising money for our parish. What a great thing! Sign up today to volunteer for the festival:

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

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IOCC School Kits in August – Compiling Kits THIS SATURDAY

According to our long-standing tradition at St. Vladimir's we will gather to prepare School Kits

for International Orthodox Christian Charities in August. On Sunday, August 19 we will have a special collection to support the purchase of the school supplies to be used to create the kits. On Saturday, August 25, we will compile the kits following the Divine Liturgy. PARENTS: please be sure to attend the Liturgy on August 25 (begins at 9:00 a.m.) so your children can participate in compiling the kits. These kits are sent to those in need in countries that mandate that children bring their own supplies to school or they cannot attend. Our small contribution makes it possible for children in these countries to be educated. If you would like to make a donation, but you cannot be at Liturgy on August 19, please contact our parish Treasurer, Mikhail Fisenkov at treasurer@stvladimiraami.org. Thank you for supporting this worthy project!

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All English Cycle of Services this Friday/Saturday – Spread the Word!

Our monthly cycle of all-English services is set for this Friday at 6:00 p.m. and this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Please invite friends, loved ones, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone else you know or suspect might like to learn more about the Orthodox Faith. The Lord has put us in this time and place to sanctify this time and place – to spread the Gospel here and now. This is why we hold these services – to provide an opportunity for all to be exposed to the theology in action that is the Divine Services. Please join us as your personal schedule allows!

Flyer to Share: <http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/allenglishservice.pdf>

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Back to School Shopping – Support St. Vladimir's

You are likely to do some back to school shopping in the next month. Why not do that shopping on Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and choose “St Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church” (Location: Dexter, MI) as your charity? This is EXACTLY the same web site as amazon.com, but a portion of every dollar you spend goes to support St. Vladimir's. It is EASY, QUICK, and PAINLESS. Click below to start using Amazon Smile and Support St. Vladimir's – Thank You!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3023981>

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Festival Sponsorship – How YOU can Help!

Please spread the word about festival sponsorships to your doctor, your dentist, your hair stylist, your dog groomer, your grass cutter, your water softener folks, etc., etc. YOU spend money (hundreds or thousands of dollars) at these businesses each year. Most of these businesses

would be HAPPY to sponsor our festival since you have established a relationship already. The only way they will not sponsor the festival? If YOU don't ask! So ask! :) Share any or all of this information with them:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/pamphlets/2018sponsorshipsolicitationletter.pdf>

<http://stvladimiraami.org/pamphlets/2018AnnArborRussianFestivalSponsorshipForm.pdf>

http://stvladimiraami.org/pamphlets/2018_ThreeFoldSponsorshipFestivalForm.pdf

<https://stvladimiraami.networkforgood.com/projects/54952-ann-arbor-russian-festival-sponsorship-2018>

The people you do business with can't find this information without you! Help them help our festival by asking them to sponsor the Russian Festival!

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Coming Soon – Weekly Finance Table

Want to know how to set up a recurring donation to the parish? Have a question about parish expenses? Want to talk about how to establish a tithe for your family? Like to arrange for a cemetery plot for you and your family? Have any other questions about finances and our spiritual responsibility in this regard? Starting soon we will have a table set up at the parish meal with one of our Parish Council finance team members manning it. You'll be able to ask questions and get help in this regard. We may not know the answer to every question you ask, but if we don't we'll find out and get back to you. Please plan to visit the finance team table at lunch every Sunday – starting soon!

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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 please see this flyer:

<http://stvladimiraami.org/flyers/holypersonalities2018.jpg>

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' Home

8:00 p.m. Adrian Bible Study

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Parish Cemetery Plots are 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 parish 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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Spring and Summer Brings Missionaries to our Doors - Share the Orthodox Faith

As the weather improves missionaries from various religions tend to appear at our homes. At St. Vladimir's we have many pamphlets and booklets on the Orthodox Faith that are free for anyone to take. These can be found at the back of the church near the main entrance doors. Please feel free to take information home with you to share with the missionaries that come to visit you. It seems only fair that if they want us to take their information that we offer them information about Orthodox Christianity. Many missionaries have found the Orthodox Church in this way. No one is mandated to do this, but if you would like to you are welcome to. Please feel free to contact Fr. Gregory with questions in this regard.

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Summer Reading – Visit the Kiosk or the Library

Summer is a time when many people go on vacation – and often we are seeking something to read while we are on vacation. Why not help yourself spiritually and pick up a book from the Kiosk or check one out from our parish Library? We have wonderful resources for you – please take advantage of these for your own spiritual growth!

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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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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