

**THIS WEEK AT ST. VLADIMIR'S  
AUGUST 7, 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](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**

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - Moleben & Akathist 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>

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Confession

Saturday 6:00 p.m. - Vigil

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Confession

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

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

Following Divine Liturgy: Weekly Parish Meal – All are Welcome!

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Dormition Fast begins August 14

The fast in preparation for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God begins on August 14 each year. This is a strict fast, along the lines of Great Lent. No meat or dairy products are eaten, as is the case for all lenten periods, but during this lent fish is only allowed on the feast of the Transfiguration, August 19. Please utilize this gift that the Holy Church has given us for our spiritual good by following the fast. This is one only two weeks. If you wait too long to begin it will be over!

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Three Feasts of the Savior in August

August, which according to the church calendar begins on Monday, August 1/14, contains three specific feasts of the the Lord. The first is the “Honey Savior”, or the Procession of the Cross (August 1/14), called this because honey is blessed on this day since this is the time of year that honey usually begins to be harvested. The second is the “Apple Savior”, or the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6/19), called this because at this feast the first fruits of the harvest (usually apples in the northern climates) are blessed. The third is the fast of the icon of the Lord “Not Made by Hands” on August 29. Please note our mission in River Rouge celebrates its feast day on August 29 and that there will be a moleben there that day at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as your personal schedule allows!

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Transfiguration is August 19

The great feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is set for August 19. Vigil the evening before will be at 6:00 p.m. with Divine Liturgy the day of the feast at 8:00 a.m. On this feast we bless the first fruits that are becoming ripe at this time of year. In Russia the tradition was to bless apples, while in Greece and warmer countries the tradition was to bless grapes. Other fruits may be blessed at this time, but it is not traditional to include other things in one's basket for blessing. Please join us for the second feast of the Savior in August!

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Adrian Bible Study and Adult Discussion is this Wednesday

Please join us for our Adrian Bible Study and Adult Discussion group this Wednesday and every Wednesday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Learn more and RSVP here:

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

Don't live near Adrian? Maybe you'd like to establish a similar gathering in your area? Please contact Fr. Gregory to learn more!

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Sign up to Volunteer to Keep St. Vladimir's Open Every Day!

We would like to arrange for St. Vladimir's to be open daily for certain set hours. We would then advertise this opportunity on our web site and elsewhere so that people would know they could come to the church during that time, pray, light candles, and otherwise seek the solace that can only be found in God's house. This is especially important for those who are not integrated into our parish community or who are not yet churched. In other words, **THIS IS A MINISTRY - A SPIRITUAL GOOD WORK FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST - A MISSIONARY ACTIVITY**, and one that will help new people draw nearer to God and their salvation. But this will also help our present parishioners as well - since they too will have an opportunity to come to church even daily if they would like to do that. And frankly speaking, **YOU TOO** will benefit from being in the Lord's House

more often!

Please note that we will have at least two St. Vladimir's parishioners present during these open hours. That is - no one will be at the church alone.

Sign up at this link today:

<http://goo.gl/forms/HFvM34BTSZ>

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All English Divine Liturgies – Next is August 26

Please find the schedule of monthly all English Divine Services at this link:

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

SPREAD THE WORD! These services are meant to nourish our parishioners to be sure, but perhaps even more so to introduce our friends, loved ones, and neighbors to the beauty and content of the Orthodox Divine Services, the “Theology in Action” of the Holy Church.

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Pastoral School Fall Applications due September 1

The Pastoral School of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America is committed to making high quality Orthodox theological education as accessible to all interested students as possible.

Applications for admission for the spring semester are due September 1, 2017. Classes begin September 11, 2017. Applications and further information on the Pastoral School programs can be found at our web site:

<http://orthodoxtheologicalschool.org/>

Questions should be directed to the Dean of the Pastoral School, Priest Gregory Joyce:

[fr.gregory.joyce@orthodoxtheologicalschool.org](mailto:fr.gregory.joyce@orthodoxtheologicalschool.org)

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10% of Festival Proceeds go to Charity

We ask each of our parishioners to make a tithe to the parish.

Some thoughts on tithing from an Orthodox point of view can be found here and may be helpful:

<https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/roadsfromemmaus/2015/10/27/6-reasons-why-tithing-is-good-for-an-orthodox-parish/>

You can find more in this article, which is on our parish web site:

[http://stvladimiraami.org/pamphlets/syn ... rdship.pdf](http://stvladimiraami.org/pamphlets/syn...rdship.pdf)

It only makes sense if we ask our parishioners to tithe that we would arrange for 10% of our festival proceeds would go to charities other than St. Vladimir's (10% of our regular collections go to the diocese by the way). So - when you volunteer for the festival we want you to know that you are supporting St. Vladimir's - but other charitable organizations as well!

Volunteer to help with the festival at the link below!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yh4aUfPECd7q0JW41W2Rp4\\_WRyZeCrtDZrZrod5rEI/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yh4aUfPECd7q0JW41W2Rp4_WRyZeCrtDZrZrod5rEI/edit#gid=0)

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Things We Sing Together at St. Vladimir's

There are several prayers that we sing together at St. Vladimir's. We want you to know this so that you can practice. :) That way we will sing these with zeal - with power.

Saturday Vigil (and matins during Pentecost) - "Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ":

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

Every Liturgy - "Symbol of Faith":

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

Every Liturgy - "Our Father":

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

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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](mailto:info@stvladimiraami.org) or call or SMS: 734-475-4590.

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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