St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Newsletter

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"May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you." St. Jude 1:1

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Conversations with Abba Isaac: A Culture of Condemnation by Fr. Micah Hirschy

We live in a culture of condemnation. We make ourselves champions of moral, political, and religious issues. We divide ourselves along political lines, and we jump upon every chance to point our finger at those who do not agree with our views. This has become all the more endemic with the rise of social media. We define ourselves in distinction from the other. We express our moral outrage over what a celebrity wears or the mistakes that they have made. We condemn the politician for holding a view contrary to ours. We even go as far as to judge the leaders of our Church for what we perceive to be violations of Orthodoxy!

To this culture of condemnation comes an ever-contemporary voice from the distant past. With gentleness and humility, Abba Isaac speaks to us saying, "Do not try to find out who is worthy and unworthy. Let all men stand equal before you in good." Do you disagree with your neighbor's political views? "Let your manner always be courteous and respectful to all. For love does not know how to be angry or lose its temper or to find fault in anyone out of passion." Has a family member, friend, or a celebrity offended your moral sensibilities? Not only does Abba Isaac tell us to "Love sinners and not despise their faults", but we are to "Cover the sinner… Indeed, encourage him for life and the mercy of the Lord will sustain you." Do you feel that it is your Christian duty to deplore the failings of those around you? Abba Isaac tells you to "Avoid laying down the law, as you would flee from an untamed lion. Do not join in this with the children of the Church, nor with outsiders."

Most people will concede that we are not to condemn. However, don't we have the duty to admonish those who are living in a way contrary to that which we consider right? Abba Isaac reminds us, "Do not reprove anyone for any transgression, but in all things consider yourself responsible and the cause of sin."

There are those who, hearing this, might say that if we follow Abba Isaac's teaching, we will contribute to the moral ambiguity of our society and that to say nothing when confronted with evil is at best lax, if not itself a sin. Here we should remember that it is not idleness that Abba Isaac and Christ call us to; rather, they call us to love. It is only by the power of self-offering and unassuming love that we can help the other acquire freedom from passions and sin. Far from being lazy, this way of love requires us to take the path of martyric love and humiliation. I would like to conclude with a beautiful account of a contemporary saint who realized not only the above sayings in his life, but lived among us as another Abba Isaac.

On the feast of Theophany, it was the custom of Saint Porphyrios to walk from house to house, blessing with Holy Water and chanting hymns. One year, as he was walking through the neighborhood, he entered a house of prostitution. Of this encounter he said: "They all kissed the cross. They were immaculately turned out with their colored skirts and so on. And I said to them, 'Blessings on you all my children. God loves all of us. He is very good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. He is the Father of us all and is concerned for each one of us. Only we too must try to come to know Him and to love Him and to become good. Love Him and you will see how happy you will be.' They looked at me with puzzlement. But something remained in their troubled little souls. 'I'm delighted that God granted me the honor of coming here today to bless you,' I said to them as I turned to go."

FROM FATHER'S DESK

When I was in Slovakia last month, Archbishop Juraj of the Michalovce-Košice Eparchy asked me to speak on the life of Matushka Olga Michael of Alaska at the Pontifical Liturgy at his cathedral in Košice on Sunday, June 9. Matushka Olga will be glorified as a saint by the Orthodox Church in America later this year and Archbishop Juraj plans to have an icon of her added to the cathedral church. His Eminence wanted the people there to hear about a modern saint, one who was married, a mother, and a midwife. This article from the Orthodox Christian Fellowship served as the basis for my talk. You can read more about her life here https://www.cjoc.ca/pdf/Vol-3-W-1%20Kevin%20071228.PDF
You can watch on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EZjkCrqrxs and see a new video on her life here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQ-f7SOLMxE

Matushka Olga, a Native Alaskan of Yup'ik origin, was born on February 3, 1916 and reposed on November 8, 1979. Her given name in Yup'ik is Arrsamquq. Olga is her baptismal name and Matushka is the Russian title for the wife of a priest, literally meaning "mother". She lived a life of subsistence in the village of Kwethluk, Alaska, on the Kuskokwin River. Her husband, Nikolai Michael, was the village postmaster and general store manager before being ordained.

Although her family was poor, she gave generously to those who were poorer. Matushka Olga constantly prepared warm clothes and boots for others. Parishes hundreds of miles away received unsolicited gifts from her, and all the clergy of the deanery wore gloves or socks that Matushka Olga had made for them.

Matushka Olga served her community not only as a priest's wife, but also as a midwife. She herself bore thirteen children, although only eight survived to childhood. She was blessed with the gift of knowing if a woman was pregnant even before the woman herself knew it. God also enabled her to know to send some women into a town with a hospital to give birth, because they were to have medical complications.

Many people around the world who regard her as being holy. They invoke her prayers on their behalf, and they receive Grace from God for their healing, their repentance, their consolation, their strengthening to persevere

Matushka Olga was known for her empathy and care for those who had suffered abuse of all sorts. During her lifetime, she would invite battered women to the steam bath, where she would offer her support and love. Probably the most significant story after Olga's repose is that of a woman from New York who had experienced severe sexual abuse during her childhood. While in prayer, she had a vision in which Olga helped her through a process of healing. At least one other woman has had a similar experience of Matushka Olga. From these encounters, a growing number of women now venerate her and consider her their patron, who intercedes for those who have suffered trauma and abuse.

Turn to Matushka Olga to intercede when you or a loved one suffers from pain or trauma. Ask for her assistance if you or a loved one is struggling with a pregnancy or with caring for children. You can also pray to her if you need help with being generous.

Out of Matushka Olga's thirteen children, only eight survived to adulthood. Pray to her if you are grieving for the loss of a loved one.

Through the prayers of Matushka Olga, Christ God, have mercy on us.

With love in Christ,

Father Matthew

Hours Schedule

July		August		September	
7	Phil	4	Angelo	1	Lucy
14	Angelo	11	Lucy	8	Phil
21	Lucy	18	Phil	15	Angelo
28	Phil	25	Angelo	22	Lucy
				29	Phil

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Reader Schedule

July		August		September	
7	Katherine	4	Phil	1	Angelo
14	Phil	11	Angelo	8	Katherine
21	Angelo	18	Katherine	15	Phil
28	Katherine	25	Phil	22	Angelo
				29	Katherine

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

July		August		September	
7	Dennis Goodman	4	Dennis Goodman	1	Dennis Goodman
14	Christine Panoff	11	Susie Ford	8	Susie Ford
21	Susie Ford	18	Ian & Stephanie P.	15	Christine Panoff
28	Ian & Stephanie P.	25	Christine Panoff	22	Ian & Stephanie P.
				29	Susie Ford

If you are unable to make your assigned date please find a replacement. Let Susie know of any changes or if you cannot find a replacement (810-407-3016).

HOURS, READERS & CANDLE STAND. Please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering will be held at St. Mary Magdalene the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Email names to smmocafenton@gmail.com

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on July 4 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

CONFESSIONS the sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment. Call the parish office 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com to make an appointment.

MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN! Please keep in your prayers Mira Prusac who fell asleep in the Lord, Friday, June 14. She was preceded in death by her husband Stojan & son Luka. Mira is survived by her sons, John & Danny Prusac and many grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Her funeral was June 17 followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery. You can read her obituary here. Please remember Mira and her family in your prayers. May Mira rest in the light of Christ's face and her memory be eternal in God. Christ is risen!

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME July 7 @ St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Fenton. The game starts at 3 pm. Drinks and food are provided by Assumption this year. Note the location changed this year. All ages are welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of family fun.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM July 9 to July 11 at Saint Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH co-sponsored by our Diocese. Christopher Taylor will be attending for St. Nicholas this year.

FAMILY NIGHT S'MORES AND BON FIRE July 13 after Vespers. Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship for all ages. Bring lawn chairs, everything else will be provided. Stephanie & Ian Price are hosting the event so you can contact Stephanie at (248) 396-3899 if you have any questions.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE God bless you for maintaining your tithes and offerings. Endowment fund is up $14,500 as of the end of May. The diocesan treasurer, Steve Timofeev, is working on our Quickbooks at the invitation of parish council.
Prayers at the graves will take place on Souls' Saturday, June 22, and Pentecost, June 23.
A church school planning meeting will take place in July. The Burton Memorial Day Parade went very well. We do need even more candy for the parade. S'mores and bonfire is Saturday, July 13. No family game night on June 22. Mosquito-spraying is planned for before the bonfire and the August picnic.
North End Soup Kitchen is Thursday, July 4 from 9 am to 12:30 pm.
Maintenance envelope can be put in the Sunday bulletin. Weeds will be taken care of at the large sign in the front.
August picnic, a tentative schedule is - Thursday, August 15 clean up pavilion and kitchen area; Friday, August 16 treat for mosquitos; Saturday, August 17 set-up. Picnic price $20 per dinner, no charge for those who come only for dancing with Skimos Band, (a donation basket will be placed). Help is needed - you are needed - to help with prep, set-up, and breakdown. Two separate fliers: one for our parishioners advertising the dinner after the Liturgy. One flier for wide distribution only for the dance with Skimos Band.
Need a sexton for the cemetery. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.
Work is being done on installing the new, energy-efficient thermostats. Suggestion of a center rail at the steps in the front of the church.
Vision meeting on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm - separate from regular parish council meeting - so that we can focus on what we see for the next 5 years, next 3 years, next year.
Next meeting is Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL meeting is Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30.

ADULT EDUCATION classes will resume in September.

SIX-WEEK BOOK STUDY The Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo is offering a six-week book study on "A TREATISE TO PROVE: No One Can Harm the Man Who Does Not Harm Himself" by St. John Chrysostom. This book study is being lead by Pdn. Mike Schlaack from St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton, MI. He will guide discussion. Classes will take place via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7 pm starting June 23. Look at the flier or go online for more details. To register and to order a copy of this booklet visit http://www.bdoca.org/adult-education.html. A portion of the proceeds of the books purchased through OCPM will go on to benefit their Prison Ministry. If you are unable to purchase a copy of the booklet reach out to Pdn. Mike who can direct you to a PDF version to download.

2024 ANNUAL OCW RETREAT on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery. The information is on the attached flyer. The form to fill out, if attending, is at the bottom of the flyer itself. Send the form (bottom portion) in to Gia Cherpes-See at the address listed with a check made out to the Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan. Or, you can send in a separate piece of paper with the information on the form along with your payment. The cost is $25 per OCW member/ $30 per nonmember. A portion of the cost will be used for a donation to the Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery, especially to help out with the rising cost of the food for lunch. With all due love and respect, please double check with us if you are a member in good standing. If you have any questions you can email Gia at ocwmichigan@gmail.com.

REDEDICATION WEEKEND at St. Mary Magdalene July 19 & 20. *July 19* at 6 pm Akathist to St Mary Magdalene; 7 pm welcome & hors d'oeuvres. *July 20* at 9 am Pontifical Liturgy; 12:30 pm Banquet; 5 pm Vespers. To attend the banquet RSVP by Friday, July 12 at smmocafenton@gmail.com, go to https://www.st-marymagdalene.org/ or call 810-750-1401.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, July 4 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Toilet Paper & Travel Size Toiletries in July. Place the items in bags then put in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

OUTDOOR LITURGY, SHRINE FEAST & DANCE Sunday, August 18th. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, & bread. Tickets are $20 adult & $10 children 12 & under. Please purchase them from Sharon Jernigan by the 14th to ensure there is enough food for everyone. We are looking for donors for the lambs we'll be cooking! Please consider donating the cost of a whole lamb or making a partial donation. Volunteers are needed Thursday, August 15 at 9:30 am to clean the pavilion, Saturday, August 17 at 10 am and after Vespers to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are needed to break-down the pavilion after Liturgy on Sunday! There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall. Skimos Band will play from 2-6 pm.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to take care of the indoor plants & flowers. Please call the office at 810-744-0070 if you are interested.

PART TIME HELP needed for companionship & light duties for a senior man & woman. Please contact Kathy Condon at 810-922-8305 if you or someone you know is interested.

DORMITION FAST begins on August 1 and continues to August 14. As is the custom at our parish, the Moleben to the Mother of God will be served in her shrine on Sundays after Liturgy beginning on August 4 and continuing to August 11. Take the time to come before her icon at the shrine and ask her intercession for your and your family's needs.

37th ANNUAL DORMITION MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE August 14-15. Mark the dates!

21st ANNUAL ELIAS D. CHINONIS GOLF CLASSIC August 19th at Pine Knob Golf Course. This golf outing is being coordinated by Assumption & you can direct any questions to John Kaloydis at 810-922-2047 or jekaloydis@comcast.net. Look at the flyer for details.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW in our church parking lot on Sunday, August, 25 from 3-6 pm. Hambergers & drinks will be provided.

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL more information to follow.

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Golf Scramble, including all of our volunteers, especially to the committee members: Chris Nedanis, Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, Peter & Marilynn Branoff, Phil Bakousidis and George Branoff.

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Burton Memorial Day parade. It was a great afternoon of being a part of our community and honoring those you gave all for our country. Bog da prosti! Thank you Dcn Kerry & Katherine Gonser for the use of your truck.

HOPE IN A BOX	
July	Toilet Paper & Travel Size Toiletries
August	Razors & Shaving Cream/Lotion
Sept	Soap

July Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
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THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP/SEMINARIAN OFFERING On the first Sunday of the month an envelope will be placed in the bulletin for this fund to be placed in the plate when it is passed. There is also a category marked "Seminarian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to use your Community Rewards when checking out at the register. St. Nicholas is given a percentage of everything participants spend in their stores.
We received a check for $35.32 in May.

NEW ADDRESS Ruth & Calvin Conrad's new address is 8494 State Route 142, McLeansboro, IL 62859. They miss you and would love to hear from you.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY Sunday, July 28th is Prison Ministry Awarenenss Sunday in all Orthodox parishes of North America. Deacon Luke is involved in this ministry from our parish.

The Bishops of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops have blessed the Sunday after the feast of St. Silas (the patron of prison ministry) to be Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday in all US Orthodox parishes.

America's tragically high incarceration rate (2.3 million) means that—chances are—more than one parishioner has been touched by a person serving time in prison. OCPM introduces prisoners to the fullness of the Orthodox faith. And we help Orthodox Christians who have been convicted of crimes to return to the Orthodox faith and find healing and reconciliation.

But we can't do it without the support of our parishes.

Please help us fulfill the commandment of our Lord to visit Him in prison (Matthew 25:36) by participating in this vital day of awareness.

In Christ,
Nicholas Petrogeorge, Executive Director

FOR DONATIONS AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 276 5th Avenue, Ste. 704-3183 New York, NY 10001 https://theocpm.org/

SAINT NICHOLAS KAVASILAS

"Our members are wholly clothed with the Saviour Himself, not like a garment which we wear or the skin with which we are born, but much more, in that this clothing is far more closely united to those who wear it than their very bones. One could amputate our members without our consent, but as for Christ, no one, human or demon, can separate Him from us. As Paul says, 'neither things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature' (Romans 8:38, 39), however great its power, can separate us from Him."

The Life in Christ, Sixth Book, section 4 (pp 165-6)

"What then could be more sacred than this body to which Christ adheres more closely than by any physical union?"

The Life in Christ, Sixth Book, section 5 (p 166)

"Christ is more akin to us not only than our blood relatives, but even than our parents and our very own selves."

The Life in Christ, Sixth Book, section 9 (p 174)

JULY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Kara George
2 Lucy (Ludmila) Hogg
3 John Borkovich
Natasha Oginsky
Walter John Borkovich
4 Peter Branoff
5 Julia Peck
8 Kathryn Gurin
Oleg Dashevsky
10 Alex Branoff
11 Richard Elieff
Robert Elieff
13 Julianna Loomis
15 Charlie Jernigan
16 Alexander Gonser
Rimi Abu-Aita
17 Bob Russell
19 Austin Selmi
21 Linda Branoff
25 Alexa Stevens
Zoe Conover
28 Ian Price
30 David Batzos
Stephanie Price

If your name is missing or has the incorrect information in the birthday, anniversary or namesday list please call the office: (810) 744-0070

NAMESDAYS

3 Cynthia Economou
15 Allen Vladimir Adams
Bruce Vladimir Borkovich
Vladimir Akkerman
Walter John Borkovich
19 Milica Beslach
20 Elijah Daniel George
Elias Kokaly
Tammy Bolinger
22 Magda Popoff
Marla Houser
24 Chelsea Christine Borkovich
Christine Brucksch
Christine Panoff
Kirsten Lee Popoff
Kristin Hart
Krysten Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

12 Philip & Kelly Bakousidis (2015)
17 Bob & Peggy Russell (1959)
20 David & Marla Houser (1985)
23 Steven & Sandra Spankie (1988)
27 Chad & Julie Conover (2003)
30 David & Kris George (1994)

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

VISITATION TO THE SICK If you would like Fr. Matthew to make a visit to home, hospital, or nursing home, please contact the office 810-744-0070.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Deacon John Bocek	Mary Karayanis	Angelo Popoff	Bill Tadrick
Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Helen Popoff	Wendy Tadrick
Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	Ron Salhany	Dave Vuckovich

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr	Flint, MI 48532	
Mary & Nick Karayanis	2238 Old Hickory	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-1169
Angelo & Helen Popoff	2221 Bellemeade Dr.	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-3867
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473	810-348-4733 (Barb)

THE 43RD MACEDONIAN OPEN

GOLF SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024
FLINT ELKS GOLF COURSE

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's event a success.
All proceeds from today's outing will benefit St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Burton, Michigan. We could not have done this without your help.
We encourage you to patronize the businesses listed below!

Sincerely, the Macedonian Open Committee

PLATINUM SPONSORS - $1,250

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Jester's - George Z
Kerry & Kathy Gonser
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Lucy Hogg
Luigi's Restaurant
Magda Popoff
Malin Distributors
Mister Bread
Moffett's Food Service
Nancy Chinonis for Judge
PCT Primary Care Tour
Sredich Family
Starlite Diner & Coney Island - Center Rd
Starlite Burger & Coney Shop - Court St
Sysco Food Distributor
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Tim Branoff
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Lucy Hogg
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Barry Cavett
Alex, Anna & George Branoff
Dennis Weber Tour Maxx
Chocolates by Michelle
Fr. Matthew & Matushka Lisa
Dave & Marla Houser
George & Nikki Naum
Kicker's (Taso & Mitra)
Tammy & Julianna - Choir
Backyard Barbecue
John's Coney Island
Alex & Menka Nedanis
Nicholas Branoff
George Brown
Cindy Branoff
Cathy Edwards
Eileen Branoff
John Todorvsky
Sharon Jernigan
Stephanie Price
Les & Susie Ford
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Lena Bakousidis
Kathy Condon
Alexander Gonser
Rachael Nicevski
Kris George
Debra & Allen Adams

Flint Coney Lunch Sponsors:

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Macedonian Open Hat Sponsor:

Linda, Peter & Marilyn Branoff

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME

Sunday, July 7, 2024
3:00pm

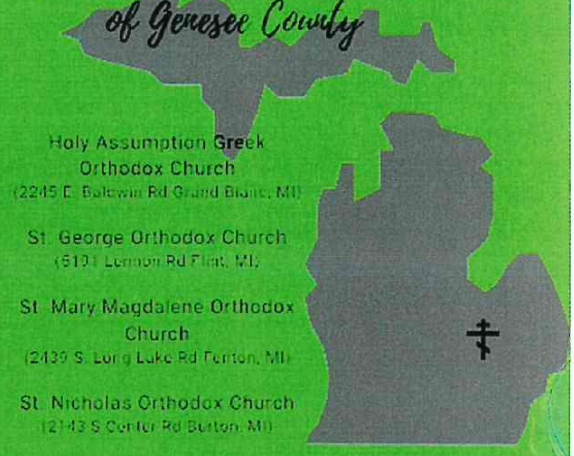
Drinks and Food provided
for questions call
Assumption Greek -Host
810-771-4611
or contact your parish coordinator

GAME LOCATION

St. John the Evanglist Catholic School

(514 Lincoln St, Fenton, MI 48430)

The Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County



Holy Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
(2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI)

St. George Orthodox Church
(5191 Lennon Rd Flint, MI)

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
(2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
(2143 S Center Rd Burton, MI)

S'MORES AND BON FIRE

Enjoy a fun evening !

For all ages! Bring your lawn chairs

JULY 13TH 6PM

St Nicholas Orthodox Church

Burton MI

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF MICHIGAN (OCW) PRESENTS

ANNUAL OCW RETREAT

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024, 8:45 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

(DIVINE LITURGY, MEMORIAL, AND LUNCH INCLUDED)

Great Was the Company of Women

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Summer Kinard, M.Div., Th.M.

An Orthodox Christian author and workshop leader who specializes in making the lives of saints and Bible stories accessible and relatable to our daily life.

Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery
3389 Rives Eaton Road
Rives Junction, MI 49277-9739
www.dormitionmonastery.org
Mother Gabriella, Abbess

Driving Directions from the east: Take I 94 West to Exit 138-Rte. 127 North. Go approximately 7.5 miles and exit at Berry Road/Rives Junction. Turn left. Go to the end of Berry Rd. and turn right at the stop sign. Go approximately 3/10 mile. The monastery is on the left side of the road.

Appropriate attire must be worn at all times: no shorts, revealing tops, or miniskirts. Head covering is recommended for Church. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the monastery grounds. Pets are not permitted.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JULY 6, 2024

2024 RETREAT COST: OCW MEMBERS: $25 NON-MEMBERS: $30

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK
(PAYABLE TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF MICHIGAN)
TO: GIA CHERPES-SEE, 38586 SYCAMORE MEADOW DR., CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI, 48036

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

REDEDICATION WEEKEND

ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH

July 19th & 20th

2439 S. Long Lake Rd
Fenton, MI 48430

"Look down from Heaven of God and Behold, and Visit this VIneyard which you have planted with Your right hand, and establish it!

Full schedule
AND
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To reserve banquet tickets
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Times and events are subject to change	*1*	*2*	*3* ‡ *No Liturgy*	*4 Independence Day* ***9am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen*** *Office Closed*	*5* ***Ven. Athanasius***	*6* *5 pm Vespers* *confessions*
7 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* ***3 pm Pan-Orthodox Softball Game***	*8*	*9* *6:30 pm Parish Council* *6:30 pm Prayer Service @ St. Mary Magdalene Church for the sick & suffering*	*10* ***Ven. Anthony of the Caves*** *9:30 am Divine Liturgy*	*11* *Office Closed*	*12* ‡ *Fr in Toledo*	*13* *5 pm Vespers* *Confessions* ***S'mores & Bonfire***
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14 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy*	*15* *Fr in Toledo*	*16*	*17* ‡ *9:30 am Divine Liturgy*	*18* *Office Closed*	*19* *6 pm Akathist to St Mary Magdalene* *7 pm Welcome & hors d'oeuvres*	*20 9 am Pontifical Liturgy* *12:30 pm banquet & dancing (ticketed event)* *5 pm Vespers*
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21 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy*	*22* *Fr in Toledo*	*23*	*24* ***Passionbearers Boris & Gleb*** *9:30 am Divine Liturgy*	*25* *Office Closed*	*26* ‡	*27* *5 pm Vespers* *no confessions*
28 ***Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday*** *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy*	*29* *Fr in Toledo*	*30*	*31* ‡ *9:30 am Divine Liturgy*		‡ *Fast* *Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)* *Fish Permitted (no other meat)*	