



*April*

## Calendar and Events @ Nativity

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## Tuesday, April 1,

11am Morning Bible Study with Father Nick  
12pm Tuesday Lunch Group  
5pm Youth Greek Classes (in person)  
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (online)  
7pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

## Wednesday, April 2

6pm Presanctified Liturgy, Meal & Lenten Talk

## Thursday, April 3 5th Thursday of Lent: The Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

6pm Great Canon of St. Andrew and Reading of St. Mary of Egypt  
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (online)

## Friday, April 4

6pm Choir Practice  
7pm AA Meeting in Social Hall  
7pm The Akathist Hymn

## Saturday, April 5

10am Goya serves at FOCUS

## Sunday, April 6 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

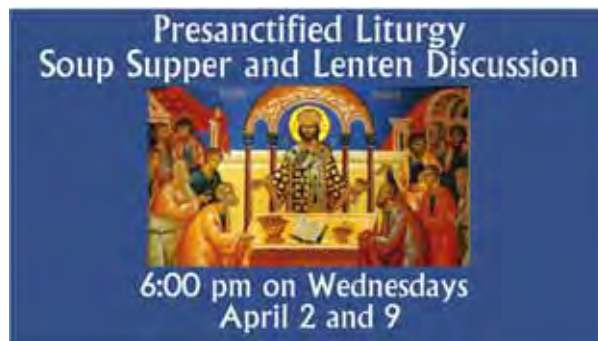
8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy  
11:30am Church School & Catechism  
2pm Greek Independence Day Parade  
6pm COCC Lenten Vespers and Fellowship  
Where: St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, 2439  
S Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430, USA

## Tuesday, April 8

11am Morning Bible Study with Father Nick  
12pm Senior Lunch Group  
5pm Youth Greek Classes (in person)  
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (online)  
7pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

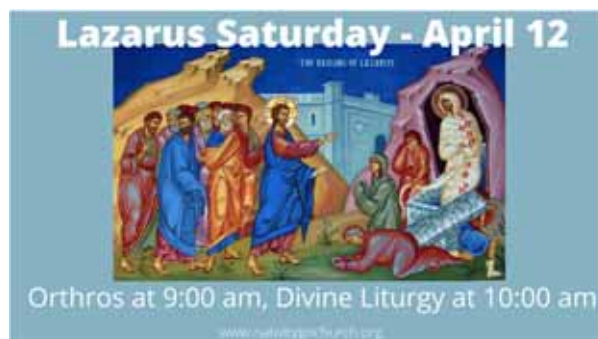
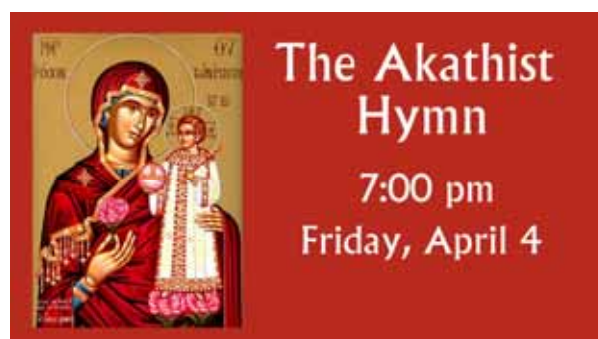
## Wednesday, April 9

6pm Presanctified Liturgy, Meal & Lenten Talk



## Great Canon of St. Andrew and Reading of St. Mary of Egypt

Thursday, April 3 at  
6:00 pm





**Thursday, April 10**

6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (online)

6:30pm Great Compline

**Friday, April 11**

7pm AA Meeting in Social Hall

**Saturday, April 12 Lazarus Saturday**

9am Orthros and Divine Liturgy

11:30am Pancake Breakfast and Service Projects

4pm Choir Practice

**Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday**

All day Lenten Marketplace All day No Memorials

8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy

11:30am Church School &amp; Catechism

12pm 40 Day Blessing Zaharoula Karatsinides and Matthew Schnoes

12:30pm Palm Sunday Plaki Luncheon

7pm Bridegroom Matins

**Monday, April 14 Holy Monday**

10am Presanctified Liturgy

7pm Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 15 Holy Tuesday**

10am Presanctified Liturgy

7pm Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 16 Holy Wednesday**

3pm Holy Unction

7pm Bridegroom Matins

**Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday**

6am Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil

6pm Twelve Gospels of the Crucifixion

**Friday, April 18 Holy Friday**

9am Royal Hours

12:30pm Holy Friday Retreat

3pm Vespers of Apokathelosis

7pm AA Meeting in Ed Center

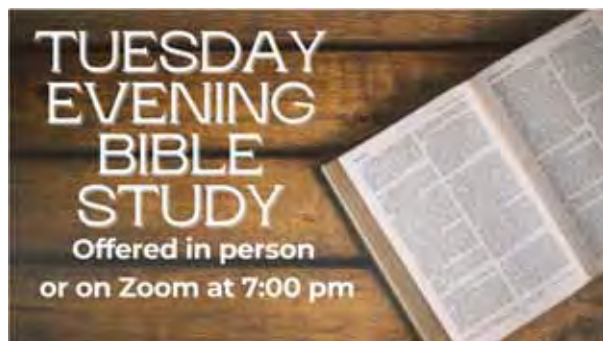
7pm Lamentation Service



Be sure to check the weekly email and calendar for updates on Tuesday Bible Studies.

**Bible Studies will not meet Holy Week or Bright Week**













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Passcode: bible





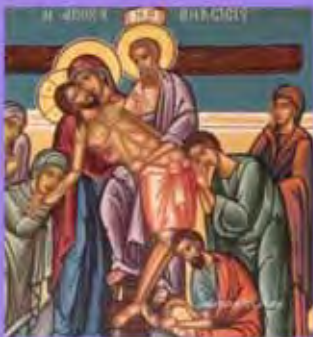
# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 9th</b>		<i>TRIDUUM WEEKS</i> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 16th</b>		<b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>FEBRUARY 23rd</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		<b>The Last Judgement</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare <b>MARCH 2nd</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 9th</b>		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 16th</b>		<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 23rd</b>		<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHAI</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 30th</b>		<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 6th</b>		<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 13th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 18th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 20th</b> NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



# HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA



<b>Lazarus</b>	9:00am	<b>Orthros</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00am	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
April 12	11:30am	<b>Pancake Breakfast and Service Projects:</b> Church and Grounds Clean-up, Palm Crosses, Food prep for Plaki Luncheon
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:45am	Orthros
April 13	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	12:00pm	Plaki Luncheon
	7:00pm	Bridegroom Matins
<b>Holy Monday</b>	10:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy
April 14	7:00pm	Bridegroom Matins
<b>Holy Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy
April 15	7:00pm	Bridegroom Matins
<b>Holy</b>	3:00pm	Holy Unction
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm	Bridegroom Matins
April 16		
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	6:00am	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
April 17	6:00pm	Twelve Gospels of the Crucifixion
<b>Holy Friday</b>	9:00am	Royal Hours
April 18	12:30pm	Holy Friday Retreat
	3:00pm	Vespers of Apokathelosis
	7:00pm	Lamentation Service
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	8:30am	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
April 19	11:00pm	Matins and Resurrection: Divine Liturgy of Holy Pascha
<b>Pascha Sunday</b>	11:00am	Agape Service
April 20		Easter Egg Hunt

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## Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday

8:30am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil

11pm Matins and Resurrection: Divine Liturgy of Holy Pascha

## Sunday, April 20 Great and Holy Pascha

11am Agape Service

12pm Children's egg hunt

## Monday, April 21 Renewal Monday

Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, April 22

6:30pm Great Vespers for St. George

Where: St George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Twp, MI 48302, USA

## Wednesday, April 23 Renewal Wednesday:

**George the Great Martyr and Triumphant**

9am Orthros

10am Divine Liturgy

## Friday, April 25 Renewal Friday: Theotokos of the Life-giving Spring

9am Orthros

10am Divine Liturgy

6pm Men's Club Spring Dinner

7pm AA Meeting in Ed Center

## Saturday, April 26

12pm Nativity Basketball Banquet

Where: St. Catherine of Siena Academy, 28200 Napier Rd, Wixom, MI 48393, USA

## Sunday, April 27 Thomas Sunday

8:45am Orthros

10am Divine Liturgy

11:30am Church School & Catechism

## Tuesday, April 29

11am Morning Bible Study with Father Nick

12pm Tuesday Lunch Group

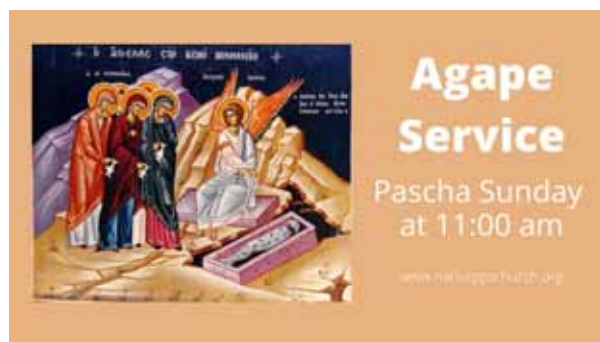
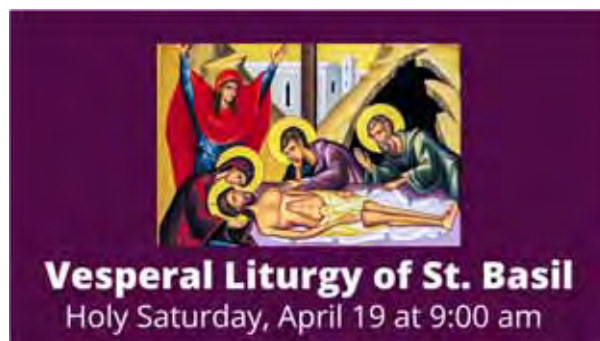
5pm Youth Greek Classes (in person)

6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (online)

7pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

## Wednesday, April 30

7pm Paraklesis





**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT  
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR**



**Blankets**  
**New Underclothes (Men's & Women's)**  
**New socks**  
**Feminine Hygiene items**  
**Oral Care items**  
**Personal Hygiene items**  
**New or gently used coats**  
**Hats, gloves and scarves**  
**New or gently used men's shoes**

**MARCH AND APRIL COFFEE HOUR**

Date	Sponsor/Event	Servers
4/6/25	Greek Parade in afternoon	Hope/Joy
4/13/25	Palm Sunday - Plaki Luncheon	Parish Council
4/20/25	Pascha - Agape Service	Parish Council
4/27/25	In celebration of Konstantinos and Vasiliki Papazoglou's 60th Wedding Anniversary	GOYA

**MARCH AND APRIL USHERS**

Date	Opening Usher	Closing Usher
4/6/25	Marios Lambi	Christina Tzilos
4/13/25	Palm Sunday - all hands on deck	
Pascha 4/20/25	Tom James	Anne Randall
4/27/25	Marios Lambi	Georgia Theophelis

**Join Nativity Men's Club for a memorable evening!**

# **Surf and Turf: A Spring Gourmet Dinner**

*Celebrate spring with delectable gourmet dinner, carefully crafted to delight your taste buds. Ticket price includes premium bar service, entertainment, prizes and gifts.*

**Friday, April 25**

**Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm**

***\$75 per person or  
\$125 per couple***

**In the Parish Hall at  
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church  
39851 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 48170**



**Scan the QR Code to reserve your ticket on Square or call the church office 734-420-0131 Mon-Thurs 9am to 5pm**



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### **Church Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm**

*Office hours may vary—contact the church office to make sure staff is available.*

#### **PARISH PRIEST**

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#### **PARISH SUPPORT STAFF**

**William Smith, M.Div. Pastoral Assistant**

Tuesday-Friday 9am—5pm

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**Kathy Weinberg, Parish Office Assistant**

Monday-Thursday 9am—5pm

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### **THE CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU!**

In times of need or times of celebration, there are a number of pastoral situations that warrant contacting Fr. Nick.

- Any Hospital Stay: Illness, surgery, etc.
- Death - Call when a person is dying and at the actual time of death, regardless of the hour!
- Substance abuse involving you or a loved one.
- Domestic problems of any sort, Marital or children.
- When you desire spiritual direction.
- Birth of a child, (naming, and 40 day blessing)
- When you become engaged and are planning a Wedding.

### **HOW TO CONTACT THE PRIEST**

#### **Non Emergency situations:**

- Contact Fr. Nick or church office by telephone or email to schedule an appointment.

#### **Emergencies - try this order:**

- Call the church office during normal business hours.
- Contact Fr. Nick on his mobile phone 616-328-3143.