

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church

Sunday November 16th, 2025

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW

Activities and Events this Week

Tuesday Nov 18	Nativity Fast Book Club	10:30am
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Wednesday Nov 19	Adult Education	6:00pm
Thursday Nov 20	Great Vespers with Litya	6:00pm
	<i>Forefeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</i>	
Friday Nov 21	Hours	8:40am
	Divine Liturgy	9:00am
	<i>Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</i>	
Saturday Nov 22	Catechism	3:00pm
	Great Vespers	5:00pm

Announcements

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Next Sunday, November 23rd we will end our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Lets make it very difficult to transport all the food to the food bank to help those in need!

Local Family in Need

For the third year in a row our community has the opportunity to help a family in need during Christmas. I will give you information about the family and their needs as soon as I receive it. The last two years we purchased food cards, clothing gift cards, movie tickets and restruarent gift cards etc. for the two families we sponsored oin the past – the picture of one family is in our library.

Nativity Fast Book Club

Beginning Tuesday November 11th at 10:30am. All are welcome to participate! The group will be reading Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her: The Mother of Jesus in Three Ancient Texts. Diane Holmes is sponsoring the 6 week book study. Books will be arriving soon for those interested to purchase. Diane has printed a schedule and is available on the table next to the office. Please see Diane for more information.

Flowers in Our Church

There is a sign up sheet for donating flowers to the beautification of our church. I realize they are very expensive – so if we could have them for feasts that would be ideal as well as other times as we are able. Please see Diane Holmes (contact person) if you have any questions. Thank you ladies for all that you do to beautify our church. *We also have a small flower donation box in the hall underneath the bulletin board is anyone would like to donate toward having flowers in the church.*

St. Nicholas Day Celebration

We will celebrate St. Nicholas proper on Friday and Saturday December 5th and 6th. Our parish celebration will be on ***Sunday December 7th***. The St. Nicholas day planning committee has come up with the following plan.

Christmas cookie bake off. Two categories of competition - home baked and store bought. There will be no prizes for either category – just bragging rights. The decision of the judges will be final.

St. Nicholas will be visiting our community as always and will be filling the children's shoes with oranges and gold coins.

Parents who would like to participate in the St. Nicholas day celebration. Please bring a wrapped gift for your child/children and give it to Fr. Lawrence no later than November 30. St. Nicholas will then give your child/children the gift along with a gift he may have in his sack.

On the Calendar

Memorial service for Kathleen Kirkman (Jennifer Bungcanyo's Mother) will be held on Wednesday November 19th at 10am at Central Presbyterian Church in Merced with burial at Merced cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the church hall. All are welcome to attend! Jennifer and her family appreciate all of your prayers! Here at St. Mary Magdalene we will sing the 40 day Pankhida on Saturday December 6th following Divine Liturgy. May the servant of God Kathleen's Memory be Eternal!

Graveside Pankhida for David Aubertin, Saturday November 29 at 3:30pm Winton Cemetery.