St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Mission

1635 Shaffer Road
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Sunday March 15th 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent
VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS

Activities and Events this Week

Tuesday March 17	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Thursday March 19	St. John Brotherhood	6:00pm
Saturday March 21	Catechism	3:00pm
	Great Vespers	5:00pm

Announcements

Great Lent Confessions – Everyone, whether you confess regularly or only once per year, will need to make a confession during the Lenten season. I am giving a time window from Sunday of Zacchaeus to Friday April 3rd. Please avail yourself to this huge window to make a confession as part of our season of repentance.

Parking Lot Improvement – in preparation for Palm Sunday, Holy Friday and Pascha, the back small stairs and one parking spaces off the back stairs has been painted fluorescent yellow for safety during our processions. We will also be fixing the very wide gap in the pavement. Please DO NOT park in that space during the above mentioned services. Thank you to Reader Steven Brown!

Baptisms and Chrismations this year will take place April 4th (Lazarus Saturday) – ½ of our baptisms. April 5th (Palm Sunday during Divine Liturgy, all Chrismations), and April 11th (Holy Saturday) at 10am the other ½ of our Baptisms. Exciting time for our catechumens and indeed our entire community.

Assembling the Palm Bouquets
Wednesday April 1st at 1:00pm at the Church Hall – Kathy Anderson will lead a group putting together the Palm Sunday Bouquets. All are welcome to participate. We will need to make many more than we have in the past – thanks to the Holy Spirit!

Church Camp Collection – will take place as we bless the Gus Killiveros fish dinner. We are raising funds to defray the cost for our counselor volunteers.

Agape Meal on Pascha will be at 2:00pm. The Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. We are asking for everyone to bring a small side dishes to go along with the BBQ.

The feast of the Annunciation March 25th – the Vesperal Divine Liturgy has been moved up to **6:00pm.** Fish is allowed on the Annunciation. We will NOT be having a fish dinner at the hall this year.

Receipt of donations for taxes – please ask Jason Batson (treasurer) if you would like to have one for taxes.

Parish Photo Project – Lydia Acton is leading an effort to organize our many parish photos and archives. Please let her know if you are interested in helping.

Small Storage Shed out back gets broken into at will by anyone. Please encourage parish council members to have that torn down so that we can avoid future break-ins and bad activity around our church property.

The Baptism of Brooklyn Anastasia Red – today will be her first Holy Communion! Lydia Acton is the God Mother!

Next Church Project – we will be designing and getting a beautiful counter made for the narthex that matches our existing furniture. I am hoping to remove many of the pews prior to Great and Pascha 2027 to accommodate our growth and proper Orthodox Worship.

April Schedule will be out soon so everyone can plan accordingly for the very busy month.

Please pray for the Archpriest Lawrence as he undergoes his 3rd and final surgery to repair his nose on Tuesday March 17th (St. Patrick's Day!)

Fr. Lawrence sends greetings to the entire community for a blessed continuation of the Great Lent. The Precious Cross offers us a small reprieve and continued encouragement.

Please feel free to contact Fr. Lawrence for questions or to visit. 719-347-1211
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Welcome to all visitors!