

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Mission

1635 Shaffer Road

Atwater, California 95301

Sunday April 5th 2026

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Activities and Events this Week

Monday April 6	Matins of Great and Holy Tuesday <i>Bridegroom Matins (Tues and Wed as well)</i>	6:00pm
Tuesday April 7	Matins of Great and Holy Wednesday	6:00pm
Wednesday April 8	Matins of Great and Holy Thursday	6:00pm
Thursday April 9	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil <i>The Last Supper</i>	10:00am
	Matins of Great and Holy Friday <i>The 12 Passion Gospels</i>	6:00pm
Friday April 10	Royal Hours of Pascha <i>Decorating the tomb for Pascha</i>	9:00am
	Vespers of Great and Holy Friday <i>Burial of Christ</i>	2:00pm
	Matins of Great and Holy Saturday <i>Laminations</i>	4:00pm
Saturday April 11	Baptisms	9:45am
	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil <i>Blessing of Easter Baskets</i> <i>Bread and Wine to Follow</i>	11:00am
	Nocturn of Pascha	11:30pm
Sunday April 12	Matins of Pascha Hours of Pascha to follow Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom to follow <i>Blessing of Easter Baskets</i>	12:00am
	Agape Vespers <i>BBQ to Follow</i>	2:00pm

Announcements

Gold Parking Spot – Please do not park in the gold colored space in the back of the parking lot on Palm Sunday, Holy Friday and Pascha as we need the space for processions. Ladies please be careful with your high heels!

The tithe of the year – The holy week services are for all of us – to walk with Christ during this great mystery of His passion and crucifixion. We Americans always find something to do instead of attending services. What else is there to do? Yes, it is tiring – I know exactly what you mean! Attend anyway – give your tithe of the year! The services of the Church and her rhythm throughout the year is the greatest teacher of our children. Form your children in the Church and you will have raised pious and God fearing young men and women who then become future leaders in our Church.

Flowers for Pascha – As many of you are aware, flowers are very expensive! We want to make Pascha a grand celebration in part by decorating our church with Easter Lilies and decorating our iconostasis. Please contribute funds to the flower box in the Hall or give your contribution to Diane Holmes. *Everyone is welcomed and encouraged* to help decorate the Church following the Royal Hours of Pascha on Friday April 10th.

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.

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.

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

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