

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Mission

1635 Shaffer Road

Atwater, California 95301

Sunday April 19th 2026

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Христосъ воскресе!

Le Christ est Ressuscite'!

Antipascha - St. Thomas Sunday

Activities and Events this Week

Tuesday 21	Tuesday Morning Book Club Choir Rehearsal	10:30am 6:00pm
Saturday 25	Radonitsa (Day of Rejoicing) Observance Blessing the Graves at Merced Cemetery <i>Refreshments at Janet Choma-Boyle's Grave</i>	9:00am

Announcements

Tuesday Morning Book Club - Tuesday April 21st at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. "The Lord of Spirits" by Andrew Damick. Book is available in the bookstore for purchase. Diane Holmes is leading the book study. All are welcome to attend!

Prospora Baking - we are on the lookout for baking talent. We are looking for a few good prospora bakers who will commit to baking the church bread. On Saturday April 25th following the Radonitsa grave blessings, Fr. Lawrence will bake bread at the church hall and will begin to train anyone interested in helping to take up this task of baking bread. One or two more bakers would be a huge help! See for Fr. Lawrence for details.

St. Eugene Church Camp - many thanks to everyone who donated. We got over \$1000.00! Thank you!

Holy Week and Pascha - I want to thank all those who worked so hard (especially the choir) to make our Holy Week and Pascha a success. Congratulations and many years to all those who were baptized/chrisdated. Thank you to the sponsors as well!

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.

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.

The Day Without Evening

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the kingdom of God. Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services and in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of bright week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another. *“O Christ, great and most holy Pascha. O Wisdom, Word and Power of God, grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee in the never-ending day of Thy Kingdom.” (Ninth ode, Paschal Canon).* The Very Reverend Paul Lazor

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