

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Mission

1635 Shaffer Road

Atwater, California 95301

Sunday May 3rd 2026

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Activities and Events this Week

Tuesday 5	Tuesday Morning Book Club Choir Rehearsal	10:30am 6:00pm
Thursday 7	St. John Brotherhood	6:00pm
Saturday 9	Great Vespers	5:00pm

Announcements

Parish Council Meeting (not listed on May Calendar) will be on Sunday May 17 following fellowship.

Tuesday Morning Book Club - Tuesday mornings 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. Please see Fr. Lawrence for details.

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

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.

Care for the House of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as our community continues to grow, many more demands are placed on our physical plant and thus more care is needed for the up keep of our facilities. As we all know, "sign up lists" do not work in a community where we depend on everyone to care for our facilities. How many of you have "sign-up" list for chores around your own home? My point exactly! We need here in our community, various people to take ownership of various tasks sometime called ministries. I would like to mention a number of these ministries in which we need help. Each ministry should have a leader, or contact person, who would then recruit and train others to participate and in time become the leader of that particular ministry. Like all organizations, we have a few people who do the vast majority of the work. I would like to try and change this by getting as many people involved. As the Rector of this community, I alone bear responsibility to the Bishop for the wellbeing of His mission in Atwater. The lead of each ministry does not "answer" to any one in particular – but at some level to the Rector. It would be my goal to interfere as little as possible. Please see a list of at least most of the ministries presently offered here at St. Mary Magdalene with the invitation to all of you to get involved in one of the ministries for the building up of our community.

Book Store: Reader Steven, Arsheka Garcha and Ryan Lamb

Lawn Care: Reader Steven, St. John Brotherhood

Prosphora: Fr. Lawrence Gaudreau, Jennifer Bungcayao and Richele Red

Physical Plant: - currently in need of lead

Church/Bathroom Cleaning: Fr. Lawrence

Music: Petar Magazinovic and Jennifer Bungcayao

Kitchen: - currently in need of lead

Myrrhbearers - currently in need of lead

Flowers - Diane Holmes

Library - Diane Holmes

Parish Council - we don't have regular elections but if someone wants to serve - please let Fr. Lawrence know.

Finance Committee - we have a standing committee.

I am sure that I have missed something – but hopefully you have the idea of how everyone can get involved and care for the house which the Lord has bestowed on us. Leads/contact individuals ideally are those who have a regular presence in the community.

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

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