

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Mission

1635 Shaffer Road

Atwater, California 95301

Sunday September 13th 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION

Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection at
Jerusalem (335)

Activities and Events this Week

Monday	14	Exaltation of the Precious Cross (Strict Fast) No Services, Fr. Lawrence will be in Sacramento for the 50 th Anniversary of Elevation of the Cross Parish.	
Tuesday	15	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Wednesday	16	Adult Education	6:00pm
Thursday	17	St. John Brotherhood	6:00pm
Saturday	19	Catechism	3:00pm
		Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday	20	Hours	9:40am
		Divine Liturgy	10:00am

Announcements

New items in the bookstore – incense, charcoal, incense burners. I will be very happy to help anyone who needs help with using incense and charcoal at home.

Sunday Potluck

We had a great Potluck last week! Congratulations! Keep it up! Remember how it was for you when you first came to this community and there was a nice meal. A great potluck is a great missionary tool!

The Tuesday Morning Book Club is returning, but this time it will be the **Friday Morning Book Club**.

The Friday Morning Book Club will resume on Friday October 2nd at 10:30am in the Hall. The first book studied is **The Art of Myrrhbearing** by Elissa Bjeletich Davis. The bookstore will be ordering the books for the group. The book discusses some of the Myrrhbearing women and men, their path through Christianity and how they found ways to serve others. The book study is open to everyone – even Myrrhbearing men! For more information please contact Diane Holmes 209-489-8177.

Prospornitsa (Prosporia Baker) – we are looking for one more individual who would like to learn the art of making the Church Bread that is offered on the Altar each Sunday as a worthy sacrifice. We will train you and get you started. Please see Fr. Lawrence if you are interested!

Congratulation to John Hocking, his parents, Great grandfather Michael, and his God parents on the occasion of his Holy Baptism. May God Grant John Many Years!

Congratulations to all the Catechumens who have begun their official study and journey to reception into the Holy Orthodox Church. Thank you to Reader Steven for his invaluable assistance and leadership!

Parish Council Meeting is moved to next Sunday, September 20th following Fellowship. Proposed Agenda coming pout soon!

Parish Council Members – The book Reclaiming the Great Commission, A Road Map to Parish Health, by Father Evan Armatas is in the book store, Please pick up your free copy (TPP is sponsoring) and read it by November. At the next Parish Council we will set some time aside to discuss some aspects of the book.

Adult Education and Catechism Classes are no in full swing. Everyone is invited to participate in either of the classes. Adult education classes are on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and Catechism classes are on Saturdays at 3:00pm as indicated on the schedule.

“Let us love silence until the world is made to die within our hearts. Let us always remember death, and in this thought draw near to God in our heart, and the pleasures of this world will have their scorn.” St. Isaac the Syrian

“Silence is the beginning of the purification of the soul.” St. Basil the Great