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Our Journey
From SORROW
to JOY



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Blessed Lent!

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches (COCC) exists to bring ALL Orthodox parishes and faithful from across our city together, to increase our witness, to strengthen the bonds between us, and to aid in *your* parish's work. The COCC was founded over 60 years ago and in the last 4 years has worked to develop and support its media ministry through its website presence, the publication of *Good Works* magazine and the weekly production of our radio program – *Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio* or *DOOR*.

Having received the blessings of both His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit and Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America - Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio began broadcasting on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2015.

Celebrating an accomplishment
We recently marked the 200th episode of our weekly broadcast. Over these past radio 200 episodes, we have interviewed 14 hierarchs of the Orthodox Church, which included Metropolitans, Archbishops and Bishops across many jurisdictions in North America. Interviews have ranged from local community outreach partners such as Focus Detroit, Orthodox Detroit Outreach, Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan, ZOE! For Life to over 32 charities throughout the country and the world. Our interviewees have come from 14 U.S. states along with intriguing segments from 10 countries (Africa, Canada, Egypt, England, Greece, Guatemala,

Lebanon, Romania, Serbia and Scotland). Thank you to all those who have graciously shared their talents, stories and insights throughout the years. As listeners you may be familiar with our recurring features: Practicing Our Faith, Passing the Legacy, Growing in Faith, Book Reviews, Saints of the Day, Wisdom of Our Fathers, Ask Father and Parish Happenings which is a roundup of local parish events. We have also enjoyed featuring the voices of our youngest faithful as they greeted their mothers and grandmothers for our programs on Mother's Day or for the Nativity. These were children from across the area Orthodox parishes, who along with their teachers worked with us to prepare and record the kids reciting poems or singing.

To help mark our 200th program on March 24th, 2019, we created a CD sampler as a gift to our listeners – we selected some excerpts of our various features, interviews and music that listeners have enjoyed on *DOOR*. Those who were present at the Lenten Vespers series were given this CD. Thank you for listening and supporting the work of the COCC.

Let us continue to work together to share the joys of our faith and hope in the Lord!

In Him,

Olga Liskivskiyi

COCC President



Blessed are You O Christ God, who has revealed the fishermen to be most wise; by sending the Holy Spirit down on them You drew the world into Your net through them, O Lover of mankind glory to You!
(Tropar of Pentecost)

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) is a cooperative organization of clergy and laity, established in 1957. Its mission is to promote the Orthodox Christian Faith across the region of Detroit and southeast lower Michigan through worship and fellowship, as well as to develop and facilitate charitable, educational and outreach programs. We strive to aid our sister parishes toward success in their endeavors, and bring our community into greater cooperation.

We invite YOU to be an active part of the COCC! All Orthodox parishes are sincerely encouraged to join us, and volunteer representatives are very much needed to bring new ideas and new life to our family so that we can continue to bring greater witness to our city as Orthodox Christians of various ethnic and jurisdictional backgrounds, united in our Faith.

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"Have confidence in the compassion of our Creator. Reflect well on what you are now doing, and keep before you the things you have done. Lift up your eyes to the overflowing compassion of heaven, and while He waits for you, draw near in tears to our merciful Judge. Having before your mind that He is a Just Judge, do not take your sins lightly; and having also in mind that He is compassionate, do not despair. The God-Man gives man confidence before God."

~ St. Gregory the Great



+ FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Beloved Faithful,

When I was reminded a few minutes ago that this message for Good Works was expected as soon as possible, I immediately sat down and began to wonder what to write.



Well, I won't say how long I sat there, yet at one point I thought that since it is Spring maybe I could start with "Spring is sprung. The grass is riz. I wonder where the birdies is". And then I thought about it again. A couple of times. But, however poetically brilliant that little saying is, however happy the picture it draws in our minds... I decided against using it. So, I was back to the drawing board, hoping for something better, something more pastorally appropriate, something that was more "priestly". And it didn't

take too long for me to think that... The Great, Holy, and Glorious Pascha is almost here, so what can be more appropriate than beginning this note with "Christ is risen! Hristos a inviat! Christos voskrese! Xristos anesti! (Etc.)?"

What else can be said? With that blessed reality, all things are renewed, regenerated. Just like the Spring season when the trees begin to bud after losing their leaves and sleeping through the harsh winter weather, the crocus and lilacs and tulips, etc. push through the earth and take bloom in many colors. After months of freezing temperatures, grey skies, snow and ice, the brown tones of nature turn to green once again. All things are made new. As the prayer says, "Joy for the whole world has come through the Cross". Everything is literally resurrected!

Brothers and Sisters, the reality of the Orthodox faith into which we were baptized and chrismated, that is the foundation of all we believe, that is the rock that strengthens us and fills us with peace even through the "winters" of our lives, is proclaimed once again at Pascha. And as St John 'the Golden Mouth' reminds us, the Lord welcomes us whether we have repeatedly fallen, i.e. whether we allowed ourselves to slip away from Him and to fall into a winter of sin and weakness, He nevertheless lovingly welcomes us, pulls us up from the

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depths of darkness and gives us new life! That's what Pascha is about. It is the Springtime of our lives! And from here, with renewed hope and energy, commitment, peace, and joy we move forward in union with the Risen Lord, the Savior of our souls, the Almighty God who humbled Himself to become a Man, so that He could raise us up to eternal Life.

So, yes, "Spring is sprung. The grass is riz..." but far more importantly, "Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life"!

With Joy in the Resurrection,

Fr Lawrence Lazar

President of the Detroit Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood
Spiritual Advisor to the COCC

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



*“Before Your Cross we bow
down, O Master, and Your
Holy Resurrection we glorify!”*

The commemoration of the Third Sunday of Lent is closely parallel to the feasts of the Veneration of the Cross (September 14) and Procession of the Cross (August 1). Not only does the Sunday of the Holy Cross prepare us for the Crucifixion, but it also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are crucified with Christ.

As we have “crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. (...)The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers “planted” on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

Or, as before the arrival of the king, his royal standards, trophies, and emblems of victory come in procession and then the king himself appears in a triumphant parade, jubilant and rejoicing in his victory and filling those under him with joy, so does the Feast of the Cross precede the coming of our King, Jesus Christ. It warns us that He is about to proclaim His victory over death and appear to us in the glory of the Resurrection.

As the Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam’s gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal. goarch.org

ENTRANCE OF THE LORD IN JERUSALEM

On the Sunday before Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

The biblical story is recorded in all four of the Gospels. Five days before the Passover, Jesus came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Having sent two of His disciples to bring Him a colt of a donkey, Jesus sat upon it and entered the city. People had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover and were looking for Jesus, both because of His great works and teaching and because they had heard of the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus. When they heard that Christ was entering the city, they went out to meet Him with palm branches, laying their garments on the ground before Him, and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

At the outset of His public ministry Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God and announced that the powers of the age to come were already active in the present age (Lk 7:18-22). His triumphant entry into Jerusalem is a messianic event, through which His divine authority was declared.

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king: the Word of God made flesh. We are called to behold Him not simply as the One who came to us once riding on a colt, but as the One who is always present in His Church, coming ceaselessly to us in power and glory at every Eucharist, in every prayer and sacrament, and in every act of love, kindness and mercy. He comes to free us from all our fears and insecurities, "to take solemn possession of our soul, and to be enthroned in our heart," as someone has said. (...) He is the King, who liberates us from the darkness of sin and the bondage of death. Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King: the vanquisher of death and the giver of life.

Palm Sunday summons us to accept both the rule and the kingdom of God as the goal and content of our Christian life. We draw our identity from Christ and His kingdom - His indescribable power, boundless mercy and incomprehensible abundance given freely to man. The kingdom does not lie at some point or place in the distant future. In the words of the

"Sitting on Your throne

in Heaven, carried on a foal on Earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: Blessed is He who comes to recall Adam."



Scripture, the kingdom of God is not only at hand (Mt 3:2; 4:17), it is within us (Lk 17:21). The kingdom is a present reality as well as a future realization (Mt 6:10).

The kingdom of God is the life of the Holy Trinity in the world. It is the kingdom of holiness, goodness, truth, beauty, love, peace and joy. These qualities are not works of the human spirit. They proceed from the life of God and reveal God. Christ Himself is the kingdom.

In the moments of exuberance that marked Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the world received its King, the king who was on His way to death. His Passion, however, was no morbid desire for martyrdom. Jesus' purpose was to accomplish the mission for which the Father sent Him. goarch.org

DETROIT'S INTER-ORTHODOX
SUNDAY LENTEN

Vespers

2019



Thank you to this year's host parishes for helping us continue this tradition!

- St Lazarus Serbian Cathedral
- Holy Transfiguration Church
- St Clement Ohridski Church
- St George Antiochian Church
- St George Greek Church

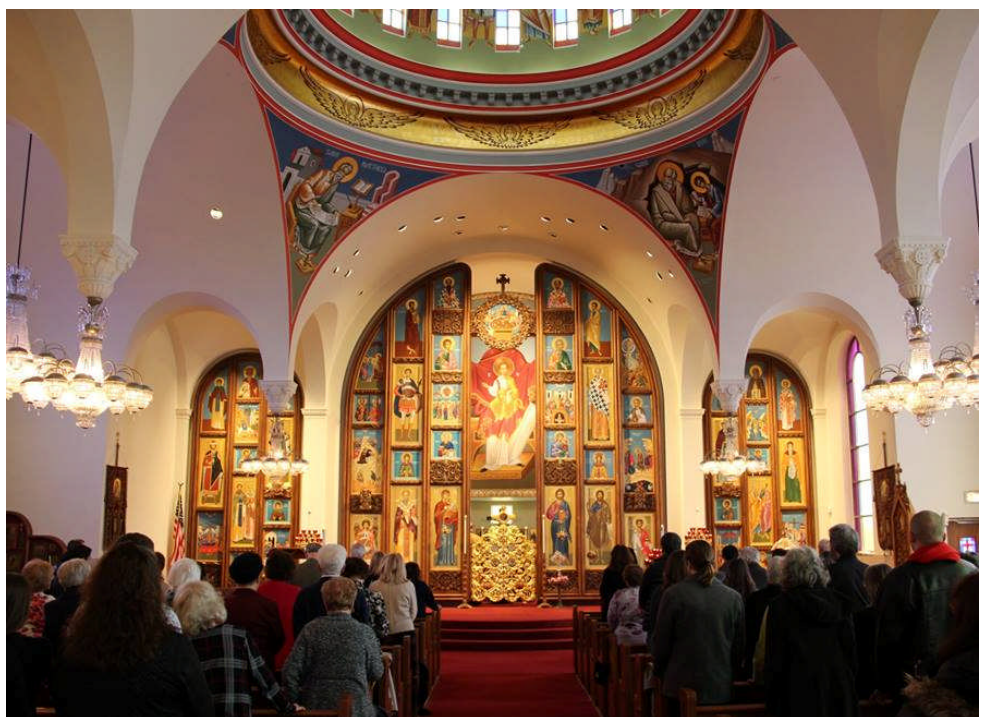




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DOOR CELEBRATES 200TH PROGRAM!

DETROIT, MI [COCC] -- Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio (DOOR), a media ministry of The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC), will mark its 200th program this coming Sunday, March 24.

Airing every Sunday at 4:00 PM on WNZK 690AM radio, DOOR promotes the Orthodox Christian Faith, connects communities and faithful, educates on traditional and modern day issues, and entertains the listening public across the Metropolitan Detroit region, reaching even as far away as Cleveland, Ohio.

In addition to the on-air broadcast, a live-stream broadcast can be accessed online anywhere in the world via the DOOR website – www.DOORradio.org – where every past episode can also be downloaded from the Podcast Archive.

The program also occasionally shares information on the work of organizations that are not specifically Orthodox Christian in nature, but are shared areas of concern in the community such as veterans, cancer awareness, the homeless, and more.

For information about sponsorship and advertising opportunities on DOOR, as well as the other media ministries of the COCC, please call Michael at (734) 612-0846 (or see materials printed in this publication).

SUNDAYS 4-5pm

**DETROIT'S OWN
ORTHODOX
RADIO**

690AM DOORradio.org

EDITOR'S NOTE

Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio (DOOR) is a reincarnation of what began in the late 1980's as a 30 minute Romanian language program sponsored by the Romanian Orthodox Deanery and 30 minute English language program hosted by +Fr Leonte Copacia, then continued by Fr Dusan Koprivica, sponsored by the COCC.

The show premiered on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2015, and has continued to air every week since thanks to a staff of dedicated volunteers, especially the program's host and main technical engineer Jim Badeen.

A distinguished list of clergy, academics, and other leaders from around the world featured in special interviews and regular segments offer significant educational and spiritual insights, while news, public service announcements and regular updates on the ministries of the COCC and their partner organizations help to inform and connect listeners with the local community.

"We are truly blessed to be able to offer this ministry to our community," said COCC President Olga Liss. "It is with gratitude to everyone who has listened, contributed, supported, and encouraged the production team over these past few years that we continue to produce what we feel is so needed and appreciated among the Orthodox faithful of our community."

We are blessed to have this wonderful resource and VOICE for the entire Orthodox community to help share our Faith and activities across the city and the world! We commend the staff: Jim Badeen, Olga Liss, Fr Dimitrie Vincent, Karen R Todorov, John E Lazar, Tom Rosco, pray for continued growth and encourage YOU to become a listener and support DOOR!



FAITH into ACTION!

Bringing awareness to special efforts taken on by a particular parish, organization, or individual who demonstrates extra dedication and / or activities to benefit others, putting our FAITH INTO ACTION!



In February, coordinators of **Orthodox Detroit Outreach** led a mini-field trip to the Annual Winter-Fest downtown! Forty-four of the “ODO Family”, from young children to parents and grandparents, were able to hop on a bus and enjoy a day of ice skating, hot dogs and donuts, crafts, and other winter activities at the popular event. Most of the participants know one another from the Sunday Lunches that ODO provides at Gilbert and Clayton Streets in cooperation with several Orthodox parishes and other groups. A safe, good time was had by all!



Recently, **St Lazarus Serbian Cathedral** had an “Altar Boy Sunday”, in appreciation for the dedication these servers show at the Divine Liturgy and in assisting Fr Zivan Urosev, the Cathedral Dean. Young men who had served previously with Fr Zivan were invited to return and be part of the day. We commend St Lazarus for making sure the Altar Servers know they are appreciated for their extra work. Wouldn't it be great if ALL of our parishes remembered to thank and encourage their Altar Boys?!



As an extra effort during Great Lent and in anticipation of Holy Pascha, **St Constantine and Helen Greek Church** had a special project with their children. The HOPE and JOY groups (ages 4-12) and their families enjoyed lunch, then assembled 45 Easter baskets that were then given to needy area children through the Westland Housing Commission/ Dorsey Center. Afterward, everybody went to the library and watched a movie together. God bless these children and their demonstration of love to other children in need!

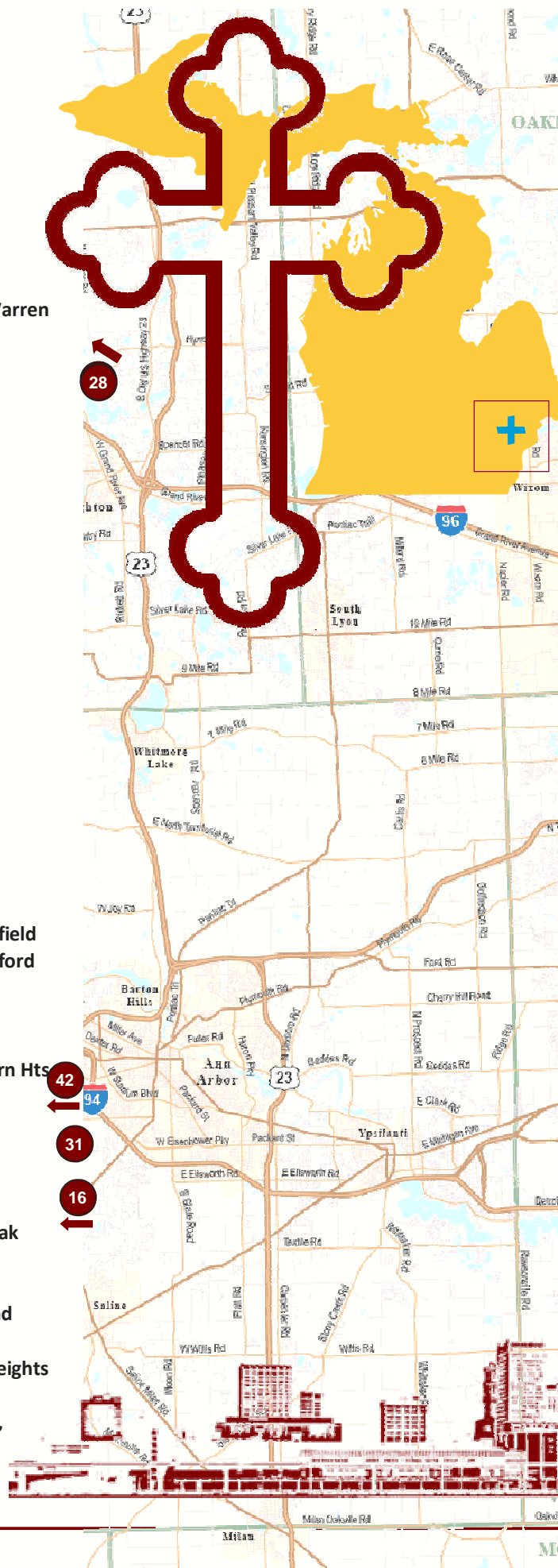


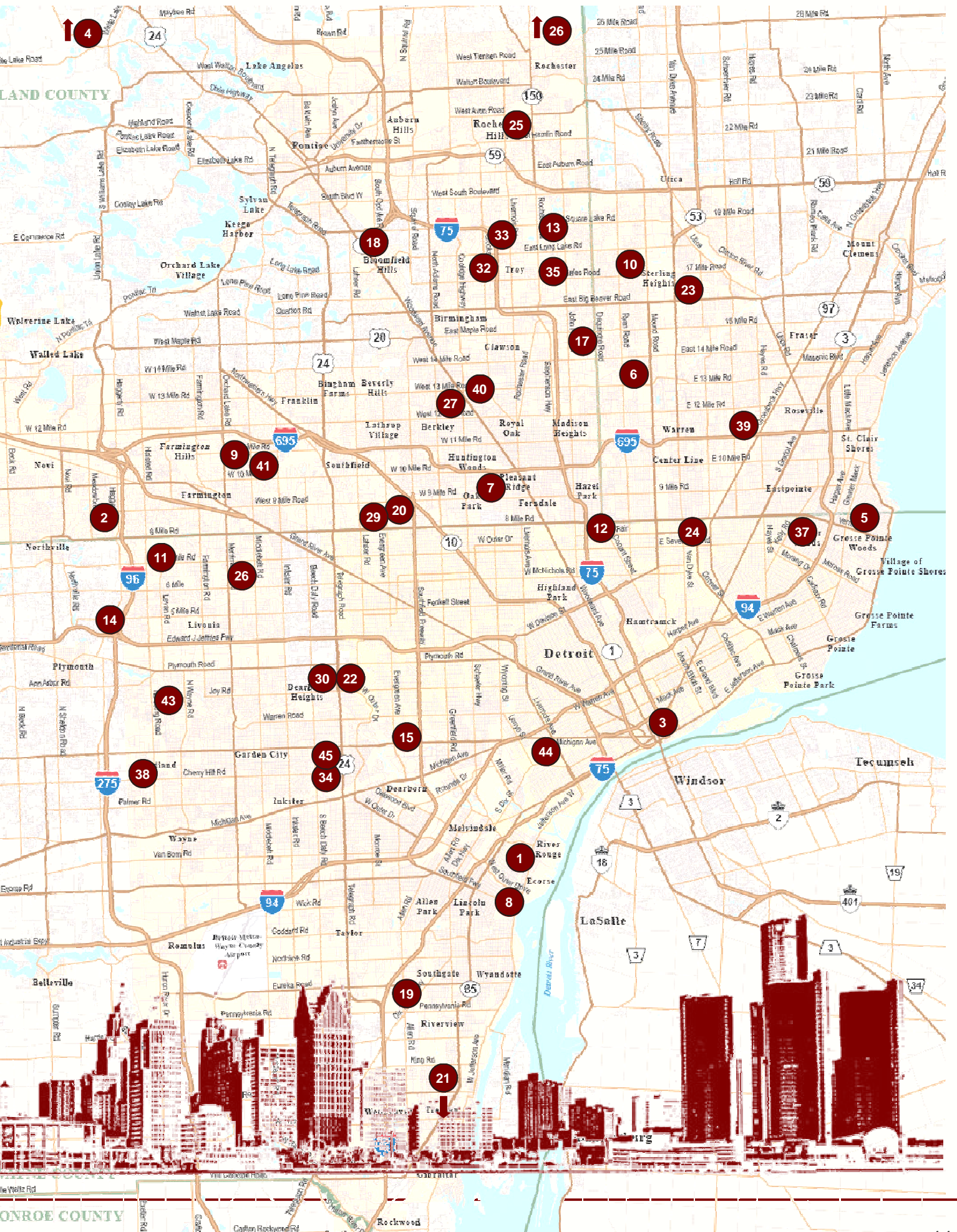
ORTHODOX CHURCHES IN METROPOLITAN DETROIT

All canonical Orthodox Churches in the region are considered members of the COCC.

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2. Christ the Savior (Western Rite) Orthodox Mission, Novi
3. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Detroit
4. Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Grand Blanc
5. Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, St Clair Shores
6. Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church, Warren
7. Dormition Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Ferndale
8. Holy Ascension Serbian Orthodox Church, Ecorse
9. Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills
10. Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, Sterling Heights
11. Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Livonia
12. Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit
13. Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church, Troy
14. Nativity of Virgin Greek Orthodox Church, Plymouth
15. St Clement Ohridski Eastern Orthodox Church, Dearborn
16. St Demetrius Orthodox Church, Jackson
17. St George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Troy
18. St George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills
19. St George Greek Orthodox Church, Southgate
20. St George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield
21. St George Serbian Orthodox Church, Monroe
22. St Innocent (Russian) Orthodox Church, Redford
23. St John Greek Orthodox Church, Sterling Heights
24. St Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Detroit
25. St Mark Orthodox Church, Rochester Hills
26. St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Basilica, Livonia
27. St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Berkley
28. St Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton
29. St Mary Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield
30. St Michael the Archangel (Russian) Orthodox Church, Redford
31. St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Ann Arbor
32. St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Troy
33. St Nicholas Romanian Orthodox Church, Troy
34. St Paul Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral, Dearborn Hts
35. St Petka Serbian Orthodox Church, Troy
36. St Prokopius Serbian Orthodox Church, China
37. St Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, Harper Woods
38. St Simion Romanian Orthodox Church, Westland
39. St Stevan Decanski Serbian Orthodox Church, Warren
40. St Theodora of Sihla Romanian Orthodox Church, Royal Oak
41. St Thomas (Albanian) Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills
42. St Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church, Dexter
43. Sts Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Westland
44. Sts Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral, Detroit
45. Sts Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church, Dearborn Heights

Diocesan Offices (2), Monasteries (4), Schools / Academies (4), and Camp Grounds (3) are not included. As this rendering was created by the Editor, locations shown are approximate.





YOU SHOULD KNOW...

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) is an organization of clergy and laity established in 1957. Among other purposes, we strive to aid our sister parishes to succeed in their endeavors and bring our community into greater cooperation. Beyond our annual services and events, our outreach efforts include...



- ◆ **GOOD WORKS Magazine**, the COCC's publication, is distributed six times annually to more than 50 Orthodox Churches and institutions in the metropolitan region (Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Jackson, Macomb counties). The magazine reaches thousands of readers of various ages, backgrounds, and interests!
- ◆ **Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio** ("DOOR") broadcasts each Sunday, 4-5pm via 690AM WNZK. The program also streams LIVE each week, and all of the nearly 200 programs are available at any time for download as pod-casts on DOORradio.org! The program features topics and guests which are heard by thousands of listeners, both from the Orthodox Christian community as well as the general public!
- ◆ **COCCdetroit.org** and **DOORradio.org** provide up to date information on the Orthodox Community of metro Detroit, and act as our central on-line presence anywhere in the world. The respective sites (along with facebook.com @orthodoxdetroit and @DOORradio) are visited by thousands each month, and provide a constant advertising presence for businesses and sponsors of our Campaign!
- ◆ **Our Media Ministry** team visits area Festivals, parish and community events where we are warmly received and often able to increase our reach and audience. Each facet of our respective Media has a special role to fill. Do you have marketing or broadcast experience? We may have a place for you on our team... contact us!



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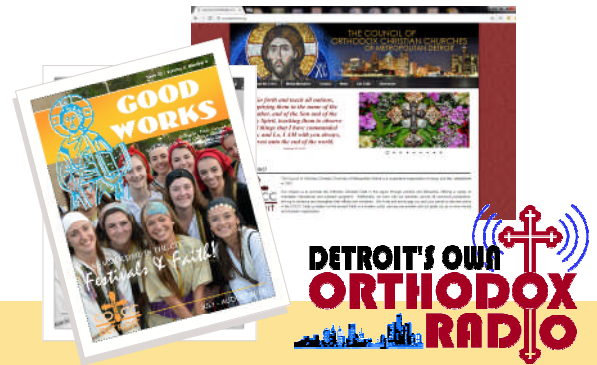
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The ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF MICHIGAN (OCW), is an organization of ethnically diverse Orthodox Christian Women from around the metro Detroit area, sharing our holy Orthodox faith through topics and presenters, charitable works and fellowship. Now, more than ever, come, we invite you to join us, as this is the best time for all of us Orthodox women to come together with what is happening in the world. Hope to see you soon.

- Mary Ann Dadich, President

SPEAKER SERIES



Saturday, March 16 | 10AM BRINGING POST MODERNS INTO THE CHURCH

Fr Joshua Genig, Speaker
Holy Transfiguration Church, 36075 W Seven Mile, Livonia

Monday, April 15 | 7PM A CHRISTIAN ENDING TO OUR LIVES

Fr Andrew Yavornitzky, Speaker
St Mary Ukrainian Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen, Southfield

Monday, May 20 | 7PM

Topic: TBA
Sts Peter & Paul Romanian Church, 750 N Beech Daly, Drbm Hts

Monday, June 17 | 7PM FAITH AND EMOTIONAL WELL BEING

Fr Michael Varlamos, Speaker
St Mark Church, 400 W Hamlin, Rochester Hills

Saturday, July 13 | 9AM ANNUAL RETREAT

Fr Michael Butler, Speaker
Dormition Monastery, 3389 Rives Eaton Rd, Rives Junction

Monday, September 16 | 7PM OUR FAITH AND GOOD WORKS

Fr Stratton Dorozenski
St Lazarus Serbian Cathedral, 4575 E Outer Drive, Detroit

Monday, October 14 | 7PM HALLOWEEN - RESPONDING AS ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS TODAY

Dn James Rimelspach, Speaker
St Thomas Church, 29150 W Ten Mile, Farmington Hills

Monday, November 18 | 7PM RECONSTRUCTING THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT WITH RECENT ANTHROPOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES

Dr Hakem Al-Rustom, Speaker
Nativity of the Virgin Greek Church, 39851 W Five Mile, Plymouth

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NEWS from around the Orthodox World

UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMS AUTOCEPHALY

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's adviser, Director of National Institute for Strategic Studies Rostyslav Pavlenko has said the Ecumenical Patriarch will not revoke a tomos of autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU) unless the OCU, itself, insists on amending the document. "Both in the tomos and in the charter of the church there is a provision stating that everything that happens in the independent Ukrainian church should take place in accordance with the tomos and the statute. If the conditions of the tomos are not violated, if the church does not revise it and does not make changes regarding the tomos's provisions, there can be no revocation," he told Radio Liberty's Ukrainian Service.



"Neither President Poroshenko not the state interferes in internal church relations," Pavlenko said, commenting on the statement of Honorable Patriarch of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU) Filaret, who claimed that "Poroshenko has retreated from the agreements reached and actually agreed to liquidate the Kyiv Patriarchate."

"The Kyiv Patriarchate was liquidated as a religious association on December 15, i.e. an association of various religious organizations that make up the Kyiv Patriarchate. The decision on this was made by the Local Council of the Kyiv Patriarchate, and the Ministry of Culture completed all necessary procedures in January of this year, establishing either actually or legally the Kyiv Patriarchate does not exist as a church," Pavlenko said.

As reported earlier, Filaret insists the Kyiv Patriarchate has retained registration with the state bodies. At the same time, the Ministry of Culture assured the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate was liquidated on December 15, 2018 during the Unification Council. [source: unian.info]



St. John
Chrysostom

CLERGY BROTHERHOOD

The COCC exists and works by the blessings of the Clergy Brotherhood. The "Saint John Chrysostom" Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood, gathers throughout the year to share pastoral experiences, learn, pray, and interact with one another on a unique level. All priests and deacons in canonical order are encouraged to take part. The president of the Clergy Brotherhood, also serves as Spiritual Advisor to the COCC and other affiliates. Contact **Fr Laurence Lazar, president (248 569-4833 | frlazar@hotmail.com)**

MINISTRIES

MEDIA MINISTRY

There are several branches to the Media Ministry, intended to expand our reach and provide educational and other resources to our Orthodox faithful and the public worldwide. These outlets include: *Good Works* publication, *COCCdetroit.org*, *DOORradio.org*, YouTube *COCCTelcom* channel, and *Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio (DOOR)* weekly program. Contact **Olga Liss (248 252-8184 | olgaliss0910@gmail.com)**.



THE ORTHODOX CHOIR OF DETROIT

The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit brings an essential aspect of our Faith to the region with beautiful music. The mixed voice (SATB) ensemble is composed of singers from parishes across the city, and is regarded nationally. This group rehearses more intensely for concerts and other events as needed. The Vespers Choir is more loosely organized, and leads responses at the annual Lenten series. The repertoire includes many composers and traditions. (Matushka) Victoria Kopistiansky is director. New singers always welcome! Contact **Elizabeth Star Hatfield (734 306-1486 | starelizabeth70@gmail.com)**.

DETROIT METRO OCF

Orthodox Christian Fellowship is an organization with chapters at colleges across North America. Our local effort is a resource and support for students and campuses in the Detroit region. Contact **Fr Josh Genig (630 936-6386 | joshua.genig@gmail.com)**.



ORTHODOX VISITATION MINISTRY

The Orthodox Visitation Ministry of Detroit helps parishes keep in contact with the elderly, shut-in, or others who cannot be physically active in their community. It is a simple, meaningful program that can be adopted by any parish. Contact **Karen Todorov (734 634-9481 | orthodoxvisitationdetroit@gmail.com)**.

PARTNERS

ORTHODOX DETROIT OUTREACH



Since 2011, our mission is to provide a venue for Orthodox Christians to serve the poor within an Orthodox ethos. We serve them face to face, providing a hot meal every Sunday at 2pm in SW Detroit at Ss Peter & Paul community center. Men, women, and children are served with love, dignity, friendship, and respect. A small clothing bank and a food pantry, including a mini-pantry outside providing food during the week, are on site. All are welcome to come and serve. Contact **Matt McCroskery (matt@orthodoxdetroitoutreach.org)**.

FOCUS DETROIT



FOCUS is a Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve. They are a national 501c3 nonprofit with a local ministry to children in need. Live out your faith in Christ by serving the needs of neglected children in the city of Detroit. Volunteer opportunities at Detroit K-5 schools, area parishes and in their Midtown office. Visit FOCUSdetroit.org or facebook.com/focusdetroitcenter. Contact **Eric Shanburn (Detroit@focusna.org)**.

ZOE FOR LIFE! WASHTENAW



Zoe is a non-profit Christ-centered support organization with three major goals: to help women who need confidential emotional and spiritual support during crisis pregnancies; to assist Orthodox Christians seeking to adopt; and to provide an education for Pure Living and other resources. Zoe is becoming a presence in the Ann Arbor area, open to ALL women in need (zoeonline.net; anonymous help-line: **855 ZOE-LIFE**).

BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT MOSES

The Detroit Chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Moses the Black exists primarily as an outreach to those seeking the Orthodox Church. As the Church finds deep roots in Africa, the BSMB strive to make it known America. Contact **Sharon Gomulka (248 477-6411 | bsmb-detroit@att.net)**.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN of MICHIGAN (OCW)



The OCW of Michigan has members from Orthodox churches across the Detroit region. Educational programs are presented monthly, and a summer retreat is held. Charitable work focuses primarily on collecting free-will financial and / non-perishable food items for distribution to qualified local ministries. Contact **Mary Ann Dadich (586 775-4799 | mdadich811@gmail.com)**.



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ATTENTION PARISH LEADERS !

If you have not yet done so, please complete the Contribution Request form that was sent to you and return it today! (The list below includes contributions received through the month of April.)

Help us keep good order and better serve the community. Call 248 252-8184 with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the COCC and the ministries of our community!

2019 MEMBER DUES Received from Parishes

- Assumption Greek Church, St Clair Shores
- Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia
- Holy Trinity Church, Detroit
- St Mary Antiochian Basilica, Livonia
- St Thomas (Albanian) Church, Farmington Hills
- St Michael Russian Church, Redford
- St Mark Church, Rochester
- St Nicholas Greek Church, Troy
- St Constantine & Helen Greek Church, Westland
- Nativity of Mary Greek Church, Plymouth
- St Lazarus Serbian Cathedral, Detroit
- St George Greek Church, Bloomfield Hills

2019 MEDIA MINISTRY Support from Parishes

- Holy Transfiguration Church (\$250)
- St Mary Antiochian Basilica (\$200)



Statistics show that a staggering 60% of students *may* not return to active church involvement once they leave for college. Are you, or is someone in your family a college student? The Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a registered student group at over 200 colleges and universities.

In Michigan, there are currently ACTIVE groups at:

- The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Michigan State University, East Lansing
- Wayne State University, Detroit
- Oakland University, Rochester
- Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids
- The University of Michigan, Dearborn

Fr Joshua Genig is the COCC Liaison to these OCF groups. Our intention is to offer greater support to the young people on campus and better coordinate activities already in place with the spiritual fathers and students!

If YOU are a current or incoming student at any of these schools, or would like to help us, please simply drop an email via: www.coccdetroit.org in the "contact" section.

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Regular rehearsals have been scheduled throughout the year. NEW SINGERS WELCOME!

Contact Elizabeth (734 306-1486) today.

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February 22, 2017

To the Hierarchs, Clergy, Parish Leaders and Faithful of our Community:

On February 21, 2017, at the regular meeting of the COCC, a motion was unanimously approved *that The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) with its ministry Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio (DOOR), regretfully suspends any involvement with Outreach Detroit Foundation (ODF).*

You may or may not be aware of this more recently established entity (ODF), however we convey this action to alleviate any confusion that may exist regarding the two organizations. We reaffirm that DOOR is a working committee of the COCC's media ministry, and ask for your renewed physical, financial and spiritual support of the COCC and DOOR, with our prayers that we all may have a peaceful new year.

Contact: Olga Liss (248 252-8184), COCC President

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This Statement was published on COCCdetroit.org and mailed to all parishes in February 2017. A follow-up was transmitted to the St John Chrysostom Clergy Brotherhood. Confusion and concern among clergy and within parishes have caused us to again publish it here in Good Works.*



NOTICE

SUBMISSION DEADLINES for "Good Works" is the first day of the month, prior to each issue.

So, the deadline for MAY-JUNE is April 1. Similarly, DOOR Radio and our Websites staff would appreciate at least 1 month's notice for announcements. We welcome your submissions for consideration!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Detroit's Own Orthodox Radio Program airs each Sunday (4-5pm) on 690AM and live-streamed / archived shows at DOORradio.org.

Lunch for the Hungry is served Sundays at 2pm, Sts Peter & Paul Hall (3810 Gilbert St, Detroit). Contact Orthodox Detroit Outreach to help.

APRIL

- 7 4th Sunday of Great Lent, Inter-Orthodox Vespers
6pm: St George Antiochian Church, Troy
- 9 COCC Monthly Meeting,
7pm: Transfiguration Church, Livonia
- 14 5th Sunday of Great Lent, Inter-Orthodox Vespers
6pm: St George Greek Church, Bloomfield Hills
- 15 OCW Free Speaker Series
7pm: St Mary Ukrainian Cathedral, Southfield
- 21 +Palm Sunday (Entrance of the Lord in Jerusalem)
Annual Fish Dinner
St Peter & Paul Romanian Church, Dearborn Hts
Annual Fish Dinner
St George Romanian Cathedral, Southfield
- 21-27 Great and Holy Week of the Lord's Passion
- 28 + Holy Pascha (The Resurrection of Christ)

MAY

- 4 Orthodox Motorcycle Association "Paschal Ride"
11am: St Vladimir Russian Church, Dexter
- 5 +St Thomas Sunday (2nd Sunday of Pascha)
Patronal Feast
St Thomas (Albanian) Church, Farmington Hills
- 12 Mother's Day Holiday
107th Founders' Day
St George Romanian Cathedral, Southfield
- 16 COCC Monthly Meeting,
7pm: St George Greek Church, Bloomfield Hills
- 18 St John Oratorical Festival Greek Metropolis Finals
10am: St Nicholas Greek Church, Troy
Orthodox Choir of Detroit rehearsal
10:30am: St George Romanian Cathedral, Southfield
- 19 Annual Family Day Banquet
1pm: St Peter & Paul Romanian Church, Dearborn Hts
Annual Patron Feast & Family Day Banquet
1pm: St George Romanian Cathedral, Southfield
COCC's Annual Dinner-Dance Benefit
5pm: St George Romanian Cathedral, Southfield
- 20 OCW Free Speaker Series
7pm: St Peter & Paul Romanian Church, Dearborn Hts
- 24-26 Yasoo Greek Festival
St George Greek Church, Bloomfield Hills
- 24 Orthodox Choir of Detroit rehearsal
10:30am: St George Romanian Cathedral, Southfield
- 27 Memorial Day Holiday

Unless otherwise noted, Saints listed are based on New Calendar
OCW - Orthodox Christian Women sponsored event
Parishes are encouraged to submit calendars to us!



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