

# St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church

July 28, 2024

5th Sunday After Pentecost

**Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,  
and Parmenas (1<sup>st</sup> c.)**

## Activities and Events this Week

- Wednesday 31      Choir Rehearsal      4:30pm  
Great Vespers  
**Forefeast Procession of the Life-giving Cross  
CANCELED - I need to be out of town.**
- Thursday 1      St. John's Brotherhood      6:00pm
- Saturday 3      St. John's Brotherhood Workday      9:00am - 11:00am  
Great Vespers      5:00pm

## Announcements

Adult Education Books for the Fall Session are in. "Creation and the Patriarchal Histories, Orthodox Christian Reflections on The Book of Genesis." Patrick Henry Reardon. Ancient Faith Press. \$14.00 from the bookstore. Best price you are going to get! Your purchase also supports our fellowship.

Adult Education begins Wednesday August 21 from 6:00pm - 7:15pm. The schedule is on the church website and Fr. Lawrence has extras as well. There is required reading prior to first class.

Catechism class will begin Saturday Oct 5 @ 3:00pm

I am asking for everyone to please give \$10.00 in support of OCPM. See back of bulletin.

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## Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. For this article I was simply wanting to photo copy information I have received from the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. The information is on a clear coat paper, almost impossible to copy clearly. So I decided to just copy some of the information for you in the hopes that we could all donate to this most worthy cause.

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church in the US and an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops.

### Mission

The Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry serves those who are incarcerated and their families, and provides resources, training, and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

### What We Do

**Relationship Management** – Through our Correspondence Ministry, OCPM case managers maintain relationships with Orthodox and non-Orthodox prisoners over years and decades at a time.

**Catechism and Education** – We provide personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, and catechism study courses in the Orthodox Faith. OCPM publishes our own books and icons, which have been designed for use in prison and are printed to meet the stringent rules of prison mailing rooms.

**Coaching and Counseling**- OCPM trains Orthodox priests and laymen to visit and counsel those in prison, and we counsel families with loved ones in prison. We advocate for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith so that priests can enter prisons and administer the Sacraments and services.

**Re-Entry Support** – OCPM counsels those recently released from prison and trains local churches in how to fully welcome and support someone through his re-entry.

### YOUR 2023 IMPACT

1, 199 people in prison who correspond with OCPM. 4,667 total prisoners ministered to. 200 new case files of people in prison opened.

51,530 spiritual books, study courses, Bible studies, daily readings, and spiritual reflections sent.

162 Orthodox churches offered coaching, training, and consultation for parish-based prison ministry. 481 prison facilities served by OCPM.