

## **EVENT CALENDAR 2017**

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| January 1      | ST. BASIL THE GREAT / CIRCUMCISION OF LORD                           |
| January 2      | Office Closed                                                        |
| January 5      | EVE OF THEOPHANY (strict fast day)                                   |
| January 6      | THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD- Agiasmos/Blessing of Waters                   |
| January 8      | Vasilopita Celebration                                               |
| January 22     | Sanctity of Life Sunday / Host Meal at FOCUS                         |
| January 30     | THREE HIERARCHS                                                      |
| February 2     | MEETING OF OUR LORD                                                  |
| February 5     | TRIODION BEGINS- (fast free week) & Godparent/Godchild Sunday        |
| February 6     | Loaves & Fishes at St. Matthew Catholic Church                       |
| February 10-12 | Family Basketball Tournament in Rochester, Minnesota                 |
| February 19    | MEATFARE- (begin fast from meat)                                     |
| February 26    | CHEESEFARE- OCMC-Missions Sunday / Youth Oratorical Festival         |
| February 27    | CLEAN-PURE MONDAY / GREAT LENT BEGINS                                |
| March 5        | SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY / PROCESSION OF ICONS w/ Youth                   |
| March 10-12    | Lenten Retreat (Friday & Saturday)                                   |
| March 12       | ST. GREGORY PALAMAS- Lenten Vespers Hosted / Daylight Savings Begins |
| March 19       | VENERATION OF CROSS / PROCESSION w/ Youth / Host Meal at FOCUS       |
| March 25       | ANNUNCIATION / Greek Independence Day                                |
| March 26       | ST. JOHN CLIMACUS - Greek Independence Celebration                   |
| April 3        | Loaves & Fishes at St. Matthew Catholic Church                       |
| April 8        | LAZAROS SATURDAY- Church Cleaning & Decorating for Holy Week         |
| April 9        | PALM SUNDAY- HOLY WEEK BEGINS                                        |
| April 15       | HOLY FRIDAY- Youth Retreat                                           |
| April 16       | GREAT & HOLY PASCHA- Christ is Risen!                                |
| April 17-23    | BRIGHT/RENEWAL WEEK- No Fasting                                      |
| April 23       | ST. GEORGE- Parish Feast Day                                         |
| May 3-7        | Festival of Nations                                                  |
| May 14         | Mother's Day                                                         |
| May 21         | STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN / Graduation Sunday                         |
| May 24         | APODOSIS OF PASCHA                                                   |
| May 25         | ASCENSION OF OUR LORD                                                |
| May 26-28      | Metropolis Junior Olympics, Chicago, IL                              |
| May 29         | Memorial Day Holiday- Office Closed                                  |
| June 4         | PENTECOST                                                            |
| June 5         | Loaves & Fishes at St. Matthew Catholic Church                       |
| June 11        | ALL SAINTS DAY & ST. BARTHOLOMEW- Patriarch's Nameday                |
| June 12-28     | APOSTLES' FAST                                                       |
| June 18        | Father's Day                                                         |
| June 29        | STS. PETER & PAUL                                                    |

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| July 1 – 7     | Summer Church Camp at Camp Wapogasset, Amery WI                 |
| July 4         | Independence Holiday- Office Closed                             |
| August 7       | Loaves & Fishes                                                 |
| August 1-15    | FAST OF THEOTOKOS                                               |
| August 6       | TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD                                     |
| August 15      | DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS                                      |
| August 19-20   | Greek Festival Fundraiser                                       |
| August 29      | BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER (strict fast day)                       |
| September 1    | BEGINNING OF LITURGICAL YEAR                                    |
| September 4    | Labor Day Holiday- Office Closed                                |
| September 8    | NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS                                       |
| September 14   | EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS (strict fast day)                      |
| September 17   | ST. SOPHIA & 3 DAUGHTERS / Sunday School Begins & Church Picnic |
| October 1      | Church Music Sunday                                             |
| October 2      | Loaves & Fishes                                                 |
| October 23     | ST. IAKOVOS- Metropolitan's Nameday                             |
| October 26     | ST. DEMETRIOS- Archbishop's Nameday                             |
| October 28     | PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS- OXI Day                                |
| November 5     | Philoptochos & Patriarchate Sunday / Daylight Savings Ends      |
| November 15    | ADVENT FAST BEGINS                                              |
| November 18-19 | Greek School Bake Sale                                          |
| November 19    | IOCC Sunday                                                     |
| November 21    | ENTRANCE OF THEOTOKOS INTO TEMPLE                               |
| November 22    | PAN-ORTHODOX THANKSGIVING EVE LITURGY-                          |
| November 23-24 | Thanksgiving Holiday- Office Closed                             |
| December 4     | Parish Assembly                                                 |
| December 4     | Loaves & Fishes at St. Matthew Catholic Church                  |
| December 25    | NATIVITY OF CHRIST - Office Closed                              |
| TBD            | FOCUS MN Host a Meal Dates                                      |
| TBD            | OCPM – Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry Sunday                |