

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians 2:16-20

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

No one can heal my disease except He who knows the depths of the heart. How many times have I set boundaries for myself and built walls between myself and sin! But my thoughts transgressed the boundaries and my will tore down the walls, for the boundaries were not secured by fear of God, and the walls were not founded on sincere repentance.

And again I knock at the door that it may open for me. I do not cease to ask that I may receive what I request; and I know no shame in seeking Thy mercy, O Lord. Wrench me from the mire of my iniquities, that I may not be forever sullied by them. Deliver me from the jaws of the enemy, who roars as a lion and desires to swallow me up. And now, O Master, save me, for I flee to Thee! St. Ephraim the Syrian in A Spiritual Psalter.



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✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

Sunday 9 November 7th Sunday of Luke. SS.. Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesus.

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:15 AM Church School

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Monday 10 November SS. Erastos, Olympas, Herodian and Companions Apostles of the Seventy.

12 PM Mariners' Memorial at GLMA

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Bible Study Nr. 9

Tuesday 11 November St. Menas of Egypt.

9 AM- 3 PM Metropolis Clergy Retreat—St. Clair Shores

Wednesday 12 November St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria.

Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed

5:30 PM Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 13 November St. John Chrysostomos, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Friday 14 November St. Philip the Apostle.

Fast Day—Fish Allowed

Saturday 15 November SS. Gurias, Samonas, and Avivos, Confessors of Edessa.

Fast Day—Fish Allowed

4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 16 November 8th Sunday of Luke. Apostle and Evangelist, Matthew.

Fast Day—Fish Allowed

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10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:15 AM Church School

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Mariners' Memorial Service Tomorrow. The Great Lakes Maritime Academy will host its annual memorial service for those lost at sea and on the lakes tomorrow. The memorial, which takes place at Noon on the anniversary date of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in 1975, will specifically honour (this year) those lost aboard the Carl D. Bradley which foundered and sank southwest of Gull Island in Lake Michigan on 18 November 1958. This is the fiftieth anniversary of the sinking of that ship. Thirty-three of the thirty-five man crew were lost; there were only two survivors. Moreover, the majority of the crew lived in Rogers City, MI, making widows and orphans of many in that town on that day. As part of the memorial service this year there will be an honour guard provided by the local US Coast Guard station. Fr. Iakovos will be providing the invocation and prayer for this service. For the first time, the Maritime Academy will host a performance by the **Traverse City West Middle School Chamber Choir** under the direction of Mrs. Holly Olszewski of our parish. The public is cordially invited to this community event and there will be a modest reception following the memorial. Weather permitting, the service will take place outdoors immediately south-east of the berth for the T/S State of Michigan on campus. For more information, please speak with Fr. Iakovos.

Parish Council to Meet This Week. Our parish council will have their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday at the parish center beginning at 5:30 PM. Regular monthly business will be on the agenda including stewardship review for 2008, financial information and reports, Christmas-New Years-Theophany planning for December and January, and many other important items. Council members (and council members-elect) are encouraged to attend this meeting. Apologies should be phoned to the council secretary Judy Weston prior to the evening or to Karen Kain.

Pre-Christmas Fast Begins This Saturday. Please remember that the fast in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity will begin on Saturday, 15 November. While not as demanding as the Great Lent, it will require some changes in our diet, behavior and priorities. This fast requires that we eliminate the eating of meat and dairy products for the duration. We are permitted fish, wine and oil on many of the days of the fast making it much less difficult than the Great Lent. Also the fast provides a good opportunity for us to slow down our lives, turn off the TV, clear out our calendar for time to reflect and prepare a space in our heart for the Christ child to be born. Please take time to think about how you will keep this important period of preparation. Before you know it, the season will be upon us—don't be caught unawares; plan now for your advent observance.

Father Fred Foundation Seeks Volunteers for Thanksgiving Dinner Project. Our neighbors at the Foundation are looking for a few good men and women to help with the annual Thanksgiving Eve Dinner project. This event was started by Fr. Edwin Frederick (the real Father Fred) many years ago to provide a night out for the poor of our area. Persons are treated to a sit down dinner at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. No buffet lines here; meals are served to patrons as they are seated in the main ball room there by liveried volunteers. The meals are prepared by a world class executive chef and this year there will be special entertainment provided by various musicians and entertainers. The event takes place at the Park Place Hotel on Wednesday evening, 26 November. For more information or to volunteer for this event, please speak with Fr. Iakovos.

For those looking for something to do on the day of Thanksgiving, various other local groups will be providing both buffet style meals as well as "Meals on Wheels" deliveries. If you would like more information, or to be involved in one of these undertakings, please contact the rectory for details. There is no shortage of opportunity to reach out to the less fortunate of our area as we celebrate Thanksgiving and count our blessings.

First Service Slated for Petoskey. We are just about ready to celebrate our first liturgical service in our satellite home in Petoskey. Located at 30 Bridge Street in the downtown area, we will be meeting at what was formerly called "The Indian Mission". Originally built in the early 1900's as an outreach to area Native Americans, the building has changed hands many times over its long history. It is currently controlled by the Family of Christ Church which met in that space for several years before relocating to a facility just out of town. They have graciously permitted us to use this facility rent free.

Our first service will be vespers offered at 3:30 PM on Sunday afternoon, 23 November. Following the service there will be a social hour and time for some Sunday School instruction. A mailing will go out to all on our mailing list living north of Elk Rapids to announce this initiative and encourage people to attend. Please pray for the success of this outreach of our parish to those living north of the 45th parallel. And pass the word!

TCAPS Sponsors Senior Citizen Social at West Middle School (WMS). The West Senior Citizen Social is an annual event held on the first Tuesday in December (Dec 2 this year) from 6:00-8:00pm in the WMS cafeterias. On this night, between 60-100 area senior citizens visit WMS for a night of food, bingo, door prizes, dancing to big band music (DJ), and student music performances. In the past, each of the three elite music groups (formally Jazz Band, Octet and Madrigals) have performed for 15-20 minutes each at this function. The event is sponsored by the 8th grade student council. Persons interested in attending or looking for more information can contact the West Middle School office or Fr. Iakovos for more information.

If you want to conquer vainglory, love not praise, nor honour, nor fine clothes nor precedence, nor favour; but on the contrary, cherish occasions when you are reprimanded and dishonoured, when false charges are brought against you—and reproach yourself for being more sinful than any sinner. St. Ephraim the Syrian.