

and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him.

Taste of Greece Committee Meets. The first meeting of our Taste of Greece committee was held this past Thursday at St. Francis High School. At the meeting ticket sales, advertizing and personnel planning for the event were discussed. It was agreed that tickets would be made available for sale beginning Sunday, 22 June. At that time people may obtain numbered tickets from Stephanie Long for sale at \$14.00 each. Unlike prior years, there will be no reduced price for children's portions. Ticket returns will be due back by the Sunday before the dinner, or 20 July. The group set a meal target of 1600 for this year; 100 more than last year. A listing of Captains and assignments is posted in the church and on the website as information. The next meeting of the committee will be announced via our normal channels of communication.



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✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

Sunday	1 June	6th Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Man Born Blind. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
Monday	2 June	St. Nicephoros, Archbishop of Constantinople.
Tuesday	3 June	SS. Lucillian and Paul, Martyrs. 10 AM Troy, MI Clergy Syndesmos Meeting
Wednesday	4 June	Apodosis of Pascha. SS, Martha and Mary, Sisters of Lazaros. No Fast. 5:30 PM 9 th Hour and Great Vespers of Ascension.
Thursday	5 June	Ascension of Our Lord. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos.
Friday	6 June	St. Hilarion the New. Fast Day-Wine and Oil Allowed. 4:30 PM -? Photography Appointments
Saturday	7 June	Hieromartyr Theodotos. 9 AM-5 PM Photography Appointments 4:30 PM 9 th Hour and Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8 June	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School

Condolence Card to the Metropolitan. Mrs. Caliope Pissare, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas' mother passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 22nd. Her Funeral was in Denver this past Thursday. She was 79 years old. A condolence card for the Metropolitan is in the narthex of the church and everyone is asked to sign it. Also, we will be taking up a collection in support of the Scholarship Fund that has been set up by His Eminence in Mrs. Pissare's memory. If you haven't contributed or would like to contribute again, please place your contribution in the basket identified for this purpose. Father will be personally taking the funds along with the card on Tuesday to deliver to the Metropolitan at his offices in Troy.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord This Week. It is hard to believe but it will have been forty days since Pascha this week. It seems like only yesterday that we were shouting "Christ is Risen!" and lighting up the night with our candles and processions. As such we bid farewell to the feast with the Apodosis (leave taking) on Wednesday and welcome the Ascension on that evening. The Ascension of the Lord is one of the twelve great feasts of the Church. Attendance at services is strongly encouraged. While it is best to attend all of the services, those that cannot make the morning service due to work commitments, etc., are encouraged to try and keep the feast by attending the vespers on the eve.

Volunteers Needed for Taste of Greece Fundraiser. The success of this fundraiser, scheduled for 24 July at St. Francis High School on Eleventh St., is contingent upon our cadre of volunteers. This year more than ever we need your help! There are a number of volunteer opportunities available. Check out our website or bulletin board in the church for a list of positions available. If you are interested in helping out, please speak with Karen Kain, Bob Underwood or John Batsakis.

Photographic Directory Appointments This Week—6-7 June. We have spent the past several weeks gearing up for the photographic sessions that will take place at the end of this week. Those that have not yet made provisions to have their photograph taken are asked to speak with Mrs. Martha Ealy following the services this morning to make reservations for a sitting. She will be doing this in the anteroom of the fellowship hall. You may also phone her at **231-824-9097** to make your reservation.

Photographs will be taken in the coffee hour room next door and clients will have the opportunity to see their proofs right away in one of the two viewing stations. There is no charge for the sitting and each participant will receive a free 8"x10" of the photo that they choose to include in our directory.

Habitat for Humanity Project. Our parish is sponsoring a team to work on a Habitat for Humanity project that is expected to take place on Saturday, 21 June when property becomes available at the junction of Supply and Rasha Rds just outside of Traverse City. Persons interested in volunteering to help are encouraged to speak with Fr. Iakovos prior to that date.

Now Available at the Church Bookstore. By popular request - the ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE – OLD & NEW TESTAMENT (Hardbound) priced at \$ 50.00 each. You can now find a Greek-to-English translation of the Old Testament (in addition to the New Testament) complete with explanatory notes by eminent Orthodox New Testament scholars and theologians in a single book. Also just in, a number of new icons: Mosaic Transfiguration (Sinai, 6th Century), Jesus Healing The Multitudes, Parable of the Good Samaritan and Christ Changing Water to Wine – all priced at \$ 30.00 each. Our stock is constantly being expanded – we now have over 200 line items (books, icons, CDs and other miscellaneous items) in our inventory. You are invited to peruse our merchandise for the latest additions following the Sunday Liturgy! *As always, your purchase helps to support the **Traverse City Orthodox Mission Church.***

Branded Golf Shirts for Sale. Our book store is offering for sale a mid-weight pre-shrunk 7.1 oz 100% cotton jersey golf-style shirt with a knit collar and banded sleeves. In white, the shirt sports the Archdiocese of America logo in three colours along with our parish name. It is a great way of identifying our community members at functions like the Habitat for Humanity project and the Taste of Greece dinner. Or, it is just a great way to spread the news that there is an Orthodox community here in Traverse City. Special pricing through our bookstore is \$21.99 for adults, \$18.99 for children and \$13.99 for toddlers. Shipping/handling and tax will be added to this base price. To get yours in time for our busy summer events, order today!

It is a sin to spend time in idleness. To replace church services and one's prayer rule with work is also sin. St. Ambrose of Optina

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went