

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans 5:1-11

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."



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✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

Sunday	6 July	3rd Sunday of St. Matthew. St. Sisoës the Great. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School 11:15 AM Blessing of Processional Cross and Exapteria Donated by Angie and Roger Dunlap 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
Monday	7 July	St. Thomas of Malea.
Tuesday	8 July	Holy Great Martyr Procopios. 2 PM-4PM Pastoral Visits to Orchard Creek Assisted Care Facility
Wednesday	9 July	Hiermartyr Pancratios. Fast Day 5:30 PM Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	10 July	45 Martyrs of Nicopolis. 1 PM Pastoral Visit to Toy House Retirement Center 4:45 PM Junior Royale Parade; Railroad and Washington Streets 5:30 PM Taste of Greece Meeting at SFHS
Friday	11 July	Great Martyr Euphemia. St. Olga, Equal to the Apostles. Fast Day
Saturday	12 July	Holy Martyrs Prokos and Hilarios. 4:30 PM 9 th Hour and Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 13 July Sunday of the Holy Fathers. Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel.

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11 AM Church School

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Processional Cross and Exapteria to be Blessed. This morning we will bless and place in service the beautiful Processional Cross and Exapteria (ceremonial fans) imported from Greece and donated to our community by Angie and Roger Dunlap. These liturgical appurtenances were mounted on poles and secured in stands by the skilled carpentry of Dan Irving who recently completed work on our templon (icon screen) and installed the retrofitted royal doors (just completed this past week).

Our community extends a big “thank you” to Angie and Roger for this donation and we look forward to using these appurtenances to augment and increase our appreciation of the beauty of the holy services.

Olechnowicz Awarded Scholarship. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America recently announced the awarding of scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year from three scholarship programs totaling \$80,000 in assistance administered by the Chancellor’s Office of the Archdiocese.

The “George and Naouma Gioles Scholarship Fund” awarded ten scholarships this year for a total of \$16,000. Awards were given to the following students: Julian Chryssavgis (Brunswick, ME), Maria Constantinides (New Berlin, IL), Vasilios Dimopoulos (Wilmington, NC), Constantine Drugas (Chicago, IL), Panagiota Karas (Palos Park, IL), **Rebekah Olechnowicz (Traverse City, MI)**, Rachel Rockwell (Newtown, CT), Georgio Sineriz (Oxon Hill, MD), Katrina Stephanides (Salem, MA) and Nicholas Stratis (Kenner, LA).

The “George and Naouma Gioles Scholarship Fund” was established in 1997 with a generous gift from Marian Gioles in memory of her beloved parents, to honor their commitment to their Orthodox Faith, their love of their Hellenic heritage, and their desire to help youth who are orphaned or in need. At least three scholarships are awarded annually to Greek Orthodox students committed to serious study in degree-earning, undergraduate programs at accredited colleges or universities in the United States, with at least one award reserved for a student pursuing a degree in journalism.

Congratulations to Rebekah on attaining this recognition for her hard work, determination and sacrifice in pursuit of her career and on behalf of the Church. She chose to relocate with her family just before she began what would have been her senior year—2007-08-- at Mansfield University (Pennsylvania) in order to assist her parents in energizing the mission here.

She is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Music Education from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and is expected to graduate in 2009 following her student teaching experience. Rebekah currently serves the Church as chanter and choir director at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills, MI where Fr. Dean Hountalas is proistamenos.

Updated Stewardship List Available. The most recent listing of stewards, friends and catechumens is available on our parish web site. It is also posted on our parish bulletin board. Everyone is encouraged to evaluate his or her level of stewardship as we make our way through the year.

Parish Council to Meet This Week. Our parish council will have their monthly meeting one week early this month due to the Clergy-Laity Congress being held the week of the 13th. At this meeting the council will conduct regular monthly business including: review of financial statements, review of correspondence and committee reports from Taste of Greece and other subcommittees. Also at this meeting there will be a

special presentation made by Mr. Daniel McNamara of Nat City Investments proposing some alternative ways for the council to invest our parish monies. Additionally, the parish will review work on the 2009 Preliminary Budget and select members to serve on a strategic planning committee to help in the development of a five year capital and operations plan for our community. All stewards are welcome to attend any meeting of the council. Council members are asked to make apologies if they cannot attend the meeting to Judy Weston, council secretary, prior to the meeting. Council members will receive all reports and agenda items as well as financial statements electronically by Monday or Tuesday of this week.

Junior Parade This Week. Please join us for the Junior Royale Parade—as part of the National Cherry Festival being celebrated in Traverse City this week! Our church school will be participating as a walking entry in the Junior Royale Parade on Thursday July 10th. Persons wishing to participate in the parade are asked to meet at the F&M Park located at the corner of Railroad and Washington Streets at 4:45 PM Thursday afternoon. Children, as well as our adults, are encouraged to participate. For more information about uniforms, etc, please contact Holly Olszewski of our parish.

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 Helen Knapp, our volunteer coordinator.

Desserts Needed For Resale. Our Taste of Greece (TOG) committee is requesting that our parishioners get working on baking sweets and dessert items for resale at the festival. While we are encouraging “Greek” specialty items, any baked good would be more than welcome for resale. Our bookstore will be offering various cook books for sale at the festival and baked items taken from those books would be helpful in marketing the cook books. For more information or to make your donation, please speak with Katerina Stavros or Karen Kain.

Please Bring In Your Wire Frames. Persons that still have wire frames for TOG yard signs are asked to either bring them or notify Bob Underwood how many signs they have so that we don’t purchase additional frames unnecessarily.

Rose City Week 1 a Success. Father and Presvytera were in residence at the Metropolis Summer Camp just north of Rose City, MI from last Sunday evening through Wednesday night. After returning to Traverse City to be with one of our parishioners who was having an unexpected surgery, the couple returned to the camp on Friday to conduct the Holy Liturgy that closes the camp week. Father worked along with Director of Orthodox Life, Nicholas Lionas, a senior at Michigan State University and president of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship there. During each day, Father taught three classes as well as heard countless confessions and facilitated the “Night with God” exercise for intermediate and senior campers. There were approximately 76 campers and staff on hand during this first week of the camp’s summer operation. Thank you to the parish here for allowing Father the opportunity to fulfill this obligation and help in the youth programme of our Metropolis.

Clergy-Laity Congress Week of 14 July. Father and Presvytera will be traveling to Washington, DC to attend the National Clergy-Laity Congress of the Archdiocese of America. They will be absent from the parish from Sunday afternoon, 13 July through Tuesday afternoon 22 July. Our Sunday service on the 20th **WILL NOT** include a Liturgy, but will be an Orthros/Reader’s Typika Service—please make a note of it!