

## Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

### Epistle Lesson: Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 13:17-21

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel Reading: St. Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

**Special Choir Rehearsals For Great Lent.** It is hard to believe but Zacchaios Sunday marks the beginning of the march towards Great Lent...the most sacred season of fasting, self-examination and repentance. All of us know that Great Lent is a time of great effort. There are many additional church services as well as significant and difficult efforts at fasting and attacking the passions that hold us back from reaching full maturity as Christians.

To prepare for this season our choir will have several special Thursday evening rehearsals beginning with January 28th. Rehearsals start at 6 PM and will be finished by 8 PM. These are working rehearsals and will focus on music for the Liturgy of the Presanctified as well as the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. Additionally the group will be working on material for the Sunday liturgical responses common to the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great used during Great Lent. Everyone is welcome to join us. Additional rehearsals are scheduled for 4 and 11 February.

**We Are Thankful to God!** The recovery of Ray Ealy after quadruple by-pass surgery and the miraculous preservation of our Sub-Deacon Euphrosynos Patterson after a nearly fatal asthma attack leave us thanking God for His graciousness and kindness. Today we offer special prayers of thanksgiving to Our Lord for delivering these two from the jaws of death. It has been a fortnight that has truly tried the souls of men. Thanks be to God for having provided for our every need and spared us and those whom we love.

*Devote yourself to stillness and know that I am God - Psalm 45:10 (LXX)*

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### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 17 January  
Orthros Eothinon 10  
Apolytikion Tone 7

**15th Sunday of St. Luke. St. Anthony the Great. Zacchaios Sunday.**  
9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
11:15 AM Church School  
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour  
12 PM Philoptochos General Meeting Nr. 1

Monday, 18 January

**SS. Athanasios and Cyrill, Patriarchs of Alexandria**  
6 PM Liturgics Class Nr. 1—Sanctification of Time and Hebrew Understanding of Liturgy

Tuesday, 19 January

**St. Markarios the Great of Egypt**  
5:30 PM Monthly Parish Council Meeting at Munson Hospital

Wednesday, 20 January

**St. Euthymios the Great**  
Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed

Thursday, 21 January

**St. Maximos the Confessor**

Friday, 22 January

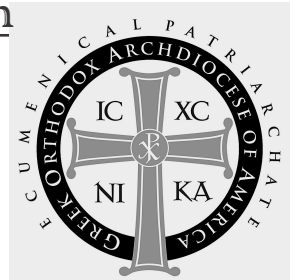
**St. Timothy the Apostle of the Seventy**  
Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed

Saturday, 23 January

**St. Clement the Hieromartyr and Bishop of Ancyra**  
4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers

Sunday, 24 January  
Orthros Eothinon 11  
Apolytikion Tone 8

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. The Triodion Begins**  
9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
11:15 AM Church School  
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour



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**Special Collection For Relief in Haiti.** We have been asked by Metropolitan Nicholas to conduct a special collection for the express purpose of providing humanitarian aid to the beleaguered nation of Haiti which was recently afflicted with a massive earthquake. Funds collected today will be forwarded to the Metropolis and from there to the Archdiocese to be used in funding relief efforts coordinated by the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and other relief organizations. Parishioners that have not already pledged funds to other organizations are encouraged to use this vehicle to channel aid to those suffering there. Please prayerfully consider this request for aid and respond according to your conscience.

**General Philoptochos Meeting Today.** The local chapter will have its first general membership meeting of the new year today immediately following the church services. The ladies will be sponsoring the coffee hour today. All ladies of the parish and guests are invited to attend and hear of the great work that is being done by our ladies' organization.

**Adult Class on Liturgics to Begin Tomorrow.** Our religious education department will be offering a three class series dealing with the liturgical life of the Church and the sanctification of time beginning tomorrow. The class will be held in our community centre and will begin at 6 PM winding up at 8 PM. There is no particular text for the course and no required reading. There will be handouts and materials available for those that would like to have them. This class will follow the same format as other classes successfully offered in the Fall semester. Join us to expand your appreciation of the Holy Faith and its impact on your life.

**Frostbite Food Drive Ramps Up.** Our neighbors at Father Fred are working hard at the 16th Annual Frostbite Food Drive in conjunction with a promotion at Meijer. The drive began this past Friday and is wrapping up on Sunday, 24 January. Volunteers are stationed at the Garfield Plaza in front of Agave Mexican Grill or at a second location, Fox Motors on M-31. The Fox Motors location will require volunteers on 22-24 January. The Garfield Plaza location requires volunteers throughout the entirety of the event. Volunteers are asked to contact Sue Bauer at the Father Fred Foundation in order to volunteer for remaining available time slots. Sue can be reached at 231.947.2055 Monday to Friday between the hours of 9 AM and 4:30 PM.

This is an excellent way for us to be visible in our community and to reach out to those in need. Put your "woolies" on and join us for some cold-weather fun. Admit it, that's why you choose to live in Northwestern Lower Michigan instead of sunny (and with temperatures below freezing) Florida! Come join us help the poor of our region by volunteering for this worthwhile event.

**Men's Fellowship Enjoys Snowshoe Hike at Sleeping Bear.** The sun shown for the first time in a week and it couldn't come any too soon. With temperatures hovering in the mid-thirties and snow melting around us, a group of hearty men of the parish enjoyed an outdoor adventure at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park along with some fourteen additional people. The roughly one hour hike had frequent stops and short talks by our Park Ranger guide who explained the nature of the plants and animal tracks we were seeing. Joining in the fun were: Dennis Stavros, Steve Bemis, Al Kohler, Roger Dunlap and Fr. Iakovos. Using classic wooden bear paw or Huron snow shoes the men had an opportunity to experience a bit of Michigan history while also drinking deeply of the humility that comes from falling down with these massive shoes on. Nothing funnier than watching Father trying to get up after having fallen...in any event a good time was had by all and thanks to Dennis Stavros for organizing the outing.

**Respect Life Presentation.** We have been invited to attend the 4th Annual Respect Life presentation sponsored by the Catholic Pro-Life Movement and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaylord. It will take place at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Silver Lake Road South at 2 PM on Sunday, 24 January. Guest speaker for the event will be the newly elevated Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaylord, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda. Also speaking on the programme will be Mary and Patrick Willson. Mr. Willson is a fourth generation family business owner. Mary works with her husband, has a background in nursing and is presently home-schooling their 12 year old.

The Orthodox Church supports the sanctity of life from conception to death and has been in the forefront of championing the rights of the un-born as well as those of the elderly and infirm. For more information about the programme persons are encouraged to contact St. Patrick's.

**Parish Council to Meet on Tuesday.** Our parish council will have their regular monthly meeting this coming Tuesday. The meeting will be held at the conference room by the cafeteria at Munson Hospital in order to facilitate the telecommunications link with Bob Underwood who will be participating from his home in Florida. The newly constituted council will reorganize before the meeting formally begins electing new officers for the year. Following that, they will conduct their regular business for the month. Of particular interest will be the 2009 summaries for all portfolios as well as the financial and stewardship reports for last year's performance. Stewards are welcome to join us for these meetings which provide an opportunity for public comment towards the end of the meeting. Reports, an agenda and other information pertinent to the meeting will be distributed to the board members electronically prior to the meeting. Council members are encouraged to bring their own copies of these materials to the meeting for discussion. Apologies should be made to Judy Weston, council secretary, prior to the meeting.

**Strategic Planning Meeting Sunday, 31 January.** Following the services on Sunday the thirty-first we will be having a parish wide general meeting to wrap up the mission and vision statement to drive the community's strategic planning process. It is imperative that all of our stakeholders participate in this exercise. Everyone's input is valuable and necessary for us to move forward as a community. In light of the naming of our parish in November, the time has come to fulfill our destiny as a parish in Northwestern Lower Michigan. Please join us on Sunday the thirty-first for this important meeting. Persons that would like to review the work of the prior planning meetings can find those materials at our web-site or by contacting council secretary Judy Weston for a paper copy. Join us in shaping the future of our parish.

**Save the Date, 6-7 February.** Dr. Peter Bouteneff of St. Vladimir's Seminary will be in town that weekend to deliver a lecture in conjunction with our study of the book, *Father Arseny, Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father* and an exhibition on Stalin era Soviet Russian gulags at the Dennon Museum. This will be a fascinating and enriching addition to our already outstanding religious education department offerings. Make sure that you clear that weekend for some food for your soul and deepening of your understanding of the operation of grace under some of the most horrific conditions imaginable. Truly being a Christian in Traverse City can be put into a different perspective when we see the sufferings and triumphs of these Christians.