

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours comes, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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

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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 31 January
Orthros Eothinon 1
Apolytikion Tone 1

17th Sunday of St. Luke.
Sunday of the Prodigal. SS Cyrus and John the Unmercenaries.
9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
11:15 AM Church School
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Monday, 1 February

St. Tryphon the Martyr
5:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers for the Feast
6:30 PM Liturgics Class Nr. 2

Tuesday, 2 February

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
10 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos--NOTE TIME
5:30 PM Kolyva Making Class

Wednesday, 3 February

St. Symeon and St. Anna the Prophetess
Fast Day

Thursday, 4 February

St. Isidore of Pelusium
6 PM Special Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 5 February

St. Agatha the Martyr
Fast Day

Saturday, 6 February

St. Photios Patriarch of Constantinople. Soul Saturday
8 AM Orthros, Liturgy and Memorial Services
4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers
5:30 PM Bouteneff Reception Meet and Greet

Sunday, 7 February
Orthros Eothinon 2
Apolytikion Tone 2

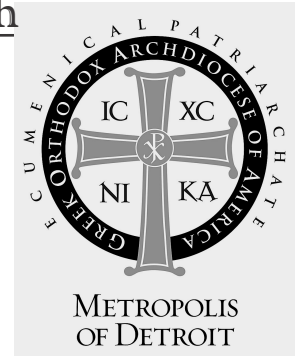
Meatfare Sunday. The Second Coming of Christ and the Last Judgement.
Scout Recognition Sunday
9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos-Recognition of Scouts
11:15 AM Church School
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
2 PM Bouteneff Lecture at Dennon Museum

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Strategic Planning Meeting Today. Following the services this morning 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 for this important meeting. Join us in shaping the future of our parish.

Feast of the Meeting of the Lord on Tuesday. Our parish will have services commemorating this feast of the Church beginning with vespers on the eve, Monday, beginning at 5:30 PM. There will be an artoclasia and readings from the Old Testament as part of this service. On the feast day itself, Tuesday, we will have the Orthros and Holy Liturgy followed by the traditional blessing of candles.

This is one of the twelve great Feasts of the Church. As such, Orthodox Christians are encouraged to do their best to keep the day Holy to the Lord. For those that must work, or are otherwise prohibited from participating in the services, it is suggested that they read through the liturgical poetry for the day which can be found at <http://www.oca.org/MDtexts.html> and click on February 2nd on the Internet.

Parishioners are asked to note the later start time for the Orthros and the Holy Liturgy, 10 AM.

Special Choir Rehearsal Thursday. The second in a series of special rehearsals to prepare for the Great Lent will be held this Thursday at between 6 and 8 PM. The group will continue to work on the special music for the Liturgy of St. Basil as well as the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified. Everyone is welcome to join us for these rehearsals. For more information please contact Presvytera Joleen-Elisabet.

Kolyva Class to be Offered. The Religious Education Department is offering a kolyva making class this Friday at 5:30 PM in the Community Center. This class will be taught by Mrs. Helen Knapp of our parish. The only items necessary to bring from home are: a medium sized bowl, a spoon, and a sieve/sifter for the powdered sugar. The wheat for this activity will be boiled and dried for the class, so one only needs to be ready to mix the whole thing together. Mrs. Knapp will be instructing in the process of preparing the wheat and how it is put together; including the items that go on top of the mixture. Some background and history on the use of Kolyva in the Church will also be given at this class. Kolyva made at this class will be used for the Soul Saturday Service on February 6. Participants may also want to bring the names of their Orthodox departed to be commemorated on the day as well.

Bouteneff to Lecture This Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Peter Bouteneff, Professor of Systematic Theology of St. Vladimir's Seminary will be in town this coming 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 gulags at the Denno's Museum. This will be a fascinating and enriching addition to our already outstanding religious education department offerings.

Dr. Bouteneff will join us for the celebration of vespers on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 PM. Following the vespers there will be an informal meet and greet with an opportunity for our parishioners to ask questions

and explore the theological overtones of the book. On Sunday, he will join us for the Holy Liturgy and then give a lecture at the Denno's Museum beginning at 2 PM. During the lecture he will highlight the manifestation of grace under rather oppressive and inhuman conditions. There will be another opportunity for questions and answers at the museum lecture. This is a unique opportunity to experience a world class theologian and speaker right here in our own back yard. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this very special offering that is made available through the generosity of one of our parishioners who provided an underwriting grant as well as our own religious education department.

Scout Recognition Sunday, 7 February. This coming Sunday we will be recognizing those that are currently participating and have participated in the Scouting programme. Understood to be an important support to the development of the faith-life of our youth, the Archdiocese has identified the St. George Program Award to recognize the successful completion of work pertinent to the practice of the Orthodox Faith prepared for Tiger, Wolf and Bear rank Boy Scouts or Brownies in the Girl Scouts. Several of our children are working on the requirements for this medal which will be awarded to them here at church.

On this Sunday, the Scouts will receive their Scout Sunday 2010 patch for display on their uniforms. Current Scouts and past Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms on this Sunday.

Tickets On Sale For TCSF Musical Bye-Bye Birdie. Several of our parishioners will be participating in the Traverse City St. Francis High School's production of "Bye-Bye Birdie" which opens on Friday, 12 February. The show is currently enjoying a Broadway revival starring John Stamos and Gina Gershon. In this show (an exuberant rock 'n' roll musical comedy) it's 1960 and hip-swingin' teen idol superstar Conrad Birdie has been drafted into the Army. Birdie's manager and his secretary cook up a plan to send him off with a swell new song and one last kiss from a lucky teenage fan...on "The Ed Sullivan Show!" Featuring a score with more pop than a pack of bubble gum, including "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "Kids," and "Put On a Happy Face," it's impossible to resist the charms of this Tony Award winning musical. Contact the Box office at 941-9875 for more information about tickets.

TCAPS Partners with Traverse Bay Sunrise Rotary Club. Traverse City Area Public Schools (TCAPS) is pleased and grateful to partner with the Traverse Bay Sunrise Rotary Club, as the club launches its first annual 'Shoes & Snacks for Backpacks' fundraising event, scheduled to take place at Timber Ridge Resort on Sunday, February 21st, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The \$15 event registration fee will sponsor one fully supplied backpack for the 2010 'Backpacks for Kids' program. Participants will enjoy a snowshoe trek on groomed trails with complimentary hot beverages and snacks. Limited on-site rentals are available at \$5.00 per pair thanks to event partner, GT Cycle (231) 941-4868. Advance registration is encouraged. This is a family-friendly event with a maximum registration fee of \$25.00. Additional donations are welcomed. Please contact Jessica Luckey at (231) 932-6238 or visit: www.tcsunriserotary.org for more information.

Philoptochos Meetings Take An Hiatus. Due to the busy schedules of many of our members and the start of Lent, the ladies group will not hold any meetings during the month of February. Meetings will begin again in March. Watch this space or our parish web site for more information.