

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

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

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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 10 May

4th Sunday of Pascha. The Paralytic. Mothers' Day.

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
11:15 AM Trisagion for the Repose of the Souls of all of the Deceased Mothers of the Parish
11:15 AM Church School
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Monday, 11 May

St. Mokios the Martyr.

6-8PM Visitation Hours at Reynold's Funeral Home
7:45 PM Trisagion for +Irene Govatos @ Reynold's

Tuesday, 12 May

St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

10:30 AM Trisagion for +Irene Govatos at Reynolds Funeral Home followed by Procession to the Church
11 AM Funeral Service for +Irene Govatos
Noon Interment at Oakwood Cemetery on 8th Street
1 PM Memorial Luncheon Meal at Traverse City Elks
5:30 PM Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, 13 May

Mid-Pentecost.

Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed.

Thursday, 14 May

St. Isidore, Martyr of Chios.

Friday, 15 May

St. Pachomios the Great Martyr.

Fast Day
Wine and Oil Allowed

Saturday, 16 May

St. Theodoros the Sanctified.

4:30 PM Please note that there will be no vespers this evening.

Sunday, 17 May

5th Sunday of Pascha. The Samaritan Woman.

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
11:15 AM Church School
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour



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Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη! Al-Masih qam! Χριστός Ανέστη!

Happy Mothers' Day. The priest, parish council and faithful of our community extend a warm and hearty greeting to all those celebrating this day in honour of the nation's mothers. We take special prayers this morning for health and long-life for our mothers and for the repose of those that have gone on to share everlasting life with the Lord.

Repose of +Irene Govatos. Irene Asprodites Govatos, wife of Louis (Elias) Govatos, passed away at their Summer home in Naples, FL on Monday, 4 May 2009. Irene reposed two days shy of her 96th birthday. Her family and friends mourn the passing of beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and dear friend. Throughout her lifetime, we were all blessed by her infectious personality, warm heart and zest for life. Irene and her husband Louis have been strong supporters of the establishment of a permanent Orthodox presence in Grand Traverse County and in this region.

Irene was the recipient of a B.A. and M.A. at Western Michigan University, and her professional life included service as a guidance counselor at Portage High School in Portage, Michigan. She was the recipient of several awards honoring her exemplary performance in this role.

Born in Athens, Greece, Irene spent her formative years in New Orleans, Louisiana and she never forgot the southern hospitality that made her home a natural gathering place. Irene is survived by her husband, Louis, daughter, Sandra, two grand-children and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home on Monday, May 11, 2009 between the hours of 6-8 PM, where the Govatos Family will receive friends. A Trisagion Service for the departed will be held at 7:45 PM towards the end of visiting hours there.

The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 11:00 AM at our church. Graveside services will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City. The family has directed that in remembrance of Irene, memorials may be made to the Traverse City Orthodox Mission Church. You are invited to share your memories with the family on their online guest book at www.legacy.com/record-eagle/.

Spring General Assembly Results. Members of our parish met in the spring general assembly this past Sunday in order to consider several items of importance. Among them was the report of our audit committee on the Financial Statements of FY 2008. The audit committee had no material findings and the report was accepted unanimously by those in attendance. The audit is available for stewards to review on request. In other business reports were given by major portfolios with special attention paid to our building and grounds committee. Thanks to every one that took the time to attend this meeting. Our next AGM will be held in the Fall 2009.

Cook's House Cooks Up a Storm. Eggs any way you like them, that was the focus of the presentation made by our sub-deacon, chef and part owner of The Cook's House located on Front Street in Traverse City. Sub-Deacon Euphrosynos sponsored the afternoon of fun at his place donating all of the supplies and his

time to the event as a service to our community. Thanks are extended to Helen Knapp for organising the event and to Sub-Deacon Euphrosynos for his gracious donation of time and material for the event. Thanks also are extended to everyone that participated in this social event.

Donations Requested to Underwrite Purchase of New Seating. Our parish council made a bold step in authorizing the purchase of the beautiful new seating that has really improved the comfort and appearance of the interior space of our chapel. We have already received a healthy number of donations to fund the purchase, but more is needed to put us over the top. Persons are invited to help underwrite the purchase of these new chairs by "buying" one. The cost of a chair is \$35. Persons that would like to buy a chair can do so by submitting a check for \$35 and writing in the memo section "Church Seating Project." We look forward to having all 80 chairs paid for by individual donations.

Adopt a Highway Clean-up Day. Members of our parish turned out yesterday in 40+ degree temperatures, partly cloudy skies with winds gusting to 30 mph to clean our four miles of roadway on M-72 between Kalkaska and Grayling (eastbound and westbound) as part of the Michigan DOT Adopt a Highway programme. John Batsakis, Denyse Everett, Robert Fickling, Sharon and Andrew Foster, Karen Kain, Holly Olszewski and Fr. Iakovos participated in the event. The work crew filled 24 bags of rubbish in roughly 3 hours of effort. Coupled with the safety meeting and transit time to the work site, the group invested about five and a half hours into this project.

Our participation in this programme has resulted in the state erecting two signs on the route, one westbound the other eastbound, indicating that the road is maintained by the Orthodox Church of Traverse City.

Thanks to everyone that participated in this important parish community service project. The next roadway clean-up will take place the week of 11-19 July 2009. Save the date to help us with this work.

Save the Date: Pilgrimage to Dormition Monastery in Rives Jct., MI. Our parish will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to the monastery to celebrate their patronal feast this coming August. Right now we are trying to gauge the level of interest in order to determine if we'd like to organize a bus and accommodation for the feast. Persons that think they might be interested in participating in something like this are asked to contact Fr. Iakovos so that we can begin to build a list of persons that would like to participate.

The monastery was founded in 1987 and is located in south central Michigan. It operates under the omophorion of Bishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America. It serves as a haven of spiritual retreat from the stress of the secular world; a place for spiritual guidance and growth.

High School Graduation Recognition. As far as is known, two students from our congregation will be graduating from High School next month. If you know of any students that should be recognized for their accomplishments please contact Father Iakovos to discuss names and details.