

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel Reading: Gospel According to St. Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Resurrection

Building Committee Special Meeting. A new sub-committee charged with undertaking a feasibility study for the parish council with respect to a building program will have their first organizational meeting on Tuesday 6th April at 5:30 PM at Father Fred Foundation. Council members are encouraged to attend this special meeting.

Church School to Make Palm Crosses and Donkeys This Saturday. Members of our church school and others are invited to join us after the Lazaros Saturday services to make palm crosses and donkeys for the community's use in celebration of Palm Sunday. Additionally, we'll be decorating the church with palm fronds as we anticipate our vesper service in the evening. Everyone is welcome to join us in this inaugural event marking the beginning of Holy Week. Instruction and supplies will be provided by our trained faculty.

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

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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

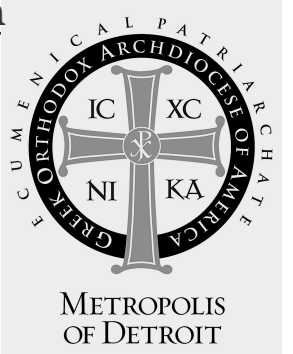
Sunday, 21 March Orthros Eothinon 8 Apolytikion Tone 8	Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. St. Mary of Egypt Fast Day—Wine and Oil Permitted 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 Fellowship Hour
Monday, 22 March	St. Basil the Martyr of Ancyra Fast Day
Tuesday, 23 March	St. Nikon the Martyr and 200 Companions Fast Day
Wednesday, 24 March	Forefeast of the Annunciation Fast Day
Thursday, 25 March	Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Permitted Please Note: No Service Today as Father will be in Memphis, TN
Friday, 26 March	Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel Fast Day
Saturday, 27 March	Saturday of Lazaros Fast Day—Wine and Oil Permitted 8 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 10:30 AM Church School Palm Cross Party and Decoration of the Church 4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers
Sunday, 28 March Orthros Eothinon 1 Apolytikion Tone 1	Palm Sunday. Triumphal Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Permitted 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 Parish Fish Dinner Sponsored by Philoptochos 5 PM Bridegroom Matins

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Parish Council Monthly Meeting Results. Our parish council appointed Doug Hadley to finish out the term of John Batsakis who resigned his position after relocating to Grand Rapids. Doug's term will expire in Fall 2010. In other news, the council heard information on finances as well as the upcoming 2009 audit which will be presented at the Spring Annual General Meeting. Helen Dalbo was appointed by the council to prepare the red eggs for distribution at our Pascha services. Additionally, Helen Knapp was appointed by the council to oversee flower arrangements for the tomb and for the holidays. There was a discussion of our strategic planning exercise and a special ad hoc building and grounds exploratory committee will be meeting on Tuesday, 6 April at the Father Fred Foundation at 5:30 PM.

Tickets on Sale for Scout-o-Rama at Fairgrounds. The Scenic Trails Council is sponsoring a faire to be held at the County Fair Grounds south of town on M-37. All of the troops of the council will assemble on 1-2 May 2010 for an entire day of Scouting activities, displays, games and FUN designed for Scouts of all ages, parents, siblings, and the general public to CELEBRATE, PARTICIPATE, and EXPERIENCE Scouting at its best in the Scenic Trails Council. Entrance tickets for the event are reasonably priced at \$5 each. Purchase of a ticket will yield discounts at select area merchants. For more information or to purchase your ticket, please see Fr. Iakovos or Holly Olszewski.

“Stork Drive” Extended through 28th March. The drive to collect items for babies with delivery scheduled for Tuesday, 23rd March to the Grand Traverse Baby Pantry has been extended to next Sunday. Items being collected as part of this drive are: diapers sizes 4-6 especially, baby food/formula (must have current expiration), baby clothes, layettes, blankets, baby toys (new) and any other items that you think baby would need. Items will be collected in boxes that will be placed in the Education Center, next to the Philoptochos table. Persons interested in more information or volunteering time to help process donations at the GT Baby Pantry are asked to contact Holly Olszewski.

Fundraiser for Our Sub-deacon Concludes Today. The collection of funds to assist with payment of medical charges for Sub-Deacon Eric will conclude today. Persons interested in contributing are asked to make their check out to the church and put Patterson Hospital Fund in the memo section. Funds will be routed through the parish crisis fund and then to Munson Hospital. Please try to be as generous as you can.

Printer Cartridge Fund Raiser. Used printer cartridges are being collected as a fund raiser for Traverse City Area Schools. Persons that have used printer cartridges are encouraged to bring them to the church so that we can turn them in for recycling. Participation in this program helps to raise funds for classroom supplies. The school will receive \$1 for each cartridge returned and recycled thru 7 May 2010. To recycle cartridges please place them in the box marked for them in the community center.

Partners in Philanthropy Program. This program provides grants to individuals who are parishioners in the Metropolis of Detroit and in need of assistance as a result of the recent economic turmoil rocking our state. Types of items eligible for grants include: clothing, food, medications, utilities and various other needs. Grant applications are made through the parish priest and forwarded to the Metropolis Philoptochos for evaluation and consideration. Persons interested in requesting a grant to assist with financial needs are encouraged to speak with Father Iakovos for more information.

Palm Sunday Dinner Next Sunday. In keeping with our local custom, the Ladies Philoptochos chapter will sponsor a Lenten fish dinner in our community center this coming Sunday immediately following the Holy Services. This is a fund-raiser for the parish. The menu includes: Mediterranean fish prepared in the plaki style, rice pilaf, soup, baked vegetable medley, Greek salada sans feta, dinner rolls, and other savorys. Persons that would like to donate Lenten deserts or sign up to help with clean-up after the dinner are asked to contact Donna Psaros at 779-0228. Suggested donation for the meal is \$10 per person—children eat for free from the special children's menu. Please make it a point to join us for this customary moderation of the fast as we enter the struggles of Holy Week.

Metropolis Philoptochos Sponsors Festival of Flowers Event. Festival of Flowers Registration & Raffle Deadline: There is one more week to register for the Metropolis Festival of Flowers trip on Saturday, 10 April at 11 AM. The due date for commitment for this event and the raffle tickets has been extended to today. The cost of the event is \$35 per person. Payment needs to be sent in advance. Please see Nikki Sobkowski to purchase raffle tickets or make payments for event registration. Flower themes/arrangements will be discussed at the next general meeting of the Philoptochos to be held on Thursday, 8 April at 5:30 PM.

Save the Date for Parish Garage Sale. The Ladies Group is sponsoring a garage sale to take place on Saturday, May 17. This event will run concurrently with the Father Fred Foundation Community Garage Sale that will operate two blocks north on Hastings Street. The monies from this fundraiser will go towards funding outreach projects for philanthropies and local families. Specific items that are being featured as part of the garage sale are: dishes, jewelry, paintings, stuffed animals, small appliances, etc. Our sale will not be offering clothes or shoes. Persons with clothes and shoes that they would like to get rid of are asked to take them to The Father Fred Foundation for inclusion in their garage sale. Please contact Nikki Sobkowski or Helen Knapp for more information about this important fund raiser.

Open Your Homes to the People of the Soo. Our “cousins” at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Sault Ste. Marie, MI have been without a priest since July of 2008. Last year, they were provided service during Holy Week through the ministry of Fr. Peter Bastilarides. This year it is questionable as to whether anyone will be available to serve them. Our parish council has stepped forward and offered to provide housing and food for anyone from up north that would like to join us for Holy Week here. We are soliciting help from our generous parishioners who would like to open their home to families or individuals desiring to observe the Holy Season with us this year. If you are interested in helping out with this worth-while project, you are encouraged to contact Fr. Iakovos and give your name and the level of hospitality that you are able to extend.

Father Running Retreat in Memphis. Fr. Iakovos will be the main speaker at a retreat being held at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Memphis, TN this week. Due to his absence there will be no services for the Feast of the Annunciation celebrated here this year. Our parishioners are encouraged to keep the feast by reading the propers from the Festal Menaion or on line at <http://www.o.ca.org/MDtexts.html>. Father's presence was requested by Fr. Paul Christy, proistamenos of the parish there and approved by Metropolitan Nicholas. His topic will deal with the acquisition of an Eastern world view and understanding as one tries to live out and practice the Holy Orthodox Faith. The topic was requested by the parish there.