

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians 4:4-9

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading: Gospel According to St. John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Katie Long to Represent Parish at Metropolis Oratorical Festival. Daughter of Stephanie and Mike Long, Katie, a student at Traverse City West High School, will be competing in the Metropolis of Detroit St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. The public speaking event is sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and encourages youth of the parishes to compete for scholarship prizes. Katie is delivering a 4 minute speech which focuses on the exegesis of the verse of Luke 18:9-14 dealing with the story of the Publican and the Pharisee and most especially as it relates to the virtue of humility. The topic was selected from a number of potential topics provided by the sanctioning body. Katie will compete in a juried environment with other students of her grade level from throughout the Metropolis of Detroit. The festival will take place at St. Nicholas Church in Ann Arbor on 17 April. If she is successful at this round of competition she will advance to the nationals being held in New York City in June of this year.

PASCHA Special Aairs on Local TV. "Pascha - The Resurrection of Christ," a one-hour special highlighting portions of Orthodox Christian Holy Week, will air this spring on NBC Network affiliates across the country.

Produced by [GOTelecom](#), the television ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and funded by [FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism](#). It will be airing on 4/3/10 @ 5am on WPBN/WTOM.

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

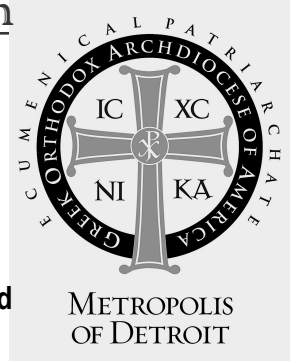
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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 28 March	Palm Sunday. Triumphal Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Permitted 9 A M Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 Parish Fish Dinner Sponsored by Philoptochos 5 PM Bridegroom Matins
Monday, 29 March	Great and Holy Monday Fast Day 5 PM Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, 30 March	Great and Holy Tuesday Fast Day 5 PM Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, 31 March	Great and Holy Wednesday Fast Day 5 PM Matins of Holy Thursday with Holy Anointing
Thursday, 1 April	Great and Holy Thursday Fast Day 8 AM Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil 5 PM Matins of Great Friday and the Passion of the Christ
Friday, 2 April	Great and Holy Friday Fast Day 8 AM Royal Hours 3 PM Vespers and the Taking Down from the Cross 5 PM Lamentation Service



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Saturday, 3 April **Great and Holy Saturday**
Fast Day
9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
11:00 PM Church Opens For Silent Vigil
11:30 PM Mesonitykos—Nocturns

Sunday, 4 April **Great and Holy Pascha. The Resurrection of the Lord**
12 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
1:30 AM Blessing of Baskets and Agape Meal
3 PM Vespers of the Agape
4 PM Church School Egg Hunt and Piñata Party

Palm Sunday Dinner Today. In keeping with our local custom, the Ladies Philoptochos chapter will sponsor a Lenten fish dinner in our community center today immediately following the Holy Services. This is a fund-raiser for the Philoptochos. The menu includes: Mediterranean fish prepared in the plaki style, rice pilaf, soup, baked vegetable medley, Greek salada sans feta, dinner rolls, and other savories. Suggested donation for the meal is \$10 per person—children eat for free from the special children's menu. Many thanks are extending to Karen Kain and Donna Psaros for organizing a beautiful dinner for us. Thanks are also extended to Helen Dalbo, Martha Ealy, Anne Fromholz, and Helen Knapp for cooking up a storm with Karen and Donna.

Church School Sponsors Egg Hunt and Piñata Party! There will be an egg hunt for the children immediately following the Agape Vespers next Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. As part of our outdoor activities there will also be a pinata party with candy flying everywhere. All children are welcome to join in the fun!

Special Schedule of Services for This Week. Holy Week, means that this is a very busy week in the Church. You will notice that there are services scheduled for every day of the week as well as some days with two and three services. This intense level of liturgical activity provides one with the opportunity to fully enter into the events that can be called the “defining moments” of what it is to be a Christian. From the Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper, His Passion and Crucifixion, Descent into Hades and Resurrection from the dead this is a week that is sure to be memorable. Our parishioners are encouraged to attend as many of these services as possible. They are a blessing. And also, don't forget that this coming Sunday's service will be at Midnight...there will be no 10 AM service next Sunday. The vespers will be at 3 PM and, as you know, is a non-Communion service. The parish is looking for persons interested in reading the Gospel in various languages for the Sunday afternoon service. If you have a language skill and would like to share it with us, please contact Father.

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.

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” Ends Today. The drive to collect items for babies served through the Grand Traverse Baby Pantry concludes today. Stork Drive finishes today. Earlier in the week, already collected items were inventoried and delivered to the Baby Pantry by Helen Knapp and Presvytera Joleen. Parishoners donated 590 diapers (counted singly), 14 baby food items, and a great number of infant/toddler clothes, blankets, hats, bibs, etc. Items that are collected today or later will be delivered in the second week of April. Thanks to everyone that participated in this worthwhile project. These donations have already been put into the hands of people who need them!

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.

Save the Date for Parish Garage Sale. The Ladies Group is sponsoring a garage sale to take place on Saturday, May 15. 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.