

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: First Epistle of St. Peter 5:6-14

BRETHREN, humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, first in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

By Silvanos, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God; stand fast in it. She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you that are in Christ.

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 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.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.

Parish Council to Meet Tuesday Evening. Our parish council will have a special meeting with Pam Evans of NorthSky Nonprofit Network this coming Tuesday at 6 PM in the Community Room at the Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings Street. The purpose of the meeting is to review the steps involved in putting together a feasibility study for launching a capital campaign. Further, Ms. Evans will speak to the council about board development, transparency, board management and other operational issues. The NorthSky Nonprofit Network has provided these services to many communities of faith in our region as well as to the Father Fred Foundation, the United Way and Goodwill. All council members are asked to attend.

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

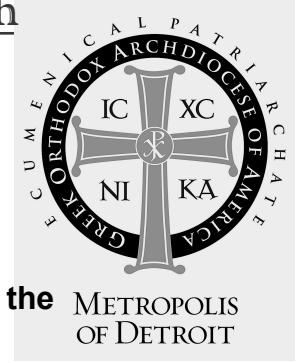
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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 25 April	4th Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Paralytic 9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 AM Spring Parish General Assembly and Fellowship Hour
Monday, 26 April	St. Basil the Martyr, Bishop of Amasea 3-7 PM MI Blood Drive at the Father Fred Foundation
Tuesday, 27 April	St. Symeon the New Martyr 6 PM Special Parish Council Meeting with NorthSky Nonprofit Network
Wednesday, 28 April	Feast of Mid-Pentecost Fast Day—Wine and Oil Permitted
Thursday, 29 April	SS. Jason and Sosipater the Apostles of the 70
Friday, 30 April	St. James the Apostle and Brother of St. John the Theologian Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed
Saturday, 1 May	St. Jeremiah the Prophet 4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 2 May	5th Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour



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Spring General Assembly This Morning. The parish will have its Spring assembly today after the Holy Liturgy. There will be an auditors report given as well as a review of the bylaws with the changes that were voted upon at the Fall general assembly meeting. There are two proposed changes that will be considered for ratification at this meeting. **The first is to formally change the bylaws to reflect our new name.** The second change is in regard to the definition of a quorum at our assemblies. It is proposed that the amendment read: Section 4.3. A quorum of stewards is required for the General and Spring Assembly. A quorum shall consist of (OLD - 33% of the membership eligible to vote) **NEW - 50% of eligible membership in attendance plus one.** In addition, we would like to promote discussion of a potential building project for the parish- as this was a concern expressed by many coming out of our strategic planning exercise.

A list of stewards eligible to vote has been posted by our parish secretary in the community center. Please check the list to insure that you are eligible to vote prior to the start of the meeting. Eligibility questions should be directed to Judy Weston.

Parish Council Monthly Meeting Highlights. In attendance for the meeting were: Karen Kain, president; Stephanie Long, vice-president; Judy Weston, secretary; Doug Partlo, treasurer; Andy Foster, Theresa Patterson, Nikki Sobkowski, and Bob Underwood. Absent with regrets was Doug Hadley. The meeting reviewed the audit outcomes which will be presented to the general membership at the spring general assembly. Additionally there was considerable discussion on the audit findings as well as the service of our current banking institution. Helen Dalbo, stewardship chair, provided a rather insightful analysis of our current stewardship position. In her analysis she demonstrated that stewardship has roughly been able to keep pace with last year's performance in spite of the difficult economic conditions in which we find ourselves. Other reports including these from the philoptochos, men's fellowship, religious education, bookstore and web master were reviewed and accepted.

In follow up to the discussion with regard to expressed desire on the part of some stewards to pursue the evaluation of a capital campaign to support a building programme, the council received a proposal from NorthSky Nonprofit Network to provide guidance and services in framing a feasibility study. NorthSky will provide this once off service to the council this coming Tuesday evening.

In other news Father reported on the outcomes of the Metropolitan Council meeting of the prior week as well as information on the 2010 Cherry Festival Parade and the National Clergy-Laity Congress which is being held in Atlanta, GA this year. The council also considered a letter from Metropolitan Nicholas requesting the council to help underwrite the cost of a trip to Constantinople for Father Iakovos.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 18 May at the Father Fred Foundation. Full minutes of the meeting are available on our web site, www.tcorthodoxchurch.org or in paper form from Judy Weston, council secretary.

Yiayia's Attic Sale. Our local Ladies Philoptochos Chapter will hold a garage sale on Saturday, May 15. With Spring upon us it's a good time to do that cleaning and sorting out of things that need a new home.

Gently used furniture, framed pictures, antiques, clean and in good shape towels and sheets, lamps, house wares, books, CDs, DVDs, tools, toys, and women's accessories (purses, scarves, jewelry) are needed. Please no clothes or shoes. Drop off times and days will be announced soon. Please contact Helen Knapp or Nikki Sobkowski with questions or to volunteer.

Blood Drive at Father Fred's Tomorrow! Michigan Blood will be conducting a collection drive at the Father Fred Foundation on 826 Hastings Street tomorrow between the hours of 3 and 7 PM. Donors are asked to bring photo ID and make sure that they eat and drink prior to donating. For more information go to www.miblood.org.

Metropolitan (Rose City) Camp Applications Available. Camping season will be upon us soon and the Diocesan camp located in Rose City is once again accepting applications for campers. Located in Rose City (MI), approximately 3 hours north of Detroit, the camp is set in a beautiful and peaceful setting, in the heart of the Huron National Forest. With three unique camp programs (for older teens, for youth ages 7-15, and for young adults), the camp welcomes almost 400 campers and over 100 staff throughout the different weeks each summer. Camperships are available for those who cannot afford the camp fees. For more information please see the promotional information in our community center or visit them at their web site <http://www.detroit.goarch.org/mdsc/>

Camp Operations Positions Available. The Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp (MDSC) in Rose City, MI is searching for persons to fill the following positions for this upcoming summer:

- **Waterfront Director (WSI)**- for all 6-weeks to oversee the waterfront, including daily swimming instruction, open swim and boating periods. Salaried position. Must have current Lifeguard, WSI and First Aid Certifications.
- **Health Directors** - must be an RN, LPN, DO, MD or EMT. Positions available for Week Zero, Week 1, Week 2, and Week 5. Will be responsible for the camp infirmary, medication distribution, and handling any health issues that occur with campers or staff during the week.

These are positions that receive remuneration for services rendered. For more information, please see the camp website (www.gomdsc.org) .If interested in applying, please contact Dean Niforos at [\(313\) 418-6085](tel:3134186085) or gomdsc@gmail.com.

Philoptochos Meeting Moved. Due to scheduling conflicts and to facilitate the attendance of all board members, the **Thursday, May 6 meeting will begin at 6:15 PM** instead of the usual time of 5:30 PM. Please make a note of it.

MDOT Highway Cleanup This Week. It's that time of year and the first highway cleanup of the season is scheduled to take place throughout Northwestern Lower Michigan this week. This year, the Men's Fellowship of the parish has been asked to coordinate the clean-up of our two miles of roadway located south of town on M-37. Persons interested in participating and helping out on this project are encouraged to speak with Fr. Iakovos or Dennis Stavros for details about potential days for the work to be accomplished. A short safety meeting is required prior to participating in the clean-up.