

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 13:7-16

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their lives, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

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

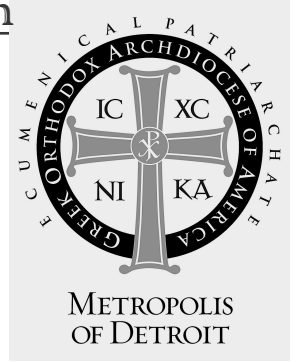
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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Monday, 3 May	SS. Timothy and Mavra the Martyrs
Tuesday, 4 May	St. Pelagia of Tarsus
Wednesday, 5 May	St. Irene the Great Martyr Fast Day—Wine and Oil Permitted 6 PM TOG Captains' Meeting at Father Fred
Thursday, 6 May	St. Job the Prophet 6:15 PM Ladies' Philoptochos Meeting
Friday, 7 May	St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed
Saturday, 8 May	St. John the Apostle and Evangelist 11 AM Blessing of Forgotten Eagles Motorcycles at Interlochen Eagles 4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal TBD Blessing of T/S State of Michigan Spring Cruise
Sunday, 9 May	6th Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Man Born Blind. St. Isaiah the Prophet 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 Highlights. The parish had its Spring assembly last Sunday following the Holy Liturgy. The auditors report was presented by Tina Partlo and unanimously accepted by the assembly. There was only one finding in the report which had to do with cash handling procedures on Sunday mornings. In other news the two proposed changes to the bylaws were accepted 24 to 4. There was a rather lengthy discussion with respect to a potential parish building project. The council reported that they would be meeting with NorthSky Nonprofit Network in order to get a clearer picture of what is required to embark upon a capital campaign (see below).

NorthSky 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 Doug Hadley. Absent with regrets was Bob Underwood. Presenting at the meeting was Pam Evans of NorthSky Nonprofit Network. The purpose of the meeting was to review the steps involved in putting together a feasibility study for launching a capital campaign. Further, Ms. Evans spoke to us 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. The services provided by NorthSky cost the parish \$270. This morning Nikki Sobkowski and Doug Hadley will provide a brief verbal report. If you have any questions, please contact a board member.

Great Lakes Maritime Honours Graduates. Fr. Iakovos offered the invocation and benediction at a banquet held at the Grand Traverse Resort to honour 28 graduates of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy who completed their program yesterday evening. This represents the last class that will graduate under the administration of Rear Admiral John Tanner, USMS who is retiring this year after working many years to develop the program at the Academy. Admiral Tanner has been a good friend to our parish and helpful in granting us access to the bay through his pier as well as access to the T/S State of Michigan. In his remarks last night, Fr. Iakovos spoke of the gratitude that we all have for the work that Admiral Tanner has done as well as the hope that all of those graduating would be kept safe upon the seas as they enter the work force. Some 260 persons were in attendance at the banquet which has been held for 39 consecutive years. Fair winds and smooth sailing to our 2010 graduates!

Festival of the Arts Program. A presentation of the arts will be made by students at TC St. Francis High School on Tuesday of this week. The visual arts will be showcased beginning at 3 PM and winding up at 7:30 PM. A dinner buffet sponsored by the Life Balance Initiative and culinary arts students at St. Francis begins at 4:30 PM and wraps up at 7:30 PM. Cost of a meal is \$5 each. The music program will be held in the Kohler Auditorium and starts at 5 PM and ends at 8:15 PM. Ice cream sundaes sponsored by GTACS Band Boosters will be offered at \$2 each. See the poster in the community center for more information.

TOG Captains to Meet. Our new chairpersons for this event, Steve Bemis and Andy Foster have called a captains meeting to take place at the Father Fred Foundation Community Room on Wednesday of this week beginning at 6 PM. This is the first of a series of planning meetings to address logistics and other concerns

for the fundraiser which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 22nd July. All captains and interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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 are indicated on a poster in the community center. Persons can start bringing in materials next Sunday, 9 May. Please contact Helen Knapp or Nikki Sobkowski with questions or to volunteer.

Philoptochos Meeting on Thursday. The Ladies' Philoptochos will have their general meeting in the parish community center on Thursday beginning at 6:15 PM.

MDOT Highway Cleanup Planning. 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. Unfortunately the men's fellowship was unable to provide sufficient personnel to deal with the clean-up project at this time. In order to fulfill our obligation we will need to pull together and rally to the task. We require at least six participants in order to carry on with the work. Attendance at a short safety meeting is required prior to the pick-up work. A tentative project date is Sunday afternoon, 16 May beginning at 3 PM. The project takes approximately 3 hours. This provides a great opportunity for our parish to perform a service that builds camaraderie and pride in our community. Persons interested in helping out are asked to report their availability to Father.

T/S State of Michigan to Sail. On Saturday the training ship for the Maritime Academy will embark upon her spring cruise with a boat load of cadets and faculty. The cruise, which lasts seven weeks, departs on Saturday and returns on Monday, 26th of June. It will take them through the Sault Locks, to Chicago, back tracking to Duluth, through the locks again, down the east side of Michigan to Cleveland and back again to Traverse City. The whole cruise can be tracked on the internet at <http://www.nmc.edu/maritime/vessels/state-of-michigan/voyages/spring-2010/index.html>. Persons interested in witnessing the blessing of the cruise and her departure should contact Father Iakovos on Friday evening to get an exact time for her sailing. It is estimated that she will depart at around 11 PM Saturday evening. She sails from the pier at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy on Front Street.

Save the Date for EXODUS! Our religious education department has organized to have Rabbi Chava Bahle come and speak to us on Monday evening, 7 June at 5:30 PM in our community center. The Rabbi will be making a presentation of the book of Exodus as understood within the milieu of the Jewish community and she will most especially focus upon the Exodus event and the way in which this event becomes operational in the lives of Jews today. Information such as this will help enrich our own experience of the Passover of the Lord and most especially illuminate our own practices and ritual of the Orthodox Church. This is a special three hour presentation and everyone is encouraged to attend. It is not necessary to be Orthodox to benefit from this offering so be sure and invite your friends! More information to follow!