

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: Letter of the Holy Apostle, Paul to the Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Ahoy Matey! Save the Date for the Community Sail! Two years ago we attempted a community sail aboard Maritime Heritage Alliance's schooner Madeline. We were rained out by foul weather. We are going to try again this year with a sailing on Thursday evening, 9 September leaving the pier at 6 PM sharp and returning after a run around the bay by 9 PM. Eligible to crew this sail are: Fr. Iakovos, Holly Olszewski and Denyse Everett from our congregation. Please mark your calendars for this fun filled evening and look for the sign up sheet sometime in August.

Religious Ed Meeting (Continued from Page 3) Father will be approaching our landlord to see about putting up a wall and door to enclose the room currently used for the tweeners' class. Also there will be window kits installed in each of the doors to our classrooms to comply with Archdiocesan standards.

Plans were fleshed out for an adult education seminar to be taught by Rabbi Chava Bahle dealing with the Exodus event in the Hebrew community. The date will be set soon for this Monday evening short course in the Exodus of Israel from Egypt soon so watch the bulletin for more details.

Finally there was discussion and planning for our Vacation Church School which will be held the first week in August this year. Volunteers will be needed to help manage the children as the department is considering opening this school up to the community at large. Persons interested in volunteering to help with this project are encouraged to speak with Holly Olszewski. There is lot's happening this summering so hang on to your hat!

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

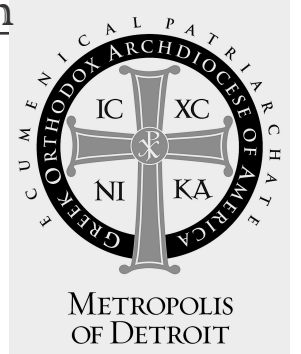
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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 6 June	3rd Sunday After Pentecost. 2nd Sunday of St. Matthew. Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed 9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
Monday, 7 June	St. Theodotos, Bishop of Ankyra Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed
Tuesday, 8 June	St. Kalliope the Martyr Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed
Wednesday, 9 June	St. Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria Strict Fast Day
Thursday, 10 June	SS. Alexandra and Antonia the Martyrs Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed
Friday, 11 June	SS. Varnavas and Vartholomeos the Apostles Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed
Saturday, 12 June	St. Onouphrios the Great Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed
Sunday, 13 June	4rd Sunday After Pentecost. 3rd Sunday of St. Matthew. Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed 9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour



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New 6'00" Teak Benches Donated. The Father Fred Foundation has donated two new teak benches to our church. In a move authorized this week the organization distributed seventeen teak benches which were donated to them for sale at the recent garage sale and went unsold. Benches were distributed to several area agencies, small churches and others in the Grand Traverse Region. The benches will be used as we develop our outdoor gardens. Thanks to the Father Fred Foundation for remembering our parish in this distribution.

Top Soil/Humus and Manure Needed for Gardens. Our two planters are ready to receive a good dose of top soil, humus and manure in order to provide a basis for our plantings this year. Believe it or not there is close to 75 cu ft of material required. Persons with contacts in the landscaping business or suggestions about securing this material are asked to speak with Father Iakovos. The Ladies' Philoptochos has taken responsibility for one planter and the church school will be fixing up the second. Persons that would like to volunteer in helping to make these gardens a reality are asked to speak with father for more information.

Philoptochos Meeting Outcomes. The ladies met this past Thursday to conduct their business. As part of the meeting they voted to establish a fund to support resources for the altar. The fund was started with a \$500 from the group. The money will be used to purchase items identified for use in the altar. There was some discussion about making altar vestments and the ladies will begin work on this project soon so that the parish has vestments to match the colours for the different liturgical seasons. Also the money may be used to purchase candles, candlesticks, incense, charcoal, oil, wheat and other consumables used in the service of the altar. Contributions to the fund are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to the Philoptochos and in the memo portion write "altar fund."

In other news, the ladies planned a membership portrait to be taken on Sunday, 27 June following the services. The photo will be posted at the Philoptochos booth at The Taste of Greece event in July, on the parish website and in the group's archives. Ladies are encouraged to be available on that date for this activity.

Prosfora Still Required. Thanks to Rebekah Olechnowicz who provided the prosfora for this morning's liturgy. Our freezer still isn't full so those that participated in the prosfora baking class have an opportunity to practice their trade. You are asked to bake a large prosfora, wrap as instructed in your class and label with your name placing it in the freezer. You may also want to place a list of the names you would like commemorated in the bag with the bread so that when Father Iakovos does the proskomidi he can commemorate your loved ones.

Thanks to everyone that responded to last week's solicitation for incense, charcoal, olive oil and wine. For those that would still like to make an offering, you may either turn in a donation of money or purchase the item yourself from last week's list.

Parish Council Set For Monthly Meeting. The council has tentatively set Monday, 14 June at 6 PM at the parish community center for their regular monthly meeting. The date was changed to accommodate some scheduling conflicts of the members. Reports will be sent to members electronically and members are asked to review the reports prior to the meeting. Apologies should be sent to Judy Weston, council secre-

tary, prior to the meeting. Parishioners are encouraged to attend these meetings which provide a time for presentation of issues from the gallery. For more information see the parish web site.

Taste of Greece Project Ramps Up. As we head into June it's "All hands turn to!" as the efforts are redoubled in the planning and execution of our annual Greek festival fund raiser, The Taste of Greece. There have been a series of meetings held under the direction of co-chairs Andrew Foster and Steve Bemis and meaningful progress has been made in the past two weeks. An exhaustive sourcing study for our supplies was completed with the help of Paul Barbas of **OPA! Coney and Grill** as well as Steve Bemis and John Batsakis to confirm that we are getting the best possible price for the supplies that we need for the event. That study completed, our orders have been placed and we are on schedule for another outstanding event. This week our kitchen captains, Paul Barbas and Eric Patterson will meet to flesh out the actual duty assignments in the kitchen. Later in the week, our marketing subcommittee will meet to finalize the roll out of advertising and promotions. We will be investigating ways in which **OPA!** can help promote our event as part of their regular restaurant operation as well as their presence in the Open Space during the National Cherry Festival which takes place in a few week's time.

Volunteers are needed as we begin to accelerate towards this year's event. If you have not volunteered already or are unsure as to where you can help out...please take a moment to speak to Andy or Steve in order to get your name on list. This year more than any other it is imperative that this fund raiser be successful for us. Help promote this event by your participation and your prayers.

Religious Education Department Meets. Memorial Day this past week was a holiday for some but not for the members of our church school. Members met to discuss programming for the summer as well as some new ways of operating in order to encourage participation in the school program. As part of the meeting it was decided that the parish council would be asked to assure that there is assigned greeter for each Sunday who will be responsible to make sure that visiting families with children are aware that we have a church school following the services and that their children are encouraged to attend. Also, Father Iakovos was asked to make a dismissal announcement immediately following the Holy Communion to make sure that all young people are aware that they should attend the church school meetings. In other news there was discussion of attendance awards for next year as motivators for young people to attend classes. Another suggestion was that Father plan a "youth sermon" to be delivered specifically to our young people at the time of the sermon in the Holy Liturgy.

Father is planning a six week class entitled "Liturgics II" which will meet on Monday evenings and follow on from the information that was covered in the first course offered this past spring. It will focus on church practice and explain the reasons behind these practices. Watch this space for details.

As for the facility there was discussion about the need for quiet in the classrooms by separating them from the book store and lounge area in the education center. *Continued on Page 4.*