

## Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

### Epistle Lesson: Letter of the Holy Apostle, Paul to the Romans 6:18-23

BRETHREN, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

### Philoptochos News.

**New Fellowship Hour Roster.** Our summer members have returned, and we are happy to include them in our rotation for fellowship hour. A new fellowship list has been posted in the community center. It will begin with July 6 and go through October. Thank you for making this fellowship hour rotation a great success!

**Are You A Little Crafty?** The Ladies Philoptochos is sponsoring a booth at the Taste of Greece this year, and we are looking for craft items to sell at our table. Proceeds from the sale of these items benefit our Parish Crisis Fund and newly established Altar Fund for our church. Persons that would like to offer craft items such as: crocheted/knitted hot pads, scarves, etc., decorative home items, homemade Christmas ornaments, and other interesting things that people might like to have are asked to speak with Presvytera Joleen, Helen Knapp or Rebekah Olechnowicz for more information. The sale is scheduled for 23 July...it'll be here before you know it.

**Group Photograph Next Sunday.** Just a reminder to the ladies of the Philoptochos that there will be a group photo taken this coming Sunday, 27 June to be placed on the display board at the Taste of Greece Festival in July. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Smile pretty now...cheese!

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

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### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 20 June

**5th Sunday After Pentecost.  
4th Sunday of St. Matthew. Fathers' Day**

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, 21 June

**St. Julian the Martyr of Tarsus**  
Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed  
3-7 PM MiBlood Drive at the Father Fred Foundation

Tuesday, 22 June

**St. Eusebios, Bishop of Samosata**  
Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed

Wednesday, 23 June

**St. Agrippina the Martyr of Rome**  
Strict Fast Day  
9:30 AM TOG Meeting at St. Francis HS Cafeteria

Thursday, 24 June

**Nativity of St. John the Baptist. St. Elizabeth, Mother of the Forerunner**  
Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed

Friday, 25 June

**Apodosis of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
Strict Fast Day

Saturday, 26 June

**St. David the Righteous of Thessalonika**  
Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed  
No Vespers Today, Father Serving in Saulte Ste. Marie, MI

Sunday, 27 June

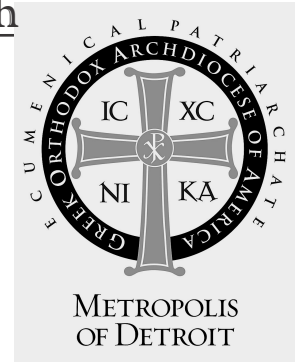
**6th Sunday After Pentecost. 5th Sunday of St. Matthew**  
Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed  
9 AM Orthros  
10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos and School Recognition Sunday  
11:15 AM Church School  
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

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**Happy Fathers' Day to All of Our Fathers!** Today we take a moment to join with the rest of the nation in recognizing our fathers and their contribution to the quality of life that we all enjoy. Being a father is a difficult thing...it requires many of the attributes that belong to God; patience, kindness, strength, courage, firmness, resolve, compassion...and all in doses that are appropriate to each child. Recognizing the difficulty and struggles of our fathers we offer up special prayers this morning for our fathers that the Lord will strengthen them and given them courage to perform their ministry in imitation of Christ. At the marriage ceremony new husbands are instructed, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25). This kind of sacrificial and self effacing love is not only related to marriage but also is part and parcel of what it is to truly be a father. Being a father is about sacrificing everything and being steeped in humility. Today we recognize our fathers and pray the Lord to bless them and keep them. May God grant to all of the fathers of this parish, those of our families and friends, and all fathers this day, peace, health, happiness and furtherance in all things that lead to salvation for many happy and blessed years.

**Congratulations to Adrienne and Bob Hirsch.** Their first ever grandchild came on the scene on May 29th in Evanston, IL. Louise Marie Butz was born at 2:00 a.m. at North Shore University Health System in Evanston (IL). She weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20" tall. Her parents are Heather and John Butz. Adrienne and Bob Hirsch (maternal grandparents) live full-time in Evanston, IL and part-time in Traverse City. They are very conspicuous helpers at our annual Taste of Greece dinner every year and eager participants in the life of our community. Louise's baptism will take place during the Sunday liturgy in July at St. Joseph Orthodox Church in Wheaton, IL.

We join with their family and friends in wishing them all of the best on this important family occasion. Greetings and well wishes may be sent to the Hirsch's at their address found in the parish directory.

**Condolences to Martha and Ray Ealy.** Gladys Mae Ealy, mother of Ray Ealy of our parish, passed away on 15 June after a long illness. She was from the Grand Rapids area. Funeral services were held for her yesterday at the Sanctuary at St. Mary's in Walker, MI. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at their Manton, MI address. May our Lord console the Ealy family in their loss and enable them to grieve, not as those who have no hope, but as those whose faith in the Resurrected Lord triumphs over death. May her memory be eternal!

**Welcome Home, Bob.** We all breathe a little easier as Bob Underwood of our parish now recuperates at his home in Northport following a surgery in Alma, MI. The procedure went very well and Bob is convalescing nicely under the watchful eye of his wife, Theresa, and the physical therapist. We thank the Lord for this success and look forward to Bob's full recovery. Well wishes may be sent to the couple at their Northport home.

**Choir Members Enjoy Workshop in Lansing.** On the evening of June 15, a baker's dozen of church musicians gathered at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Lansing. Dennis Stavros, Presvytera Joleen and Rebekah Olechnowicz represented our parish. The workshop, presented by Stan Takis, focused on a

new edition of the Divine Liturgy pew book which we currently use here. Mr. Takis spoke about Orthodox hymnography, teaching that like iconography, our hymns and music are governed by some very specific rules. He also noted the difficulties involved in developing an English translation that fits well with traditional Byzantine melodic forms. Participants sang through the liturgical responses contained in the new edition, which includes some revisions in text and music as well as a revised format. Many thanks to Rebekah for purchasing a copy of the new edition for use here.

**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.

**Taste of Greece Schedules Next Meeting.** The committee will meet at Traverse City St. Francis Catholic High School on Wednesday, 23 June at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria there. Invitations to the meeting were sent and captains are asked to please RSVP with Andy Foster or Steve Bemis as soon as possible. We're getting to the one month window on the event and excitement is building. Tickets are available at a cost of \$14 each—same as last year—from Nikki Sobkowski. Tickets must be prepaid. For more information on this event or to volunteer, please speak with Andy or Steve.

**Local Schools Mark End-of-Year.** Students from our congregation marked the end of the school year this past week as classes for Traverse City came to a close. Congratulations are offered to all of our students who have completed the year. Also, we have several teachers, support staff, administrators and board members affiliated with our congregation who have come to the end of a rather grueling year. Traverse City Area Public Schools has found itself in the throes of a budget crisis throughout the past year and it doesn't appear to be getting any easier into next year. We will be saluting our students and teachers with a special service of thanksgiving and intercession on their behalf this coming Sunday. Parents of our students are encouraged to send information on various activities their kids have been involved in over the past year for inclusion in our recognition event. Well done to all of you for a great year under some rather trying circumstances.

**Please Respect Our Church School Classes.** As the liturgy concludes our teachers are busy conducting classes in the education center. We ask that parents and others not interrupt or otherwise disrupt classes while the students are finishing up; teachers will dismiss the students to the community center when classes are done. Your cooperation with this policy is very much appreciated.

**Father Fred Hosts Blood Drive.** The Father Fred Foundation, in conjunction with Michigan Blood, will host a blood drive on Monday June 21 at 826 Hastings St, Traverse City, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Drives will also be held on Monday September 20 and Monday December 20, 2010. Please consider making the Foundation your regular place to donate blood. For more information, call (231) 935-3030.