

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: Letter of the Holy Apostle, Paul to the Romans 10:1-10

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Matthew 8:28-34;9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

St. Sampson the Hospitable One. 27 June

Sampson was born of wealthy and eminent parents in old Rome where he studied all the secular sciences of that time and dedicated himself particularly to the science of medicine. Sampson was compassionate and an unmercenary and administered cures to the sick, both body and soul, counseling everyone to fulfill the requirements of the Christian Faith. Afterward he moved to Constantinople where he lived in a small house from which he dispensed alms, comfort, counsel, hope and medicine to all just as the sun disperses its rays of light and, in general, gave help to the helpless, both spiritually and physically. The patriarch heard of the great virtues of this man and ordained him a priest. At that time, Emperor Justinian the Great became ill and his illness, according to the conviction of all physicians, was incurable. The emperor prayed to God with great fervency and God revealed in a dream to him that Sampson would heal him. And indeed, when the emperor learned of Sampson, he invited him to his court and just as the elder placed his hand on the ailing place, the emperor recovered. When the emperor offered him enormous wealth for this, Sampson thanked him and did not want to accept anything saying to him: "O Emperor, even I had gold and silver and other goods, but I left all for the sake of Christ in order to gain eternal heavenly goods." But when the emperor insisted on doing something for him, holy Sampson implored the emperor to build him a home [hospice] for the poor. In this home Sampson served the poor as a parent serves his children. Mercy toward the poor and the helpless was natural to him. Finally, this saintly man, completely filled with heavenly power and goodness, reposed peacefully on June 27, 530 A.D. and was interred in the church of his relative, the holy martyr Mocius. After his death, Sampson appeared many times to those who called upon him for assistance.

St. Nicholas Velimirovich

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

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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, 28 June

Finding the Relics of SS. Cyrus and John

Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed

5:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers

Tuesday, 29 June

SS. Peter and Paul

8AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

Wednesday, 30 June

Synaxis of the Holy Twelve Apostles

Strict Fast Day

Thursday, 1 July

SS. Cosmas and Damianos the Holy Unmercenaries

5:30 PM Philoptochos Meeting

Friday, 2 July

Deposition of the Zone of the Most Holy Theotokos

Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed

Saturday, 3 July

St. Hyacinth the Martyr of Thessalonika

4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers

Sunday, 4 July

7th Sunday After Pentecost. 6th Sunday of St. Matthew. Independence Day.

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos and School Recognition Sunday

11:15 AM Church School

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Prosfora This Morning... was prepared by Judy Weston for use in the celebration of the Holy Liturgy. Thanks to Judy for making this offering so that we can celebrate the Lord's presence among us. Anyone interested in providing prosfora or artos for the services of is encouraged to speak with Fr. Iakovos for more information.

Education Achievements Recognized This Morning. 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. This morning we take an opportunity to recognize them and thank them for their hard work.

Feast of SS. Peter and Paul on Tuesday. We come to the end of our fasting on Tuesday, 29 June as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Apostles SS. Peter and Paul. We begin our celebration on Monday evening with the 9th Hour and Vespers with artoclasia. The celebration continues on Tuesday morning with Matins and the Holy Liturgy. To all those that bear the name of Peter or Paul, may God grant you many years as you celebrate your patronal feast this day.

Philoptochos News.

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 Today. Today following the Sunday Services & Sunday School, the Philoptochos will gather in the Church for a quick archive photo with all of our members and our spiritual advisor, Fr. Iakovos. This will give the general public an idea of what the inside of our Church looks like, and maybe draw interest for them to come and visit with us. Please stay for the photo, your participation is really appreciated!

Dinner to Honour Archangel Gabriel Running on Schedule. The Church calls our attention to the Feast of the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel on 13th July. To help commemorate this feast day, which is the patronal feast of our parish, our local ladies' philoptochos has offered to cater a celebratory meal. On the Sunday preceding the feast day, July 11, the group will sponsor and prepare a chicken bbq dinner with all the fixin's. This is the second of four scrumptious meals organized by Donna Psaros and Karen Kain on behalf of the philoptochos. The menu for the day includes: Barbecued chicken (cooked by our expert BBQ chefs Randy Kain & Doug Partlo), baked beans, baked macaroni and cheese, home grown vegetables, potato salad, fresh tossed salad, dinner roll, beverage, and a choice of many tempting desserts made by our ladies. The sug-

gested donation for the meal is \$10. Profits from the dinner will be given to the Parish Crisis Fund for use in assisting the poor of our parish as well as of our area in honor of our patron saint Archangel Gabriel. Persons interested in volunteering to help with the dinner are encouraged to speak with Karen Kain or Donna Psaros. Come join us after the services and enjoy the feast together!

Philoptochos General Meeting This Thursday. July 1 from 5:30-6:30 p m will be the regular meeting of our local Philoptochos chapter. Please come and join us in the fun and excitement of continuing our philanthropic mission for our Church and community.

Dates Set For Visits To St. George Church. Yesterday Fr. Iakovos visited with parishioners at St. George Church in Sault Ste. Marie, MI as part of our parish's outreach to the north. Father is slated to return to the Soo on Monday, evening, 12 July in order to celebrate the Holy Vespers at 6 PM followed by a lecture he will be giving as part of the week long program entitled: *Pathways: Historic Churches of Sault Ste. Marie* sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society. Father will be presenting a lecture entitled: Understanding the Church Through Her History--Eastern Orthodox Christianity and the Western World. At the same time, there will be a week-long clinic in icon painting going on in the basement of the church there which will be open for inspection on that evening. Father will be returning to conduct the Holy Liturgy for the community there during the month of July on Saturday, 17 July and Saturday, 31 July.

Colour My World. You may have noticed from time to time that the colours of the vestments, candles, etc., change throughout the year. Like everything, the Church has prescribed these colours so that they help to reinforce the message of the season and to develop a kind of unified or harmonized message using colour, music, words, and actions. The colors used for vestments (and other liturgical cloths) in Orthodox churches are related either to the liturgical season (Lent, Pascha, etc.) or to the feast/saint of the day. While the Typikon (the book in which liturgical directives are codified) only calls for specifications of light or dark vestments, multiple colors are generally used as follows:

White: Pascha and the Paschal season in the Greek tradition (in the Slavic traditions, white is used for Paschal Matins, and then they change to red); Nativity of Christ, Theophany (Epiphany), Ascension, Transfiguration. White is also used for feasts for angels and for righteous virgins, and for funerals (except during those during Lent).

Purple: Lent

Red: Feasts of the Cross and for martyrs; in some places used during the Nativity fast

Green: Palm Sunday, Pentecost, Feasts for monastics and fools-for-Christ

Blue: All feasts of the Theotokos (Virgin Mary)

Black: Holy Week, funerals during Lent

Gold: All other times