

## Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

### Epistle Lesson: Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:1-10

BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### Meeting Notes

**Parish Council Meets on Tuesday.** Our parish council will meet on Tuesday for an abbreviated monthly meeting. All council members have received information electronically concerning the meeting and those unable to attend are asked to give apologies to Judy Weston, council secretary prior to the meeting.

**TOG Captains To Meet on Thursday.** Those coordinating our parish fundraiser, The Taste of Greece, will have their last meeting prior to the event this Thursday in the community center beginning at 6 PM. It is a very important meeting and all captains are asked to attend.

**Philoptochos Photo-Op on Sunday.** There was some difficulty with the photograph taken at the last sitting and so our ladies are asked to be present at church next Sunday for a re-take of their annual group photograph. The photograph will be taken following the services on that Sunday. Please note that services on the 18th are being held one hour earlier than normal to accommodate Father Iakovos' blessing of the bikes for the Father Fred Foundation HOG Ride.

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

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### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 11 July	<b>8th Sunday After Pentecost. 7th Sunday of St. Matthew. St. Euphemia the Great Martyr</b> 9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 AM Patron Saint Dinner Sponsored by Philoptochos Chapter
Monday, 12 July	<b>St. Proklos and Hilarios the Martyrs</b> Vespers and Lecture at St. George Church, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Tuesday, 13 July	<b>Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel</b> 9:30 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 5:30 PM Parish Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 14 July	<b>St. Aquila the Apostle of the 70</b> Strict Fast Day
Thursday, 15 July	<b>St. Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles and Enlightener of Rus'</b> 6 PM TOG Captains' Meeting
Friday, 16 July	<b>St. Athenagenes the Martyr</b> Strict Fast Day
Saturday, 17 July	<b>St. Marina of Antioch</b> 10 AM Services in Sault Ste. Marie, MI 4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers
Sunday, 18 July	<b>9th Sunday After Pentecost. Sunday of the Holy Fathers</b> 8 AM Orthros 9 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 10:15 AM Church School 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour



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**Prosfora This Morning...** was prepared by Nikki Sobkowski for use in the celebration of the Holy Liturgy. Thanks to Nikki 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.

Artos for this morning's artoclasia was made by Rebekah Olechnowicz. This special sweet bread is blessed and broken as a special treat in honour of a feast day. The Litija procession that precedes the blessing reminds us of the days that the festal icon was taken through the streets of the town for people to see and to venerate. Historically the items blessed at the artoclasia service: the wheat, wine, oil and bread would be distributed to the poor from the vestibule of the church following the services. In remembrance of that custom they are distributed to those in attendance today.

**Patronal Feast Celebrated With Anticipation!** This week our parish will celebrate her first ever patronal feast. In November 2009 this parish was dedicated and placed under the protection of the Archangel Gabriel. At that time our feast day was established to be 13 July. Today we begin our celebration with a litija processions and artoclasia followed by a festal parish dinner. It is believed that the feast originated on the day after the feast of the Annunciation, 25 March. As this feast normally fell during the Great Lent, the Church decided to transfer the feast to mid July so that it could be more joyfully celebrated. To help commemorate this feast day, our local ladies' philotochos is catering a celebratory meal. 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 suggested 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.

Thanks for work on our celebration go to: The entire Ladies' Philotochos for organizing the meal; Holly and Jim Olszewski for making our icon floral display frame and decorating with flowers; Rebekah Olechnowicz for baking the artos; Linda and Dan Puterbaugh, parents of Presbytera Joleen, for providing the recipe for the special barbecue sauce held as a trade secret for their NE Pennsylvania ambulance corps chicken barbecues; Randy Kain and Doug Partlo for cooking the chickens; Donna Psaros, Karen Kain, Helen Dalbo, Martha Ealy, Katerina Stavros, Helen Knapp, Pam Bemis, Kiki Sebestyen, Nikki Sobkowski, Holly Olszewski, Fran Batsakis, and Anna Fromholz for providing main dishes, and deserts as well as beverages, and John Psaros for heading up our scullery and clean-up crew.

**Please Note Late Start On Tuesday.** Our patronal feast-day services will start at 9:30 AM instead of the normal 8 AM on this Tuesday. The orthros is quite short so it is likely that the Holy Liturgy will begin around 10 AM. Persons intending to participate in the Liturgy are therefore encouraged to arrive at church no later than 10 AM.

**HOG Ride This Coming Sunday.** More than 375 motorcycles will participate on July 17 and 18 in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual HOG "Ride for Father Fred", which benefits the Father Fred Foundation. Sponsored by the Northern Chapter Harley Owners Group (HOG), activities kick off Saturday, July 17. Registration is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Classic Motor Sports, off U.S. 31 at 3939 S. Blue Star Drive. The dealership is owned by Don Plisney, son-in-law to our own Ann and Bud Fromholz. A Bike Show with participating motorcycles parked along Traverse City's Front Street downtown for public viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. that evening. On Sunday, July 18, the police-escorted processional of bikes departs at 11 a.m. from Classic Motor Sports. Due to the 11 AM start of the ride **our services will begin one hour earlier on this coming Sunday with Orthros starting at 8 AM.** Please make a note of it.

The route heads north to Grand View Parkway, then east to Center Road heading up the Old Mission Peninsula. Leading the ride will be Fr. Iakovos, our priest and Chaplin of the Foundation, riding a pearl-white 2004 Harley-Davidson Sportster. Along the way, hundreds of people line the route, greet the bikers, honk horns and applaud their support. Riders pay \$20 per person to be in the ride and to participate in a whole weekend of rider activities.

The event pays tribute to the work of Father Edwin Frederick, who founded the Father Fred Foundation in 1989. The twenty year old Foundation is a non-denominational charity providing food, clothing, household goods, financial assistance **and hope** to thousands of families and individuals in crisis living in the five county Grand Traverse region. In 2009, the Foundation served over 4,000 families distributing more than \$1 million in donated food, clothing and furniture and over \$400,000 in financial assistance. Volunteers staffing each department now number over 150. Funding for the Foundation is entirely dependent on the generosity of the local community, including special events with local sponsors such as the HOG ride. For more information on the HOG "Ride for Father Fred" visit the ride registration web site [www.rideforfatherfred.com](http://www.rideforfatherfred.com), or email [harleypeace rider@hotmail.com](mailto:harleypeace rider@hotmail.com) or call 499-4352.

**Sault Ste. Marie Happenings.** There is lots of activity with our friends up north this week. On Monday evening Father Iakovos travels to St. George's church there conduct vespers for the Feast of the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. Following the vespers Father will be delivering a lecture as part of the "Pathways of History" program sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society. This program highlights area churches with events sponsored at a different resource each day of the week. At present, St. George is hosting an icon writing class which will last the entirety of the week. Persons coming for the vespers and the lecture will also have an opportunity to inspect the work area for the icon production group. Father's lecture will focus on the cultural differences between Eastern and Western Christendom which have effected the differential development of the theology of the churches. In this way there is a bit of an explanation for the difficulty many Westerners experience at trying to get inside the mind of the Orthodox Church. Truly, this is what makes developing converts to Orthodox Christianity so difficult. "We are not just another brand of Western expressions of the Christian Faith," as Father Iakovos says, "But we are rather approaching Christ from an entirely different frame of reference. We are not a "souped up" Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, etc. expression of Christianity but rather something altogether different because of our cultural origins and the history of the Roman Empire in which the early Church developed." He continues, "People approaching the Orthodox Church expecting it to be just one more church or a more 'traditional' or 'liturgical' expression of the Western Churches will be very surprised at what they find." The lecture will be approximately an hour in length with a question and answer period to follow. A small reception will be provided by the people of St. George to guests that attend.

Later in the week, on Saturday, Father will again travel to St. George's to provide the community with their first liturgy of the month. Father attempts to provide two liturgies per month on Saturdays for the congregants there. Everyone is hopeful that following the closing of the Clergy-Laity Congress in Atlanta this week there might be the possibility of the assignment of a priest for the community which has been without a priest for over two years. As always, members of our congregation are cordially invited to join in the services held at the church there.

**Calling For Baked Goods.** Our bakery captain, Katerina Stavros is asking all of our people to help make this Taste of Greece event the most successful ever by participating in the parish-wide bake sale. If you haven't received a plastic tray to fill with baked goods for the sale yet, please see Mrs. Stavros.