

Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

Epistle Lesson: Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

2 Free Books per Child at the Father Fred Summer Book Sale. Doug Stanton, to Read Favorite Kids Books. All preschool and school aged kids, courtesy of the Bank of N. Michigan, can choose two free books when they come to the Father Fred Foundation Summer Book Sale, Grand Traverse Heritage Center, 322 Sixth St. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 30 and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 31. Doug Stanton, founder of the National Writers Series, will do a reading of favorite children's books, July 30, 1 p.m. For more information on the Summer Book Sale or The Father Fred Foundation, call (231) 947-2055 or visit FatherFred.org.

The Traverse City National Writer's Series, co-founded by Doug Stanton, investigative journalist Anne Stanton and attorney Grant Parsons, is also the creator of the National Writers Series Scholarship program, whose mission it is to support young authors planning to study writing in college. Series organizers are partnering with area schools, libraries, bookstores, and businesses to host the events and fund the scholarships. For more information, visit nationalwritersseries.org.

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

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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

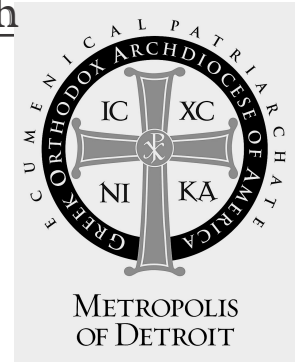
Sunday, 18 July	9th Sunday After Pentecost. Sunday of the Holy Fathers 8 AM Orthros 9 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 10:15 AM Church School 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 11 AM HOG Ride for Father Fred
Monday, 19 July	St. Macrina the Righteous, Sister of St. Basil the Great 5:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers 6:30 PM Blessing of Automobiles and Wheeled Conveyances
Tuesday, 20 July	St. Elias the Prophet 8 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 10:30 PM Blessing of Automobiles and Wheeled Conveyances 1 PM Pastry Packing Party for Taste of Greece
Wednesday, 21 July	St. Symeon the Fool for Christ Strict Fast Day 1 PM TOG Prep Work at TCSF High School
Thursday, 22 July	St. Mary Magdalene the Myrrhbearer and Equal to the Apostles 1 PM TOG Prep Work at TCSF High School 4-8 PM TOG Dinner Event at TCSF HS 8-11 PM Clean-up
Friday, 23 July	St. Ezekiel the Prophet Strict Fast Day
Saturday, 24 July	St. Christina the Great Martyr of Tyre 4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers
Sunday, 25 July	10th Sunday After Pentecost. 9th Sunday of St. Matthew 9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

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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 is encouraged to speak with Fr. Iakovos for more information.

HOG Ride Today! Our earlier service times this morning can mean only one thing: Get on your Harley and RIDE! More than 375 motorcycles will participate in the 18th annual HOG "Ride for Father Fred", which benefits the Father Fred Foundation. Sponsored by the Northern Chapter Harley Owners Group (HOG), . Registration is from 8 AM to 10:30 AM 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. Last night the group sponsored A Bike Show with participating motorcycles parked along Traverse City's Front Street downtown for public viewing. Hundreds of motorcycles of all sizes and colours lined the street as riders came in from completing a 120 mile "poker run" that took them through Leelenau, Grand Traverse and Benzie Counties.

Today the police-escorted procession of bikes departs at 11 AM from Classic Motor Sports. 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 Chaplain of the Foundation, riding a pearl-white 2004 Harley-Davidson 883 Custom 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.

Feast of St. Elijah the Prophet this Week. The Holy Church calls to our attention the ministry of the Holy Prophet Elijah (Elias in Greek) on Tuesday. Saint Elijah, one who saw God, a miracle-worker and a zealot for faith in God, was born of the tribe of Aaron from the town Tishba for which he was called the Tishbite. When St. Elijah was born, his father Savah saw an angel of God hovering around the child, wrapping the child in fire and giving him a flame to eat. That was a foreshadowing of Elijah's fiery character and his God-given fiery power. He spent his entire youth in godly thoughts and prayers withdrawing frequently into the wilderness to contemplate and to pray in solitude. At that time the Jewish kingdom was divided into two unequal parts: the kingdom of Judah consisting of only two tribes, the tribes of Judah and Benjamin with their capital in Jerusalem and the kingdom of Israel consisting of the remaining ten tribes with their capital in Samaria. The first kingdom was governed by the descendants of Solomon and the second kingdom was governed by the descendants of Jeroboam, the servants of Solomon. The greatest confrontation that the

prophet Elijah had was with the Israelite King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. For they, Ahab and Jezebel, worshipped idols and were turning the people away from serving the One and Living God. Before this, however, Jezebel, a Syrian, persuaded her husband to erect a temple to the Syrian god Baal and ordered many priests to the service of this false god. Through great miracles Elijah displayed the power and authority of God: he closed up the heavens, so that there was not any rain for three years and six months; he lowered a fire from heaven and burned the sacrifice to his God which the pagan priests of Baal were unable to do; he brought down rain from heaven by his prayer; miraculously multiplied flour and oil in the home of the widow in Zerepath, and resurrected her son; he prophesied to Ahab that the dogs will lick up his blood and to Jezebel that the dogs will consume her flesh, all of which happened as well as many other miracles did he perform and prophesy. On Mount Horeb, he spoke with God and heard the voice of God in the calm of a gentle breeze. Before his death he took Elisha and designated him as his successor in the prophetic calling; by his mantle he divided the waters of the Jordan river; finally he was taken up into the heavens in a fiery chariot by flaming horses. He appeared on Mount Tabor to our Lord Jesus Christ together with Moses. Before the end of the world St. Elijah will appear again to put an end to the power of the anti-Christ (Revelation, Chapter 11). From *The Prologue* by St. Nicholas Velimirovich

It is customary to bless automobiles and other wheeled conveyances on the Feast of the Prophet Elijah because of his association with the fiery chariot with which he was taken into heaven. Persons that would like to have their cars blessed may bring to vespers Monday evening, the liturgy on Tuesday or have them blessed following the Sunday liturgy on the 25th of July.

Taste of Greece Finally Here! After months of preparation our time to shine has come and it will be here quicker than you think! This Thursday will mark the 9th Annual Taste of Greece being held at TC St. Francis High School on E. 11th and Cass Streets in Traverse City. Tickets are \$14 each and the meal is a reprise of prior years' successes including: souvlaki, dolmathes, tyropita, spanakopita, roasted potatoes, salad and baklava. Co-chairs Andrew Foster and Steve Bemis have worked hard in developing a winning team headed by chefs Paul Barbas of Opa! and Eric Patterson of The Cook's House.

Work schedules for the week include a pastry packing party at the church community center on Tuesday beginning at 1 PM. Bakers are asked to bring their home made goods to the community center to be pre-packaged for resale at the dinner. Wednesday will see food prep at the High School and Thursday work will begin around 1 PM. For additional work schedule information volunteers are asked to coordinate through Helen Knapp our volunteer coordinator.

Tickets are still available through Nikki Sobkowski and persons are encouraged to pre-purchase their tickets to ensure that they get a meal.

This is a critical fund raiser for our parish. Please remember this intention in your prayers this week and most especially pray for our volunteers. This is a high-stress event and very often can lead to short tempers and unkindness. At all costs, we must pray to avoid unpleasantness with one another and model good Christian behaviour towards each other and our guests.