

## Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

### Epistle Lesson: Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians 2:5-11

BRETHREN, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

**Ladies' Philoptochos To Assist Rotary Backpack Project.** *What is Backpacks for Kids?* It is the 'Signature Project' for Traverse City Sunrise Rotary, launched in 2004. The group supplies a new backpack with school supplies to public school children and grades K - 5, as well as to selected charter schools and Goodwill Industries. Since program inception the Rotary has donated over 7,700 backpacks. The Backpacks for Kids project serves 1,000 - 1,500 area school children each year. The target list is provided by Traverse City Area Public School (TCAPS) administration, and primarily includes students qualifying for the reduced school lunch program. Additionally the group has raised sufficient funds to provide annual contribution to Goodwill Industries who distribute to their clients who might not fall immediately within the TCAPS system. In their first year they attempted to seek donations of product and quickly found it was impossible to obtain sufficient quantities of individual items. In subsequent years they have sought funding through charitable contributions and grants to help offset the expense. On average a fully supplied backpack costs \$15.00, requiring annual proceeds of \$20,000 - \$25,000.

Our ladies' group will provide volunteer services in packing backpacks with supplies on Tuesday 24 August at the Oak Park Elementary School on Garfield Street near the entrance to the Civic Center, beginning at 5:45 PM. Dinner and ice cream will be served afterward courtesy of the Rotarians. The evening's activities should end by 7:30 PM. Anyone can help but you are asked to please confirm your participation with Helen Knapp, outreach chair, today or Monday, 15/16 August, so a final tally of our volunteer numbers can be forwarded to the Rotary. This is a great way to be involved in the life of our region and make a difference in the homes of over a thousand young people. Give a cheer! Volunteer!

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

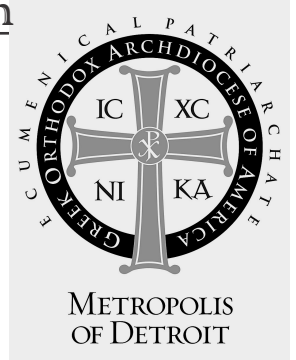
## Archangel Gabriel Greek Orthodox Church

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### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 15 August	<b>13th Sunday After Pentecost. Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos.</b> 9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos and Blessing of Flowers 11:15 AM Church School/11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
Monday, 16 August	<b>Translation of the Image of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ</b>
Tuesday, 17 August	<b>St. Myron the Martyr</b>
Wednesday, 18 August	<b>SS. Florus and Lorus the Monk-Martyrs</b> Fast Day
Thursday, 19 August	<b>St. Andrew Stratelates, The General and Martyr</b>
Friday, 20 August	<b>St. Samuel the Prophet</b> Fast Day
Saturday, 21 August	<b>St. Thaddeus the Apostle of the 70</b>  Please note: No Vespers will be served this evening.
Sunday, 22 August	<b>14th Sunday After Pentecost. 13th Sunday of St. Matthew.</b> 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 Martha Ealy for use in the celebration of the Holy Liturgy. Thanks to Martha 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.

**Church School Enjoys an Afternoon of Fun and Learning.** Our church school students enjoyed an afternoon of instruction and fun as part of the summer school program here. Accompanying our students were: Fr. Iakovos, Holly Olszewski (our parish's director of religious education) and parent chaperone Eleanor Hayes. Students in attendance for the day were: Elliot and Preston Hayes, Malena Kain, Mateo Luce-ro, Jacob, Jenna and James Olszewski. Students spent the day focusing on stories with a nautical theme and learnt accounts dealing with: Jesus' rescue of the Apostles on the Sea of Galilee (depicted in the icon in our church on the south wall); St. Patrick's journeys and abduction by pirates where he was sold into slavery; St. Nicholas' rescue of the sailors at Myra (as depicted on the icon in our church); and the journey and ministry of St. Brendan the Navigator.

Following the lessons the group car-pooled to Pirate's Cove where they enjoyed fellowship together speeding around in go carts, bumper boats, multiple trips on the water slide and finishing up with a round of putt-putt golf. After all that fun everyone returned to the church community center to watch a vegitales episode called the **Pirates Who Did Nothing** while they enjoyed an evening meal together. The group broke up around 6 PM after a long day of learning and fun. Most of the children had been with us since at least the beginning of liturgy that morning and there were some who had even been in church as early as the beginning of Matins. That is a long time to be engaged in church activities and all of our students are to be commended for their dedication and tenacity.

This activity was one of the many offerings that our parish provides for our youth in order to engage them and encourage them in the Faith. There will be a whole new slate of classes for young and old alike which will roll out in September. Watch our parish bulletin and other channels of information for more details on the offerings for this Fall semester.

Thanks are extended to our church school faculty for planning and executing this outing. Thanks are also extended to parents for encouraging their children to participate and making that participation possible.

**Parish Council Monthly Meeting Outcomes.** Our council held their regular monthly meeting this past Tuesday at the community center. Members in attendance were: Karen Kain, president; Judy Weston, secretary; Doug Partlo, treasurer; and members at large: Andrew Foster, Theresa Patterson, Nikki Sobkowski, Bob Underwood. Absent with apologies was Stephanie Long, vice-president.

Among the items handled by the council were the regular review of financial statements and other operations related documents as well as reports from the standing committees. These reports are available from the council secretary for those that would like to inspect them. Of particular interest was a wrap up report on the Taste of Greece event given by Andy Foster, event coordinator. While all of the expenses have not

been recorded yet, it appears as though the event is looking to be at least as profitable as last year's event and that in spite of the horrible weather.

Also discussed were the preparatory considerations for the Fall General Assembly meeting of the parish which should take place on the first Sunday in October. The council identified and considered items which should be placed on that agenda and also identified that there are three council seats which will be up for election at the meeting. The group is working on a communiqué which will be sent around to parishioners shortly to announce the meeting and lay out the items that are for presentation there.

There was a rather lengthy discussion of items revolving round the parish's strategic plan and financial condition which will figure largely in the October meeting. A subcommittee will be working on developing these topics further so that there can be a thoughtful and comprehensive presentation at the meeting.

In the gallery attending this meeting was Martha Ealy who offered some insight on a number of topics. As a reminder, all parishioners are welcome to attend the council meetings and there is a time in the meetings for public comment. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 September at 5:30 PM in the community center of the church.

**Father Iakovos Wraps Up Service at Father Fred Foundation.** On Friday of this past week Fr. Iakovos finished up his tenure as Foundation Chaplain at the Father Fred Foundation here. His affiliation with the organization began in July 2007 and by July 2008 he was working as an assistant to then Spiritual Director Fr. Edwin Thome. In January 2009 Fr. Iakovos was appointed Spiritual Director on Fr. Thome's retirement and from that time worked to restructure the spiritual dimensions of the organization. Working closely with the executive director and the Board of Directors he was instrumental in redesigning the position into a chaplaincy with more direct client service opportunities and also broadened the ecumenical outreach of the organization. Fr. Iakovos played a key role in drawing the organization closer to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaylord by developing a warm relationship with the newly elevated Bishop, Bernard Hebda. The outcome of all of the work was that the Board of Directors approved the Foundation Chaplain's position to move from part time to full time making the chaplain 100% dedicated to the Foundation operations. The Board of Directors' desire was that the chaplain be fully engaged in the Foundation and have no distractions from other responsibilities. This was in concert with what Father had been working towards for the past two years. However, this victory made it impossible for Fr. Iakovos to continue as chaplain there because of the full time nature of the position.

It was a bitter-sweet day on Thursday of last week as Father was honoured at a function and given many heart-felt testimonials from people with whom he worked and even some clients that he had helped through his work there. Our parish is encouraged to keep close ties with the work of the Foundation and we will most certainly be part of the philanthropy that they perform for our community. Father Iakovos was quick to honour the parishioners of Archangel Gabriel for being flexible enough to allow him the time to work with the poor of the region through the efforts of the Father Fred Foundation. And as part of his remarks spoke of the big heart of our congregation.