

## Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

### Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 13:25-33

IN THOSE DAYS, as John was finishing his course, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie." Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning him. Though they could charge him with nothing deserving death, yet they asked Pilate to have him killed. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.

### Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Mark 6:14-30

At that time, King Herod heard that Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

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

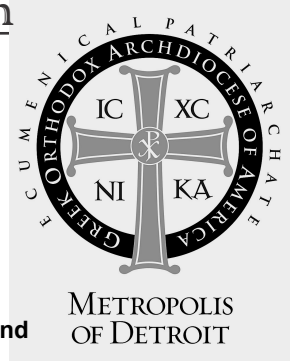
## Archangel Gabriel Greek Orthodox Church

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### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 29 August	<b>15th Sunday After Pentecost. Beheading of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer, John.</b> Strict Fast Day 9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11:15 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
Monday, 30 August	<b>Leave-taking of the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptizer</b>
Tuesday, 31 August	<b>The Deposition of the Zone of the Most Holy Theotokos</b> 5:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers
Wednesday, 1 September	<b>The Indiction. Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year</b> Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed 7:30 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
Thursday, 2 September	<b>St. Mammias the Martyr</b>
Friday, 3 September	<b>St. Anthimos, Bishop of Nicomedia</b> Fast Day
Saturday, 4 September	<b>St. Babylas the Martyr</b> 4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal with Nancy and Stan Takis
Sunday, 5 September	<b>16th Sunday After Pentecost. 15th Sunday of St. Matthew. St. Zacharias the Martyr and his wife, St. Elisabeth, parents of St. John the Baptizer.</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 Helen Knapp for use in the celebration of the Holy Liturgy. Thanks to Helen for making this offering so that we can celebrate the Lord's presence among us.

**Ladies' Philoptochos Assists On Rotary Backpack Project.** On Tuesday, 24 August, volunteers from all over Traverse City, and 15 members of our parish and Philoptochos gathered together to stuff backpacks as part of the Rotary Project, Backpacks for Kids. There were many different colors of back packs rolling off the line, and each back pack was supplied with items appropriate to each grade level. Binders, punched paper, composition books, scissors, glue, crayons, colored pencils, pencil boxes, pens, calculators, folders, and much more were placed into these backpacks, and placed in specific boxes for disbursement at area TCAPS schools. The Philoptochos was recognized by the Rotary organizers as being the largest "first-timer" group, and the event was very enjoyable sharing information about the Church and Faith with the other volunteers working with our members. Thanks are extended to: Fran Batsakis, Terri Bethea, Angie Dunlap, Martha Ealy, Denyse Everett, Nancy Kokinakes, Kiki Sebestyen, Katerina Stavros, Theresa Underwood, Presvytera Joleen, Rebekah, and our self-dubbed "Philo-Dudes," Roger Dunlap, Rob Fickling, Tom Sebestyen, and Bob Underwood. Fellowship was shared with the Rotarians after assembling the 1300 backpacks in 45 minutes! All in all it was a great event, and the evening was a stunning success. Thanks to all who made this event a fun and productive evening. The children will be so excited to see these items a week before their new year of school begins!

**Church Begins New Year on Wednesday.** Please note the early start time for Matins and the Holy Liturgy for this feast day. Services begin at 7:30 AM and will be completed by 9:30 AM.

**Save the Date for our Back-to-School Event.** The religious education department will be sponsoring our traditional Back-to-School Sunday to be held 12 September. The day will be marked with special prayers and events to propel our students, their families and those working in the education world into the new school year. Persons are encouraged to participate in this dedication of the new school year.

**Ladies to Meet.** The Philoptochos will have a quick general meeting following the services on Sunday, 12 September. This meeting will be brief. Items on the agenda include: an update of the group's current finances, organizing resources for the November food drive and dinner, as well as other housekeeping items. The meeting will conclude no later than 1:15 PM. It is asked that the membership please consider coming to this worthwhile meeting.

**New Educational Offerings for Fall.** With the Summer coming to a close it is time to ramp up our educational programming for adults for the coming semester. Monday nights will once again be the time when we offer our programme centering on ***Making Theory Real in the Orthodox Church***. This will be a series of topics discussed over a six week period that focuses on the integration of actual practices and behaviours as expressions of our spirituality. The first class meets on Monday, 13 September at 6:30 PM following vespers for the Elevation of the Holy Cross in the education/community center. No prior knowledge of the Church or her practices is necessary and everyone is invited to attend. There is no required text or required reading. Just bring yourself and your questions.

Later in the month our parish will be rolling out the popular ***Parish Theme Night***, back for it's second year. On Thursday evening 23rd September, we'll share a meal together, learn some things about ourselves and the faith through a group activity and some teaching.

Finally, launching on 1 November will be a six week course of study focusing on the Old Testament underpinnings of the New Testament Church. In this course we will be examining some Jewish customs and understandings of the Holy Scriptures and integrating them with the teachings of Jesus Christ. This should be an eye-opener for just about everyone. Come and join us as we expand our horizons and our understanding of salvation history.

**Nancy and Stan Takis Visit TC.** The choir from Holy Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores will be in our neighborhood this coming weekend and have offered to join us on Saturday evening to conduct a choral workshop as well as sing the responses to our liturgical services on Sunday, 5 September. Nancy Takis is the arranger of the liturgical settings that we use every Sunday and we are honoured to have her with us. Make it a point to join us this coming weekend as we share in the joy of the liturgy with Nancy and Stan Takis and the choir from Holy Assumption Greek Orthodox Church!

**Council Begins Preparation for 3 October Fall General Assembly.** Members of our parish council are busy preparing for the Fall General Assembly which will take place 3 October following the Holy Services. Reports are currently being compiled to explain the activities of the parish over the past year as well as providing information about activities planned for this year. Of particular significance will be a discussion of the financial condition of the parish, a proposed budget for 2011 and the election of three board members to replace those whose terms are expiring this year. This fourth year is a critical time for the parish and everyone's participation in this meeting is essential.

Also on the agenda will be the nomination of three individuals to fill the seats of Stephanie Long, current vice-president, Bob Underwood, member at large, and Doug Hadley who fills out the term vacated by Ray Ealy. Each of these seats are for three year terms beginning January 2011. Perhaps Our Lord is calling you to this type of service to His Church? Please begin to think now about making yourself available to attend.

**Save The Date. Conference on Missions and Evangelism in October.** St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church in Grand Rapids will be the site of a conference whose theme centers on Missions and Evangelism beginning Friday night, 15 October and running through Sunday 17 October. Speaking at the event will be: Fr. Nicholas Triantafyllou, President of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary; Fr. Peter Gillquist of the Antiochian Archdiocese Dept of Missions and Evangelism and Dn. Michael Hyatt, President and CEO of Thomas Nelson Publishing Company. Cost of the event is \$95 including meals. Special lodging rates have been negotiated with Ramada Inn and are available by phoning 616-949-9222. Persons interested in attending are asked to contact Fr. Iakovos for more information and to register. Also, more information is available online at [www.antiochian.org/missions/conference](http://www.antiochian.org/missions/conference).