

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthian 1:18-24

BRETHREN, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Gospel Lesson: St. John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30

At that time, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King!" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit

FASTING NOTE: Please note that because today is the Feast of the Cross it is kept as a STRICT FAST DAY in spite of the fact that today is Sunday which would normally permit moderation of a fast.



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† PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS †

Sunday 14 September Elevation of the Holy Cross.

Strict Fast Day

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:15 AM Trisagion for +Sophia Petrakos

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

12:30 PM West Bay Cruise on the Madeline

Monday 15 September Great Martyr Nikitas.

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Scripture Study Group Class Nr. 2

Tuesday 16 September Great Martyr Euphemia.

Wednesday 17 September Martyrs Sophia and her daughters, Faith, Hope and Charity

Strict Fast Day

9 AM Orthros followed by Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

Thursday 18 September St. Eumenios, Bishop of Gortyna.

Friday 19 September Martyrs Trophimos, Sabbatios and Dorymedon.

Strict Fast Day

3:00 PM MDOT Highway Clean-up Project

Saturday 20 September Martyr Eustathios and Companions.

11 AM Ladies' Meeting at TC Country Club

4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers

Sunday 21 September Sunday After the Elevation of the Holy Cross.

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Madeline Cruise. We will be sailing aboard the schooner Madeline today following the services. It is provided as a public service by the Maritime Heritage Alliance. Passengers are asked to report to the dock on the West Bay no later than 12:30 PM as the ship will depart at 1 PM sharp. Those that have been wait-listed are welcome to come to the pier and see if there are any no shows, in which case they will be permitted to go aboard and enjoy the tour. For those that could not get in on this sail, there are some additional slots available due to some cancellations. Please speak with Holly Olszewski to see if you can get on this trip. Thanks to the MHA for providing this enriching community service experience.

Ladies To Meet This Saturday. Mrs. Eleni Zeferes of Ohio will be joining us along with several other representatives of the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos organization for an informational brunch this Saturday. We will be meeting at the Traverse City Country Club at 11 AM. The morning meeting will be an opportunity for the delegation to present information and open a dialogue with our faithful about possibly organizing a chapter of the national ladies' organization in our region. All of our ladies are invited to attend and are asked to reserve this date so that we can have a good level of attendance.

Annual General Meeting Results. The AGM was held this past Sunday in accordance with our By-Laws. In attendance were our stewards who heard reports about the state of the parish and plans for the future.

Elected to chair the meeting was Ms. Stephanie Long. As part of the business of the meeting the following three individuals were elected to our Board of Electors. They are: Holly Olszewski, Donna Psaros and Kiki Sebestyen. Elected to the Board of Auditors were: Tina Partlo, Ted Demas and Roger Dunlap.

Doug Partlo presented the proposed 2009 General Fund Budget which totaled \$123,632 in expenditures on the year. The budget was passed unanimously. Also presented were Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet statements for the current year (through June 2008) and comparisons with FY 2007.

Our audit committee consisting of Tina Partlo, Ray Ealy and Donna Psaros reported on their findings after reviewing the 2006 operations and financial statements. These findings were unanimously accepted by the assembly.

Fr. Iakovos, in the pastor's report, summarized the progress that has been made on various projects over the past year. He also gave a sketch of things to come anticipating the beginning of our strategic planning exercise under the guidance of the Archdiocesan Department of Planning and Parish Development. A review of the activities of our church school program, as well as other outreach programs, was part of Father's talk.

Candidates were selected to fill the three vacancies on the parish council which will be caused by the end of terms for: Harriet Rennie, president; Karen Kain, vice-president; Judy Weston, secretary; and Mike Denny, treasurer. The following persons were nominated at the meeting to serve on the 2009 council: Karen Kain, Harriet Rennie, Ted Apostoleris, Themistocles Majoras, Brock Redding, Judy Weston, Ray Ealy, and Andrew Foster. Following discussion, Harriet Rennie withdrew from consideration. Also withdrawing following the meeting were Ted Apostoleris, Themistocles Majoras, and Andrew Foster. Biographies of the remaining four candidates will be made available to stewards via e-mail and regular post.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the choir and music program here.

We will be conducting elections to fill the vacancies on the parish council on Sunday, 28 September in conformity with the requirements of the parish by-laws. Additional election information will be made available in the next week.

Adult Religious Education Program Continues Tomorrow Evening. There is still room in our first offering which continues tomorrow evening starting at 6:30 PM and wrapping up around 8 PM. **The Gospel of St. John**, provides a survey examination of the fourth Gospel through the lens of the homilies and commentaries written about it by some of the Holy Fathers of the Church. This programme is suitable for anyone, and it is not necessary to be an Orthodox Christian to attend. Our course work will not require any previous knowledge of the Holy Scriptures or the Orthodox teaching with respect to the Scripture.

Our second offering this season will be a discussion group based upon the reading of the book, The Way of the Pilgrim. The books will be available free of charge to students through a grant received from one of our parishioners. Persons attending this class will be asked to read the book according to our syllabus and then come to our twice per month meetings to discuss insights into the book. This class will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Our first class will take place on Thursday, 25 September at 6:30 PM at the church.

MDOT Project. Our group will be cleaning our assigned piece of highway this coming Friday. We will meet at the church at 3 PM for a short safety meeting. We will then car-pool to the location, M-72 in Bear Lake Township, Kankaska County, mp12.84-14.80. Safety vests and bags for litter will be provided—workers are reminded to bring their own gloves and wear suitable clothing. Our next clean up day will be in the spring.

Pregnancy and Resource Center of Petoskey Hosts Dinner. PRC provides essential counseling and health services to women emphasizing life alternatives for dealing with reproductive issues. They are hosting a fund raising dinner that will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1106 Charlevoix Ave, Petoskey on Tuesday evening 30 September beginning at 6:30 PM. Guest speaker for the evening will be Comedian and Psychologist Mark Marrow. To request more information or RSVP, please contact Ruth Wilkey at 231-348-3863 by Tuesday of this week. Donation for a ticket is \$15 for the evening.

Life-Chain Scheduled for Sunday October 5. Area churches will participate in the life-chain on Sunday, 5 October beginning at 2:30 PM. We will be standing by the Merrill Lynch building on Grandview Parkway in order to witness on behalf of the sanctity of life and call on the general public to support the rights of the unborn. Members of our church will hold icons and stand silently by the parkway testifying to God's great love and desire to give us life. For more information on this event, please contact Fr. Iakovos.



Sophia L. Petrakos, nee Toscas, beloved wife of the late Dr. Harry N. Petrakos; loving mother of Nicolette (and Alexander) Chibucos of our parish and beloved Yia Yia of Nicholas, Elizabeth and Alexa Chibucos; devoted daughter of the late James G. and Margaret Toscas; and member of Ladies Philoptochos of Holy Apostles Church passed away after a long illness on Wednesday, 10 September. Visitation is today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Knollcrest Funeral Home, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blocks south of Roosevelt Rd.), Lombard, IL. Family and friends will meet Monday morning at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester, IL, 60154 for the Funeral Service at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Holy Apostles Church or to St. Iakovos Church, P.O. Box 149, Valparaiso, IN 46384. May her memory be eternal!