

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Pahl's Pumpkin Patch Hay Ride and Outing. You'll want to reserve the date of Saturday, 18 October at 2 PM for some outdoor fun. Our parish will be sponsoring a trip to Pahl's Pumpkin Patch in Buckley, MI. Hay rides, pony rides, a corn maze and a petting zoo are all part of the fun scheduled for the day. Specially designed for our church school students, the outing is open to all for a fun afternoon of outdoor activities. Mark the date and watch this space and our web site for more information about this event.



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✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

Sunday 28 September 1st Sunday of the Gospel of St. Luke. St. Chariton the Confessor.

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:30 AM Parish Council Elections

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Monday 29 September St. Kyriakos the Anchorite.

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Scripture Study Group Class Nr. 4

Tuesday 30 September St. Gregory the Illuminator.

Wednesday 1 October Protection of the Theotokos.

Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed

Thursday 2 October Martyrs Cyprian and Justina.

Friday 3 October St. Dionysios the Areopagite.

Strict Fast Day

Saturday 4 October St. Hierotheos Bishop of Athens.

2 PM Rothgarber-Demitz Wedding at Grace Church

Please note: No Vesper Services this evening.

Sunday 5 October 2nd Sunday of the Gospel of St. Luke. St. Charitina the Martyr.

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
11:30 AM Ladies' Meeting—Follow-up
2:30 PM Life Chain Event

2009 Parish Council Elections This Morning. Eligible stewards would have received a ballot by mail listing the names of: Ray Ealy, Karen Kain, Brock Redding, and Judy Weston running for the three open seats on the 2009 parish council. Voting closes today and our election committee will be busy counting votes immediately following the services this morning. Elected candidates will be installed after ratification by the Office of the Metropolitan.

Ladies to Meet Next Sunday. As a follow-up on our ladies' meeting held with the Metropolis of Detroit liaison from Philoptochos, Mrs. Eleni Zeferes, our ladies will meet immediately following services next Sunday to consider what they would like to do with regard to organizing themselves. All women of the parish are asked to attend and be part of the process of plotting our course forward. For more information, please contact Martha Ealy at 824-9097 or Fr. Iakovos at the rectory.

Parish Invited to Recital In Ypsilanti. Rebekah Olechnowicz of our parish will be presenting her senior recital on Friday evening, 3 October at 7 PM in Pease Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI. In partial completion of the requirements for a degree in Music Education, she will present several pieces of trombone repertoire. On the programme is Sonata in E minor for Trombone and Piano by Benedetto Marcello with accompanist Mrs. Carla Gonthier; Four Preludes for Two Trombones by Dimitri Shostokovich accompanied by Dr. Donald Babcock; Concertante for Trombone and Organ by Gustav Holst with organ accompanist Dr. James Wagner; Suite II of the Cello Suites by JS Bach; and finishing up with Brewmeister by Michael Davis accompanied by the EMU Jazz Ensemble. There is no charge for the recital and there will be a reception to follow. For more information please contact Rebekah or Fr. Iakovos.

Rothgarber and Demitz to Wed. Kristin Rothgarber, daughter of Gloria and Robert Rothgarber of Traverse City will be married to Matthew Demitz, son of Eleanor and Dwight Demitz of our parish at Grace Episcopal Church on Saturday, 5 October at 2 PM. Due to the size of the wedding the couple has received a blessing from Metropolitan Nicholas to celebrate at the Episcopal church which can accommodate the number of people expected to attend. Best man to the couple will be Matthew's brother Patrick who is a member at St. Philip the Apostle Orthodox Church in Tampa. The couple has spent the past six weeks in pre-nuptial conferences with Fr. Iakovos in preparation for this important day. Following the wedding they will continue to reside in Traverse City. We look forward to their becoming an integral part of our community here.

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.

Church Musician Recognition Event. Our parish will recognize choir members, our director, and chanters next Sunday as the Archdiocese of America celebrates National Church Musician Sunday. Every year we take this opportunity to recognize the important service to the Church provided by those that prepare and execute the responses for the many liturgical offerings that have been part of our church life here. This past year especially, we have had the opportunity of experiencing a full cycle of services for all of the major feast days for the first time in our history. This has required a great deal of effort on the part of our choir director, choir and chanters; assembling materials, learning new music, printing booklets—all of this to enhance our worship experience. Next Sunday we will honour these people with special prayers and blessings so that they can continue their ministry into the new year.

Petoskey Satellite Mission Approved. In a letter received from the Metropolitan's office just this past Friday, Fr. Iakovos has received a blessing to proceed with the establishment of a satellite mission in Petoskey, MI. The purpose of the mission is to reach out to those Orthodox Christians located in the Gaylord-Petoskey corridor as well as those situated as far south as East Jordan-Charlevoix. In negotiations with the Family of Christ Church in Petoskey over the past several months, our community has reached an arrangement where we are permitted to use their facility located on Bridge Street in Petoskey for the celebration of our services. Over the next several weeks, Fr. Iakovos will be working closely with Ruth and Dan Wilkey as well as Karen and Douglas Hadley to notify individuals of our first service which should take place on a Sunday afternoon sometime in October. Please keep this effort to spread the Holy Orthodox Faith and the good news of Christ's Gospel in your daily prayers.

Course Offerings Continue. Our religious education programme continues to grow as our two adult ed courses move forward this month. Meeting Monday nights, a study of the Gospel of St. John with strong influence from the Commentary of Blessed Theophylact has developed into a very nice evening of learning. New students are welcome and it is not necessary to have attended earlier classes in order to come and get started. We meet at 6:30 PM every Monday evening.

Our Thursday evening class, a discussion group centered round the book, *The Way of the Pilgrim*, has just started and it also shows promise of being a fun and informative class. We are still accepting new students in that class which meets again on Thursday evening, 6 October at 6:30 PM. If you'd like to participate in that class please speak with Fr. Iakovos so that you can get your text and reading assignments.

Parents' Night Out—Friday, 24 October. Parents of our young people can enjoy a night out without worrying about child care by signing up to participate in our parents' night out project. Children may be dropped off at the church on Friday evening at 5:30 PM and we will provide games, activities, snacks and supervision through 9 PM. For more information or to register your children to participate in this event, please see Fr. Iakovos.