

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY**

### **Epistle Lesson: St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians 6:1-10**

BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### **Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 6:31-36**

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

**PRE-HOLIDAY CLEARANCE SALE – All Bookstore merchandise 10% off during the month of October!!** We are "clearing the decks" in anticipation of our Christmas merchandise which will be on display starting November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition to the usual books, CD's, icons and religious items, there are some "new" items which may have escaped your attention – such as the gold 3 bar lapel pin priced at \$3.00 each and an assortment of never offered before icons! Check out our display case for our newest offerings!

As an added convenience to our parishioners, we have established a MESSAGE/ORDER CENTER consisting of a bulletin board and a catalog rack. Now, bookstore staff need not be present for our parishioners to browse and place special orders using our catalogs and handy order request form. Of course, we stand ready to answer your questions in person following Sunday's Divine Liturgy!



## **TRAVERSE CITY ORTHODOX MISSION**

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## **✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>5 October</b>  | <b>2nd Sunday of the Gospel of St. Luke. St. Charitina the Martyr.</b><br>9 AM Orthros<br>10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos<br>11:30 AM Fellowship Hour<br>11:30 AM Ladies' Meeting—Follow-up<br>2:30 PM Life Chain Event |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>6 October</b>  | <b>St. Thomas the Apostle.</b><br>5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM Scripture Study Group Class Nr. 5  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>7 October</b>  | <b>SS. Sergios and Bacchus, the Martyrs.</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>8 October</b>  | <b>St. Pelagia the Righteous.</b><br>Strict Fast Day<br>5:30 PM Monthly Parish Council Meeting  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>9 October</b>  | <b>St. James the Apostle, Son of Alphaeus.</b><br>6:30 PM Orthodox Book Club Discussion Group Meeting Nr. 2   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>10 October</b> | <b>SS. Eulampios and Eulampia.</b><br>Strict Fast Day   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>11 October</b> | <b>St. Philip of the Seven Deacons.</b><br>4:30 PM 9 <sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers<br>5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  |

**Sunday 12 October Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea 787).**

**St. Simeon the New Theologian**

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:15 AM Forty Day Memorial (Panachida) for the Repose of the Soul of

+Mary Torsky, mother of Olga Dean

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

4:00 PM Rainbow of Hope Farm Family Days--Kingsley

**2009 Parish Council Election Results.** Thanks are extended to the Elections Committee of Holly Olszewski, Donna Psaros and Kiki Sebestyen for administering our election process this past Sunday. The results of the votes cast by 55 qualified stewards resulted in the election of Ray Ealy, Karen Kain and Judy Weston to the 2009 Council. Ray Ealy will be new to the Council while Karen Kain and Judy Weston will retain their seats as they are currently serving on the 2008 Council. The Council will receive their affirmation of office as soon as the Metropolitan ratifies the results of the election. Council members will take on their new portfolios after they take their seats on January 1, 2009 and have their reorganization meeting in that month.

Our parish extends heart-felt thanks to our out-going council members Harriet Rennie and Michael Denny for their faithful service as they retire from active council service at the end of this year.

**Church Musician Recognition Event.** Our parish honours our choir members, our director, and chanters today 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.

Today we honour current choir members: Dennis Stavros, Sharon and Andrew Foster, Samantha Dalbo, Dwight and Eleanor Demitz, Presvytera Joleen-Elisabet, Karen Kain, Elizabeth Husby, Themistocles Majoras, Holly Olszewski, Theresa Patterson, Ruth and Daniel Wilkey. Further we recognize the past contributions of choir alumni: Stephanie Long, Rebekah Olechnowicz, Katerina Stavros, and Tina Tank. We also honour our Reader, Sub-Deacon Euphrosynos Patterson and our chanters: Dwight Demitz, Elizabeth Husby, Presvytera, Holly Olszewski, Theresa Patterson and Dennis Stavros.

**Sebestyens Celebrate Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary.** Today we join with the Sebestyen family in thanking Almighty God for thirty years of marriage as they celebrate this milestone in their life together. Kiki and Tom will be sponsoring our fellowship hour this morning as part of their

celebration of thirty wonderful years together. Please be sure to greet them and wish them well as they celebrate their love for one another.

**Ladies to Meet This Morning.** 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 today 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.

**Life-Chain This Afternoon.** 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.

**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 for the second time this 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.

**Rainbow of Hope Farm Family Days in Kingsley.** You are invited to join us at Rainbow of Hope Farm located at 1951 County Line Road in Kingsley next Sunday afternoon at around 4:30 PM as they celebrate their annual Family Day. Activities will include: hay rides, bonfire for roasting marshmallows, a bake sale, various foods and pumpkin and autumn decorations. Rainbow of Hope is a residential care facility and proceeds from all sales will be used to benefit clients. The event runs Saturday and Sunday, 11 and 12 October from 3 PM to 8:30 PM.

**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.

**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.