

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy 2:1-10

TIMOTHY, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Gospel Lesson: St. Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.



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✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

- Sunday 26 October 6th Sunday of Luke. St. Demetrios the Myrrhgusher.**
9 AM Orthros
10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
11:15 AM Church School
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
- Monday 27 October St. Nestor, Martyr of Thessaloniki.**
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Bible Study Nr. 7
- Tuesday 28 October Holy Protection of the Theotokos.**
- Wednesday 29 October St. Anastasia, Martyr of Rome.**
Strict Fast Day
5:30 PM Special Meeting of the Parish Council
- Thursday 30 October St. Cleopas, Apostle of the 70.**
- Friday 31 October SS. Amplias, Apellos, Stachyos, Urbanos, Aristovoulos, and Narcissos of the 70.**
Strict Fast Day
5:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers
- Saturday 1 November Feast of the Holy Unmercenaries, SS. Cosmas and Damianos.**
9 AM Orthros
10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 2 November 5th Sunday of Luke. St. Akindinos and companions.

Please note that we return to Standard Time this Sunday.

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:15 AM Church School

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Feast of St. Iakovos Was A Real Celebration. Fr. Iakovos extends heart-felt thanks to everyone that participated in the vespers, orthros and Liturgy that commemorated the feast day of St. Iakovos (James) the Brother of the Lord and First Bishop of Jerusalem. During the orthros and Liturgy of the feast we were pleased to welcome James Olszewski into the altar where he assisted Matthew Bemis in serving. James is six years old and the son of Holly and James Olszewski of our parish.

Today's fellowship hour is prepared in honour of the James' of our parish and a special cake has been prepared to be enjoyed by everyone in celebration of the occasion. Additionally, today is the feast day of St. Demetrios, name day of our beloved Archbishop Demetrios of America. Greetings were sent on behalf of our community to his Eminence on Saturday via facsimile. We will also specially remember his Eminence in our prayers today.

Mary Fidopiastis Falls Asleep. The sister of the late Mrs. Caliope Pissare, mother of our beloved Metropolitan Nicholas, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, 18 October. A resident of Glens Falls, NY, Mrs. Fidopiastis was 74 at the time of her falling asleep at her home. She is predeceased by her parents, brothers and sister. His Eminence participated in the funeral services for his Aunt which took place this past Friday at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church. Persons wishing to send a remembrance in Mrs. Fidopiastis' name may forward that to: St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 144 Main Street, Glens Falls, NY 12803. Condolences and expressions of sympathy may be sent to His Eminence at the Metropolis Offices: 2560 Crooks Rd, Troy, MI 48084.

Free Subscription to the Orthodox Observer. Members of our parish are invited to register to receive a complimentary subscription to **The Orthodox Observer**. The Observer is the official newspaper of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. It is available on the internet electronically, but is also available in print form. It contains articles from around the Archdiocese, community news and special segments dealing with the Patriarchate of Constantinople and our own Archdiocese. For those that are Greek speakers, it also provides a section in Greek that contains interesting news and information.

To place your name on the mailing list it is as easy as e-Mailing us at iakovos@charter.net or writing your details on the sign-up sheet located in the narthex of the church. We will be mailing the list to the Archdiocese by mid-November so please take a moment to sign-up if you are interested.

Philoptochos Sign Up. In their meeting held 5 October a group of our ladies voted to organize a group that would operate under the auspices of the National Philoptochos of the Archdiocese of America. This women's service organization whose name means "Friend of the Poor" engages in various philanthropic works in order to reach out to the less fortunate. In order to complete this application for membership we are asking any women that would like to be charter members of this new group to sign up on the sheet for this purpose in the narthex of the church.

Dues for the group are \$16 per year and any woman aged 18 or older and an Orthodox Christian is eligible to be a member. Women that are married to Orthodox Christians, but not necessarily Orthodox themselves are also welcome to become associate members.

Parish Council to Meet in Special Session. A special meeting of the parish council has been called to work on clarification of some materials in our by-laws as well as deal with some stewardship related issues that have surfaced in the wake of the visit and workshops of Laura Paulus this past week. This is a closed working meeting of the council. There will be no gallery due to the nature of the discussions. Council members are asked to make time to attend this special meeting so that we may move forward with our upcoming Stewardship campaign.

Kick-Off to "Friends" Campaign. Every year we are invited to participate in the annual drive to raise additional much needed funding for the functioning of our Metropolis. The Metropolis of Detroit, of which our parish is a part, provides support to our operations through a multitude of ministries directly targeting parishes. Most importantly, the Metropolis provides the administrative and spiritual support of our parish operations. As a mission, we are recipients of the Leadership 100 Home Church Planting Grant which partially funds the salary of our priest. This grant is administered through the Office of our Metropolitan. Further, the Metropolis is responsible to be a liaison between the parish and the Archdiocesan administration so as to aid in coordination of our effort here with the efforts of the other parishes. The Department of Religious Education provides distribution of various materials and professional development opportunities in order to coordinate the religious education programming of metropolis churches. The Department of Youth Programs of the Metropolis provides much needed support and programming for the young people in the form of events, mailings and electronic communications to keep our youth engaged.

Last year, our individual parishioners provided support in the amount of \$2,220. The majority of the contributions of our parishioners for last year ranged from \$25 to \$50. This year we would like to increase the number of parishioners participating in the campaign and challenge those that gave last year to just give 5% more. Within the next ten days every parishioner will receive a mailing directly from Fr. Iakovos that will explain the drive and ask for your continued support. In view of the economic uncertainty of the times it is essential, now more than ever, to insure the financial viability of our parish and metropolis. When your appeal letter comes, please consider the request thoughtfully and prayerfully before making your decision. Any amount of support is welcome.

Daylight Savings Time to End This Coming Sunday. Please make a note that on Saturday night, 1 November, you should turn your clock back one hour before you retire as the nation returns to Standard Time from Daylight Savings Time. That extra hour of sleep is going to feel soooooo good!

It has been said many times, in everything we do God examines our motive, to see whether we are doing it for His sake or for some other purpose. Thus, we should not do it for the sake of popularity; we should have God as our goal, so that, with our gaze always fixed on Him, we may do everything for His sake. Otherwise we shall undergo all the trouble of performing the act and yet lose the reward.
St. Maximos the Confessor