

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

### Epistle Lesson: St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians 4:9-16 (For St. Andrew)

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### Gospel Lesson: St. John 1:35-52 (For St. Andrew)

At that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

**TCAPS Sponsors Senior Citizen Social at West Middle School (WMS).** The West Senior Citizen Social will take place this Tuesday from 6:00-8:00pm in the WMS cafeterias. Between 60-100 area senior citizens are expected to visit WMS for a night of food, bingo, door prizes, dancing to big band music (DJ), and student music performances. Each of the three elite music groups (Jazz Band, Octet and Madrigals) have performed for 15-20 minutes each at this function. The event is sponsored by the 8th grade student council. Persons interested in attending or looking for more information can contact the West Middle School office or Fr. Iakovos for more information.

**Friends of the Metropolis Drive Concludes in Two Weeks.** Our fund raiser to benefit the ministries of the Metropolis of Detroit will conclude on Friday, 12 December. Please return your response card and donation to the church prior to that date so that they may be forwarded to Troy. Persons that did not receive a pledge card but would like to participate are encouraged to see Fr. Iakovos.



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## ✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

### Sunday 30 November Feast of St. Andrew the First Called.

Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed

9 AM Orthros

10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11:15 AM Church School

### Monday 1 December Holy Prophet, Nahum.

Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed

6:30 PM Bible Study Nr. 12

### Tuesday 2 December Holy Prophet, Habakkuk.

Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed

10 AM-2PM Clergy Syndesmos Meeting Troy, MI

6-8 PM Senior Citizen Social at West Middle School

### Wednesday 3 December Holy Prophet, Zephaniah.

Strict Fast Day

### Thursday 4 December St. Barbara the Great Martyr.

Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed

### Friday 5 December St. Savas, the Sanctified.

Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed

5:30 PM 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas

### Saturday 6 December St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra and Lycea.

Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

4:30 PM 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers  
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday 7 December.**

Fast Day—Fish, Wine and Oil Allowed  
9 AM Orthros 10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
11:15 AM Church School

4 PM 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers at Petoskey Chapel  
5 PM Adult/Youth Religious Education Programmes (Petoskey)

**Orthodox Merchandise Available for Christmas!** Our Holiday gift merchandise is now in and on display for all to see: greeting cards, Christmas tree ornaments, Biblical travelogue DVDs, and an expanded selection of books (children & adult) and icons especially chosen for the Nativity of Our Lord. ("Samples" can be seen on the "Bookstore" section of our Church website.)

Also new is a table full of "donated" books. Select from a variety of relatively new titles on subjects never before offered at our store. They are priced below list price and can be identified by their pink price sticker. We would like to acknowledge and thank our loyal customers for the particularly "strong response" to our icon merchandise. Icons in particularly strong demand have included "Angels", Russian icons (by Rublev) as well as special order "Saint" icons.

Whatever your interest, we hope that your Holiday gift giving includes ORTHODOX religious themes such as those offered by our Bookstore. As always, we welcome your input!

**Church School "Giving Tree".** Our church school is sponsoring a "giving tree" as a community service project for the advent season. There is a Christmas Tree in our parish "hall". On the tree are hung "ornaments" that have the names of gifts written on them. People are encouraged to take an ornament, purchase the gift identified, and then return it to the church by 21 December so that the gifts can be distributed to needy people in our community. The list of gifts was determined using information from the various charities of our service area. We will make sure that all gifts arrive to needy families prior to Christmas day. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this philanthropic project. For more information on the Giving Tree, please contact the parish office.

**Pageant of Prophecy Sign-up.** Our religious educators have been busy putting together a programme that will be presented on Sunday, 21 December following the morning services. The programme will focus on the prophecies that herald the incarnation of the Son of God and their fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ. In order to put the programme together we request people that would be interested in making an offering or participating to sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex of the chapel. Everything from dramatic reading, to the reading of poetry, to singing or playing a musical instrument would be welcome.

Parents of our young people are especially encouraged to carve out time and make a commitment so that your children can participate in this activity of the parish. Once we have a listing of participants and talents, we will formulate a programme that will showcase those talents in telling the Christmas story.

**2009 Stewardship Drive Continues.** Our drive to support the operations of this community will continue until it closes on Sunday, 14 December. Please be thoughtful in considering your level of support for the upcoming year. Questions concerning the drive may be directed to Helen Dalbo. Questions with respect to

determining a biblically based understanding of stewardship and how to arrive at an appropriate level of sacrificial giving may be directed to Fr. Iakovos.

**Winter Boot and Coat Drive For Father Fred Foundation.** Our parish will be collecting new or gently used boots, coats and winter gear for distribution through Father Fred's over the next two weeks. The drive will end on 21 December. Please bring whatever you would like to donate in this effort to the church. Father will see that these items are recorded and then delivered to Father Fred's down the street. Alternatively, you may take your items directly to the Father Fred Foundation center between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM Tuesday thru Friday.

**High Holy Day Schedule for the Week of the Nativity of Our Lord.** Please make a note of our programming for Christmas Week. There was a typographical error in last week's entry.

**Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 24 December.**

8 AM Royal Hours  
10 AM Vespers and the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
4:00 PM Compline (Aftersupper Prayers) and Christmas Carol Sing

**Christmas Day, Thursday, 25 December**

9 AM Orthros and the Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
4:30 PM 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers for the Second Day of Christmas

**Feast of the Synaxis of the Theotokos, Friday, 26 December**

9 AM Orthros and the Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
4:30 PM 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers for the Feast of St. Stephen

**Feast of St. Stephen, Saturday, 27 December**

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
4:30 PM 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers

**Sunday After Christmas, Sunday, 28 December**

9 AM Orthros  
10 AM Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
11:15 Fellowship Hour

**Religious Ed offers Adult Special Topics Seminar Slated for Saturday 20 December.** Our community will be sponsoring an adult seminar meeting in our community room beginning at 2:30 PM on Saturday afternoon, 20 December. The programme, for the day is based upon materials supplied by the Archdiocese entitled "For Unto Us a Child is Born." The seminar will provide approximately an hour and forty-five minutes of instructional time including: viewing a dvd, an interactive question-answer programme as well as some activities that will help to illustrate the lessons dealing with the Feast of the Incarnation and the prophecies that foretold of its occurrence. The afternoon will culminate with the celebration of the 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers in the church. There is no need to register for this afternoon of fun, fellowship and education. Everyone is welcome to participate.

**Lennox Offers Course at NMC.** Nikki Lennox of our parish will be teaching a course at Northwestern Michigan College entitled **Greek Spanakopita and More.** The course is offered through the Extended Education Programme there. It meets at the Oleson Center Kitchen Rm 129 on Friday, 27 February between the hours of 6 and 9 PM. Cost for the course is \$59. Its course code is 9868. For more information see NMC's web site at <http://www.nmc.edu/ees/enrichment/culinary.htm>.