

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Χριστος Ανεστη! Christ is Risen! Χριστος Βοσκειρε !



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✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

Sunday 27 April

Great and Holy PASCHA; The Passover of the Lord; The Feast of Feasts; The Resurrection of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ from the Dead.

12:01 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

2 AM Blessing of Pascha Baskets

11 AM Vespers of Agape followed by Pascha Pot-Luck Community Luncheon

Monday 28 April

Bright Monday. Feast of St. George the Great Martyr (Observed).

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

Tuesday 29 April

Bright Tuesday. Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist (Observed).

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

Wednesday 30 April

Bright Wednesday.

Fast Free Day

Thursday 1 May

Bright Thursday.

Friday 2 May

Bright Friday. The Life-giving Font.

Fast Free Day

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

Saturday 3 May

Bright Saturday.

5:30 PM 9th Hours/Vespers

Sunday 4 May

Anti- PASCHA; 2nd Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of St. Thomas.

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11 AM Church School

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour hosted by Partlo-Davis Family

Church Maintenance Duty

1 PM Baptism of Grant Matthew Davis, son of Courtney and Andrew Davis.
Godparents are Douglas (Varnavas) Partlo and Christen Dingman.

Al'Masiah qam ; haqqan qam. Arabic

Flower Donations For Holy Week and Pascha. Thanks are extended to the following individuals and couples who donated funds and flowers for the beautification of the Nymphios (Bridegroom) Icon, the Holy Cross, the Lord's Tomb, and the Services of Pascha. They are:

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Thanks to all of our donors who have made this Holy Week and Pascha so special for us. Thanks also to Helen Knapp for coordinating all of our floral decorations for the week.

Le Christ est ressuscité ; en vérité, il est ressuscité. French

Greetings to All on the Resurrection of Our Lord. Our community sends greetings to all our brothers and sisters in the Lord as we celebrate this Feast of Feasts. Truly this Holy Week and the events leading up to this day have been electrifying and invigorating for many of us. This is due to the hard work and dedication of many people who worked behind the scenes in preparing the services, the church decorations and organising the various details that are part and parcel of the Holy Week and Pascha celebrations. There are truly too many to thank and one runs the risk of leaving someone out. However, we can all agree that for our first Lent, Holy Week and Pascha together in our own church, this has truly been memorable.

We greet with a Paschal kiss all who celebrate this Holy Feast with us;

His All Holiness, Bartholomeos, Patriarch of Constantinople

His Eminence, Demetrios, Archbishop of America

His Eminence, Nicholas, Metropolitan of Detroit

The Members of the Parish Council and Leadership of the Community

And All of our Stewards, Friends and Family; Faithful of all Parishes and Communities.

Christus het opgestaan ; hy het waarlik opgestaan. Afrikaans

Pot Luck Reception Following Agape Vespers. Our parish will be sponsoring a pot-luck luncheon in the social hall next door immediately following the vespers. Everyone is welcome to

join us for this fellowship. This project was coordinated by our parish council and John Batsakis. We thank John for his hard work in pulling this event together for us. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship with us.

Hristos voskresna ; navistina voskresna. Macedonian

Feast of St. George Observed Tomorrow. The feast of St. George normally falls on the 23rd of April. In as much as that fell within Holy Week this year, the feast was transferred to Bright Monday. In addition to celebrating the Paschal Liturgy tomorrow we will be commemorating the Great-Martyr George the Trophy-bearer with special hymns and readings. Everyone is encouraged to join in the celebration by attending Orthros and the Liturgy commemorating this great Athlete of the Church.

Ukristu uvukile ; yebo uvukile. Zulu

Grant Davis to be Baptized. The son of Courtney and Andrew Davis will be baptized next Sunday at 1 PM immediately following the Fellowship Hour which will be hosted by the Davis Family in honour of the event. The candidate for baptism was born 1 November 2007 at Munson Hospital in Traverse City. His godparents will be Douglas (in baptism Varnavas) Partlo and Christen Dingman, both of this parish. Parishioners are invited to stay and witness this event by the family and join in this most special day in the life of the Davis' family.

Cristo ha resucitado! ; En verdad ha resucitado!. Spanish

Father Iakovos to Address OCMC in Troy. With the blessing of Metropolitan NICHOLAS of Detroit, our priest has been assigned as keynote speaker at the Spring Meeting of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center to be held on Wednesday, 7 May at St. Nicholas Cultural Center in Troy, MI. The OCMC is a pan-Orthodox organisation whose responsibility is to coordinate efforts with respect to "external" mission work; that is mission efforts outside the geographic limits of the United States. The organisation is headed by Fr. Martin Ritsi of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and has staff and a Board of Directors from various Orthodox jurisdictions in America. Domestic missions are operated by individual jurisdictional offices. The banquet meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Persons interested in attending this banquet may do so by contacting the church office at St. Nicholas to make reservations. Their number is 248-362-9575. Father has been asked to speak on missions in general with specific emphasis on his experience in cross cultural mission work in the Republic of South Africa. The speech will be approximately thirty minutes in length. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to support our overseas missionary efforts.

Christus ist erstanden! ; Er ist warhaftig erstanden! German

Photographic Directory Project To Launch. In the near future our parish will be cooperating with Life-Touch Church Directories in preparing a photographic parish directory. Free of charge, Life-Touch will take portraits of our people and place them in a "yearbook" directory which will help tell the story of our parish. A useful tool in putting names with faces, it will make it easier for people to assimilate and become part of our community. We need everyone to participate in this project and to that purpose we ask that you watch for additional information that should be coming to you via post very soon. This information will explain the process and give you directions about scheduling your "sitting" with the photographer. The success of this project depends upon **everyone's participation** so we hope that we can **count on you** to be there for us! It is a no cost way that you can help extend the evangelistic outreach of our parish.