

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY**

### **Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20**

IN THOSE DAYS, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

### **Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.



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### **✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠**

**Sunday 4 May**

**Anti- PASCHA; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Monday 5 May**

**Great Martyr Irene.**

**Tuesday 6 May**

**Holy Prophet Job the Long-Suffering.**

3:30 PM Parish Directory Organisational Meeting

**Wednesday 7 May**

**St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem.**

Fast Day--Wine and Oil Allowed.

6 PM Troy, MI OCMC Grand Banquet

**Thursday 8 May**

**St. John the Theologian.**

**Friday 9 May**

**Holy Prophet Isaiah. Martyr Christopher.**

Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed.

**Saturday 10 May**

**Apostle Simon.**

4:30 PM 9<sup>th</sup> Hours/Vespers

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday 11 May**

**3rd Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers. Mothers' Day.**

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos

11 AM Church School

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour hosted by the Long Family

Church Maintenance Duty

**Additional 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. These were received after the printing of last week's bulletin acknowledgements. They are:

Harriet Rennie in Memory of +John Rennie and +Theodora Rennie

Theresa and Bob Underwood in Memory of +Peter Stamos, +Faye Economou-Underwood and +Brian Davis

Mr. and Mrs. George Moustatson in Memory of Parents, +Peter and Mary Moustatson

Elizabeth Husby in Honour of Fr. Iakovos and Presvytera Joleen-Elisabeth

**Grant Davis to be Baptized.** The son of Courtney (in baptism Catherine) and Andrew Davis will be baptized today 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 by the family to stay and witness this event and join in this most special day in the life of the Davis' family.

**May Calendars Available.** Our calendar for May has been available on the table in the narthex of the church as well as through our web site at [www.tcorthodoxchurch.org](http://www.tcorthodoxchurch.org). Make sure to collect a copy so that you can stay up to date with our activities for the month.

**Photographic Directory Project To Launch—Committee Members Needed.** 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.

There will be an organisational and informational meeting held at our church on Tuesday afternoon, 6 May. At this meeting we will be discussing with the Life-Touch representative how to motivate people to schedule appointments and various other practical considerations as we try to ensure 100% participation. Anyone interested in helping out on this project is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Additional information should be arriving in the mail to all of our members and friends by the end of this week. Our photographic sessions are scheduled to take place at the church on June 6 and 7; so mark your calendars now so that you are sure to be available! Everyone's participation is essential for this project to be a success.

**Habitat for Humanity Project.** Our parish will be sponsoring a team to work on a Habitat for Humanity project that will take place in June when the property becomes available. We require eight to ten able bodied individuals to help with the construction of a small shed. This is a one day project. A foreman and supervision will be provided by the HFH organisation. A sign-up sheet is

available in the narthex of the church, or you may sign up by e-Mail. Coordinator of this event is Stephanie Long in conjunction with Fr. Iakovos.

**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's presentation is entitled, "Challenges in Cross Cultural Mission Work" and will be approximately thirty minutes in length. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to support the overseas missionary efforts of the Orthodox churches in America.

**Thanks to our Choir and Chanters for Holy Week.** We want to recognise and extend our thanks to the following persons that served as chanters of the Psalter during the Holy Week: John Batsakis, Orestes Lucero, Stephanie Long, Martha Ealy, Elizabeth Husby, Katerina Stavros, Catechumen Rob Fickling, Helen and Bob Dalbo, Nicholas Dunlap, Antonia Psaros, Theresa Bethea, Karen Kain and Helen Knapp. Helping us with the reading of the various Apostolos (Epistle) Lections were: Ruth and Daniel Wilkey, Makrina Patterson, Hope Olszewski, Dionysios Stavros, and Sub-deacon Euphrosynos Patterson. Helping with the various language Gospel lections at the Agape vespers were: Evridiki Sebestyen, Greek; Martha Ealy, English; Elisabeth Husby, French; Daniel Wilkey, Latin; and Ruth Wilkey, German. The community also extends thanks to Presvytera who worked closely with Fr. Iakovos to have the service music for the entire week assembled in easy to follow books for use by the choir. Thanks to everyone for their much-appreciated efforts to make this a memorable Holy Week and Pascha experience for us.

**Altar Servers Distinguish Themselves.** Throughout Holy Week and the Pascha services Fr. Iakovos was thankful for the capable assistance of Jacob Long and Thomas Patterson. Both young men were dedicated in their attendance at services and particularly distinguished for their alertness during the Mid-night Pascha Orthros and Liturgy service. We honour our young men for their tenacity and determination to serve with piety and decorum at these services.

Thanks are extended to Sub-deacon Euphrosynos for organising the mid-night procession about the church for Pascha as well as the other "traffic control" functions in the altar.

Also recognised for their assistance are (Panagiotis) John Batsakis, Catechumen Steve Bemis and Bob Dalbo who assisted Fr. Iakovos at the Holy Friday apokathelosis service. Finally we thank, Catechumen Steve Bemis, Orestes Lucero, Daniel Wilkey and Bob Dalbo for carrying the kouvouklion in the procession around the church and Catechumen Rob Fickling for leading the procession carrying the Holy Cross at the Lamentations Service.

**Tanks Announce Birth.** Tina and Fred Tank announce the birth of a grandchild to their daughter-in-law, Jennifer, wife of son Jason. The child was born at home on Sixth Street in Traverse City on April 11<sup>th</sup> and was 8 pounds and 22 inches long. She joins brother, Liam (aged 8) and sister, Molly (aged 6) rounding out the family. Congratulations to the Tanks on this happy news!