

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



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Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! Христос Воскресе !

✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

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 11:15 AM Trisagion for Deceased Mothers of the Parish 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour hosted by the Long Family Church Maintenance Duty
Monday	12 May	St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus.
Tuesday	13 May	St. Glykera, the Martyr.
Wednesday	14 May	St. Isidore, the Martyr. Fast Day--Wine and Oil Allowed. 5:30 PM Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	15 May	St. Pachomias the Great.
Friday	16 May	St. Theodoros, the Sanctified. Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed.
Saturday	17 May	St. Andronikos of the 70 and St. Junia. 4:30 PM 9 th Hour/Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	18 May	4th Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Paralytic. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Mothers Honoured Today. We honour all mothers today, those that have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and those that are still with us. The parish will be distributing carnations to all of the ladies this morning as a remembrance of our celebration of mothers. Father Iakovos will also be taking special petitions and prayers in the Holy Liturgy for the mothers of the parish. A special trisagion for our deceased mothers will be served at the conclusion of the Holy Liturgy. God bless and keep all of our mothers, granting them all peace, health, happiness and all of their petitions that lead to eternal life.

Templon Enhancement Project Underway. Things sure do look a bit different around here this morning, don't they? This past Thursday, Dan Irving began work on enhancing our templon (icon screen). As part of the enhancement we have elevated the four main icons by approximately 8" and have added a top tier that takes the screen to the underside of the ceiling. The top row of icons will include "The Mystical Supper" over the royal doors and then six of the Great Feasts to the left and the other six of the Great Feasts to the right of the doors. By next week, the woodworking part of the project will be completed. Following this, we will be purchasing the iconography to fill the frames of the second tier to complete the iconographic part of the project.

Our ladies (with ability as seamstresses) will be asked to work together in fashioning curtains for use in the royal opening, and the two deacon's doors (north and south). These burgundy coloured, brushed velvet curtains will be decorated with various appliqués that we will be obtaining from Greece for this purpose.

All of this is portable so when it is finally time for us to build a place of our own, we can take it all with us. Thanks to Karen and Randy Kain, Ray Ealy, and the parish council for helping in the concept stages of this project as well as for approving the funding. What a difference it makes!

New Web-site Launched. Our new and improved web-site finally went "live" this past Thursday. It is being operated by Lonewolf Enterprises of Traverse City. The council opted to move the web-site to a local webmaster for cost issues as well as the ability to exercise greater control over the content and the speed with which our site is updated. Interested persons can find us at www.tcorthodoxchurch.org. There you'll find many things including our calendar for May as well as Father's recent keynote address given to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center Meeting held in Troy, MI this past Wednesday. Give us a look...we think you'll like what you see.

Photographic Directory Appointments for Sittings Available—6-7 June. Our parish is 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. Just for participating, each family or individual will receive a free 8 x10 of the picture of their choice using the same pose that will appear in the parish directory. This is a useful tool in putting names with faces, and it will make it easier for people to assimilate and become part of our community. It is not necessary to be a registered steward or friend to be a part of this project—extended family are more than welcome to be included; the more individuals we have the more useful the book.

We have already sent out an e-Mail announcement to get people to think about making a reservation for their sitting. Mailers will be sent out to our mailing list this coming week. Today, following services, Mrs. Martha Ealy will be taking reservations for sittings. She will be doing this in the narthex of the church. You may also phone her at **231-824-9097** to make your reservation. Everyone is asked to try and schedule their sitting as soon as possible so that we can get an idea of the level of participation that can be expected and the amount of time that the photographers will require. Appointments are available from 5:30 PM to 9 PM

on Friday, 6 June and 9 to 5 on Saturday 7 June. For those that would like to purchase photographs, various purchase packages will be made available by Life Touch. Again, there is no obligation for us to purchase anything in order to get this directory and our parishioners are encouraged to report to Fr. Iakovos if they feel any pressure whatsoever to purchase anything. For those that are of a mind to purchase something, various package prices, etc., are available on the table in the vestibule of the church. For this to be successful we require the help and participation of **EVERY ONE!** Please do not leave yourself out. For those that cannot attend a sitting, make up photography sessions are available on a limited basis later in the month, or you may submit your own digital photo for inclusion. Those desiring to make their own photographic submission are asked to consult with Fr. Iakovos or Helen Dalbo for specifications.

Habitat for Humanity Project. Our parish is sponsoring a team to work on a Habitat for Humanity project that will take place in June when property becomes available at the junction of Supply and Rasha Rds just outside of Traverse City. We expect this to be a one day project. A foreman and supervision will be provided by the HFH organisation. Anyone interested in helping out may sign-up 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.

T/S State of Michigan Receives Blessing for Two Week Great Lakes Spring Cruise. Fr. Iakovos was invited by Rear-Admiral John Tanner, Superintendent of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy to give a blessing to the ship and her Officers and Crew as she slipped gracefully from her berth yesterday morning for a two week training cruise. This end-of-semester shake-down cruise is an important part of the cadets' training programme. The 2,000 mile cruise will take her through four of the Great Lakes, stopping at Bay City, Port Huron, Cleveland, De Tour, Sault Ste. Marie, Whitefish Point and Duluth.

The T/S State of Michigan is a Stalwart Class, 225 ft former US Navy submarine surveillance ship originally commissioned as the T-AGOS- 6 USNS Persistent built in 1986. In 2002 the Maritime Academy took delivery of the Persistent and renamed her T/S State of Michigan. She weighs 2,056 metric tonnes (loaded), has a 44 ft beam and a 15' draft. She requires a crew of 33 to operate. There will be fifty cadets on this cruise.

The blessing of the vessel was conducted along with the recitation of Psalms and prayers for safe journey at sea. Concluding the blessing all sang The Navy Hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." God bless and keep our mariners safe and sound as they make their way through the Great Lakes and bring them back safely to us here. The pamphlet outlining the service is posted on our website.

Parish Council to Have Monthly Meeting This Wednesday. Our parish council will have their regular monthly meeting this Wednesday in the church meeting room. Financial statements, the agenda and various reports have been forwarded to council members electronically. If you have not received your materials please contact Karen Kain. Some of the items on this month's agenda include: Review of work on Holy Week and Pascha preparations; Planning information on Taste of Greece fundraiser for this year; Discussion of Vacation Church School program and camping program for our children; Stewardship reports and status; and various other church operations issues. These meetings are open to all stewards; stewards are welcome to join us and provide comment during appropriate times in the meeting. Persons with apologies or attendance issues with respect to the meeting should contact Karen Kain or Judy Weston.