

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.



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† PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS †

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
Monday	19 May	St. Patrick, Hieromartyr of Proussa.
Tuesday	20 May	St. Thalalaios, the Martyr. 5:30 PM 9 th Hour and Great Vespers
Wednesday	21 May	SS. Constantine and Helen, Equals to the Apostles. Fast Day--Wine and Oil Allowed. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
Thursday	22 May	St. Vasilikos the Hieromartyr.
Friday	23 May	St. Mary the Myrrh-bearer, wife of St. Cleopas. Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed.
Saturday	24 May	St. Symeon the Stylite. No Vesper Service or Choir Rehearsal This Evening—Resume Next Week 5 PM Saraf-Prokos Wedding (at Petoskey)
Sunday	25 May	5th Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

May Council Meeting Highlights. The regular monthly meeting of the parish council took place this past Wednesday evening. In attendance were: Harriet Rennie, president; Karen Kain, vice-president; Fr. Iakovos, Helen Knapp, Stephanie Long, Doug Partlo, Theresa Patterson and Bob Underwood. Absent with apologies were: Mike Dennon, treasurer; Judy Weston, secretary; and John Batsakis. Present to record the meeting in Ms. Weston's stead was Tina Partlo. Present in the gallery was Ray Ealy. Mrs. Helen Dalbo's stewardship report was read and approved. The committee reported \$100,700 in pledges for 2008 from 64 households through the end of April. The average pledge is \$1,573.44 per household. Total pledged monies received to date are \$27,647. A breakdown of pledges by amount was also provided and is posted on the bulletin board and on our web site for those that are interested. The Council voted that they will formally recognise the work of Helen Dalbo, Donna Psaros and Judy Weston on the stewardship drive over one of the upcoming Sundays.

A report of our bookstore activity showed total costs for the month of \$137.65 and total revenue of \$169.75. The Council voted that they will formally recognise the work of Angie and Roger Dunlap over one of the upcoming Sundays.

In Fr. Iakovos' report the council heard information on the Church Directory project, a lively discussion of the potential marketing strategies for the church, a review of Holy Week and Pascha, the Metropolis Youth Camp Project, the Templon Project, the Habitat for Humanity Project and a brief mention of a proposed golf outing fund raiser.

The monthly financial statements were reviewed and approved. Our Profit and Loss statement for the four months of 2008 shows a net deficit of \$2,562.92. There was some discussion over our capital reserve fund and the amount of interest being earned there and a committee of Doug Partlo and Bob Underwood will join Fr. Iakovos in meeting with our banker to address strategies to generate more interest income.

Helen Knapp gave a report on the flower fund collection for the holy days. Ms. Knapp reported \$848 in donations received with expenditures of \$427 for the decoration of the tomb, \$50 for palm decorations and \$45 for the crown for the Cross. The balance of the funds will be applied to the purchase of flowers for Pentecost and part of the Dormition.

Bob Underwood provided a report on the Taste of Greece fundraiser which is scheduled for Thursday, 24 July at St. Francis High School in Traverse City. Cost of tickets this year will be \$14. Mr. Underwood and Mr. Batsakis will begin meetings in earnest on this project soon. Anyone interested in helping out in any capacity is encouraged to speak with Bob or John at their earliest opportunity. Proceeds from this year's event will be put against our regular operating expenses.

Youth Camping Week at Rose City 30 June through 5 July. It's just about time for summer camp to open at the Metropolis of Detroit Camp in Rose City. That means a week full of fun and exploration as well as an opportunity to bond with other youth from the Metropolis. The Rose City camp serves young people from Michigan and Ohio that are looking for a wholesome camp experience. Fr. Iakovos will be serving as camp chaplain for the week of 30 June through 5 July, Week 1 of the camp's operation. For this reason, we are encouraging our kids to attend camp during that week so that they see a familiar face.

The camp is available to youth aged 7 to 18 with special programs for each age group. All participants who are members, or whose parents or guardians are members of the Greek Orthodox Faith may attend the

camp. Additional information may be obtained by speaking with Fr. Iakovos or visiting the camp web site at www.detroit.goarch.org/mdsc.

Bursaries are available for campers based upon financial need. If you would like to send your child(ren) to camp but feel that it is financially prohibitive, please speak with Fr. Iakovos about the possibility of obtaining a bursary (subsidy-grant) for the tuition. Application forms and additional information are available from Fr. Iakovos for those that would like to explore this option to share the experience with their children.

Michelle Saraf and James Prokos to Wed. Michelle Saraf of Petoskey and James Prokos are to be wed this coming Saturday in Petoskey. Michelle is the daughter of Shirley and Arden Bawkey of Petoskey and works as a nail technician there. James is the son of Rene and Charles Prokos of Livonia and works in Petoskey at the Medical Center as a Physician's Assistant. Koumbaro for the marriage will be George Prokos, member at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth. Please remember this couple in your prayers throughout the week as they prepare for this important Mystery of the Church.

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.

Today, following services, Mrs. Martha Ealy will again be taking reservations for sittings. She will be doing this in the anteroom of the fellowship hall. 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. 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 is expected to take place on Saturday, 21 June when property becomes available at the junction of Supply and Rasha Rds just outside of Traverse City. This is expected to be a one day project that involves building an 8' x 8' UBC kit shed for the habitat client. A foreman and supervision will be provided by the HFH organisation. Water, lunch and snacks will be provided by the local HFH chapter. Workers are required to bring their own tools: tape measures, levels, drills, hammers, circular saws, screw drivers, etc. A complete list of required tools will be circulated with those that have signed up to help and we will make sure that we have enough tools to go round. The following persons have signed up to work on the project: Bob Dalbo, Martha Ealy, Elizabeth Husby, Ernesto Lucero, Fr. and Presvytera, Jim and Holly Olszewski, Doug Partlo, Katerina and Dennis Stavros. Additional persons are invited to sign up—the sheet is in the narthex of the church. Coordinator of this event is Stephanie Long in conjunction with Fr. Iakovos.