

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

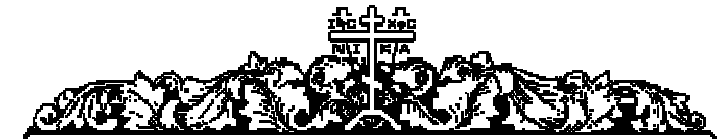
IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Barbas Family Announces Birth of Daughter, Sophia Zoe. The Barbas family of our parish is pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Sophia Zoe. Born to Brigett and Pavlos Barbas of Suttons Bay, Sophia was delivered at Munson Hospital on Tuesday 20th May 2008. The healthy baby weighed in at 7 lbs 4 oz and was 21 inches long. She joins her sister, Abigail Zofia (3 ½ years old) at their home. Maternal grandparents are Zosia and Janusz Slupecki of Cadillac. Paternal grandparents are Paraskeve and Evangelos Barbas of Livonia. Congratulations may be sent to the family at their home. Please join in welcoming this new daughter into the household. Χρονια Πολλα! Sto Lat!



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✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

Sunday	8 June	Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
Monday	9 June	St. Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria.
Tuesday	10 June	Martyrs Alexander and Antonina.
Wednesday	11 June	Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas. Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed 5:30 PM Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	12 June	St. Onouphrios the Righteous. 5:30 PM Taste of Greece Committee Meeting
Friday	13 June	Martyr Akylina. Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed.
Saturday	14 June	Saturday of Souls. Holy Prophet Elisha. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Memorial Services—Including Prayers for Deceased Fathers of the Parish 4:30 PM 9 th Hour/Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	15 June	Holy Pentecost—Descent of the Holy Spirit. Fathers' Day. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School 11:30 AM Vespers and Prayers of Kneeling

Photographic Directory Event A Success! Our two day photographic event was a stunning success as we processed 38 families through the studio. Photographers Donna Seebach and Kevin Hoag from Life Touch Studios converted our social hall into a photographic studio for the event which took place on Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon. A proof room was set up on site which allowed our people to view and select their directory photographic pose minutes after the shoot was completed. There is no charge for the sitting and each participant will receive a free 8"x10" photo of their choice.

Thanks are extended to our receptionists Helen Dalbo, Martha Ealy, Elizabeth Husby, Donna Psaros and Judy Weston who helped to make the project run smoothly. And a big thank you to Martha Ealy who worked over the past three weeks making phone calls and sending out reminder cards to coordinate all of the appointments and notifications.

Our committee of Helen Dalbo, Martha Ealy, Donna Psaros and Judy Weston will meet on Tuesday, 17 June at 3:15 PM to begin work on the second phase of the directory construction after we have assembled all of the photographs and address information that will be included. In conjunction with Fr. Iakovos and our marketing consultant, the committee will try to design information pages that highlight the activities of our community and make an inviting statement to those that would potentially become stewards here.

Thank you to all of our people that participated in this important "community building" project!

Long Recognised As Outstanding Educator for 2008. Stephanie Long, a faculty member at TC West Sr. High School was presented with the Outstanding Educator Award by the Traverse Bay Intermediate School District in partnership with the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce and the TBA Credit Union. The ceremony took place at the Miiiken Auditorium in the Dennon Museum Center on the Northwestern Michigan College campus this past Tuesday evening. Representing our community in attendance were Helen Knapp and Presvytera Joleen-Elisabeth. Father could not attend as he was in transit from a Clergy Syndesmos meeting in Troy on that day. Also in attendance were Stephanie's family including husband, Michael, and children Katie and Jacob.

This award was started by the Chamber of Commerce in 1984 to recognise educators who have distinguished themselves by their concern for education, professionalism and dedication to service. Nominations for the awards are accepted in the spring of each year and include award categories identified as: Team, Teacher, Certified Staff, Support Staff and Administrators. Stephanie was one of six teachers, out of 100 nominees, receiving recognition in the "Teacher" category.

Our community joins in congratulating Stephanie on her achievement and the recognition that goes with it.

Parish Council to Meet on Wednesday. Our parish council will have the regular monthly meeting this Wednesday at 5:30 PM at the church. Council members will be considering setting a date for our annual General Assembly to be held in the August-September time frame. Additionally there will be consideration on a revision of the 2008 budget and preparatory work on our 2009 budget for presentation to the community at the General Assembly. There will also be committee reports from Finance, Taste of Greece-Fundraising, Bookstore and Stewardship Committees. Agendas and financial documents have been circulated to council members electronically for this meeting. All council members are encouraged to attend. Apologies should be forwarded to Judy Weston, council secretary, prior to the meeting. Our council meetings are open to all stewards of the parish and there are opportunities for input from the gallery at appropriate times in the meeting. Why not get involved and see the work of your church officers?

Habitat for Humanity Project. Our parish is sponsoring a team to work on a Habitat for Humanity project that will take place on Saturday, 21 June. Work begins at the job-site at 8:30 AM and continues until the project is completed. As we are not sure of the end time of this project, it will effect our celebration of Saturday evening vespers on that day. Father will conduct the vespers service immediately after the completion of the project which is expected to be around 6 PM. 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: Steve and Matthew Bemis, Bob Dalbo, Martha Ealy, Elizabeth Husby, Karen and Randy Kain, Ernesto Lucero, Fr. and Presvytera, Holly Olszewski, Doug Partlo, Katerina and Dennis Stavros. A condition of the project is that the clients for HFH work alongside our work crew so we will have additional help from the "owners" of the property. 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.

Now Available at the Church Bookstore. By popular request - the ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE – OLD & NEW TESTAMENT (Hardbound) priced at \$ 50.00 each. You can now find a Greek-to-English translation of the Old Testament (in addition to the New Testament) complete with explanatory notes by eminent Orthodox New Testament scholars and theologians in a single book. Also just in, a number of new icons: Mosaic Transfiguration (Sinai, 6th Century), Jesus Healing The Multitudes, Parable of the Good Samaritan and Christ Changing Water to Wine – all priced at \$ 30.00 each. Our stock is constantly being expanded – we now have over 200 line items (books, icons, CDs and other miscellaneous items) in our inventory. You are invited to peruse our merchandise for the latest additions following the Sunday Liturgy! *As always, your purchase helps to support the **Traverse City Orthodox Mission Church.***

Branded Golf Shirts for Sale. Our book store is offering for sale a mid-weight pre-shrunk 7.1 oz 100% cotton jersey golf-style shirt with a knit collar and banded sleeves. In white, the shirt sports the Archdiocese of America logo in three colours along with our parish name. It is a great way of identifying our community members at functions like the Habitat for Humanity project and the Taste of Greece dinner. Or, it is just a great way to spread the news that there is an Orthodox community here in Traverse City. Special pricing through our bookstore is \$21.99 for adults, \$18.99 for children and \$13.99 for toddlers. Shipping/handling and tax will be added to this base price. To get yours in time for our busy summer events, order today!

Volunteers Needed for Taste of Greece Fundraiser. The success of this fundraiser, scheduled for 24 July at St. Francis High School on Eleventh St., is contingent upon our cadre of volunteers. This year more than ever we need your help! There are a number of volunteer opportunities available. Check out our website or bulletin board in the church for a list of positions available. If you are interested in helping out, please speak with Karen Kain, Bob Underwood or John Batsakis.

Books Received in Johannesburg, South Africa. As a result of the generosity of one of our parishioners we were able to send 50 lbs of liturgical books to the missions operated by the Archbishopric of Johannesburg where Fr. Iakovos served between 1997 and 2002. A letter of thanks was received from the Metropolitan there along with thanks from two indigenous priests who were benefactors of the donation. These letters are posted in the church. Thanks to all involved for supporting the overseas missions.