

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

**Epistle Lesson: St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2**

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

**Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

**Congratulations to Ted Apostoleris and Great Lakes Telecom:** Ted, a steward of our parish, was recently recognized by Mr. Theo Nickolakis, Director of Information Technology for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for his work in strategically rewiring the Archdiocese's two hundred year old brownstones in New York, their newly built center in the Midwest, their Internet offices in Boston, and their multi-building campus St. Basil Academy in Garrison, NY. Ted's company also enabled the Archdiocese to recover several hundred thousand dollars in refunds and credits as a result of a forensic telecommunications audit and prosecution of cases up to the office of the Governor of New York State. We join with the Archdiocese in recognizing Ted's work and faithful contribution to helping to solve the technology needs of the Archdiocese and our community as well. Well done, Ted!



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### ✠ PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS ✠

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22 June</b>	<b>Sunday of All Saints. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew.</b> 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School 11:30 PM Fellowship Hour
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23 June</b>	<b>Martyr Agrippina. Apostles' Fast Begins.</b> Fast Day—Fish Allowed 5:30 PM 9 <sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24 June</b>	<b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist.</b> Fast Day—Fish Allowed 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25 June</b>	<b>Martyr Fevronia. Apodosis of the Forerunner.</b> Strict Fast Day 1 PM ServiceMaster Maintenance Treatment
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26 June</b>	<b>St. David of Thessalonika.</b> Fast Day—Fish Allowed 5:30 PM Taste of Greece Committee Meeting at St. Francis High School
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27 June</b>	<b>St. Samson the Hospitable.</b> Strict Fast Day
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28 June</b>	<b>Translation of the Relics of Unmercenaries Kyros and Ioannis.</b> Fast Day—Fish Allowed 4:30 PM 9 <sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday 29 June 2nd Sunday of St. Matthew. SS. Peter and Paul.**  
9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
11 AM Church School  
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

**“PAY IT FORWARD” BY VOLUNTEERING IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

**Fr. Fred Foundation Provides Volunteer Opportunities.** Our neighbors down the street at Fr. Fred are asking for volunteers to provide clerical support in their office. The office is located at 826 Hastings Street. Volunteer hours are entirely flexible between Tuesday and Friday. This particular position requires phone answering skills and assistance on various clerical projects. Computer literacy and familiarity with Microsoft Office applications software is helpful, but not required. Please call Martie Manty at 947-2055 for more information or to volunteer. Our parish has been a strong supporter of the outreach and community service functions of Fr. Fred Foundation. Why not use this as an opportunity to “pay it forward” for yourself?

**Life Chain Gears Up For Fall Event.** Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-Life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity of the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. Our parish participated in the Life Chain event in Traverse City last year. This year’s event is scheduled for Sunday, 5 October. More information can be found at their web site, [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net).

The Life Chain Committee is in need of volunteers who would be willing to make a limited number of phone calls once a year. These phone calls are to inform the community and stakeholders about the Life Chain event which takes place each year as a testimony to the sanctity of human life. The committee is also in need of persons to serve on the Life Chain Committee—with the number of meetings limited to 5-6 per year. Persons interested in helping out on this project are encouraged to phone Cathy Plamondon 946-8842.

**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 Helen Knapp, our volunteer coordinator.

**Desserts Needed For Resale.** Our Taste of Greece (TOG) committee is requesting that our parishioners get working on baking sweets and dessert items for resale at the festival. While we are encouraging “Greek” specialty items, any baked good would be more than welcome for resale. Our bookstore will be offering various cook books for sale at the festival and baked items taken from those books would be helpful in marketing the cook books. For more information or to make your donation, please speak with Katerina Stavros or Karen Kain.

**Council Sets Date for Annual General Meeting.** Our parish council in their regular monthly meeting held this past Wednesday set the date of Sunday, 7 September as the date for our Annual General Meeting. According to our by-laws, this meeting is required to deliver various reports to the stewards of the church as well as set up a slate of officers for election to the parish council. Several seats will be up for election which will be held three weeks after the general meeting—that is on 28 September. The four seats which were retained in the 2008 council are: Mike Denny, Treasurer; Karen Kain, Vice-President, Harriet Rennie, President and Judy Weston, Secretary. The 2009 council will consist of 9 members, six retained from the 2008 council and three to be elected to the four vacancies created by the retirement of the individuals identified above. After this election, the council will elect new officers from amongst their number. Only stewards are eligible to stand for election and a list of eligible candidates will be prepared and circulated by the council secretary prior to our September meeting. More information will be provided throughout the summer in preparation for this meeting.

**Apostles’ Fast Begins Tomorrow.** Having completed the fast-free week of Pentecost the Church calls us to a fast in preparation for the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul which is celebrated one week from today. This fast is much more moderate than the fasting of Great Lent. During this period fish is permitted on every day of the fast but Wednesday and Friday which are strict fast days. Fish days allow the use of wine and oil in addition to the use of fish with backbones. Throughout the fast, meat, eggs, dairy and cheese are prohibited. On strict fast days, fish as well as wine and oil are prohibited. This fast is six days long and concludes with the celebration of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul. Everyone is encouraged to keep this short fast and use it as a time of preparation and sanctification.

**Habitat for Humanity Project.** Our parish work team showed up for a day of fun and philanthropy as we erected an 8’ x8’ shed on a property located at the intersection of Supply and Rasha Rds. In conjunction with Grand Traverse Habitat for Humanity our team worked under the supervision of Dennis Lutes of HFH on this project. More information on the outcome of our work will be printed in next week’s issue of our parish bulletin. A full report with photographs will appear on our parish web site this week. Thanks to everyone that participated in this important parish team-building and philanthropic event.

**All Hands On Deck!** We will be having our carpeting cleaned and treated on Wednesday afternoon by ServiceMaster. In order to accommodate this work, all of the chairs, bookstore cabinets, icons, music stands, etc., must be relocated to another area. Persons that are available to help move these items are asked to join us on Tuesday evening-Wednesday morning to perform the service. We will be replacing the items once the carpet is dry on Thursday or Friday. Phone the rectory for details if you are available to help.

**Heat Gun Needed.** We are soliciting the donation of a heat gun for use in removing wax from the candle stands, chandeliers and other metal surfaces in the church. They cost between \$60-\$90. Persons that would be interested in donating to make this purchase are asked to speak with Fr. Iakovos.