

often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel Lesson *(From the Feast 29 June):* **St. Matthew 16:13-19**

At that time, Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



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✠ **PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS** ✠

Sunday	29 June	2nd Sunday of St. Matthew. SS. Peter and Paul. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School 11:15 AM Joyce and Ted Demas 50 th Wedding Anniversary Blessing 11:30 AM Forty Day Memorial for the Repose of the Soul of +Kyria Caliope Pissare. One Year Memorial for the Repose of the Soul of +Fr. John Paul 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
Monday	30 June	Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.
Tuesday	1 July	Holy Unmercenaries, SS. Cosmas and Damianos. St. Nikodemos of Agion Oros.
Wednesday	2 July	Robe of The Theotokos. Fast Day—Wine and Oil Allowed
Thursday	3 July	Martyr Hyacinth and Companions.
Friday	4 July	St. Andrew the Hymnographer. Strict Fast Day
Saturday	5 July	St. Athanasios of Athos. 4:30 PM 9 th Hour and Vespers 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	6 July	3rd Sunday of St. Matthew. St. Sisoës the Great. 9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos 11 AM Church School

Joyce and Ted Demas Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary. Joyce and Ted, stewards of our parish and long time supporters of mission work here in northwestern lower Michigan are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary today with a special blessing following this morning's liturgy and a reception in our fellowship hall. Joyce Yannaki and Ted Demas were married on this date fifty years ago at SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Detroit, by Fr. Haralambos Margoulis. Koumbaro for the event is the late Andreas Shizas. From their marriage Joyce and Ted have three wonderful sons: John (in Florida), Michael and William (both in Michigan). They also have two grand children. Later, upon their return to their winter home in Florida, the Demas' will have a reception and party there to include their children and grand children. Today they allow us to celebrate this milestone in their life together. We join in wishing God's blessings and continued provision for them as they make their way into their fifty-first year of marriage.

Fr. Iakovos at Rose City This Week. Fr. Iakovos will be serving as chaplain at the Metropolis Youth Camp located in Rose City this week. He and Presvytera will be at the camp from this evening through the following Saturday. The camp has been in operation since 1952 and is located in the heart of the Huron National Forest about midway between the towns of Rose City and Mio off M-33. It is approximately 85 miles from Traverse City. Throughout the week Father will be conducting various religious education classes and exercises on a daily basis as part of the normal camp routine. These classes will culminate with the exercise titled, "A Night With God", where senior campers and Father spend the evening around the camp fire in personal reflection, discussing methods of developing and enhancing our personal relationship with God as well as answering questions that campers may have about the living out of their faith. High point of the week will be the opportunity for campers to make their private confessions on the evening prior to the celebration of the Holy Liturgy that will close out the week on Saturday morning.

Although Father is out of town he is not unavailable. He may be reached via cell phone at 231-590-2038. Alternatively, if there is no cell coverage or you are unable to reach him using that number, you may phone the camp office directly at 989-685-2518 and ask for Father. **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PHONE IF YOU REQUIRE FATHER'S SERVICES.** The programme there does not require Father's activity 24/7 and he is scheduled into activities only three to four hours each day. The distance from Rose City and the timing of Father's programs make commuting impractical and that is why he is staying there for the week.

Thanks to Our "Habitat" People! On Saturday, 21 June, 14 of our stewards and three friends of the parish participated in the assembly of a shed for a client couple through the Grand Traverse Area Habitat for Humanity Programme. This work represents Phase I of the construction project which will culminate with the erection of a house on the property located at the junction of Rasha and Supply Rds just southeast of Traverse City. Participating in this project were: Matthew Bemis, Terri and Chuck Bethea, Bob Dalbo, Christen Dingman, Angie and Roger Dunlap, Martha Ealy, Karen and Randy Kain, Helen Knapp, Holly Olszewski, Doug Partlo, Katerina and Dennis Stavros, and Fr. Iakovos and Presvytera.

In response to our efforts the community has received a very gracious "thank you" card from the HFH people and that card is posted on the bulletin board for people to read. Additionally, our parish has recognized each of the participants with a letter of appreciation.

Zeal International Retained. In a special meeting of our board held on Wednesday, 25 June Jennifer Borkovich made a proposal to provide marketing support to help our community accomplish the goals of: increasing public awareness of the Orthodox Faith; increasing public awareness of the existence of our community in Traverse City; and helping us in developing strategies for reaching potential new members.

Jennifer and her associate, Patrick Lott bring with them years of experience in marketing efforts for many high profile non-profit agencies both here in the Grand Traverse region as well as throughout the United States. Present at the meeting and voting unanimously to move forward in establishing this relationship were: Harriet Rennie, president; Karen Kain, vice-president; Judy Weston, secretary; Helen Knapp, Doug Partlo, and Bob Underwood. Present at the meeting in support roles but not voting were: Helen Dalbo, stewardship chair; and Holly Olszewski, church school and youth coordinator; and Fr. Iakovos. ZI will begin immediately working on materials for use and distribution in the upcoming Cherry Festival as well as in support of the Taste of Greece event.

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. 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. 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.

Please Bring In Your Wire Frames. Persons that still have wire frames for TOG yard signs are asked to either bring them or notify Bob Underwood how many signs they have so that we don't purchase additional frames unnecessarily.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Epistle Lesson (*From the Feast 29 June*): **St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9**
BRETHREN, whatever anyone dares to boast of -- I am speaking as a fool -- I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one -- I am talking like a madman -- with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and