

## Holy Scripture Lessons for the Day

### Epistle Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20

IN THOSE DAYS, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

### Gospel Lesson: Gospel According to St. John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**Save The Date.** The crew and officers of the Training Ship State of Michigan will have their Spring training cruise blessed by Fr. Iakovos on Saturday, 9 May around 9 AM at the pier located behind the Maritime Academy in Traverse City. All are welcome to watch the blessing and see this ship put out for her sixteen day cruise to ports on the Great Lakes with the freshman class of 2008-09 on board. Following this short cruise cadets will be assigned to working ships either on the Great Lakes or on the seas to complete their summer sea project lasting approximately 90 days. Join us for this wonderful part of Traverse City heritage and something that is fast becoming a tradition in our own parish community.

*Devote yourself to stillness and know that I am God - Psalm 45:10 (LXX)*

## Traverse City Orthodox Mission Church

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### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 26 April

#### **2nd Sunday of Pascha. St. Thomas Sunday.**

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
No Church School Programme This Morning  
11:15 AM Panachida For the Repose of the Soul of + Fr.  
Stephen Dutko of Binghamton, NY  
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour  
Noon Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 27 April

#### **St. Symeon the Martyr.**

Tuesday, 28 April

#### **9 Monk-martyrs of Cyzikos.**

Wednesday, 29 April

#### **SS. Jason and Sosipater Apostles of the 70.**

Fast Day  
Wine and Oil Allowed  
4-7 PM Cub Scout Pack 87 Blood Drive at Culver's

Thursday, 30 April

#### **St. James the Apostle, Son of Zebedee and Brother of St. John the Evangelist.**

Friday, 1 May

#### **St. Jeremiah the Prophet.** Fast Day

Saturday, 2 May

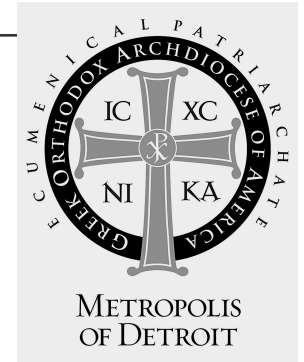
#### **Removal of the Relics of St. Athanasios the Great.**

8:30 AM to ? Father Fred Foundation Garage Sale  
9:00 AM Flooring Work Bee in Education Center  
4:30 PM 9th Hour and Vespers

Sunday, 3 May

#### **3rd Sunday of Pascha. The Holy Myrrh-bearing Women.**

9 AM Orthros and Liturgy of St. Chrysostomos  
11:15 AM Church School  
11:30 AM Fellowship Hour  
Noon Parish Spring General Assembly



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Christ is Risen! Христос Воскресе! Al-Masih qam! Χριστος Ανεστη!

**Special Parish Council Meeting Today.** Our council will hold a special meeting in order to prepare for the upcoming Spring General Assembly which is scheduled for next Sunday, 3 May. All members of the council are encouraged to attend this important preparatory meeting. Some of the items under consideration will include the audit of our 2008 finances.

**Cub Scout Blood Drive This Wednesday.** Cub Scout Pack 87 will be running a blood drive to help Michigan Community Blood Centers at Culver's on M-31/37 north of Chums Corners this coming Wednesday between 4 and 7 PM.. Persons interested in donating blood at that time are asked to sign up on the sheet located in our community center.

**New Seating for the Church.** One can't help but be impressed with the new seating that has been installed in the church. Yesterday, John Batsakis, Bob Dalbo, Andrew Foster, Karen, Malena and Randy Kain, Doug Partlo, John Psaros, Thomas Sebestyen worked to assemble the chairs that were delivered "broken down" to our church on Tuesday of last week. The chairs are more comfortable, with a wider seating area, and colour coordinated to match our interior. Thanks are extended to the people that worked to assemble the chairs and place them in the church. Thanks also to John Batsakis and Doug Partlo for moving the "Lansing" chairs into our community center.

Persons are invited to help underwrite the purchase of these new chairs by "buying" one. The cost of a chair is \$35. Persons that would like to buy a chair can do so by submitting a check for \$35 and writing in the memo section "Church Seating Project." We look forward to having all 80 chairs paid for by individual donations.

**Adopt a Highway Clean-up Day.** Our parish project to clean four miles of M-72 between Kalkaska and Grayling (eastbound and westbound) will require some work this week. MDOT has identified the week of 19-26 April as Spring Clean-up. We must clean our section of roadway this week!! Persons that would like to volunteer are asked to contact Fr. Iakovos early in the week so that we can set a time to go do this work. There is a mandatory safety meeting that takes about fifteen minutes that must be attended if you are going to help out. Our participation in this programme has resulted in the state erecting two signs on the route, one westbound the other eastbound, indicating that the road is maintained by the Orthodox Church of Traverse City.

**New Floor in Education Center.** With the completion of the floor in our education center it is time to move on to our education center. Randy Kain and Doug Partlo are calling for volunteers to assist with the floor prep and installation of the new flooring which was picked up and brought to the church yesterday. The work day is scheduled for Saturday, 2 May beginning at 9 AM. Persons interested in helping out are asked to contact Doug Partlo or Randy Kain for more information.

**Interim Book Store Management.** While Angie and Roger Dunlap make their trip to Greece next month the

council has appointed Mrs. Helen Dalbo to operate the store as interim director. Persons interested in placing orders, making purchases or discussing book needs are encouraged to contact Helen Dalbo for information and direction until the return of the Dunlaps. Our book store will be temporarily relocated to the education center next week in preparation for the education center flooring project.

**Psalteri and Stasidia from the Bronx, NY.** Thanks are extended to Sharon and Andrew Foster who drove to Zodochos Peghe (Life-Giving Font) Greek Orthodox Church located in Bronx, NY in order to collect a psalteri (reader's stand) and stasidia (monastic stalls) which were donated to our parish via the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's liturgical items clearinghouse. This department, operated by Fr. James Kordaris and located in Garrison, NY, organized for the donation in response to Fr. Iakovos' expressed desire for these items. Readers will recall that not too long ago we received a baptismal font from a Greek Orthodox church in Trenton, NJ through the same programme. Once the items are restored they will be installed in our church by the choir.

Thanks are extended to Fr. Jim Kordaris, Fr. Sylvester Berberis of Zodochos Peghe Greek Orthodox Church and Sharon and Andrew Foster for the work in organizing and transporting this donation to us.

**Church School Coin Drive Yields Money for Crisis Fund.** Our church school sponsored a coin drive throughout Great Lent that resulted in a total collection of \$148.97. In the drive there was a competition between the adults and students of the congregation to see who could raise the most money. Results of the competition were: adults \$ 66.65; students \$ 82.32. The students will receive a prize for their efforts in raising the top amount of money. Thanks to everyone that participated in this important fund-raiser.

The parish operates a "crisis fund" that is a discretionary account used to relieve the suffering of our own parishioners who find themselves in need of financial assistance. Funds may also be used in extraordinary circumstances to aid those that are not part of our parish family.

**Spring General Assembly Next Sunday.** The By-Laws of the parish require that we assemble to conduct business in the spring of the year. Primarily this meeting involves the review of the completed 2008 Auditors' Report on our financials as well as any other business that needs to come before the stewards of the congregation. In order to vote at this meeting you must be a steward, current in your obligations, as of 31 January. To look into your eligibility, please check with Judy Weston, parish council secretary, prior to the meeting. Persons that would like to have items placed on the agenda are also asked to contact Judy prior to the meeting.

**Garage Sale on Saturday.** The long awaited annual Spring Garage Sale to benefit our neighbors at the Father Fred Foundation will take place this coming Saturday. Doors open at 8:30 AM. The Foundation is not accepting any donations this week as they are currently involved in appraising and processing donations already received for the sale. All kinds of items will be available including: furniture, books, kitchen and household goods, clothing, etc. This is the premiere garage sale to beat the band so mark your calendars and turn out for some really great bargains.