

Visitors, please read

We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today.

Holy Communion is the greatest gift on earth. It is given by God to baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians, who have prepared themselves with regular prayer, fasting (from midnight, unless there is a medical condition), and confession, and who have the blessing of their spiritual father or confessor to receive it.

We welcome anyone visiting for the first time, and we trust that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Orthodox Christian Church is actually a community of local Churches, whose roots are the ancient and native Christian communities of the biblical world, with centers in Jerusalem, Syria, Egypt, and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus, Russia, North America, and throughout the world.

As a continuation of the ancient Church, we engage the whole person, heart, mind, and all senses in divine worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said "We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among men" (Russian Primary Chronicle). That experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship.

Our worship culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life among all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians, who have properly prepared themselves with prayer, fasting, and recent confession. This is because the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity with other Christian groups when actual unity of faith and practice does not exist.

While working to restore the full communion that did exist among Christians in antiquity, today we offer the blessed bread (*antidoron*) at the conclusion of the Liturgy, as a gift of hospitality and of growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or Holy Communion, please approach Fr. Michael or one of the other clergy following the Liturgy.

Thank you for joining us, and again, we welcome you all.

We hope you enjoy your visit with us here at Holy Cross, and we thank you for joining us today.

We formally invite you and/or your guests to join us for coffee hour in the community center next door. If you can stay, we would love to have you!

Sunday, May 12, 2019 ~ Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Gospel according to Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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**Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti!
Happy Mother's Day!**

Coffee hour is sponsored by the families of Kathy Pfansteil.

Memorials †Kathy Pfansteil 40 days
†Rose Krivoshia 40 days
†Nedjelka Nekezova 23 years (mother of Ivanka Nikolova)

TODAY: Visitation for †Peter (Panagioti) S. Vasilatos from 2-4 & 6-8pm; Trisagion Service at 7pm at William Slater II Funeral Service, 1650 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

This Week:

Monday – May 13 10am Visitation/11am Funeral for †Peter (Panagioti) S. Vasilatos
4-7pm Farmer's Market

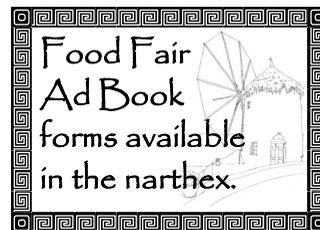
Tuesday – May 14 St. Isidoros 7:30am Orthros/8:30am Divine Liturgy
10am First Steps of Christ
10:30am-3pm Finikia prep *time change*
7pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday – May 15 4:30 pm – Greek School

Thursday – May 16 6pm Community Night and Talent Show
10am-2pm and 5:30-8:30pm Baklava prep

Friday – May 17

Saturday – May 18 10am - Metropolis Oratorical Festival, St. Nicholas Cathedral
Noon - Philoptochos Fashion Show
5pm Vespers



Community Night THIS Thursday, May 16, 6pm

Holy Cross's Got Talent is back! Last call for people of all ages who sing, dance, do comedy, magic, variety, and play musical instruments. *No Pressure, Just Fun*

If you are interested contact Ponny Jahn 412.835.5079 or Denise Melis 412.855.5661

FOOD FAIR COOKING Dates & Times		Food Item	Contact / Chairpeople
Tuesday 5/14	10:30-3	Finikia	***DATE CHANGE***
Monday 5/20	10 - 2 5:30 - 8:30	Koulourakia	Mary Bungas 412-344-8882 Demetra Kontoulis 412-298-6542
Wednesday 5/22	10:30- 2:30 5:30 - 8:30		

**as of 5/10/19*

Graduate Sunday is Sunday, June 2nd: Graduating High School & College Seniors will be recognized by the Parish. Families, please send in graduates' info to the Office: holycrosspit@mail.goarch.org
Information to submit:

- ~Name of Graduate & parents.
- ~Name of school graduating from - High School or College.
- ~What he/she intends to study or what degree has been earned.
- ~Where he/she plans to further their education (school) or future plans.



Plain (no sesame seeds) frozen Pascha bread is available today at coffee hour for a REDUCED price of \$6.00. Treat your special wife, mom, yiayia, nouna and aunt to a Mother's Day gift of a loaf of delicious bread! Checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos! Frozen bread keeps for months! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to the wonderful women of Holy Cross!



Many volunteers are needed for the Annual June 11-14, 11:30am-8:30pm, Food Fair! Listed below are the chairperson's contact information. Your time and efforts are truly appreciated! Please contact a chairperson below and devote a few hours or ALL day to this Holy Cross effort!

Dena Yamalis - Pastries, dyamalis@comcast.net or 412 343-8355

Adrienne Dickos – Prep Room(salads, dolmathes, tzatziki sauce), Cell 412 400-4290 Set - up, June 10,10am-12:30pm June 11-14, 9am start for salad prep Busiest times are 9am-11:30am and 4pm-7pm

Denise Sokos- Cashiers, dsokos@mac.com or Cell 412 889-3399 Lunch and Dinner

Elaine Sofis, Main Food Line and Runners, esofis@comcast.net or 412 344-7046

Runners are DESPERATELY needed for lunch shift (11:30-4) and dinner shift(4-8:30pm)

Below are the names of the daily Food Line Chairpersons. Please contact them directly.

Lunch Shift is 11:30-4, Dinner Shift is 4-8:30pm. One Line is open 2-4pm if you wish to volunteer at the slower lunch time. OR volunteer from 11:30am-2:00 or 4:30-7:00pm. Whatever time fits your schedule.

- Aliki Andrews & GAPA, Tuesday, June 11 Lunch, 412 833-4596 - Has all the necessary volunteers
- Cynthia Kostelnik, Tuesday, June 11, Dinner, 412 833-9423
- Rene Koett, Wednesday, June 12, Lunch, 412 831-3142
- Georgia Burkhart, Wednesday, June 12, Dinner, Cell 412 596-8954
- Sopheia Chapas, Thursday, June 13 Lunch, 412 221-8258
- Nikki Hardwick, Thursday, June 13 Dinner, Cell 412 294-6816
- Terpsie Katsafanas, Friday, June 14, Lunch, 412 831-2248
- Elaine Sofis, Friday, June 14, Dinner, 412 344-7046

