

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, June 16, 2019 ~ Pentecost**

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

**The Gospel According to John 7:37-52; 8:12**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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Father's Day

Coffee hour is sponsored by Philoptochos.

Happy Father's Day to the fantastic men of Holy Cross!

Thank you for ALL that you do!

Your dedication and time devoted to Holy Cross are truly appreciated!  
Our men clean the church, work the food fairs, help Philoptochos, prepare  
foods, volunteer in the kitchen, and wash dishes.

AND they are great fathers! You inspire us to be good Christians!

**This Week:**

**Monday – June 17 Day of the Holy Spirit**

8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy  
@ Holy Trinity Ambridge, North Hills or  
Steubenville

All day– Festival clean-up  
4-7pm Farmer's Market

**Tuesday – June 18**

7pm Parish Council

**Wednesday – June 19**

**Thursday – June 20**

**Friday – June 21**

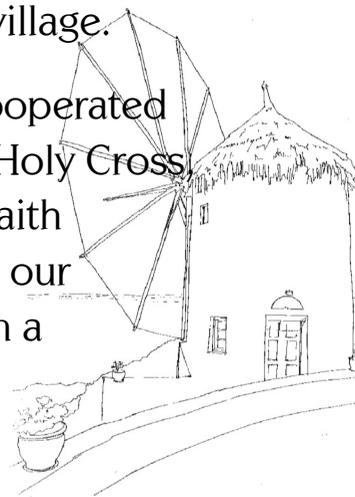
**Saturday – June 22**

4pm Vespers @ All Saints, Canonsburg

Thank you to ALL who worked and  
supported the festival in any way!

It truly takes a village.

The weather cooperated  
in showcasing Holy Cross  
our Orthodox faith  
combined with our  
Greek culture in a  
wonderful,  
delicious light!



**Sign up to sponsor Coffee Hour! Call the church office to confirm your date.**

  **Dates available June 23 & 30 and July 14 & 21**  

The Philoptochos Autumn Food Fair, Yiayia Joan's Treasures, will ONLY be  
accepting jewelry and books this year in September. Please honor our wishes.

# New Website & e-GIVING launched

You may have already noticed that we have a new Holy Cross Website with live  
stream of our services! The new Website also launches the new E-giving we have  
already announced earlier.

**All parishioners are now able to:**

- √ Make a one-time payment on-line with your credit card or directly from your checking  
account
- √ Set up recurring credit card or check payments by creating your own private log-in pro-  
file

With this initial launch, the following funds will be available for contribution:  
*Stewardship (Pledge), Agape Donations, Building Fund (General), and Building Fund  
(Memorial)*

*Here is how you can access the on-line donation portal:*

*Go to the [www.holycrosspgh.org](http://www.holycrosspgh.org)*

*Either select the top menu item: 'Donations & Stewardship'*

*Or: just click the button 'Stewardship Pledge'*

*In both cases, you will be directed to the 'Donation' page:*

*Click the 'Donate online' button or within the highlighted section,*

*Click on the button: 'Click here to access the e-Giving site'*

*In both instances, you will be directed to the form section to enter all  
your payment or log-in details*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Please contact any member of the Parish Council or the Stewardship Committee  
and/or Committee Chair, Konrad Mayr (412) 877 7780 or