

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, April 28, 2019 ~ Great and Holy Pascha

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel According to John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



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Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti!

Noon—Agape Vespers

This Week:

Monday – April 20 *Bright Monday/St. George*

9:30/10:30am – Paschal Orthros/Divine Liturgy @St.George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Oakland

Tuesday – April 30 *Bright Tuesday/Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene*

9/10am – Paschal Orthros/Divine Liturgy @Dormition,Oakmont
 10 am – 2pm and 5:30-8:30pm Kourambiethes prep and baking

Wednesday – May 1 *No fasting*

10 am – 2pm Kourambiethes prep and baking
 4:30 pm – Greek School

Thursday – May 2

7pm - Food Fair Meeting for Department/Venue Chairs and all interested volunteers
 GOYA Trip to Toronto

Friday – May 3 *No fasting*

8:30/9:30am Orthros/Divine Liturgy
 GOYA Trip to Toronto

Saturday – May 4

9am - 2:30pm Galatobouriko prep
 5pm Vespers
 GOYA Trip to Toronto

Community Night Thursday May 16, 6pm

Holy Cross's Got Talent is coming back to our Community Night next month!

We are looking 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



Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church 47th Annual Food Festival June 11-14, 2019

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Mt. Lebanon will be hosting its 47th Annual Food Festival on June 11-14, 2019. We thank you for your past support and encourage you to participate in making this year's Food Festival Ad Book a success. We plan on hosting thousands of guests at this year's festival to share our culture and our faith! Your generous donation will help support this endeavor, allow you to promote your business or cause, as well as support the mission of Holy Cross!

Please indicate level of sponsorship and complete requested information below. You may include camera ready art and ad copy by attaching with remittance. Deadline for placing an advertisement or personal message in the Food Festival Ad Book is **Friday, May 24, 2019.**

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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Sponsorship Application Form - Holy Cross Annual Food Festival

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