

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 2, 2019~Sunday of the Blind Man

The Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34 In those days, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

The Gospel according to John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be

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**Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti!**  
**Coffee hour is sponsored by Parish Council today.**

Memorials: †Harry C. James 2 years

**This Week:**

**Monday – June 3**

4-7pm Farmer's Market  
6:30pm Paracletis/Bible Study

**Tuesday – June 4**

7pm Philoptochos Meeting

**Wednesday – June 5 *Leave taking of Pascha***

8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy  
10:30am Pastitsio & Moussaka  
7pm VCS Meeting

**Thursday – June 6 *Ascension***

8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy  
10:30am Pastitsio & Moussaka

**Friday – June 7**

9:30am Pastitsio & Moussaka

**Saturday – June 8**

9:30am Pastitsio & Moussaka  
5pm Vespers

(cont.) Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

**TODAY is Graduate Sunday and  
Greek School Recognition!**

Congratulations to all our  
High School and College Graduates  
and  
Greek School students!



Sign up to sponsor Coffee Hour! Call the church office to confirm your date.  
☕ ☕ Dates available June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14, 21 ☕ ☕

The deadline for placing an advertisement or personal message in the Food Festival Ad Book has been extended to **MONDAY, June 3, 2019.**

**Food Fair cooking dates:**

**Pastitsio & Moussaka, June 5, 6, 7, 8 (Wednesday thru Saturday) @ 9:30am**

**Contact: Takis Kontoulis 412.780.3363 or John Hoenig 412.478.7942**

**Beef Kabob Skewering on Sunday, June 9 after Liturgy**

**Contact: George Halkias 412.310.1010**

The Holy Cross Food Fair is upon us!

Set up will occur on Sunday, June 9 after coffee hour and Monday, June 10 beginning at 9:30am. Your help is needed and appreciated. Please volunteer as long as you can! Please bring a change of clothes on Sunday, June 9 and stay to set up the food line, community center, beef kebab skewering and whatever else needs to be done!

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](mailto:dyamalis@comcast.net) or 412 343-8355**

**Adrienne Dickos-Prep Room (salad, 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 9-11:30am and 4-7pm**

**Denise Sokos- Cashiers, [dsokos@mac.com](mailto:dsokos@mac.com) or Cell 412 889-3399 Lunch and Dinner**

**Elaine Sofis, Main Food Line and Runners, [esofis@comcast.net](mailto: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 or 4:30-7pm. *Whatever time fits your schedule.*

Aliki Andrews, 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**