

## 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 26, 2019 ~ Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

*The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30* In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

*The Gospel according to John 4:5-42* At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

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**Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti!**

**Coffee hour is sponsored by Parish Council today and is in the old social hall.**

**This Week:**

**Monday – May 27 Memorial Day**

9:30-11am Jefferson Cemetery

12:30-2pm Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

Farmer's Market Closed for Memorial Day

**Tuesday – May 28**

9:30am Lamb Shank prep

**Wednesday – May 29**

9:30am Lamb Shank prep

**Thursday – May 30**

6:16pm GOYA and JOY End of year party in Community Center

**Friday – May 31**

**Saturday – June 1** No Vespers (Wedding)

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

**Updated Food Fair cooking dates:**

**Lamb Shanks, Tuesday, May 28 & Wednesday, May 29 @ 9:30am**

**Contact: John Hoenig 412.478.7942**

**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**



**LAST reminder! NEXT SUNDAY is Graduate Sunday, June 2nd:**

High School & College Grads will be recognized.

Families, please send in graduates' info to be included.

**Information to submit:**

- ~Name of graduate & proud parents
- ~Name of school graduating from
- ~What he/she intends to study or degree earned
- ~Where he/she plans to further their education (school) or future plans

Email: holycrosspit@mail.goarch.org



**Many volunteers are needed for the Food Fair June 11-14, 11:30am-8:30pm!** 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 (salads, dolmathes, tzatziki sauce), C 412.400.4290**  
Set -up, June 10, 10am-12:30pm·June 11-14, 9am start for salad prep  
Busiest times are 9am-11:30am & 4pm-7pm

**Denise Sokos- Cashiers, [dsokos@mac.com](mailto:dsokos@mac.com) or C 412.889.3399 Lunch and Dinner**

**Elaine Sofis, Main Food Line & Runners, [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net) or 412.344.7046**  
**Runners DESPERATELY needed for lunch shift (11:30-4) and dinner shift(4-8:30pm)**

**Please contact daily Food Line Chairpersons 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 fits your schedule.

Aliki Andrews & GAPA, Tues, June 11 Lunch- Has all necessary volunteers

**Cynthia Kostelnik, Tues, June 11, Dinner, 412 833-9423**

**Rene Koett, Wednesday, June 12, Lunch, 412 831-3142**

**Georgia Burkhart, Wed, June 12, Dinner, C 412 596-8954**

**Sophea Chapas, Thursday, June 13 Lunch, 412 221-8258**

**Nikki Hardwick, Thurs, June 13 Dinner, C 412 294-6816**

**Terpsie Katsafanas, Fri, June 14, Lunch, 412 831-2248**

**Elaine Sofis, Friday, June 14, Dinner, 412 344-7046**

