

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, August 11, 2019

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Gospel According to Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

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Coffee hour is sponsored today in loving memory of †Pauline Croussouloudis by Joan & Mark Hummel, Stephanie and Keith Myers, and Mary & Steve Kladakīs

Memorials: †Pauline Croussouloudis (40 day Memorial)

This Week:

Monday – August 12 9:30am Galatobourikpo prep
4-7pm Farmer's Market
6:30pm Paraclesis



Tuesday – August 13 11am Funeral for †Christina Grekis-Adnan
6:30pm Paraclesis

Wednesday – August 14 Dormition Vespers 6:30pm Aliquippa or 7pm Oakmont

Thursday – August 15 Dormition of the Theotokos
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

Friday – August 16

Saturday – August 17 11:30am Calendar Meeting for 2019/2020
All Groups and Organizations
5pm Vespers

~~Thank you to all who helped to prepare 33 pans of Tiropita on Monday!~~

Please join us tomorrow, Monday, August 12, at 9:30 am until completion, as 40 pans of Galatobouriko are prepared for the Autumn Food Fair. Late arrivals are always welcome! Thank you for helping! Kathy Frommeyer, chairperson.

NEXT Monday, August 19, 100 pans of Spanakopita will be prepared at 9:30 am until completion! Next Tuesday, August 20, Spanakopita prep continues at 9:30am-1:30pm and 5pm-7pm. Your help is appreciated! Jane Kokanos and Marica Mitsos, chairpersons.

*** Ministry Opportunity - We have a Holy Cross Parishioner who is coming to the completion of their incarceration. The parishioner has the possibility to finish their sentence and transition to a home setting with a stable family. If you are willing to open your home to this parishioner please see Fr. Michael for the details.



Thank you to our Coffee Hour sponsors!!!

August 18 - Fitsioris, Frommeyer, Koett, Kostelnik and Staub families

August 25 - OPEN

September 1—OPEN

September 8—OPEN

September 15—Parish Picnic

September 22 - *Memorial Coffee Hour - Family of John Zacharias

Please sponsor a Coffee Hour. Call the church office to confirm your date.



*Save
The
Date*

GOYA Kickoff: September 8

contact DMelis@Comcast.net

Sunday School Teacher Gathering: September 20

JOY Fest: September 21

Details to follow or contact Manoli: emmanuelmaginas@gmail.com

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 Profile

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

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 via E-mail at mayr.konrad@me.com