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Coffee hour hosted today by Philoptochos.
Thank you to our Coffee Hour sponsors!!!
August 11 - Sponsored by Joan and Mark Hummel, Stephanie and Keith Myers, and Mary and Steve Kladakis IMO †Pauline Croussouloudis (40 day Memorial)
August 18 - Fitsioris, Frommeyer, Koett, Kostelnik and Staub families




August 25 - OPEN
Please sponsor a Coffee Hour. Call the church office to confirm your date.

This Week:

Monday – August 5

Eve of Transfiguration
9:30am Tiropita Prep
4-7pm Farmer’s Market
4pm Vespers
5pm Orthros
6pm Divine Liturgy



Tuesday – August 6

Feast of Holy Transfiguration
10am Divine Liturgy @ Monastery in Ellwood City

Wednesday – August 7

6:30pm Paraclesis

Thursday – August 8

6:30pm Paraclesis

Friday – August 9

St. Herman of Alaska 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Liturgy
6:30pm Paraclesis
7:30pm GOYA Lock-in

Saturday – August 10

GOYA Lock-in until 8am
5pm Vespers

Please join us tomorrow, Monday, August 5, at 9:30 am until completion, as 35 pans of Tiropita are prepared for the Autumn Food Fair. Late arrivals are always welcome! Thank you for helping! Kathy Frommeyer, chairperson.

NEXT Monday, August 12, 40 pans of Galatobouriko will be prepared at 9:30 am until completion! Your help is appreciated! Kathy Frommeyer, chairperson.

A reminder on Tuesday, September 3 at 7pm, at the general Philoptochos meeting, a special election will occur to replace a resigned board member. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Save THE DATE

GOYA Kickoff: September 8
Details to follow or contact
DMelis@Comcast.net

*** 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.

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

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 4, 2019

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.