

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, September 29, 2019

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Gospel According Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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Coffee hour is sponsored today GOYA.

Trisagion George Bakirtsis 3 years (nephew of Maria Fitsioris)
John Bakirtsis 12 years (brother of Maria Fitsioris)

Monday – September 30 9am Moussaka & Pastitsio
10am Food Fair Setup
 4-7pm Farmer's Market**LAST ONE of the SEASON**
6:30pm Paracletis/Bible Study (Acts of the Apostles)

Tuesday – October 1 **Holy Protection** 8:30am Orthros/9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11am Food Fair Setup
7pm GOYA Meeting

Wednesday – October 2

Thursday – October 3

Friday – October 4

Saturday – October 5



10am Food Fair Cleanup
Wedding No Vespers

Tomorrow, September 30 is the last day for the Farmer's Market, so be sure to visit tomorrow to stock up on your favorite goods!!

 Please contact Cindy Heddaeus at 412-849-3033 if you are interested in shopping during the week for groceries as needed for our Saturday **FOCUS lunch program**. Thank you 

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.

Walk for Missions: Sunday, October 13, 2019

Registration at Noon /Walk Begins at 1pm

South Park: Children's Playground Shelter

located at the intersection of Corrigan Drive and Brownsville Road South Park Twp, PA 15129

Flyers available in the narthex

For more information or questions, contact Emmanuel Maginas @ emmanuelmaginas@gmail.com

THANK YOU to our upcoming Coffee Hour sponsors:

October 6 ~Zacharias Family in loving memory of +John Zacharias (3 years) 
October 27 ~Dickos/Countouris Families in loving memory of +Jim Dickos (3 years)

October 13 ~OPEN
October 20 ~OPEN

Set-up begins **TODAY** after coffee hour for the **Philoptochos Autumn Food Fair**, October 2,3,4, THIS WEEK, in the community center and carpeted area. We will also be cupping 700 rice puddings. Any of your time is appreciated. There is NO Steelers game this afternoon!

Monday, September 30, at 9am, 40 pans of Moussaka and 60 pans of Pastitsio will be prepared. Set-up will continue, also. Late arrivals are always welcome! Thank you for your help.

On Monday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 2, PTL on **KDKA**(Channel 2) from 9am-10am, the Autumn Food Fair will be promoted. Koulourakia making will be shown on Monday's show. Set your DVR's.

Tuesday, October 1 at 11am, preparations will begin in the prep room for cutting feta, traying dolmathes and cupping gyro sauce. Please join us. Set-up continues. Jewelry and books are being accepted **NOW** for Yiagia Joan's Treasures.

The **Senior dancers** will perform on Thursday and Friday, October 3 & 4 at 6:30pm. Please watch our youth and enjoy dinner!

Please join us for dinner this week and volunteer your free time at a venue!

Clean up will be Friday, October 4, 8pm and Saturday, October 5, 10am.

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Save the Date
Monday October 7th, 2019

The 6th Annual Holy Cross
Michael Megaludis Golf Outing

Golf, Dinner,
Fun, and Fellowship



Register Now! <http://www.holycrosspgh.org>