

**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, November 3, 2019**

**The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19**

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**The Gospel According Luke 16:19-31**

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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## YOUTH SUNDAY

Coffee Hour sponsored by Presvytera Catherine Pachis, Ann Marie & John Aronson,  
 Niki Aronson, Diane Babb and Beth Rangos

Memorials : †James Trigg 40 day  
 †Gene Milton 4 years  
 †George Pappas 14 years

### THIS WEEK:

Monday – November 4	6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study
Tuesday – November 5	10am First Steps of Christ 6:30pm Philoptochos Meeting 7pm Philoptochos Social 7pm GOYA Meeting
Wednesday – November 6	4:30pm Greek School 6:45pm GOYA Basketball
Thursday – November 7	7pm Chant Class
Friday – November 8	<i>Synaxis of Archangels</i> 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday – November 9	<i>St. Nektarios</i> 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy Wedding ~ NO Vespers

### Philoptochos' Annual Veterans' Day Salute During Coffee Hour

NEXT Sunday, November 10, 2019, Holy Cross Philoptochos will recognize, honor and gratefully thank all our veterans as well as all our men and women still on active duty in the armed services. We would like to once again display military memorabilia and/or mementos such as a photo or photos, letters, stories, tributes, uniform, and military awards in the Social Hall during coffee hour.

We will collect these cherished items in the narthex on November 10th until Communion. Upon leaving coffee hour, you may take the items with you or we will return them to your home that afternoon.

If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Henry (412.561.5682) or Dina Petrakis (412.341.8506) Co-chairs.

### THANK YOU to our upcoming Coffee Hour sponsors:

November 10 ~ Family of James Gianaris  
 November 17 ~ Folk Dance Festival Brunch  
 November 24—General Assembly Meeting, lunch provided  
 All Sundays in December are available



**GOLDEN CLUB MEMBERS:** Please join us in the Community Center Tuesday, November 12 at 11:30am for a complimentary Harvest Luncheon and fellowship. A very special presentation will follow. Parishioner Donna Staub will discuss, demonstrate, and display the timeless art of bobbin lace. Please RSVP by November 5th to Rene (412) 559-1721 or Cynthia (412) 833-9423. New members are welcome.

Please join us for the *Philoptochos Evening Membership Social* on Tuesday, November 5 at 7pm on the carpeted area of the Community Center. Connie Carahalis, membership chair, is promising a relaxing evening of wine, food and fellowship. A brief general Philoptochos meeting will commence at 6:30pm in the Philoptochos Room prior to the evening social.

Please join us for the *Philoptochos Christmas Party* on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30pm at the beautiful setting of the Le Mont. Mary Zotis, chairperson, 412 835-2381, will take your reservations by Friday, November 29. Entrée selections are Rack of Lamb \$42, Filet Mignon \$44, Salmon \$35, Chicken \$32. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos and mail to: Mary Zotis 419 Longleaf Drive Venetia, PA 15367



GOYA will be hosting a fundraiser at Panera in the Galleria on Thursday, November 14 from 4-8pm. Details coming. Plan to have dinner there that night!

**Ministry Opportunity:** We have a Holy Cross Parishioner coming to completion of 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.

The **Thanksgiving Food Drive** for **FOCUS** will take place on the following Sundays in November: 10th, 17th and 24th. There will be boxes placed in the narthex for collection. Some suggestions for food donations are as follows: cereal, pastas, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, canned fruits, vegetables, and soups, macaroni and cheese, tuna. No glass please. As always your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you.