

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, October 6, 2019

The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Gospel According Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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Coffee hour is sponsored today in loving memory of John Zacharias by his family.

GOYA elections following church school in 8th/9th grade classroom.

Memorials John Zacharias 1 year
Irene Fekos 20 years

THIS WEEK:

Monday – October 7 †Michael Megaludis Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

†Regina Spanos Visitation 3-7pm, 4pm Trisagion
@ Cremation & Funeral Care By Danielle Andy Belusko,
3287 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317

Tuesday – October 8 9:30am Visitation at Holy Cross followed by Funeral at 10am
7pm Philoptochos Meeting

Wednesday – October 9 **Saint James, son of Alphaeus**
8:30am Orthros/9:30 am Divine Liturgy
4:30pm Greek School

Thursday – October 10 7pm Chant Class

Friday – October 11

Saturday – October 12 5pm Vespers

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.

NEXT SUNDAY October 13: Walk for Missions

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, contact Emmanuel Maginas: emmanuelmaginas@gmail.com



Holy Cross Community Night on Thursday, October 17 at 6pm

Spend time with your church family...Enjoy a free dinner...Crafts...Games...and more!

For all ages...Nursery available

HOPE: Grades K-2 ~ JOY: Grade 3-6 ~ GOYFI: Grades 7-12

Young Adults...Adults...Seniors

THANK YOU to our upcoming Coffee Hour sponsors:



October 13 ~OPEN October 20 ~OPEN

October 27 ~Dickos/Countouris Families in loving memory of +Jim Dickos 3 yrs

Also on October 27, trisagion for deceased GAPA members and heroes of OXI Day

Thank you to ALL who helped in the final food preps, set-up, volunteering at the various venues and clean-up of the Autumn Food Fair. Thank you to the food prep chairpersons and ALL who prepared the various food items over the last two months. Philoptochos can now assist those in need because of the generosity of your time. Thank you to our senior dancers for entertaining us with your acrobatic dancing skills. Thank you to the food line chairs, pastry chairs, kitchen help, cashier chair, gyro chairs, prep room chairs, Yiayia Joan's Treasures chair and refreshment chair. Thank you to ALL those who made the fantastic avgolemono, bean and lentil soups. Your time and efforts are truly appreciated. The Autumn Food Fair succeeds because of ALL of you!

Please join us this Tuesday, October 8 at 7pm in the Philoptochos Room for a general Philoptochos meeting.

Save the date for an evening Philoptochos membership social on Tuesday, November 5 at 7pm on the carpeted area of the CC. The general Philoptochos meeting will begin at 6:30pm that evening in the Philoptochos Room.

~Elaine Sofis



You are invited to celebrate the **50th year**
of our beautiful Holy Cross Church building

Saturday, October 26, 2019

4:30pm Hors d'oeuvres, Refreshments, and Silent Auction

6pm Begin seating for Dinner and Program with Video Presentation

6:30pm ~ Dinner (Wine at table)

Option one ~ Surf and Turf, vegetable and potato

Option two ~ Sea Bass, vegetable and potato

Live entertainment from 6 to 10 pm

Adults \$75 per person ~ Children (12 and under) \$35

Note: For all meals, please advise dietary restrictions.

Tickets will be available at coffee hour or using the link below:

<https://holycrossgreekorthodoxchurch.ticketspice.com/50thbanquet>

