

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, January 26, 2020

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

The Gospel According Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Coffee hour is sponsored by Philoptochos.

THIS WEEK:

House Blessings Continue

- Monday – January 27 *Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom*
6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study
- Tuesday – January 28 7pm Sts. Mary & Martha
- Wednesday – January 29 4:30 pm Greek School
6:45 GOYA Basketball
- Thursday – January 30 **Three Hierarchs 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**
7pm Chant Class
- Friday – January 31 GOYA Basketball Tournament in Akron, OK
- Saturday – February 1 GOYA Basketball Tournament in Akron, OK
7pm Vespers in East Pittsburgh for Ypapanti

Looking ahead:

Godparent/Godchild Sunday has been rescheduled from February 2 to February 16.

General Assembly Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16.

Hello everyone! We have just opened up a Holy Cross spirit wear store online. You can get your HC gear now through February 5. This is a fundraiser for our GOYA.

Here's the link: <https://shieldsembroidery.tuosystems.com/shopping/1297426>



Kicks For Kids

Kicks for Kids is an organization that is run by the GOYA and collects new or gently used athletic shoes for less fortunate kids in our area.



We accept any type of athletic shoes including spikes and cleats.

We are also taking monetary donations.

We will be collecting from 2/2 to 2/23.

Collection box will be in the vestibule.

If there are any questions contact

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Ladies and Gentlemen of Holy Cross - High School grads and beyond! There will be a Philoptochos membership sign up table, TODAY, January 26, at coffee hour! Please consider joining our very worthwhile, philanthropic group! Please stop by and renew or join Philoptochos for 2020! Or fill out the membership form in today's bulletin and mail it in!

Attention Philoptochos Members! There will be a special board election for a recently resigned board member at the General Philoptochos meeting on Sunday, February 9 at 12:30pm, following coffee hour. There will be NO Philoptochos meeting on Tuesday, February 4.

The Historical Society of Mt. Lebanon is currently running an exhibit that is free and open to the public, titled "Houses of Worship in Mt. Lebanon." Holy Cross is one of 15 congregations represented. The Historical Society is open on Wednesdays & Sundays from 1-4pm, and on Saturdays from 9am-3pm. The Society is located at 794 Washington Road, across from Southminster Presbyterian Church. This exhibit will run through February. If you have questions, please contact the Society: 412-329-8595, or hsmtlebo@gmail.com.

TO RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2020, please complete and return to church or to *Connie Carahalıs, 224 Mt. Lebanon Blvd, Pittsburgh 15234*

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*From your Philoptochos Stewardship donation, \$15 is sent to National Philoptochos in NYC and \$10 is sent to the Pittsburgh Metropolis Philoptochos. Anything over \$25 goes to Holy Cross Philoptochos. **Or see any Board Member to pay your dues!**