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**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

**The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24**

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**The Gospel According to Matthew 21:33-42**

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

**Live streaming from Holy Cross: <https://www.holycrosspgh.org/church-live-stream>**

*Although restrictions have eased and we are permitted to allow attendance at divine services,  
all services will continue to be live streamed.*

<b>Monday, September 7</b>	Labor Day (office closed)
<b>Tuesday, September 8</b>	Nativity of the Theotokos <b>9am Divine Liturgy at the Monastery in Saxonburg</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 9</b>	National Clergy/Laity online ( <u>No</u> Bible Study)
<b>Thursday, September 10</b>	National Clergy/Laity online
<b>Friday, September 11</b>	Holy Cross Greek Food Sale 11:30am to 7:30 pm <i>(please see message on reverse from Food Sale chairman, Takis Kontoulis)</i>
<b>Saturday, September 12</b>	Holy Cross Greek Food Sale 11:30am to 7:30 pm <b>5pm Vespers</b>

*Looking ahead to next week... our parish's Patronal Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is Monday, September 14.  
Please save the dates:*

*Sunday, September 13, 5pm Great Vespers;  
Monday, September 14, 8:15 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Feast.*

*A message from the online food sale chairman, Takis Kontoulis:*

Dear Parishioners,

As the time approaches for our “Online Food Fair” I’d like to thank all of those who have responded to our call for volunteers. Please be advised that we are strictly following the mandates for Covid-19, which limit the amount of people we can have in the building. Please remember that only those registered and confirmed will be permitted in the building. When coming to help, volunteers should park in the main church parking lot. We want to keep the Community Center parking lot free of extra cars, so that it can be used by those who are picking up their food.

**Also, please note that everyone can contribute to the success of the “Online Food Fair” by ordering your meals for September 11 and 12 from this event.**

**You can order in advance NOW, at [www.pghgreekfood.com](http://www.pghgreekfood.com).**

Please place your orders no later than the day *before* you plan to pick them up.

KALI OREXI! KAAH OPEEH!

Takis Kontoulis

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*We are hoping to be able to offer some in-person parish ministries this upcoming school year, albeit in a slightly modified form due to the pandemic. Most events will be listed in the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin. Feel free to contact the office with any suggestions you may have.*

*Looking ahead to some of our youth ministries:*

**First day of in-person Church School:**

Next Sunday, September 13. Registration deadline is tomorrow (Monday, September 7). If you have not signed up your child(ren) yet, please do so on our website: <http://www.holycrosspgh.org/sunday-school>.

**JOY family kickoff party (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades and families):**

Sunday, September 20

3:00 pm at the Urso home: 1200 Newbury Highland, Bridgeville

Most activities will happen outdoors.

Please RSVP to [annieurso2@gmail.com](mailto:annieurso2@gmail.com).

**GOYA family kickoff party (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and families):**

Sunday, September 27

Time and location TBD

If you are interested in hosting, or to RSVP, please contact Denise Melis: [dmelis@comcast.net](mailto:dmelis@comcast.net).