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Sunday, March 7, 2021 ~ Prodigal Son

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The Gospel According to Matthew 25:31-46 The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Altar flowers are donated in loving memory Esther (Despina) Greco from Kyrk, Kathy and Athena Pyros.

Monday, March 8 6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, March 9 Forty Martyrs of Sebaste 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

7pm GOYA Meeting

7pm Philoptochos Meeting via Zoom The link will be provided to members. Please join us!

Wednesday, March 10 4:30pm Greek School

6:45pm GOYA Basketball open Gym (co-ed)

7pm Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, March 11

Friday, March 12

Saturday, March 13 Saturday of Souls

8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

4pm Church School (Pre-K—8th Grade)

5pm Vespers

The Holy Cross Philoptochos Philanthropy Award applications are due next Sunday, March 14. NO exceptions!

Membership drive ends soon. Please renew or join now!

Holy Cross parishioner, Helen Chakeres, is celebrating her 90th Birthday on Tuesday, March 16th. Helen is staying in Arizona with her daughter, Jeannette, who is kindly asking Holy Cross members to remember her mom on her birthday by sending birthday wishes thru email or her postal AZ address. Helen's email is hchakeres@comcast.net The Arizona address is Helen Chakeres c/o Jeannette Chakeres Hollander, 7911 W Emory Ln, Peoria, AZ 85383 Thank you for remembering our beloved Helen on her momentous 90th birthday!
Elaine Sofis, Philoptochos President
esofis@comcast.net for further information.

TO RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2020, please return to church or to *Connie Carabalis*.

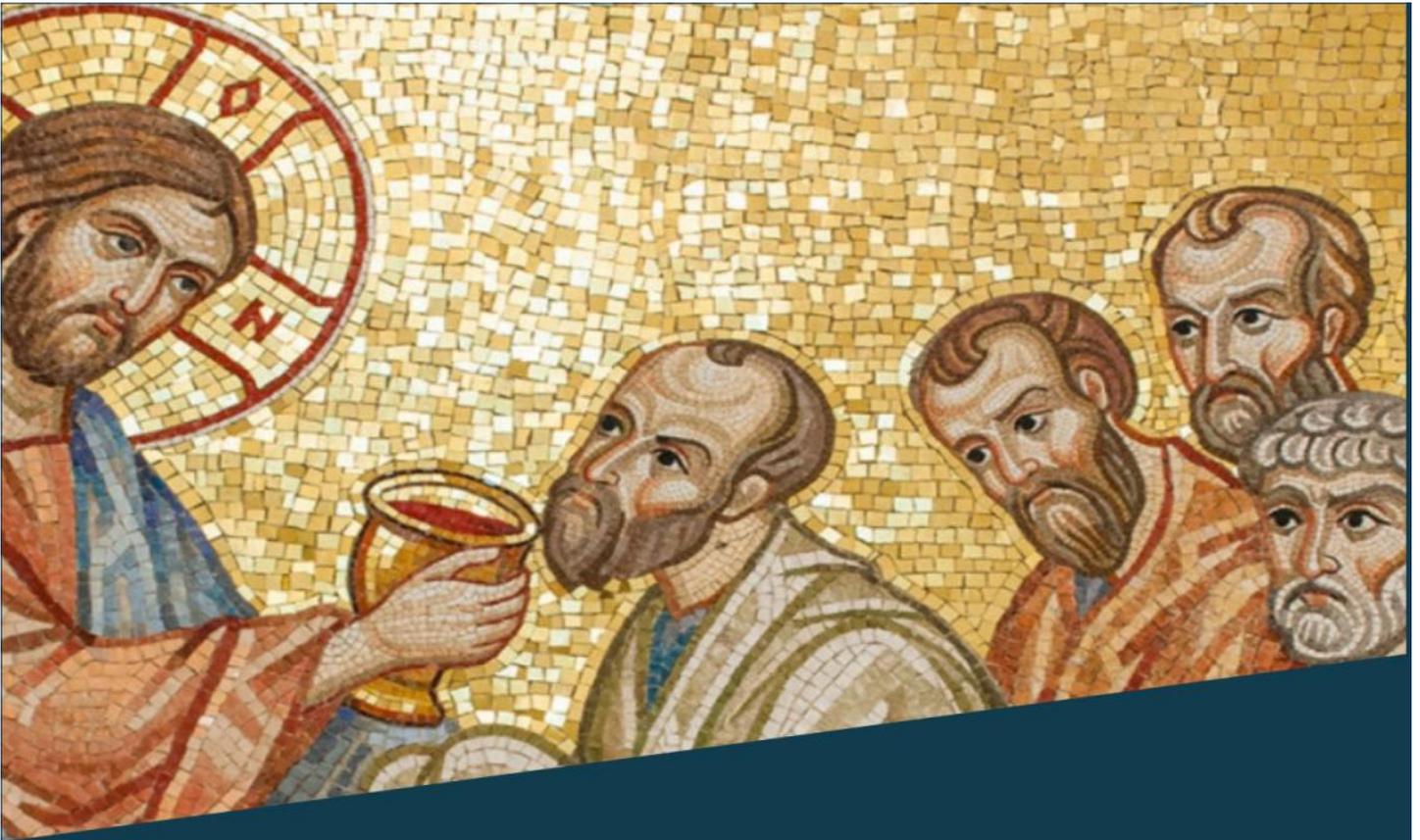
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The Mystery of the Sabbath— Keeping it Holy



FR. STEPHEN FREEMAN

Tues, 23 March 7:00–8:30 pm • via Zoom
Advanced registration: tinyurl.com/KeepingItHoly

From the Series:

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