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The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7 Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The Gospel according to Matthew 9:27-35 At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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

☞ Today we welcome *Alyssa Kyritsis*, new Youth Director for the Metropolis of Pittsburgh. ☞

Trisagions: † George Bouzos 6 years
† Jeanne (Dionysia) Bowers 22 years

Coffee hour is sponsored by Dean & Irene Zotis today.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 9	St. Herman of Alaska 8:30am/9:30am Orthros/Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Paraclesis
Tuesday, August 10	6:30pm Paraclesis
Wednesday, August 11	6:30pm Paraclesis
Thursday, August 12	6:30pm Paraclesis
Friday, August 13	6:30pm Paraclesis
Saturday, August 14	<i>Vespers and Engomia of the Theotokos</i> 6:30pm Aliquippa or 7pm Oakmont

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Holy Cross Golf Outing is back and better than ever!
Monday, October 4th, South Hills Country Club
Dinner and Silent Auction; Further Details to Follow

Please contact the church office to host a **Coffee Hour**. Individuals or families can combine to purchase snacks, set up, serve and clean up. Philoptochos provides coffee and paper products. More information on our website: <https://www.holycrosspgh.org/coffee-hour>



**Backpack Drive:
Back to School Project**



Drive date:
August 1 - August 15

Dear Holy Cross parishioners,

The Neighborhood Resilience Project is holding a backpack drive. 100 backpacks are needed. If you are interested, we are asking you to purchase 1 backpack (junior or large) & place the following items in the back pack:

- Sharpie pen (1 package—assorted colors)
- Highlighters (1 package)
- Erasers (3)
- Pencil sharpener (1)
- Pencils (1 package)
- Pencil pouch (1)
- Glue stick (1 package)
- Notebooks (5 subjects—spiral bound with 5 sections)
- 3 Folders
- Post-it Notes (1)

Please bring the backpacks to church during the first 15 days of August and place them in the vestibule. No food or clothing will be collected during this time. Thank you for all of your generosity and cooperation with this project.

~Kathy Pyros