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The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27 Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

The Gospel according to Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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Trisagions: †*Christ Terzis* 3 years
†*George Condos* 19 years

Please contact the church office if you wish 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>



THIS WEEK:

Monday, July 26 **8:30am-noon VCS**
St. Panteleimon/St. Paraskevi 4pm Vespers/5pm Matins/6pm Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 27 **9am-noon VCS**

Wednesday, July 28 **9am-noon VCS**

Thursday, July 29 **9am-noon VCS**

Friday, July 30 **9am-noon VCS**

Saturday, July 31 5pm Vespers

Vacation Church School starts tomorrow! July 26-30 M-F every morning