

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 is on our website:

<https://www.holycrosspgh.org/coffee-hour>



The Philoptochos Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 pm

Tickets are \$35

Please contact Ria Kartsonas

at rzkarts@gmail.com

for your reservation and your food selection of Chicken Florentine, Cod or Filet by December 1st.

Entertainment by
The Meraklides



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Fr. Michael Kallaur
Fr. Daniel Korba
Dn. Frank Dickos

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

The Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

GAPA

Socrates-Daphne Lodge of Pittsburgh
cordially invites you to the

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Friday December 17, 2021

Cocktails and Appetizers at 6 PM

Festive Dinner Buffet at 7 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Fort Couch Road

Dinner and Dance \$60

Dance only \$10

Music by the

PHARAKIA

FEATURING SOTIRI TSOUREKIS

and a performance by

THE GRECIAN ODYSSEY DANCERS

We have missed all of you and can't wait to ring in the holiday season. Join us with your dancing shoes and don't forget your kefti—Opa!

Please R.S.V.P. by December 10th to

Rebecca Bertos 412-421-9427 or Aliki Andrews 412-833-4596

Joanne Melacrinis 412-563-4609

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !



You're invited to join the
Holy Cross Ladies Philoptochos for

AN AFTERNOON WITH GERONTISSA

Enjoy a special opportunity for
conversation with Gerontissa Theophano,
fellowship, Mediterranean Lenten treats &
Christmas shopping all to support
the Nativity of Theotokos Monastery

Saturday, December 11

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Community
Center

123 Gilkeson Road

11 AM - 2 PM

\$40/person

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-afternoon-with-gerontissa-tickets-196512332677>

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

- Trisagions: †Elias Mourtakos 6 days (brother of Tom Mourtacos)
†Eirini Zervos Pladis 13 years
†Nikola M. Zervos 14 years
†Maria Zervos Rozos 17 years
†Efsthios Metrose 21 years

Altar candles are sponsored in loving memory of Efsthios Metrose from his wife Anastasia Metrose.
Coffee Hour is sponsored by Parish Council.

THIS WEEK:

- Monday, November 22 6:30pm Paraclesis
Tuesday, November 23
Wednesday, November 24 11am Funeral for †Henrietta “Chickie” Kazalas
Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving
Great Martyr Catherine
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday, November 26
Saturday, November 27 5pm Vespers

Loyalty Day Sunday
General Assembly Meeting Notice

DEAR PARISHIONERS:
There will be a
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
TODAY
Sunday, November 21, 2021
after the Divine Liturgy
following a light lunch provided by Parish Council.
Please make every effort to attend.

FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED

We are eliminating the old, turquoise banquet chairs
from the Community Center.
There are about 250 chairs left.
If you are interested in 1 - 250 chairs,
please contact John Klimko (412.609.1660)
as soon as possible.

Philoptochos Membership 2022

Ladies 18 years old and up are welcomed and encouraged to join Philoptochos and become a Friend of the Poor. No experience necessary! Dues are \$25 per year (National Membership Dues are \$15 per year plus \$10 for Metropolis of Pittsburgh). Anything over and above goes to our Holy Cross Chapter.

RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2022 online!

- GO TO: holycrosspgh.org
- On the drop down menu choose Donations & Stewardship
- On the DONATE page, choose Donate Online
- On the Online Donation page, choose Philoptochos.

Or you can still send in a check using the Philoptochos Membership form below:

TO RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2022, please complete and return to church or to Adrienne Dickos, 1840 Kent Rd. Pittsburgh 15241

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Email_____

*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!