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SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 ~ SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

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The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6 BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

*Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of †Angeliki Tsourekis by Harry, Genia, Katie and Alex Andrews.
Coffee hour is sponsored by the Philoptochos.*

THIS WEEK:

<i>Monday, March 28</i>	6:30pm Great Compline
<i>Tuesday, March 29</i>	
<i>Wednesday, March 30</i>	10am First Steps 4:30pm Greek School 6pm Presanctified Liturgy
<i>Thursday, March 31</i>	7pm Bible Study
<i>Friday, April 1</i>	9am Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Salutations IV
<i>Saturday, April 2</i>	5pm Vespers/Confessions

TONIGHT

THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH INVITES YOU TO THE

*Akathist to the Mother of God
"The Inexhaustible Cup"*



A PRAYER SERVICE FOR
ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM
ADDICTION OF ANY KIND.
PRAY FOR YOUR AFFLICTED
LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS.

SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2022 | 5 PM

HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT THE FOLLOWING AREA CHURCHES:
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 3400 Dawson St. Pittsburgh (Oakland)
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh (McCandless)
Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 200 Walnut St., Carnegie
St. Michael Orthodox Church, 1182 Ashland St., Greensburg



BE
JOYFUL
IN HOPE,
PATIENT
IN AFFLICTION,
FAITHFUL
IN PRAYER
ROMANS 12:12

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 27th	 GENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-16 Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 3rd	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 10th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY APRIL 17th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 22nd	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 24th NO FASTING!	 HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: Jan 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



MAKING THE LIGHT BRIGHTER

with former Pittsburgh Steeler, Craig Wolfley

All are welcome to join Holy Cross Philoptochos as Craig shares his journey from football field to feeding the homeless.

Tuesday, April 5th 7 PM

Holy Cross Community Center

RSVPs are encouraged but not required

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light refreshments will be provided

Donations will be accepted for Light of Life Mission



Lenten non-perishable food drive for Neighborhood Resilience Project will be held the next 2 Sundays: March 27th and April 3rd. Canned meats, tuna and salmon are always greatly appreciated as well as fruits and vegetables.

No clothing will be collected over these 2 weeks. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



Mark your calendars for **Pascha bread making** on Wednesday, April 6. 300 loaves of Pascha bread will be prepared! Kitchen volunteers will begin at 8am. Rolling and twisting begins at 10am. Bread egg washing will begin about 11:30am. The bread wrapping will start about 1:45pm; bread selling will occur from 2-4:30pm. The bread, \$10 a loaf, will be sold on baking day, April 6 and on Sundays, April 10 and if available, April 17 after Liturgy. Any of your time is appreciated. Thank you for helping on Wednesday, April 6. Co-chairs Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net and Domenica Merante, meranteboys@comcast.net

FESTIVAL NEWS FROM DEMETRIOS

Last week we publicized the subcommittee heads for food preparation.

Just to give you an idea of what we need to produce for the Festival ...

Lamb Shanks	1579 pieces
Pastitsio	2784 pieces
Souzoukakia	4559 pieces
Spanakopita	5100 pieces
Tiropita	1900 pieces
Baklava	5227 pieces
Finikia	1120 pieces
Koulourakia	4477 pieces
Galaktoboureko	1917 pieces
Kourambiethes	1967 pieces
Karadopita	669 pieces

That's 31,309 pieces of prep. If one person prepped 1 piece per minute it would take 521 hours to make everything. If we had 10 people working on each committee it would only take a total of 52 hours to prep for the festival. That's only "ten" 5 hour shifts.

The moral of this story is the more parishioners that show their fellowship and help, the faster we can get this done and it won't fall upon just a few people working an exorbitant number of hours.

April 11th - 12th Tiropita: Ronnie Stambolis 412.638.5711

April 25th - 30th Baked-Goods: Angela Athanas 724.344.6040

May 3rd - 5th Pastitsio: Rita Manganas 813.390.5948

May 9th - 11th Shanks & Souzoukakia: John Hoenig 412.478.7942

May 23rd - 26th Spanakopita: Katina Galie 412.951.8388

CALL AND SIGN UP TODAY!!! OPA!!!

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