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**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022 ~ ST. JOHN CLIMACUS**

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

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20** Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

**The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31** At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Coffee hour is sponsored by Philoptochos.

Altar flowers are sponsored by Connie Carahalos in loving memory of her husband,  
 †Theodore Carahalos, and loved ones of  
 Theodore Carahalos and Connie Keramedis Carahalos who have passed.

Trisaigion: †Mike Andrews	8 years	†Maria Tenekedes	40 years
†Theodore J. Carahalos	14 years	†Andreas Tenekedes	52 years
†Panorea Carahalos	86 years	†Apostolos Tenekedes	18 years
†Joannis (John) Carahalos	78 years	†Angela Makris	3 years
†Efthemia (Jenny) Carahalos	76 years	†Mike Makris	58 years
†Stelianos (Stanley) Keramedis	38 years	†Christina Burke	1 year
†Asemena Keramedis	30 years	†Walter Burke	12 years
†Efstratios Keramedis	59 years	†Gerasimos (Jerry) Troianos	10 years
†Major James A. Fuller	13 years		

**THIS WEEK:**

<b>Monday, April 4</b>	<b>6:30pm Great Compline</b>	
<b>Tuesday, April 5</b>	<b>7pm Philoptochos Speaker</b>	→
<b>Wednesday, April 6</b>	<b>8am Pascha bread making</b> (details on other side)	
	<b>4:30pm Greek School</b>	
	<b>6pm Presanctified Liturgy</b>	
	<b>GOYA dinner</b>	
<b>Thursday, April 7</b>	<b>7pm Bible Study</b>	
<b>Friday, April 8</b>	<b>9am Presanctified Liturgy</b>	
	<b>6:30pm Akathist Hymn</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 9</b>	<b>GOYA Volleyball Tournament</b>	
	<b>10am~2pm Pre-Marriage Seminar</b>	
	<b>5pm Vespers/Confessions</b>	

**GOYA TONIGHT**

**Pizza/Volleyball Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 - 8:00pm**  
 If you can respond to Denise, it would be greatly appreciated so she knows how much to order.  
 All are welcome even you don't respond please join us.  
 -Denise



**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 by not required  
[PhiloLightofLife@gmail.com](mailto:PhiloLightofLife@gmail.com)  
 light refreshments will be provided  
 Donations will be accepted for Light of Life Mission



Please join us THIS Wednesday, April 6 as 300 loaves of **Pascha bread** will be prepared. Kitchen volunteers will begin at 8am. Rolling and twisting begins at 10am. Bread egg washing starts at 11:30am. Bread wrapping begins at 1:45pm; selling will occur from 2-4:30pm.



The Pascha bread, \$10 a loaf, plain or with sesame seeds, will be sold on baking day and Sundays April 10 and if available, April 17 after Divine Liturgy. Any of your time is appreciated. Thank you for helping on April 6 and for supporting Holy Cross Philoptochos in this fundraiser. Elaine Sofis, [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net) and Domenica Merante, [meranteboys@comcast.net](mailto:meranteboys@comcast.net) Co-Chairs

## OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
4th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 3rd</b>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> 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 <b>APRIL 10th</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> 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! <b>APRIL 17th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 GREAT AND HOLY WEEK <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> 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 <b>APRIL 22nd</b>	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</b> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 24th</b> NO FASTING!	 BRIGHT WEEK <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: Jan 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



There will be a **luncheon** after Saturday of Lazarus Liturgy during **Palm Cross making**. Please contact Laura Zervos at [Laura@zervoscorp.com](mailto:Laura@zervoscorp.com) or 412-287-5679 and let her know if you can bring a Lenten dish.

Parents of JOY age girls wanting to participate as **Mirafore** on Good Friday, please contact Laura Zervos at [Laura@zervoscorp.com](mailto:Laura@zervoscorp.com) or 412-287-5679



**There are only a handful of tables and sponsorship opportunities available. Don't miss this fun event for the entire family!**

**TICKET PRICES START AT \$25**

**Join Holy Cross Philoptochos for a night of laughter, dancing and fun!**

Greek American Comedian, Gus Constantellis, will be bringing laughter to the stage at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Community Center. The comedy show will be from 7-8 PM. Following the show, guests will hear live Greek music performed by The Grecian Keys for an evening of dancing and socializing.

We hope you, your family and friends will join us for a great evening of fun all while supporting the philanthropic efforts of the Holy Cross Philoptochos Society!

If you would prefer to pay by cash or check rather than through this site, please contact Vasso Paliouras at [vassopaliouras@gmail.com](mailto:vassopaliouras@gmail.com).

**GREEK NIGHT TO FOLLOW. MUSIC BY THE GRECIAN KEYS**