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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11 Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Gospel According to Luke 14:16-24 The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

Today's *coffee hour* is sponsored by
Philopectos.

Memorials: † John Manolis 7 years

TODAY Sunday, December 11:

Visitation for

†Constance Carahalís

at Pittsburgh Cremation & Funeral Care
3287 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317
724-260-5546

from 1-4 pm and 6 -8 pm,
with a Trisaigon Service at 7 pm

THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 12 **St. Spyridon @ Holy Cross**

8am Orthros/9am Divine Liturgy

11am Visitation for †Constance Carahalís

11:30am Funeral

6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, December 13 **St. Herman of Alaska 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**

Wednesday, December 14 **4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL**

6:45pm GOYA Basketball

7pm Bible Study

Thursday, December 15 **Hieromartyr Eleftherios 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**

7pm Agape Fund Committee Meeting

Friday, December 16 **12:30-2pm FIRST STEPS OF CHRIST AT HOLY CROSS**

Saturday, December 17 **Prophet Daniel**

8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

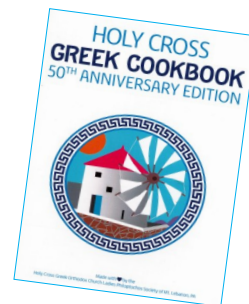
5pm Confessions/Vespers

TODAY: The nuns from the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery
will be in the community center during coffee hour. They will
have many beautiful items available for Christmas.



Philoptochos Christmas Bread, \$10 a loaf, will be sold TODAY, December 11 in the Narthex and Community Center after Divine Liturgy. The bread will be sold next Sunday, December 18, *if available*. Cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Thank you for supporting your Holy Cross Philoptochos! Thank you to ALL who helped in the preparation of the Philoptochos Christmas bread on Wednesday, December 7!

The Holy Cross 50th Anniversary Edition of our **Greek Cookbook**, \$20 each, cash or check payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos, is available at December 11 and 18 coffee hours and throughout the year! Please see Elaine Sofis or call Home 412 344-7046 or email esofis@comcast.net for a copy. These cookbooks make great Christmas, Anniversary, Bridal shower and Birthday gifts!



Attention High School Seniors and Parents! The application for the Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross is available in the Narthex, from Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net or Denise Melis, dmelis@comcast.net, electronically. The application is due by Sunday, March 19, 2023. The award is available to a 2023 PLEDGED Holy Cross family member who is a graduating high school senior in 2023. A similar application is available at Mt. Lebanon High School. You may apply to both philanthropy awards, but will only be eligible for one \$1500 award.

Blessed Nativity from your **Holy Cross Landscape Committee!**

Many of you will notice the placement of the old copper/bronze Holy Cross Church sign in its new location at the Circle entrance area of the Community Center. The area around the sign is expected to be landscaped this Spring.

As reported in last month's bulletin, the Landscape Committee has embarked on its fund-raising activities---and has raised the first 'matching' portion of just over \$100,000 towards the next Phases. Thank you again to 23 generous donors for that first big step! Since that \$102,000 has been pledged, \$2000 in additional parishioner donations have come in. Please consider making your donation before year end to see your dollars literally doubled by the Matching portion!

Though Winter is upon us, Spring is coming! The Committee is also hard at work planning and organizing our '**Landscape Beautification Summer Garden Gala**'-- **scheduled for July 29, 2023!** Please Save the date! There will be an extensive menu, silent auction, and live music provided by the Panigiri Band!

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year from all of us---and "May the Lord sanctify all those who love the beauty of Thy House."

