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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 - GREAT MARTYR ST. BARBARA

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

The Gospel according to Luke 13:10-17 At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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

*****Parish Council Elections in the Library*****

Coffee Hour is Sponsored by George Yamalis. (see other side.)

THIS WEEK:

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| Monday, December 5 | <i>St. Savas the Sanctified @Ypapanti</i> 8:45am Orthros/10am Divine Liturgy
7 pm Vespers at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Oakland |
| Tuesday, December 6 | <i>St. Nicholas @ Cathedral in Oakland</i>
9am Orthros/10am Divine Liturgy |
| Wednesday, December 7 | 9am-5pm Christmas breadmaking and sales
4:30pm Greek School
6:45pm GOYA Basketball
7pm Bible Study |
| Thursday, December 8 | |
| Friday, December 9 | <i>Conception of the Theotokos</i> 8:30am Orthros/10am Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday, December 10 | Noon ~ Philoptochos CHRISTMAS CRAFTING and Lenten Lunch
5pm Confessions/Vespers
6pm JOY Christmas Party |

You are invited



Coffee & Conversations

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Sunday, December 4th, 2022

We will meet after church
in the community center

Medicare is complicated - we make it easy to understand.

Joseph Dantico will assist you to make sure you are in the correct Medicare plan that fits your needs. Whether its for you or a loved one, we are here to help make sure you have the right coverage.

This event is presented thanks to the support of George Yamalis, Community Manager of Aetna Medicare.



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, beginning Sunday, December 4. 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.

The Holy Cross 50th Anniversary Edition of our Greek Cookbook, \$20 each, cash or check payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos, is available at December 4, 11 and 18 coffee hours. Please see Elaine Sofis or call Home 412 344-7046 or email esofis@comcast.net for a copy. These cookbooks make great Christmas, Anniversary and Birthday gifts!

IT IS HERE!

Philoptochos Christmas bread making and sales occur THIS Wednesday, December 7th. Round circular bread in aluminum pans will be made with our delicious, traditional recipe at 10am. Egg washing will occur at 11:30am. Wrapping of bread will begin about 1:45pm-4:00pm. ANY of your time is appreciated! The Christmas bread, \$10 a loaf, will be sold on baking day, Wednesday, December 7th from 2-4:30pm and on Sundays, December 11th and 18th, if available, after Divine Liturgy. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Thank you for supporting Philoptochos.
Co-Chairs, Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net and Domenica Gulli, meranteboys@comcast.net