



### THREE MONTHS UNTIL OUR FESTIVAL AND COUNTING

It seems like we just finished last year's festival and here it comes again. We set a "High Bar" last year and with all your help and support we are planning to exceed last year's record-breaking event. Our success will hinge on proper preparation. And that groundwork starts now.

This is what we will need to prepare in the next two months.

Spanakopita	4066	Galaktoboureko	1410
Tiropita	1801	Koulourakia	606 doz
Lamb Shanks	865	Katiafi	1305
Pastitsio	2234	Baklava	5755
Moussaka	1734	Finikia	2235
Lamb Chops	1124	Kourambiethes	2305
Souzoukakia	2028	Karidopita	1326

Date	Item	Chairperson	Phone Number
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Tiropitas	Ronnie Stambolis	412 638-5711
April 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Souzoukakia	John Hoenic	412 478-7941
April 24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Spanakopita	Katina Galie	412 951-8383
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	Lamb Shanks	John Hoenic	412 478-7941
May 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Pastitsio	Rita Manganas	813 390-5948
May 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Syrup (evenings)	Nick Kooknas	412 343-7710
May 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Koulourakia	Stephen Yamalis	412 401-4615
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Kourambiethes	Tom Mourtafos	435 588-0562

Angela will be chairing the preparation of the Baklava, Finikia and Karidopita. The prep dates TBD  
I still need chairs for:  
Galaktoboureko Moussaka  
Dining Area and Trays Saganaki  
Fries and Calamari Day After Breakdown

Let's have some new chairpersons join the rest of us so that the Festival doesn't fall on the shoulders of the same parishioners. Emails will be sent out the week before each item being prepared so that we can have enough volunteers to complete each preparation.

Thanks in advance  
Demetrios

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"

### Upcoming Events



- Summer Camp 2023 Registration Opens: April 4
- Summer Camp 2023 Dates: See below!



### SUMMER CAMP 2023

WEEK 1: JUNE 18-JUNE 24 (GRADES 2-4)

WEEK 2: JUNE 25-JULY 1 (GRADES 5-7)

WEEK 3: JULY 2-JULY 8 (GRADES 7-9)

WEEK 4: JULY 9-JULY 15 (GRADES 10-12)

### HOLY CROSS FOOD FESTIVAL

JUNE 13-16 11AM-8PM, FRIDAY, TILL 9PM

Please contact Elaine Sofis  
[esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net) or H 412 344-7046 if you are interested in chairing a lunch or dinner food line or working on the food line. More details in the May Cross

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### Sunday, April 2, 2023 ~ St. Mary of Egypt

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14 Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45 At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## Save the Date



Saturday, July 29, 2023  
Holy Cross Community Center

Join us for an evening of Cocktails, Strolling Buffet, Greek Band, Dancing, and much more.

~Blacktie Optional~

Details at [www.holycrosspgh.org/summergala](http://www.holycrosspgh.org/summergala)

Memorials: †Demetrios Patrinos 6 months  
 †Michael Andrews 9 years  
 †Fr. Vladimir Milinkovic 17 years

*Coffee Hour is sponsored today by  
 the Milinkovic family and the Andrews family in memory of their loved ones.*

**THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, April 3** Drop off Circle of Angels cookies/candy  
 10am Tiropita making  
**6:30pm Great Compline**

**Tuesday, April 4** 10am Tiropita making  
 10:30am Pack baskets ~ Circle of Angels cookies/candy  
 7pm IOCC Pittsburgh Meeting

**Wednesday, April 5** 10am Tiropita making  
 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL  
**6pm Presanctified Liturgy**

**Thursday, April 6** 7pm Bible Study

**Friday, April 7** **9am Presanctified Liturgy**  
 6:30pm Palm cross Prep

**Saturday, April 8** **Lazarus Saturday 8:30 am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**  
 ~Palm Cross Making ~Confessions ~Church Cleaning  
 ~Acolyte Preparation for Holy Week  
**5pm Great Vespers**

Thank you to ALL who volunteered to make our delicious **Pascha bread** on March 30. Pascha bread, \$10 a loaf, plain or with sesame seeds, will be **sold TODAY, April 2** and if available, April 9, after Divine Liturgy in the narthex and community center. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Thank you for supporting your Philoptochos in this fundraising endeavor. Elaine Sofis and Domenica Gulli, Co-Chairs

**Circle of Angels for Pascha Outreach** requests koulourakia, paximadia, cookies and candy. Please take your items to Nena in the church office by **TOMORROW Monday, April 3rd**. We will be assembling baskets on **Tuesday, April 4th at 10:30am** in the community center kitchen.



Philoptochos will pass a basket NEXT Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 9, to help defray the costs of the **Epitaphion flowers**. Please mark your church ID number on your check or envelope to receive credit for your donations. Thank you for your generosity in making our Kouvouklion a vision to behold! Kali Anastasi!

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

There will be a luncheon on **Lazarus Saturday, April 8** following Divine Liturgy. Join us and stay for Palm Cross making, church cleaning, acolyte prep for Holy Week and/or confessions. Please contact Laura Zervos at [lz@laurazervos.com](mailto:lz@laurazervos.com) and let her know if you can bring a Lenten dish.



Order an Easter Lily to beautify our church for Pascha.

Circle ONE per plant:

In Honor of OR For the health of OR In memory of

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**\$20 per plant**

Please return to church office by **THIS Friday, April 7.**