



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 rd -5 th	Tiropitas	Ronnie Stambolis	412 638-5711
April 18 th -19 th	Souzoukakia	John Hoenig	412 478-7941
April 24 th -26 th	Spanakopita	Katina Galie	412 951-8383
May 2 nd -4 th	Lamb Shanks	John Hoenig	412 478-7941
May 8 th -11 th	Pastitsio	Rita Manganas	813 390-5948
May 14 th -17 th	Syrup (evenings)	Nick Kooknas	412 343-7710
May 13 th & 20 th	Koulourakia	Stephen Yamalis	412 401-4615
May 23 rd -25 th	Kourambiethes	Tom Mourtacos	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
Dining Area and Trays
Fries and Calamari

Moussaka
Saganaki
Day After Breakdown

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"

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

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

Chick-fil-A McKnight Road

Spirit Day April 17, 2023

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Come support Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh YAL! 15% of the proceeds earned on this day are donated back to Young Adult Event

Must mention you are here for Spirit Day.
11am-8pm Drive Thru only!!

7451 McKnight Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Break the fast this Bright Monday and support our young adults!

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Sunday, April 9, 2023 ~ Palm Sunday

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9 Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel According to John 12:1-18 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
Holy Week 2023– Schedule of Services

TONIGHT Palm Sunday – April 9

5:00 pm – Orthros of Great Monday (First Bridegroom Service)

Great and Holy Monday – April 10

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Tuesday (Second Bridegroom Service)

Great and Holy Tuesday – April 11

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Wednesday (Third Bridegroom Service)

Great and Holy Wednesday – April 12

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

3:00 pm – Sacrament of Holy Unction (Ιερόν Εὐχέλαιον)

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Thursday (with second anointing)

Great and Holy Thursday – April 13

9:00 am – Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (The Institution of the Eucharist)

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Friday (Service of the Passion and Twelve Gospels)

10:00 pm – Vigil by the Cross, and GOYA making sandwiches for the homeless

Great and Holy Friday – April 14

9:00 am – Royal Hours

3:00 pm – Vespers (Taking down from the Cross/Ἀποκαθήλωσις)

6:30 pm – Orthros of Great Saturday (With Praises at the Tomb of Christ (Ἐγκώμια), and Procession of the Epitaphios)

Great and Holy Saturday – April 15

9:00 am – Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (“First Resurrection”)

10:00 pm – Midnight Office and Canon of Great Saturday

10:30 pm – Receive the Light/Procession, Paschal Orthros/Divine Liturgy
AGAPE MEAL

Great and Holy Pascha – April 16

12:00 Noon – *Agape* Vespers (Reading of the Gospel in various languages)

We fervently request the entire Holy Cross parish family to share fully in the fasting, prayer, and liturgical observance of Holy Week and in the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection on Pascha night.

No other parish activities will take place during Holy Week.

Please keep this schedule of services posted for easy reference.

Philoptochos is sponsoring coffee hour today.

Please join us to celebrate Palm Sunday with your Holy Cross Family!

There is a very limited amount of plain **Pascha bread**, \$10 a loaf, which will be sold TODAY, April 9, after Divine Liturgy in the narthex. 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

Philoptochos will pass a basket TODAY, 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 or 412-287-5679.

Next up for **Festival Cooking** is **Souzoukakia**. Note the *date change* to Wednesday, April 19 at 10am and Thursday, April 20 at 10am.

Next **Saints Mary & Martha Women's Fellowship** is Tuesday, April 25 at the home of Adrienne Dickos, 1840 Kent Road, Upper St Clair. Text to RSVP 412-400-4290. Speaker is Fr. George Callas

2023 Holy Week Donations

Anyone wishing to donate one of the following Holy Week items still available in loving memory of, for the health of, or in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office ASAP at 412.833.3355:

- * Roses for distribution at the 3pm Good Friday Service **\$200**
- * Communion Wine Bottle **\$35** or Case **\$200**