

## ✠ SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 ✠

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-10** Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**The Gospel According to Matthew 6:22-33** The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

- Memorials:**
- +Frank (Photios) Keremes 40 days
  - +Constantine (Gus) Sokos 40 days
  - +Christ Kazalas 1 year
  - +Sviailana Rzhetskaya 1 year
  - +Rebecca Tambouratzis 2 years
  - +Diane Makrinos 7 years
  - +Eleftherios (Louis) Melis 9 years
  - +Panagiota Kazalas 12 years
  - +Nick Papalas 30 years

Coffee hour is  
sponsored by the  
Perlmutter  
family.

**PA Educational Improvement  
Tax Credit (EITC)  
Information Session**

**THIS WEEK:**

- Monday, June 26 **Camp Nazareth all week**
- Tuesday, June 27 **Grades 5-7**
- Wednesday, June 28 **Sts. Peter and Paul**
- Thursday, June 29 **8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**  
**7pm St. Constantine School Tax Credit Meeting**
- Friday, June 30 **Holy Apostles**  
**8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**
- Saturday, July 1 **Wedding, NO Vespers**

**TRANSFORM YOUR TAX DOLLARS INTO  
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Businesses that pay Pennsylvania's corporate income tax OR individuals who pay Pennsylvania income tax may be eligible to participate in the PA EITC which allows donors to get a 90% tax credit against your PA tax liability.

<b>SAMPLE TAX CREDIT CALCULATION</b>	Personal Contribution	\$3,500
	Tax Credit (90%)	\$3,150
	Net Cost to Donor	\$350

100% of your EITC gift goes directly to fund  
The Saint Constantine School of Pittsburgh scholarships!

[LEARN MORE](#)

**7pm @ Holy Cross** Thursday, June 29, 2023

Scan QR code to join our mailing list and to receive our latest updates! [www.saintconstantine.org/pittsburgh](http://www.saintconstantine.org/pittsburgh)  
Questions? Email [pittsburgh@saintconstantine.org](mailto:pittsburgh@saintconstantine.org)

**We are collecting gently used books for kids ages 0-6 years old to be distributed at Children's Hospital in the waiting room. There is a basket by the office for your donations. Please contact Emelia Krakora at [ekrakora@bowdoin.edu](mailto:ekrakora@bowdoin.edu) with any questions.**

**Let's Flower Together!**

...a hands on Floral Event Workshop for our Summer Garden Gala  
...come learn to forage flowers & greens, prepare fresh flowers, learn to prep and make floral centerpieces & larger installation arrangements.

Choose any or all of the following dates: Wednesday, July 26, Thursday, July 27 & Friday, July 28 at 2pm. Meet at the Community Center. Saturday, July 29 (day of event) 10am to 2pm  
Call Eva Elderkin to reserve your place 412.969.1479

*Summer  
Garden Gala*

Saturday, July 29, 2023

BENEFITTING  
HOLY CROSS LANDSCAPE  
BEAUTIFICATION

5:30PM Cocktails & Silent Auction  
6:30PM Strolling Buffet & Festivities  
9:00PM Dance featuring Panigiri Orchestra

~ Black Tie Optional ~

HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY CENTER  
123 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

**2023 Orthodox Christian  
Vacation Church School**

This year's theme is:

**MIRACLES**

**Monday, July 24 thru Friday, July 28 from 9am~Noon**

\*Monday, July 24, children should arrive at 8:30 am

Welcoming all children age 3 years through entering 6th grade  
**High School students, parents, interested adults needed to volunteer.**  
Nominal registration fee of \$20 per student is due by June 30th  
\$30 if received by July 15th; \$40 if received after July 15th

**Form on our website or stop by the church office!**

*Tickets*

FULL GALA \$125  
DANCE \$40

Tickets and donation  
information available at  
[www.holycrosspgh.org/summergala](http://www.holycrosspgh.org/summergala)

Can't make the event? Consider a donation  
to the Landscape Beautification project.

For more information, contact  
Laura Zervos at 412-287-5679