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**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023 ✕ PENTECOST**

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Gospel According to John 7:37-52; 8:12 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

# Coffee Hour is sponsored by Philoptochos.

## THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 4 **Holy Spirit Monday** \*7:30am Orthros/8:30am Divine Liturgy  
@ Holy Trinity Church, North Hills \*note time change from calendar\*  
7pm Landscaping Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 5 *6:30pm Philoptochos Meeting*

Wednesday, June 6 **FAST FREE**  
7pm Bible Study  
7pm FILIA Men's Fellowship  
@ Primanti's →

Thursday, June 7 7pm Landscaping Committee Meeting

Friday, June 8 **FAST FREE**

Saturday, June 9 *5pm Vespers*

**FILIA**



Holy Cross Church  
Men's Fellowship (21+)  
Wednesday, June 7  
(a fast-free Wednesday)  
7pm-9pm  
Primanti's Mt. Lebanon  
A chance to socialize.

**FORMATIVE  
FOOD FELLOWSHIP FUN**

Contact Bryan Elderkin for more information.  
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Interested in working the **Pastry Booth** at our Food Fair? Contact Dena Yamalis at 412.589.2646 or [dyamalis@comcast.net](mailto:dyamalis@comcast.net)



**FOOD FAIR FOOD LINES** need volunteers on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunches June 13, 15 & 16 anytime from 10:45am - 3:45pm. The Thursday & Friday, June 15 & 16 dinner food lines need volunteers anytime from 3:45pm-8pm and on Friday until 9pm. ANY of your time is appreciated! Please contact Elaine Sofis, [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net) or Home 412 344-7046, Cell 412 327-7017.

# HOLY CROSS GREEK FESTIVAL JUNE 13-16

ACROSS FROM THE GALLERIA

**Ignite the  
Festival Spirit!  
Yard Signs  
Available Now!**

**Spread the festival  
fever! Display our  
vibrant yard signs not  
just at home, but also  
in busy intersections  
throughout your  
neighborhood!**

**They are available at  
the Narthex entrance  
and the community  
center.**



## *Message from Holy Cross Landscape Beautification Committee*

*Things are buzzing at Holy Cross* --- with the Festival in front of us, and other big projects planned by the Building Committee upcoming... and your Landscape/ Beautification Committee is also very busy. We have met with our Landscape Architect (Laquatra) to start our next phase which really includes 3 areas of our Entryway and upper driveway (The 'Garden of Love', The 'Cross Garden', and the bank/hillside below our drop-off and front entry.) Our budget has been revised to \$200,000 from the Master Plan costs of over \$280,000.

Our fundraising started robustly with 'Matching Donations' (money intended to kick-start the project and incentivize donations from our parishioners and community) with \$102,000 being pledged. To date, \$26,580 has been donated and received from our community (to be matched by the initial 20 family's' pledges).

**We prayerfully and respectfully ask for more of you to contribute, so we can hopefully commence this phase in Fall of this year.**

This phase of our work will make a tremendous difference to the aesthetical, and practical usage and overall appeal of our main entry, which everyone, parishioner and visitor alike, sees as they enter our Church! Please see our Master Plan for renderings and details of this part of the project. (<https://www.holycrosspgh.org/improvement-projects>)

We look forward to bringing our vision to fruition, and hope that you will wish to be a part of this historic 'renaissance'.

## 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)



## “Αἶνος τῷ ευκλεεῖ Πολυεύκτῳ”



THE BYZANTINE CHOIR OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH, ON ACCOUNT OF ITS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (1998-2023) IS DEDICATING THE MILESTONE, A FIRST IN AMERICA, TO THE REMARKABLE FIRST PRELATE OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH, POLYEFKTOS (FINFINIS), AND THE MEMORY OF HIS BIRTHDATE 100 YEARS AGO.

THESE EVENTS ARE SPONSORED BY  
THE **AMERICAN HELLENIC FOUNDATION OF WESTERN PA,**  
THE **GREEK NATIONALITY ROOM COMMITTEE,** AND THE **EUROPEAN ART CENTER OF GREECE (EUARCE),**

WE COME TOGETHER TO OFFER A TRIBUTE TO THE UNTIL NOW MOSTLY-UNKNOWN PRELATE WHOSE HUMBLE YET VISIONARY APPROACH CARVED THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE GREEK COMMUNITY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND THEN THE COMMUNITIES ENTRUSTED TO HIS CARE IN SOUTH AMERICA, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK, AND ULTIMATELY SWEDEN.

EACH OF THE EVENTS IS "VIRTUAL" AND ACCESSIBLE  
BEGINNING ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE, 2023 AT 8 PM.

**FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ONLINE DOCUMENTS, PLEASE VISIT THE LINK HERE:**  
**[HTTPS://PAHELLENICFOUNDATION.ORG/POLYEFKTOS](https://pahellenicfoundation.org/polyefktos)**