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✠ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12 Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel According to Matthew 18:23-35 The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Coffee hour is sponsored today by *Philoptochos*.

Please call the church office to schedule sponsoring a coffee hour
with family or friends.

Memorials: † *Georgia Vlahos 9 years*
† *Sevesti Yamalis 41*

THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 21

Tuesday, August 22 7pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 23

Thursday, August 24

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26 5pm Vespers

The backpacks have been delivered to **Neighborhood Resilience** and will be distributed to the children at the back to school picnic on Aug. 25th. Once again we thank you for your continued support and generosity for this important mission. God bless, Kathy Pyros



BY THE GRACE OF GOD, AND THROUGH THE APOSTOLIC
TRADITION OF THE LAYING ON OF HANDS BY
HIS EMINENCE

METROPOLITAN SAVAS OF PITTSBURGH

THE SERVANT OF GOD

EMMANUEL MAGINAS

WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE HOLY DIACONATE



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

Orthros 8:15 AM

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
419 South Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15213

Your presence and prayers are requested.

Ordination RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/1iM4VH1gAjMweLrq7>

Please save the dates for Autumn Food Fair cooking:

- Chicken rolls, Tuesday, September 12, 10am-4pm
- Koulourakia, Wednesday, September 20, 10am-Finish (4pm?)
- Meatballs and grape leaves, Wednesday, September 27, 2pm-7pm, NOTE afternoon start time.

Thank you for your time and talents!

Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net, Co-chair of the Autumn Food Fair
with Domenica Gulli, meranteboys@comcast.net

The 9th Annual Holy Cross Memorial Golf Outing

Monday October 2nd 2023
South Hills Country Club

Golf, Dinner,
Fun, and Fellowship



Register Now!

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