

The *Summer Gala* was a wonderful event as attested to by all those who attended!

As promised, we wish to update you with its results and 'where we are' for our anticipated next phase---the improvements and renovation of the areas in our front Entryway, including the right side area around the 'Cross garden', and the Garden of Love.

Access improvement has become a focus---with the anticipated changes to hardscape areas---curbs being redone, driving areas widened at the 'pinch points', the addition of sidewalks, and the repaving of the turn around and reception areas at our entry.

Since doing all of this at the same time makes economic sense, and causes the disruption to be consolidated, it is imperative that our Fundraising efforts continue to reach a dollar amount to commit to this entire area.

Summarizing our fundraising efforts and results to date:

MATCHING PLEDGES --TOTAL PLEDGED-\$102,000) ACTUALLY REC'D ...	\$77,050
PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS REC'D THUS FAR.....	\$28,500
NET FUNDS FROM SUMMER GALA.....	\$26,800
MEMORIAL DONATIONS.....	\$722
TOTAL CASH ON HAND/REC'D.....	\$133,072

In order to advance our project, and in fairness to those who committed dollars to match and incentivize our Parishioners to donate, we heartily ask for your generosity to match theirs!

Please consider this in your year end giving, and look for more details on the revised plans and drawings of our entryway! We think you will love the ideas! Just receiving the additional \$73,000 (to match the total of \$102,000 from those matching families) from the parish frees up that additional \$73,000 from our matching donors! (for an additional total of \$146,000 to project)



**Renewing You:
Renewing Our Faith
Renewing Our Mind
Renewing Our Purpose**

Suggested Donation: \$25 per person (includes Continental Breakfast and Light Lunch)

Saturday, October 7, 2023
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
300 S. Fourth Street
Steubenville, OH

To reserve your spot and purchase tickets please contact the church office at 740.282.9835. Deadline is September 30th.

**RETREAT WITH
REV. DR. NICHOLAS G.
LOUH**

Fr. Nicholas is the senior priest of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church in Florida, Adjunct Professor of World Religions at the Florida State College (Jacksonville).

Co-hosts with his wife Dr. Roxanne Louh a live weekly call-in radio show at ancientfaith.com
Co-Author with his wife of *Renewing You*, a book to give you the keys to fully experience the transformation God has in mind for you, combining spiritual growth with psychological tools.



**The GOLF OUTING is only
three weeks away!
Register NOW: Use forms in
the narthex or register online.**

SAVE THE DATE

THE 9TH ANNUAL
**Holy Cross
Greek Orthodox Church
Memorial
Golf Outing**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

DETAILS COMING SOON



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✠ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18 Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel According to John 3:13-17 The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Coffee hour is sponsored today by Steve Gallo in loving memory of his son Zachary.

Memorials: † Zachary Gallo 3 years
† Regina Spanos 4 years
† Jim (Dimitri) Spanos 5 years

Today:



THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 11 6:30pm Paracletus
Tuesday, September 12 10am-4pm Autumn Food Fair Prep: Chicken Rolls
Wednesday, September 13 EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
7pm Feast Day Vespers *reception to follow*
Thursday, September 14 EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
Feast Day Luncheon
Friday, September 15
Saturday, September 16 5pm Vespers with responses sung by St. Tikhon Mission Choir →
reception to follow

Please join us THIS Tuesday, September 12, anytime from 10am-4pm, as our delicious chicken rolls will be prepared for the Autumn food Fair. Lunch will be provided.

Please join us for a complimentary Philoptochos sponsored fasting **Feast Day Luncheon** THIS Thursday, September 14 after Divine Liturgy. We kindly ask Holy Cross members, if possible, to donate a fasting dessert or fruit to share with others. Please bring your dessert donations to the prep room prior or during liturgy on September 14. Thank you for your dessert donations.

Koulourakia will be prepared and packaged on Wednesday, September 20, 10am- 4pm or Finish. Lunch will be provided.

Meatballs and grape leaves will be prepared on Wednesday, September 27, 2-7pm or longer. NOTE afternoon start time. Great for those who work during the day. Pizza dinner will be provided.

Please contact Dena Yamalis, dyamalis@comcast.net or cell 412 589-2646 to donate your delicious pastries for the Autumn Food Fair, October 4 & 5, so that our pastry table is bountiful with your tasty pastries.

Your jewelry, book and handbag donations will be accepted starting Sunday, September 17 on the carpeted area of the community center. Thank you for your donations.

Elaine Sofis is in need of volunteers for the food lines on October 4 & 5 for lunch, 11am-3pm and dinner, 3pm-7pm. See contact below.

Help is needed to prepare gyros. Please contact Ria Manganas, cell, 813 390-5948 to volunteer anytime from 11am-7:00pm on October 4 & 5.

Set up for the Autumn Food Fair is Sunday, October 1 after Divine Liturgy, October 2 & 3, 10am-2pm. Clean up begins at the conclusion of the fair on October 5 at 7pm and continues at 10am on Friday, October 6 in the prep room and community center.

Thank you for your time and talents! Elaine Sofis, Co-Chair, esofis@comcast.net

THE SAINT TIKHON CHOIR

WILL BE SINGING RESPONSES DURING
VESPERS THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 5PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

DCN. GREG AND DKNA. KRISTA (GALIE) FEDORCHAK WILL BE VISITING AS WELL.

St. Tikhon's Mission Choir is a choral group from St. Tikhon's dedicated to God through the Church's primary evangelistic and teaching tool: Her Liturgical worship; the Mission Choir strives to bring life, invigoration, and inspiration to the parishes which are visited throughout the year.



Autumn Food Fair yard signs are still available in the vestibule, community center and the lower community center door area.

The Neighborhood Resilience contact for Holy Cross is being transitioned to Ponny Jahn (412.737.5528) and her daughter Sofia.

Thank you for your participation, donations and generosity.
~Kathy Pyros

In TWO weeks: Sunday, September 24, 2023

**Walk for Missions Coffee Hour
Guatemala on Fire for the Faith!**

HOT SAUCE CONTEST

\$5 Registration Fee

Silent Auction with Steeler tickets, gift cards, floral arrangement & theatre tickets

In FOUR weeks: Sunday, October 8, 2023

**Walk For Missions 30th Anniversary Walk
STARTING AT THE ETHELBERG PAVILLION IN SOUTH PARK
Forms in the narthex**