

The *Landscape Committee*

has exciting news on our next project! We will entirely focus on the front of the church with the following project phases:

1. Garden of Love
2. Cross Garden
3. Entry Court Paving (this will turn into a 'Platia' = Entry Plaza with decorative patterned paving)
4. Entry Drive Curbs
5. Hillside Steps & Wall
6. Parking Lot (this will be a large project to be initiated at a later stage)

These updated projects will have significant new elements and features enhancing the functionality and use of our Holy Cross entry:


- most importantly, a separate sidewalk that creates better access for people with disabilities leading from the handicapped parking spaces to the church entry
- a Platia rendering the front into a more appropriate space for our processions, particularly during Holy Week and Easter, for weddings and other events
- options for memorial pavers
- an improved Cross Garden

We at the Committee would love your comments and feedback for these new developments & designs. Please use HCLAsuggestions@gmail.com

Last year, after we kicked off our Matching Donor Fundraiser, we quickly obtained the commitment of 23 matching donors totaling \$102,000. We now have more than \$100,000 paid into the campaign and due to the success of our Summer Garden Gala we have over \$130,000 in our bank account for our new project phases.

Due to the Matching nature of our Fundraiser, not all the funds are free to spend unless we can raise another \$70,000 from the Holy Cross community at large. To put these requested donations of \$70,000 in perspective; the total is not even half of what our Holy Cross community has been able to contribute in past years above and beyond our gracious stewardship donations.

We are confident that our parish will step forward and complete our matching fundraiser campaign before we embark on our next exciting project-finishing the iconography in our sanctuary!




**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

**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.



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

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✠ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15 Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel According to Luke 5:1-11 At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

TODAY: Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

HOT SAUCE CONTEST

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



In TWO weeks: Sunday, October 8, 2023
Walk For Missions 30th Anniversary Walk
STARTING AT THE ETHELBERT PAVILLION IN SOUTH PARK
Forms in the narthex

Memorials:
+George Karavias 40 days
+Dimitri (Jim) Callas 1 year
+Agni (Agnes) Chryssanthopoulos 1 year
+Rick Epaminondas Sofis 16 years

THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 25 6:30pm Paracletes
Tuesday, September 26 Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian
 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, September 27 1-7pm Food Fair Prep: Meatballs and Grape Leaves
 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL
Thursday, September 28
Friday, September 29
Saturday, September 30 } METROPOLIS CLERGY/LAITY IN READING, PA
 No Vespers

HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
presents the 9th annual

**MEMORIAL
GOLF OUTING**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

South Hills Country Club
4305 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

ORDER OF EVENTS

- 10 AM: Registration
- 10:30 AM: Sit-down lunch
- 12 PM: Shotgun start
- 5-6 PM: Cocktail reception (cash bar)
- 6 PM: Dinner/silent auction

The Golf Outing is almost a sell out! We will not be able to take any reservations past Sunday at coffee hour. Thank you to all for your generosity and your support. We are grateful and are looking forward to welcoming everyone to a very special event on Monday, October 2. In Christ,
The Golf Outing Committee

Thank you to ALL who helped to prepare 646 chicken rolls on September 12. Thank you to ALL who helped to prepare about 2200 koulourakia on September 20. About 200 koulourakia will be shared with Circle of Angel volunteers for distribution during their much loved visits. Please look for an article about the Autumn Food Fair in this Thursday, September 28 edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Please join us on Wednesday, September 27, 1-7pm, NOTE NEW start time, as 1,000 meatballs and 2500 grape leaves will be prepared. Meatball prep will begin at 1pm, grape leaves prep will begin at 2pm. Great opportunity 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 are being accepted NOW on the carpeted area of the community center. Thank you for your donations.

Please contact Pauline Kitchen cell, 412 491-2365 to help in setting up and tearing down the Yiayia Joan's Treasures and Market. Pauline needs volunteers!

Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net, or cell 412 327-7017 is in need of volunteers for the food lines on October 4 & 5 for lunch, 11am-3pm and dinner, 3pm-7pm. ANY of your time is appreciated!

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

Set up for the Autumn Food Fair is NEXT Sunday, October 1 after coffee hour, 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 and Domenica Gulli, Co-Chairs

**PHILOPTOCHOS
AUTUMN FOOD FAIR**

and
YiaYia Joan's Treasures & Market
at
HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Community Center
123 Gilkeson Road, Mt. Lebanon
(across from the Galleria)
**Wednesday, October 4 &
Thursday, October 5, 2023**
11:30 am - 7:00 pm

Featuring GREEK favorites including Moussaka, Tiropita, Spanakopita, Pastitsio, Gyros, Chicken Rolls, rice pudding, soups and much more!
Bake Sale featuring delicious Greek pastries, pies, cakes, cookies and a variety of breads.
Inside seating...so come rain or shine! Elevator available!!

NO PHONE OR ONLINE ORDERING
All proceeds benefit the philanthropic efforts of the Holy Cross Ladies Philoptochos Society.
Cash or Credit Cards accepted