

# Blood Drive



Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church  
Blood Drive In Memory of  
Kathy Frommeyer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16  
8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

OLD SOCIAL HALL

To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Go to [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and search with Account Code **10055301** or by zip code.
- Call 1-877-25VITAL.
- Or scan this code for a list of all available times:



APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

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GREEK-AMERICAN PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
ΕΛΛΗΝΟΑΜΕΡΙΚΑΝΙΚΟΣ ΠΡΟΟΔΕΥΤΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ  
Celebrating 100 Years | 1923-2023

You are cordially invited to join G.A.P.A. for an evening of fellowship and memories at our

## Centennial Gala

Celebrating 100 years of brotherhood,  
philanthropy, and service to the  
Greek-American community & beyond!

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres: 6:00 PM | Dinner: 7:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel Pittsburgh South

164 Fort Couch Road | Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Live music by the fabulous Stigma Band

Dinner & Dance - \$85 | Dance Only - \$25 (6:00 PM)

For reservations, please contact Joanne Melacrinou at (412) 400-4607 or

Helen Valsamidis at (724) 777-5155 no later than Saturday, 11/23/2023.

## Holiday Family Greek Night

Come join your parea for an evening of music, dancing, and fun!

Friday, December 29th  
7 pm - Midnight  
Holy Cross Community Center



\$250 for a table of 8  
(Comes with 2 mezze platters)

\$25 for individual tickets

Cash Bar  
Greek Cookie Table  
Music by The Greek Company

Order your tickets online:  
<https://bit.ly/GreekNight2023>



All proceeds benefit Holy Cross Philoptochos

\* Cash & Check purchases will be made available during upcoming December Coffee Hours and at the event.

\* We need volunteers! Contact Vasso at [vassopaliouras@gmail.com](mailto:vassopaliouras@gmail.com) if you can bartend, sell tickets at the door, set up &/or tear down.

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Dn. Frank Dickos  
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✘ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 ✘

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22 Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel According to Luke 12:16-21 The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

"SING PRAISES TO OUR GOD,  
SING PRAISES"

THE ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
is Back!



FEATURING: THE PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR  
OF GREATER PITTSBURGH, UNDER THE  
DIRECTION OF FR. THOMAS SOROKA


AND  
CHOIRS FROM MULTIPLE ORTHODOX  
JURISDICTIONS

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 4 pm

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church  
2110 Haymaker Road, Monroeville


SPONSORED BY: THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH  
Fellowship following the concert Freewill offering to benefit various Orthodox Charities

Altar candles are sponsored in loving memory of † Stacey Theodore Metrose from wife Anastasia (Stacie) Metrose.

Coffee Hour is sponsored by George Yamalis with Aetna Medicare Solutions. 

- Memorials † Irimi Thanousi (sister of Aliko Andrews passed away in Samos, Greece 2 weeks ago)
- † Payonitsa "Nitsa" Hages 2 years
- † Alexander Hages 10 years
- † Efstathios "Stacey" Theodore Metrose 23 years

**THIS WEEK:**

- Monday, November 20 **6:30pm Paraclesis**
- Tuesday, November 21 **Entrance of Theotokos 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**
- Wednesday, November 22 **4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL**  
6:45 GOYA Basketball  
7PM BIBLE STUDY
- Thursday, November 23 **Thanksgiving 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**
- Friday, November 24
- Saturday, November 25 **Great Martyr Catherine 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy**  
**5pm Vespers** 

Thank you to everyone who placed orders for **SPANAKOPITA!** All pans have been sold. Pre-order pick ups are available in the community center today *after* liturgy. *Thank you for your support of our Holy Cross Philoptochos!*

**Attention High School Seniors and Parents!** The application for the Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross Church is now available in the Narthex, from Elaine Sofis, [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net) or Denise Melis, [dmelis@comcast.net](mailto:dmelis@comcast.net) electronically. The application is due by Sunday, March 17, 2024. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The award is available to a 2024 PLEDGED Holy Cross family member who is a 2024 graduating high school senior. A similar application is available at Mt. Lebanon High School. You may apply to both philanthropy awards, but will only be eligible for one \$1,500 award.

Dear Holy Cross Family,  
**A big thank you to all who contributed to our Neighborhood Resilience Project Warm Winter Clothing Drive!**

*The Drive is now closed - please save your donations at home for another opportunity.*

It was extremely successful and our community donated at least 40 heavy bags and boxes filled with winter clothing.

Ponny Jahn and Sofia Jahn



Dear Holy Cross Family,  
**The 2023 Christmas Angel Project for Neighborhood Resilience is just about to start!** Angel gift requests will be available in the narthex Sunday, November 19th and Sunday, November 26th. If you are unable to pick up the gift requests one of those days, call or email Grace Myers at 412-742-1285 or [grace.m.myers@gmail.com](mailto:grace.m.myers@gmail.com), and she will be able to provide you with the gift requests.



**Please return gifts wrapped and with tags attached on either Sunday, November 26th or Sunday, December 3rd.**  
Thank you in advance for your generosity!  
~Ponny and Sofia Jahn

You are invited



**Coffee & Conversations**  
Presented by 

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**  
We will meet after church in the community center

Medicare is complicated - we make it easy to understand.

Alex Pihakis will assist you to make sure you are in the correct Medicare plan that fits your needs. Whether its for you or a loved one, we are here to help make sure you have the right coverage.

This event is presented thanks to the support of George Yamalis, Community Manager of Aetna Medicare.

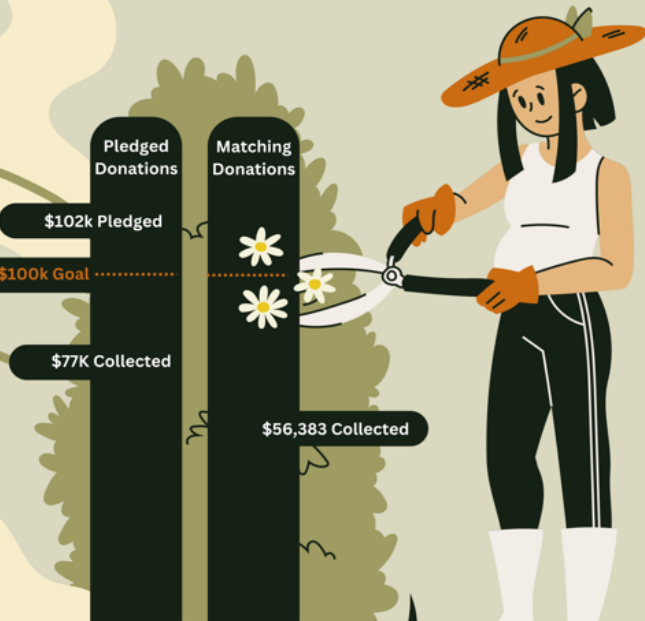


**Have a Ball at the Cathedral**  
*(a good old fashioned Γλέντι/ Glendi/Greek Dance!)*  
**Saturday, November 25, 2023**  
8:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight  
Music by "Ta Filarakia"  
\$40.00 for Adults/\$20.00 for Under Age 18  
Ticket Price Includes:  
**Mezedes (Heavy Appetizers) and Dance and Cash Bar**  
For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact:  
**St. Nicholas Cathedral 412-682-3866**  
[church@stnickspgh.org](mailto:church@stnickspgh.org)  
419 South Dithridge Street (Oakland) Pittsburgh, PA 15213



**HOLY CROSS GOYA FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
DECEMBER 1ST AT 6:36 PM  
HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY CTR

**LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MATCHING FUNDRAISER**



**Pledged Donations** | **Matching Donations**

- \$102k Pledged
- \$100k Goal
- \$77k Collected
- \$56,383 Collected

**IT CAN'T BE COMPLETED WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!**

**2023 Holy Cross Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 24  
Immediately following Liturgy in the Sanctuary



Rehearsal: Sunday, December 17 during Sunday School  
We encourage all Sunday School-age children (pre-K through 12th grade) to participate and if possible to attend the rehearsal.

Please contact Elias Diamond, [ediamondhcgph@gmail.com](mailto:ediamondhcgph@gmail.com), to let us know if your child/children can participate. Thank you!