

"SING PRAISES TO OUR GOD,
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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

Light From the Church on the Hill
A Metropolitan Theodosios Memorial Lecture

DISCOVERING THE MYSTERY OF

ATONEMENT IN THE STORIES OF CS LEWIS

Starting with Lewis's Narnia
Chronicles, Dr. Humphrey will
explore the variety of images
and story lines that he
employs to draw us
into the mystery
of the
atonement.



St John the Baptist Orthodox Church
601 Boone Ave, Canonsburg, PA

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Theological Seminary, and a member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, McKees Rocks. She is
a native of Canada and taught at several Canadian universities before moving to Pittsburgh in
2002. Married to her husband Chris for 48 years, and an Orthodox convert since 2009, she is a
mother of three married children. She is the author of numerous articles and eleven books.

6pm Vespers 7pm Lecture
frunner.org



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
if you can bartend, sell tickets at the door, set up &/or tear down.

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✠ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Gospel According to Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

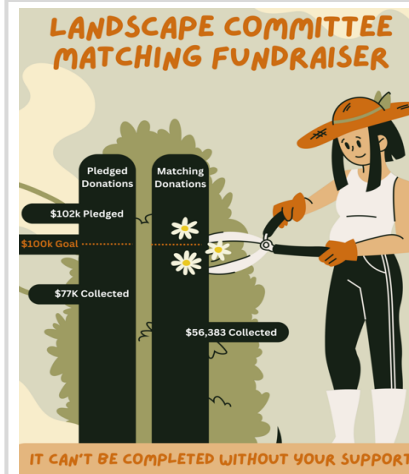
Memorials: +Daniel Cecchini 40 days
 +James Sappas 40 days
 +Constance Carahalidis 1 year
 +Helen Sofis 23 years
 +Bill Sofis 40 years

The nuns from the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery Saxonburg will be joining us TODAY at coffee hour with their beautiful display of gifts to purchase for holiday giving.

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Archons today. 

THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 4 6:30pm Paraclesis
 Tuesday, December 5 St. Savas the Sanctified @Metropolis in Shadyside 9am Matins/10am Divine Liturgy
 7pm Vespers @ St. Nicholas Cathedral
 Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas @Cathedral of St. Nicholas 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL
 6:45 GOYA Basketball
 7PM BIBLE STUDY
 Thursday, December 7 Community Night 6pm Vespers/6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm Video of St. Nektarios
 Friday, December 8
 Saturday, December 9 5pm Vespers
 6:15pm YAL Movie Night "Man of God"



Plans are underway to transform our Holy Cross Church entrance this summer and we need your help to close out our matching campaign. Every dollar is matched by our pledging donors so \$100 is \$200, \$500 is \$1,000 and \$1,000 is \$2,000! Each dollar takes us closer to our goal of \$100,000 and we only have \$42,000 left to collect. Please consider donating to the campaign to beautify our Church entry gardens in your year end giving and thanks to all who have supported it so far!

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, ediamondhpcgh@gmail.com, to let us know if your child/children can participate. Thank you!



 Coffee Hour hosted by Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Holy Cross Parish

Artoklasia in honor of the Ecumenical Patriarch and Archons of Holy Cross

Trisagion in memory of deceased Archons of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh.

 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

 PLEASE pre-schedule your appointment!

To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Go to 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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As we come to the conclusion of 2023, we are given the gift of our Lord's birth. Our Lord's coming in the flesh is the single most important event in human history. The Lord begins His earthly presence in the midst of great turmoil in the world around Him. Christ comes to bring His peace, forgiveness, restoration, and ultimately salvation to all of us. Our beloved Church has been bearing witness to this reality for over 2000 years. We continue to be a part of God's plan of salvation of and for the world. How blessed we are to be able to carry out this mission at Holy Cross for now sixty nine years.

This year of 2023 has been a blessing in many ways at Holy Cross. Many projects and improvements have been completed. Your generosity and stewardship have propelled us forward to a budget that is approximately \$1.1 million dollars. These funds are not taken for granted nor are we presumptuous to think that we do not have to be accountable for every dollar that we receive.

We are always striving to cover 100% of our expenses through our personal stewardship. We have made tremendous strides towards this goal. We are 65% of the way there. We continue to ask for your support and your consideration of helping us achieve that last 35%.

Our Food Festivals and our Golf Outings have been very successful these past two years. However, most of these monies raised are used to cover the shortfall that our stewardship does not cover. We would very much like to designate a percentage of our profits (ideally 50% initially) from these fund raising efforts toward outreach. In order to do this, we must increase our stewardship. This challenge is first and foremost a spiritual matter. Once we have settled the matter in our hearts regarding the priorities the Lord has blessed us with, the rest becomes academic.

We pray that our Lord who came in the flesh and gave us the greatest gift of all, Himself, will open our hearts and minds to the understanding of His will for our lives and for the mission of His Holy Church.

We are grateful for your end of the year fulfillment of the 2023 pledge and as the Parish Council is preparing the budget for 2024, please make every effort to return your pledge cards as soon as possible.

May God grant us many blessings in the new (civil) year!