

House Blessings

Every year, on the Feast of Epiphany, Orthodox Christians around the world have a blessing of the waters to celebrate the Baptism of Christ as well as the revealing of the Holy Trinity to mankind. We then received the blessing of this Holy Water to renew ourselves in Christ and to remind ourselves that through Christ all things are again made clean. We also extend that blessing to the homes in which we live, to wipe away temptations and attacks that might lead us away from Christ.

If you wish to have Fr. Michael come and bless your home, please complete this form and return it to the Church office at your earliest convenience. Please **PRINT** clearly.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please suggest THREE (3) dates and times for your house blessing
(You will receive a call confirming date and time of blessing.)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Please prepare the following, to the best of your abilities, for the blessing:

- 1) Make an effort to have the entire family present.
- 2) Set out an Icon in a central area of the house where the prayer service will begin.
- 3) Write two lists of names, one of the living and one of the departed family members for whom you would like the Priest to pray during the house blessing.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out and return this form, either in the basket in the narthex or to:

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✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11 Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel According to Luke 17:12-19 At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Memorials: †Emmanuel Moissakis 40 days
 †George Thiros 40 days
 †George Vassilaros 5 years

Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of †George Thiros by his family, on what would have been his 90th birthday today.

Coffee hour is sponsored by the Moissakis and Vassilaros families.



GOYA Soup Sale TODAY at coffee hour.
 Please support our youth!

REMINDER: **General Assembly**, NEXT Sunday, January 28 following a light lunch provided by Parish Council.

GOLDEN CLUB: VALENTINE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON: Please join us in the Community Center on Tuesday, February 13th, beginning at 11 a.m. for fellowship, food and a presentation by our guest speaker, Mr. Todd DePastino, Executive Director of the Veterans Breakfast Club. Todd will present, "Vietnam: Then and Now." He will discuss the history of Vietnam through his travels with the Veterans Club members. In 2018 and 2020, the group retraced the footsteps of the veterans who'd served in country a half century earlier and took in Vietnam's history and natural beauty. Todd will share what he and the veterans learned on the trips and what it was like for our veterans to meet their former battlefield enemies.

We will be collecting dues of \$10/person for the year 2024. If paying by check, please make checks payable to **GOLDEN CLUB OF HOLY CROSS**. We welcome all of our current Golden Club members and encourage all members of Holy Cross age 50+ to join the group! We will be serving pizza that day and ask that you please **RSVP by Wednesday, February 7th**, so we can plan ahead for our lunch. Please text or call Rene at 412-559-1721 or Cynthia at 412-722-9512. We look forward to seeing you that day!



THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 22	6:30pm Paraclesis
Tuesday, January 23	
Wednesday, January 24	4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 6:45 GOYA Basketball 7PM BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, January 25	St. Gregory the Theologian 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 26	
Saturday, January 27	5pm Vespers 6:30pm JOY Bowling

When?

Starts January 21st, donations will be accepted until February 9th.



Questions?

Ponny Jahn - call/text @ 412-737-5528
 Sofia Jahn - text @ 412-518-9206

B.U.S. Clothing Drive!

(B - belts, U - underwear, S - socks)

Holy Cross is having a clothing drive for Neighborhood Resilience Project!
 Please only donate **BRAND NEW** underwear/socks. Box/bag all donations tightly and leave them by the church office so that we are able to transport them down easily and efficiently!