



Volunteer Sunday 2024

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”

Mark 10:45

Dear Beloved in Christ,

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America has blessed the last Sunday of January as Volunteer Sunday, raising awareness about a new Agency of the Assembly, [Orthodox Volunteer Corps](#) (OVC). As the Episcopal Liaison to OVC, I invite you to join me in observing January 28 as Volunteer Sunday.

In the Gospel of Mark, Christ calls his disciples to an unexpected form of greatness—service.

You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Just as Christ called his first disciples to service, so he calls his followers today. Orthodox Volunteer Corps seeks to embody this call by providing a yearlong, domestic immersive service program for young adults (21-29 years old) combined with Orthodox formation, community living, and engagement with local parishes. OVC began programming in Pittsburgh in 2022 with 6 Corps Members, grew to 30 participants in 2023, and will expand to Boston in 2024. Corps Members serve alongside our most vulnerable neighbors—at homeless shelters, after-school programs, free medical clinics, and more.

Please join me in reminding the faithful of our call to serve and in raising awareness at our parishes of this new ministry of service, Orthodox Volunteer Corps.

In Christ,


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✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10 At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Altar flowers are sponsored in honor of Sophia Milinkovic on her birthday from her Nouna.

Memorials: †Gustav Lundberg 40 days
†Stamatis "Tom" Eleftheriou 2 years
†Despina Yalannis 4 years
†Mary Ellen Usher 25 years
†George Venizelos Yamalis 40 years

General Assembly Meeting, TODAY following a light lunch provided by Parish Council.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 29

6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, January 30

Three Hierarchs 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
7pm Sts. Mary & Martha

Wednesday, January 31

4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL
6:45 GOYA Basketball
7PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 1

6:30pm Great Vespers @ YPAPANTI

Friday, February 2

Meeting of the Lord @ YPAPANTI
8:45am Orthros/10am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 3

NO Vespers

GOYA BB
N. ROYALTON, OH
FRI/SAT/SUN

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!

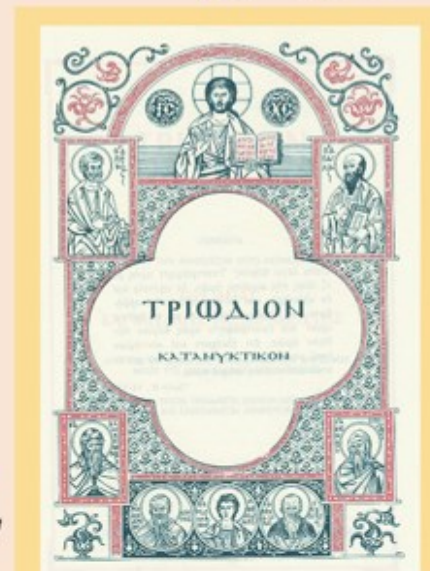
Please only donate **BRAND NEW** underwear/socks. Box/bag all donations tightly and leave them by the church office so that we are able to transport them down easily and efficiently!

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!



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