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✂ SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 ✂ FORGIVENESS SUNDAY ✂ CHEESE FARE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Gospel According to Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Alfaras-Melainis Family.
TODAY: Junior and Senior dance group meetings during coffee hour.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 18

Clean Monday ~ Lent begins
6:30pm Great Compline

Tuesday, March 19

11am Golden Club Lenten Covered Dish
7pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

4 30PM GREEK SCHOOL
6pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 21

9am Presanctified Liturgy
6:30pm Salutations

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
5pm Vespers & Confessions



THE GREEK NATIONALITY ROOM & THE AMERICAN HELLENIC FOUNDATION OF WESTERN PA
PRESENT

GREEK INDEPENDENCE WEEK 2024
200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE "GREEK QUESTION"
MARCH 23 AND MARCH 30, 2024

"The Greek Question" remains one of the little-known matters of American history that was both consequence of, and fuel for, America's growing support for the Greek Revolution. Congressional documents and underlying evidence is scant. Until now.

This year, we unveil some of the documents. Most importantly, we bring to light the actual Congressional Session on the matter, with a *re-enactment* by students of the Quo Vadis program at the University of Pittsburgh.

PROGRAM DETAILS AT:

[HTTPS://PAHELLENICFOUNDATION.ORG/MARCH2024](https://pahellenicfoundation.org/march2024)

The Greek School

cordially invites you to join us in celebrating the
Annunciation of the Theotokos and the
Greek Independence of 1821 from Turkish enslavement
on Sunday, March 24th

HAPPY GREEK
INDEPENDENCE DAY!



The luncheon and program will be in the Community Center immediately
following the Divine Liturgy. Hope to see you all there!!!

CELEBRATE ORTHODOXY!



THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH INVITES YOU TO THE PITTSBURGH AREA

GREAT VESPERS OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND PAN-ORTHODOX SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 4:30 PM
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Celebrant and Homilist: His Grace Bishop Andrei of Cleveland
Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America
Featuring the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh

Great Vespers will be followed by fellowship and Lenten refreshments.

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Please contact
the church office
to sponsor a coffee hour.

More information can be
found on our website:

[https://
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SENIOR GREEK DANCE GROUP

YOU ARE INVITED! ELATE MAZI MAS!



We are starting a new chapter here at Holy Cross by assembling a senior dance group (GOYA age through young adults) and are looking for YOU to join our dance parea! If you are excited about your cultural roots, want to embrace them, master the art of Greek dance, and share that with others around you, please contact us! Our short term-goal is to perform as usual at our church festival and our long-term goal is to expand outward and continue to grow as a group. The sky is the limit if we get the commitment!

First Meet & Greet:

When: Sunday, March 17th during coffee hour

Where: Community Center

Please Bring: Shoes you can dance in, and an appetite- Chipotle will be provided 😊

RSVP to: Rachel Facaros (330) 323-6298 or Sarah Zadrozny (412) 926-3562

JUNIOR GREEK DANCE GROUP

YOU ARE INVITED! ELATE MAZI MAS!



We are starting our Junior dance group practices again for the new season. We are also looking for any other families who have children ages 4-11 that are interested in joining our dance group! If you and your family are excited about your cultural roots and want your children to embrace them by mastering the art of Greek dance, please contact us and join our first meeting!

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Where: Community Center

Please Bring: Shoes you can dance in, and an appetite- Chipotle will be provided 😊

RSVP to: Maria Tripodes (412) 855-9466 or Marina Bouzos (412) 736-7455

Reminder

Philoptochos Membership is open until 3/31!

Use your camera phone & scan the
QR code below to register or make a
check payable to Holy Cross
Philoptochos & include "dues" &
email address in the memo.

Questions? Email
holycrosswomen@gmail.com



Attention
High School
Seniors and
Parents!
A reminder
that the
application for
the
Popi Hagelios
Memorial
Philanthropy
Award of the
Philoptochos
Society of
Holy Cross
Church is due
TODAY
March 17th.