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✠ **SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024** ✠ **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel According to 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

**Altar Flowers are sponsored in loving memory of +Liberty Pyros by Kyrk, Kathy and Athena Pyros.
Coffee Hour is sponsored by Philoptochos.**

THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 8 6:30pm Great Compline
Tuesday, April 9
Wednesday, April 10 4:30pm GREEK SCHOOL
6pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, April 11 10am-6pm Pastitsio making
4-8PM VISITATION @ BEINHAEUER FOR +MARY MASTERSON
7PM TRISAIGION
7pm Catechetical Class with Elias in person and via Zoom
Friday, April 12 9am Presanctified Liturgy
11AM VISITATION @ HOLY CROSS FOR +MARY MASTERSON
NOON FUNERAL WITH BURIAL @ JEFFERSON CEMETERY
6:30pm Salutations IV
Saturday, April 13 10am-?? Pastitsio making
11:30am IOCC Health Kit Assembly
4pm Catechetical Class
5pm Vespers & Confessions

Pastitsio making for festival

Thursday, April 11 from 10am to 6pm
Saturday, April 13 from 10am to ?? (as needed)
Text or call Rita Manganas
813.390.5948

PASCHA BREAD MAKING AND SALES

Please join us on Thursday, April 18 for Pascha Bread Making and Sales! Rolling and Twisting begins at 10am, egg washing about 11:30am, wrapping of bread at 2:15 and SALES from 2:30-5pm. Lunch will be provided. ANY of your times is appreciated. The 1.5lb, \$12 loaf, plain or with sesame seeds, will be sold on baking day, April 18 and on Sunday, April 21 after Divine Liturgy! Cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net or Home, 412 344-7046

Circle of Angels requests for Pascha Outreach koulourakia, paximadia, cookies and candy. NO Nuts or powdered sugar! We will be assembling the baskets Wednesday, April 24th at 2:00 PM in the community center kitchen. Please take your goodies to Nena in the church office by Wed. April 24th. Thank you for your generosity. Carol, Christine and Dina

There are a **limited** number of frozen pans of **spanakopita** (made just this week) for purchase immediately after liturgy in the community center. These come ready to bake in a disposable 9" x 13" foil pan (16 pieces/pan) and include baking instructions. Cash or checks payable to "Holy Cross Ladies Philoptochos" in the amount of \$35.00. If you would like to order in advance, please contact Katina Galie at kagalie@comcast.net or call 412-951-8383, but don't wait too long! Thank you. Holy Cross Philoptochos

2024 Holy Week items needed*

- * Palms for Palm Sunday
- * Flowers for the Nymphios (Bridegroom) Icon
- * Seven candles, olive oil, flour & Q-Tip's for Great & Holy Wednesday
- * Three candles for procession with crucified one (Stavromeno) Great & Holy Thursday
- * Wreath for the Holy Cross on Great & Holy Thursday
- * Crown of Thorns (Stefani) for Holy Thursday
- * Purple Mums at the Foot of the Cross
- * Winding Sheet for Body of
- * Epitaphion Candles
- * Rose Petals and Lemon Leaves for First Resurrection Service and Epitaphion Services
- * Rosewater for Great & Holy Friday
- * Roses for distribution at the 3pm Good Friday Service
- * Mirafora baskets and flowers
- * Decorated Pascha Candles for the Clergy
- * Incense for Great and Holy Week
- * Olive Oil for Perpetual Light throughout Holy Week
- * Communion Wine ~ Bottle ~ Case

***Total needed is \$2500. Please donate what you would like towards these items. Names will be listed but not assigned to particular items.**

HOLY CROSS GOYA SPECIAL EVENT

MONASTERY *April* PILGRIMAGE

Join us for a Lenten pilgrimage up to one of our more local monasteries!

APRIL 20, 2024
FROM 10:00 - 2:00 PM

**NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
MONASTERY**
121 SAINT ELIAS LANE, SAXONBURG, PA

RSVP TO ELIAS: EDIAMONDHCPGH@GMAIL.COM

Holy Cross Lenten Food Drive

For the Neighborhood Resilience Project!

(Will run Monday, April 1st - Friday, April 26th)

Non-perishable foods:

- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Dry Pasta
- Canned Soups (Chunky Meat Soups)
- Canned Meats/Fish
- Oatmeal Packets/Breakfast Cereals

NO GLASS JARS. PLEASE!

Questions? Please call/text Ponny Jahn @ 412-737-5528 or text Sofia Jahn @ 412-518-9206 - thank you!



You are Invited to The Resilience Bowl



In collaboration with Troy and Theodora Polamalu, we are thrilled to announce details for **The Resilience Bowl**, our football themed fundraising event at Acrisure Stadium

Schedule of Events

- 5:00 PM: Guests Arrive**
- 5:15 PM: Opening Ceremony**
- 5:20 PM: Obstacle Course on Field Opens**
- 6:45 PM: Obstacle Course Closes**
- 7:00 PM: Celebrity Flag-Football Game Begins**
- 7:45 PM: Award Ceremony**
- 8:00 PM: End of the Night**

Questions and Answers

What is the Resilience Bowl?

- The Resilience Bowl is a one-of-a-kind fundraising event. It will feature a celebrity flag-football game, on-field obstacle courses open to general attendees, and Troy Polamalu!
- A press release with more details [is available here](#).

When and Where is the Resilience Bowl?

- The Resilience Bowl is being held on May 21st, 2024 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Acrisure Stadium. Much of the event will take place directly on the field.

How Much are Tickets?

- General attendee tickets are \$50. They include a seat with a great view of the obstacle course and the celebrity flag football game, the opportunity to run the obstacle course (registration is first come first serve), and access to food vendors.
- Tickets to the VIP Reception are \$300. They include everything a general attendee ticket includes, plus a dinner at the PNC Champions Club, a chance for photos with celebrities, complimentary swag bags, an indoor space to view the game from in case of inclement weather, and more!

How Can I Sponsor the Resilience Bowl?

- [Click here](#) to view our Sponsorship Packet
- [Click here](#) to become a sponsor
- Email Presbytera Kristina at kabernathy@neighborhoodresilience.org if you have questions!



Please contact the church office to sponsor a coffee hour. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.holycrosspgh.org/coffee-hour>

