

June 21, 2015 ~ 3rd Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-10

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel of Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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June 21, 2015 ~ Happy Father's Day

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+**Sam Vlastos** 4 years
And all deceased +fathers.

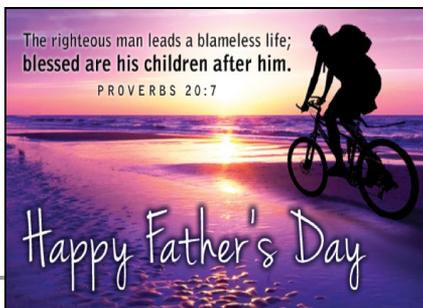
Fr. Michael is on vacation this week. In case of emergency, please call Fr. Dan Korba, leaving a message at (412) 262-4589.

Nena is also on vacation this week. You can also call the church office to leave a message. Someone will respond within a few hours.

My fellow parishioners,

I want to take a minute and thank each and every one of you for your support during our 43rd Food Festival. What we are able to accomplish for our beloved church and community is truly amazing! With your continued support, I look forward to future successful festivals. May God continue to bless us all and may we continue to be thankful.

Sincerely, Duane & Ferencz



There are no services, events, meetings or activities scheduled this week.

It is JOY Week One at Camp Nazareth.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2015



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To find out how you can be part of the Steps to Heaven walk benefitting the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery, visit www.stepstoheavenwalk.org.

For more information, contact us at info@stepstoheavenwalk.org

Philoptochos is planning a day trip to the Navity of the Theotokos Monastery on Monday, July 20. A van is being rented and car pools can be formed. We are meeting at Holy Cross on Monday, July 20 at 8:00AM. We should return by 3:00PM-3:30PM Please contact Cynthia Kostelnik at cakostelnik@yahoo.com or 412 833-9423 by July 14 to reserve a place on the van or to form a carpool. Please RSVP so that the sisters know how much food to prepare.

Please see Crossroads (extras available in narthex) or Website www.holycrosspgh.org for more information or forms for listed events/announcements.

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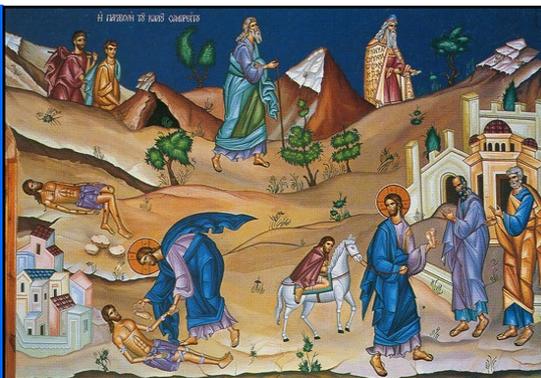
**Monday, July 27th -
Friday, July 31st**

**2015 Orthodox Christian
Vacation Church School @**

Holy Cross

This year's theme is:

Parables



Please sign up for coffee
hour online at:
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The Church - A Holy Place

When you enter the church building as the “House of Worship,” you are entering into the Great Throne Room of the “King of Kings” as His subjects and His soldiers. The “King of Kings,” Jesus Christ, is enthroned on the Holy Altar and all the angels, prophets, saints and the Most Holy Mother of God are present. His soldiers should be attentive and standing at attention. No one in the presence of the “king of Kings” would sit with his legs crossed, or his hands in his pockets, or chewing gum, or looking at his watch because to do any of these things would be disrespectful. The only proper disposition a soldier can have before his commander is that of reverence which is indicated by a bowed head, a submissive heart and prayer.

WELCOME – AND A FEW WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION...

We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today, trusting that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the ancient and native Christian communities of the biblical world, with centers in the Holy Lands, Syria, Egypt and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus and throughout the world. Like the ancient Christians, we engage the whole person, heart, mind and all senses in Divine Worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said “We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among human beings.” (*Russian Primary Chronicle*) That communion experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship. It culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life between all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for observant Orthodox Christians. This does not mean, however, that non-Orthodox are ‘excluded’ – rather, the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity when actual unity does not exist. While working to restore the full communion that did exist in antiquity, today we offer the sign of the blessed bread at the service’s conclusion as a symbolic gift of hospitality and growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or *Holy Communion*, please approach Fr. Michael or one of the clergy following services.

Thank you for joining us, and again, we welcome you all.