

**November 22, 2015 ~ Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple**

### **Apolytikion of Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos in the Fourth Tone**

Today is the prelude of God's pleasure and the proclamation of man's salvation. The Virgin is clearly made manifest in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also cry out to her with mighty voice, "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

### **Epistle Reading:**

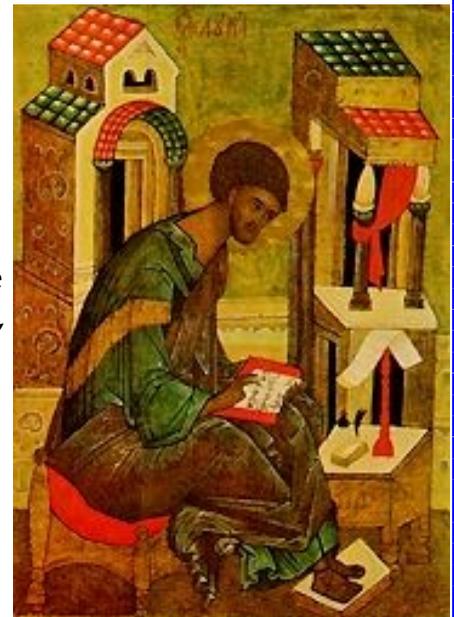
**St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7**

BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

### **Gospel Reading: 9th Sunday of Luke**

**The Gospel according to Luke 12:16-21**

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



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*Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of +Stacey Theodore Metrose  
from his wife Anastasia (Stacie) Metrose.*

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| Trisaigion | Emmanuel Skarvelis                               | 3 months |
|            | Christina (Skarvelis) and Douglas Simpson        | 1 year   |
|            | Stacey Theodore Metrose                          | 15 years |
|            | Mary Mavias                                      |          |
|            | James Thiros ( <i>father of George Thiros</i> )  | 57 years |
|            | Andrew Gerasimo ( <i>father of Tula Thiros</i> ) | 71 years |

GOYA will be selling spanakopita TODAY. There is limited quantity; \$35.00 per pan  
Popi is selling frozen tiropita, pastitsio and galatobouriko during coffee hour.

Monday 6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study

Tuesday 9:30 Crossroads mailing

Wednesday *St. Katherine:* 8:30am/9:30am ~ Matins/Divine Liturgy

Thursday *Thanksgiving:* 8:30am/9:30am ~ Matins/Divine Liturgy

Friday

Saturday

### Church School St. Nicholas Shrine Fundraiser Starts TODAY!

The Church School will be selling handmade St. Nicholas ceramic ornaments as well as felt St. Nicholas puppets. The proceeds of the sale will be given to our Philoptochos to send in with their donation to the St. Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero.

Please support the children's efforts by purchasing these special items. They will be sold during coffee hour in the carpeted area. Monetary donations will also be gladly accepted. (Please make checks payable to the Holy Cross Philoptochos with St. Nicholas Shrine written in the memo.)

Suggested donation:

St. Nicholas Ornaments - \$5.00

\*\*\* ↓ COFFEE HOUR TODAY ↓ \*\*\*

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Join Us to Honor*

**Fr. John and Pres. Sandy Chakos**

As they celebrate fifty years of marriage

A special coffee hour will be offered after Liturgy

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Holy Cross Community Center

Hosted by: Peter, Nicholas, Maria and Jennifer Chakos  
Their spouses and families



Church School Sign – up for the Pageant will be this Sunday! Save the Date – **Christmas Pageant** Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> following Liturgy



TODAY: ANNUAL **JOY** HOLIDAY GIFT MAKING SERVICE PROJECT

It is our tradition to give hand-made gifts to the people we visit when we do our JOY Christmas caroling (**December 6**, after church). On **November 22**, directly following liturgy, we meet in the Community Center for a pizza lunch followed by making the gifts. The more hands the better, so feel free to bring the whole family to help. See you there!

Dear Holy Cross Members and Friends, The Holy Cross Christmas Card deadline is looming!!...December 1<sup>st</sup>. The beautiful card is already at the printer and will be ready soon. PLEASE don't wait until the last minute. PLEASE make your commitment NOW to have your name(s) listed in the parish Christmas Card. The form and envelope have been sent to you in your November Holy Cross Crossroads bulletin, or pick one up in the narthex on your way to coffee hour today. Looking forward to hearing from all of you. With love in Christ, Carol Halkias

**Philoptochos Christmas Party** will be at the LeMont on **Tuesday, December 1**. *Members, spouses and friends of Holy Cross ALL welcome!* Call Mary Zotis for reservations by Tuesday, November 24 at (412) 835-2381

**Circle of Angels:** For our Christmas Outreach we request our parishioners to kindly donate cookies, koulourakia, candy & monetary donations. Please drop off your items no later than Dec 9th to the church office. Thank you, Carol & Christine

**Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert** at Holy Cross on Sunday, December 13 at 6PM to benefit FOCUS. Philoptochos will host a reception following the concert.

**Attention Parents of College Students:** We will be sending care packages to college students for finals this semester (late November early December). Please make sure we have addresses for college students. Contact Jonathan at the church office or email at: [mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com](mailto:mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com)

**New Year's Eve Gala**, December 31, 2015~ 8pm-2am~ Dinner ~ Live Music ~ Cash Bar ~ Champagne Toast at Midnight @ Holy Cross Community Center, 123 Gilkeson Road PGH,

2015 Philoptochos Membership: It is time once again to join or renew your membership in Philoptochos. Please fill out the form below and return to the church or Connie Carahalis, 224 Mt. Lebanon Blvd., Pgh., PA 15234

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*\*From your Philoptochos Stewardship donation, \$15 is sent to National Philoptochos and \$10 is sent to the Pittsburgh Metropolis Philoptochos. Anything over \$25 goes to Holy Cross Philoptochos*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER AND DANCING  
FOR THE 53RD

## *St. Nicholas Cathedral Ball*

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2015

AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

MUSIC BY THE FILARAKIA

DINNER & DANCE \$60  
CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE \$15  
DANCE ONLY AFTER 9 PM \$25

### DINNER CHOICES

*Sliced Tenderloin with a Mushroom Sauce*

*Grilled Salmon with a Roasted Red Pepper Sauce*

*Vegetable Strudel in Phyllo Dough with Red Pepper Cream Sauce and Rice*

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 23, 2015

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## Stewardship Notes

To date we have received 104 Pledge cards for 2016. The total 2016 pledge amount to date is \$144, 625. The average 2016 pledge is \$1,390.00.

Please submit your 2016 Pledge Card. You can submit your pledge card on-line at the church website at [www.holycrosspgh.org](http://www.holycrosspgh.org) or pick up a pledge card at the candle stands in the church narthex. We need the support of all our parishioners.

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Master, Lord our God, the Source of life and immortality, the Author of all created things both visible and invisible, who has placed all seasons and years in Your power, and directs all things with Your most wise and all-gracious providence: We thank You for Your bounties that You have poured out upon us during our life that is past, and we entreat You, O bountiful Lord! Bless the upcoming year with Your goodness: preserve your servants, our President, the congress, the civil authorities, especially our Armed Forces, and us Your unworthy servants who have gathered together in Your name: Multiply the days of our life in health unalterable, and grant us progress in all virtues. Bestow Your good things from above upon all Your people. Deliver Your Holy Church, this city, and all the cities and lands from every evil assault, and grant them peace and tranquility. Grant that we may always offer thanksgiving unto You, the Father who is from everlasting, together with Your Only Begotten Son, and Your all Holy, Good and Life-Creating Spirit, God glorified in one Essence, now and forever, AMEN.

## GAPA Christmas Dinner and Dance

Saturday, December 12, 2105  
Crown Plaza Hotel, Ft. Couch Road  
Cocktails and Appetizers ~ 6pm  
Festive Dinner Buffet w/ complimentary glass of wine ~ 7pm

Music by "The Filarakia"  
Performance by  
Grecian Odyssey Dancers

Dinner/Dance \$60 or Dance only \$15

Reservations:  
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