

Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, May 22, 2016



It had round about it five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Sunday of the Paralytic

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for the Church in the First Mode

Save, O Lord, Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the faith. And, protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday	10 am Spanakopita and Galaktobouriko preparation. 6:30 pm Paraklesis/Bible Study
Tuesday	10 am Spanakopita and Galaktobouriko preparation. 7 pm Sts. Mary and Martha Group
Wednesday	Mid-Pentecost 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Greek School
Thursday	7 pm Chant Class
Sunday	8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Greek Dance following Liturgy

Holy Cross Today

Memorials

3 Days – Nicholas Frazeskos (Thea Martin's Father)
40 Days - Peter Teris
1 Year - John Babb

Altar flowers are donated in loving memory of John Babb by Dianne, Rebecca, Peter, Andrea, Brenden, and Charlotte.

Altar Candles are donated in loving memory of John Babb by Nouna Niki Aronson.

Coffee hour is sponsored by the Teris family in loving memory of Peter Teris.

Please sign up for coffee hour. Check the calendar online: www.holycrosspgh.org, click "Events", then "Coffee Hour", then scroll down to calendar, click on date to see if someone has taken it.

Then email holycrosspit@mail.goarch.org or call the church office to request date

Epistle Reading

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42.

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight

years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay."

So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.

One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Welcome

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.

Stewardship at a Glance

As of May 5, we have received 340 pledge cards, for a total pledge amount of \$406,400.00, making the average 2016 pledge thus far \$1,195.29

About Stewardship

To be a member in good standing, it is necessary to submit a pledge card. Although pledge envelopes are mailed out to everyone, we still need you to submit your 2016 pledge. That is what stewardship is. It is making a commitment in support of our Holy Cross community. We base our budget on the pledge income and this determines what we can, and cannot do. You can pick up a pledge card in the narthex of the Church, pledge on-line at www.holycrosspgh.org or call Nena in the church office at 412-833-3355. If you have already turned in a pledge card, please try to stay current. We depend on your support.

Thank you,
Ted Sofis
Stewardship Chair

A Note from Philoptochos

Our next Philoptochos meeting will be Tuesday, June 7 at 7PM on the carpeted area of the community center. I hope that you can attend! Spanakopita and galaktobouriko will be prepared on Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24 at 10AM.

June 15-18 Food Fair food line chairpersons, prep room, runners, take-out, and pastries.

Much help is needed at the food fair food lines. Lunch time duties are 11:15 - 3:00 Dinner food line duties are 4:15 -9:00. Please contact a chairperson to donate your time. June 15, 16, 17, 18 are the dates. If you cannot commit to a full shift, please let the chairperson know what times are convenient for you, for example, 11:30-1:30PM or 6:00-9:00PM Any time is appreciated!

Wednesday, June 15 Lunch - Aliko Andrews 412 833-4596

Wednesday, June 15 Dinner- Georgia Burkhart 724 260-5052

Thursday, June 16 Lunch- Elaine Sofis 412 344-7046

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Friday, June 17 Lunch- Terpsie Katsafanas 412 831-2248

Friday, June 17 Dinner- Elaine Sofis 412 344-7046

Saturday, June 18 Lunch- Cynthia Kostelnik 412 833-9423

Saturday June 18 Dinner- Elaine Sofis 412 344-7046

Help is needed in the prep room to prepare salads, pan dolmathes, prepare gyro sauce June 15-18. Please contact Elaine Sofis at esofis@comcast.net or 412 344-7046

We are also looking for strong men and women to carry food pans from the kitchen to the food lines for lunch and dinner, June 15-June 18. Please contact Elaine Sofis 412 344-7046 to give your name.

TAKE-OUT at the food fair also needs volunteers. Take-out is Wednesday, June 15, Thursday, June 16, Friday, June 17 Hours are 11:30AM-7:00PM Please call Marsha Taylor 412 884-4863 and commit to a shift.

Pastries needs volunteers for lunch and dinner ALL Days, June 15-18, 11:30-2:30PM and 4:30-9PM. Please contact Dena Yamalis at dyamalis@comcast.net or 412 343-8355

Please volunteer. Your help is truly appreciated!

Elaine Sofis

Philoptochos President and Food Line Chairperson

Community News

Food Fair

FOOD FAIR GIFT CARDS
WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER CHURCH
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER \$10 PER CARD
BONUS PURCHASE BY \$50 AND RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$10

FOOD FAIR JUNE 15TH-18TH

ATTENTION HOLY CROSS FOOD FESTIVAL WORKERS: THE NEW T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!!
Shirts are available for pre-sale at Coffee Hour on May 22, May 30, June 5th, and June 12th
T-SHIRTS: \$15 (HC festival worker special price) , **\$20** (public price at Marketplace after June 12th) **POLO SHIRTS: \$35**

Cash, checks accepted - please make out to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Marketplace.

Any questions? Please contact Ponny Jahn at 412-737-5528

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



Spanakopita and galaktobouriko will be prepared on Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24 at 10AM. Food Fair signs are now available in the narthex and community center.

More Important Food Fair announcements are in "A Note from Philoptochos."



Vacation Church School

Vacation Church School is coming up fast! The dates of the program this year are July 25th - 29th and we have a need for teachers and volunteers to help in classes, with skits, athletics, music, arts & crafts, and snacks. If you are able and interested, please contact Jonathan McClish at 412.833.3355 or mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com

New Parish Directory

Work on an UPDATED Parish Directory with pictures has begun. Please expect a call from a committee member to verify and update information.

In addition to confirming mailing addresses and home phone numbers, we are gathering email address and cell phone numbers to have that contact information in the church database. It is your choice whether to have it published or not in the directory, but for emergency purposes, we would like to have it for the church files.

Also, while we hope all families avail themselves of this opportunity to have family photographs taken as they see fit, we would like all adult children - those over the age of 21 - to have their own entry in the directory. Please plan your time with the photographer accordingly.

We want to inform and encourage everyone to have a picture taken for the directory. Look for information in church bulletins and handouts soon in the narthex.

Thank you for your cooperation!
The Directory Committee

Save the Date

The Saints Mary and Martha Group will be meeting Tuesday May 24th at the Kallaur home. Fr. Michael will be speaking on the beatitudes "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven [, and] Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Please RSVP with Presvytera Eleni at 412.443.5873.

Graduate's Sunday – We will be celebrating those from our parish who will be graduating at the end of the 2015-2016 academic year on Sunday June 5th. If you have a Graduate in the family or know of one, please call the church office with their information.

*** All information for the Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to Jonathan McClish by 11:59 pm of the Wednesday prior for inclusion. Submit to mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com
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Deposit from Week of 5/15	
Account Name	Deposit
Pledges from 2015	
Pledges for 2016	\$7,553
Bulletin	
Candles	\$305
Donations – Unspecified	
Flowers/Communion Wine	\$65
Loose Offerings	\$147
Greek School	
Sunday Church School	
Vacation Church School	
Special Envelopes	
Holy Week Envelopes	\$200
Christmas Cards	
Baptismal Candles	
Socials/Special Projects	
Hall Deposits – Current Year	\$500
Hall Rental Income - 2016	\$650
Miscellaneous Income	
Old Oven Sale	\$1,500
Tax Return	\$72.03
Total Deposit	\$10,999.03

Mini Capital Campaign Update			
	Pledged	Received	Total
Matching Donors	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
Donations from Parishioners	\$64,745	\$65,745	\$130,490
Balance	\$10,255	\$9,255	\$19,510
Disbursements Made to Date			\$22,115
Building Fund Balance			\$139,568

Financial Snapshot based on \$2,075.33 per day operating cost				
Date	Weekly Collections	Weekly Collections Total	Estimated operational needs to following Sunday	Difference
Total through April	\$219,180.58	\$219,180.58	\$253,190.26	-\$34,009.68
5/1	\$20,278	\$239,458.58	\$267,717.57	-\$28,258.99
5/8	\$5,816	\$245,274.58	\$282,244.88	-\$36,970.30
5/15	\$10,999.03	\$265,273.61	\$296,772.19	-\$31,498.58