

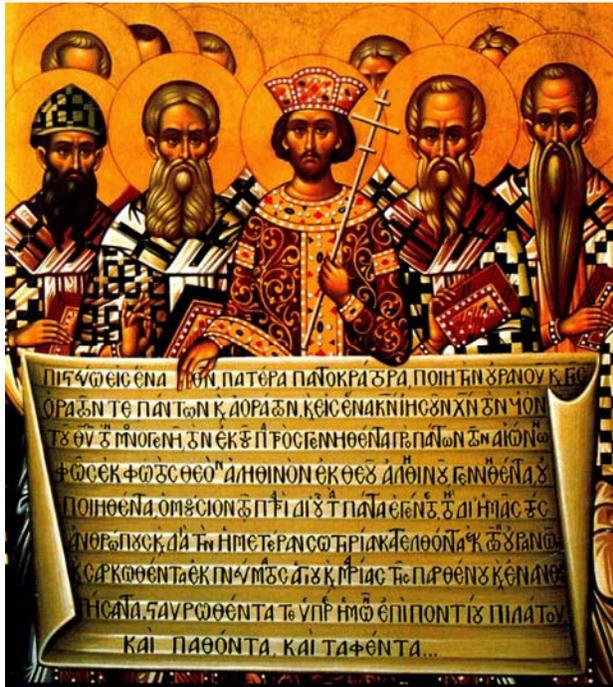
# Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

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deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia.

It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

## Fathers of the 1st Council

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria.

Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council

## Hymns of the Day

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not

tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

#### **Apolytikion for Holy Ascension in the Fourth Mode**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

#### **Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode**

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

#### **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 Second Mode**

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

#### **This Week at Holy Cross**

<b>Monday</b>	Food Festival Set-up starting at 10am 6:30 pm Paraklesis/Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	Food Festival Set-up starting at 10am
<b>Wednesday - Friday</b>	11:30 am- 9 pm Food Festival
<b>Saturday</b>	Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:30 Divine Liturgy 9:30 11:30 am- 9 pm Food Festival 5 pm Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	Pentecost 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

#### **Epistle Reading**

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36.

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

### **Gospel Reading**

The Reading is from John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

### **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 31st, we have received 348 pledge cards, for a total pledge amount of \$408,552.00, making the average 2016 pledge thus far \$1,174.

#### 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](http://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 summer break is upon us! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 30 at 7PM. I hope to see you at the food fair this week volunteering at one of the many venues! Take-out is in

desperate need of volunteers. Friday and Saturday dinner food lines need help. See below. Set-up will be Monday and Tuesday in the community center, prep room, old social hall trays, cookies, etc. Please lend a hand for a few hours.

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](mailto: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 [dynamalis@comcast.net](mailto:dynamalis@comcast.net) or 412 343-8355

Please volunteer. Your help is truly appreciated!

Elaine Sofis

Philoptochos President and Food Line Chairperson

### **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](mailto:mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com)

## **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!!**



**Set up for the Food Festival will begin today after church and will continue Monday and Tuesday starting at 10am.**

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



**New Parish Directory**

Dear Parishioners,

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.

Dates for taking pictures are:

Monday through Thursday July 18-21 4pm-9pm

Saturday July 23 All Day

Monday through Thursday August 22-25 4pm-9pm

Saturday August 26 All Day

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

### **Holy Cross Today**

Coffee hour is sponsored by the Holy Cross GOYA.

Please sign up for coffee hour. Check the calendar online: [www.holycrosspgh.org](http://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](mailto:holycrosspit@mail.goarch.org) or call the church office to request date.

\*\*\* 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](mailto:mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com)

Deposit from Week of 6/5	
Account Name	Deposit
Pledges from 2015	
Pledges for 2016	\$8,426
Bulletin	
Candles	\$549
Donations – Unspecified	
Flowers/Communion Wine	
Loose Offerings	\$57
Greek School	
Sunday Church School	
Vacation Church School	
Special Envelopes	
Holy Week Envelopes	
Christmas Cards	
Baptismal Candles	
Socials/Special Projects	
Hall Deposits – Current Year	\$300
Hall Deposits – Next Year	
Hall Rental Income - 2016	\$800
Caterers	\$1,970
Miscellaneous Income	
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$12,102</b>

<b>Mini Capital Campaign Update</b>			
	<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Matching Donors	\$75,000	\$62,000	\$13,000
Donations from Parishioners	\$75,000	\$65,745	\$9,255
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$127,745</b>	<b>\$22,255</b>
Disbursements Made to Date			\$27,516
Building Fund Balance			\$141,450

<b>Financial Snapshot based on \$2,075.33 per day operating cost</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Weekly Collections</b>	<b>Weekly Collections Total</b>	<b>Estimated operational needs to following Sunday</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Total through May</b>	\$280,468.61	\$280,468.61	\$325,826.81	-45,358.20
<b>6/5</b>	\$12,102	\$292,570.61	\$340,354.12	-\$47,783.51