

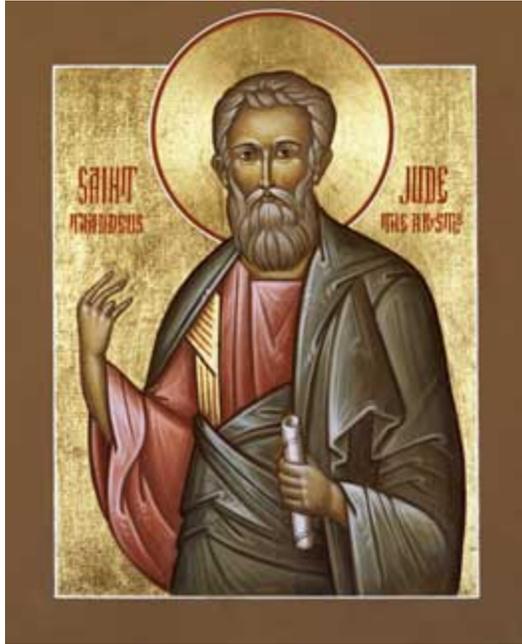
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, August 21, 2016



The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus

The Apostle Thaddaeus was from Edessa, a Jew by race. When he came to Jerusalem, he became a disciple of Christ, and after His Ascension he returned to Edessa. There he catechized and baptized Abgar (see Aug. 16). Having preached in Mesopotamia, he ended his life in martyrdom. Though some call him one of the Twelve, whom Matthew calls "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus" (Matt. 10:3), Eusebius says that he is one of the Seventy: "After [Christ's] Resurrection from the dead, and His ascent into Heaven, Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles, inspired by God, sent Thaddaeus, one of the seventy disciples of Christ, to Edessa as a preacher and evangelist of Christ's teaching" (Eccl. Hist. 1: 13).

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Dormition in the First Mode

In giving birth, thou didst preserve thy virginity; in thy dormition, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated unto life, since thou art the Mother of Life; and by thine intercessions dost thou redeem our souls from death.

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 Second Mode

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday	10 am Food Fair Cooking - Galatobouriko 4-9 pm Directory Photography - Lower Level of Community Center
Tuesday	10 am Fall Food Fair Cooking - Galatobouriko 4-9 pm Directory Photography - Lower Level of Center
Wednesday	4-9 pm Directory Photography - Lower Level of Community Center
Thursday	4-9 pm Directory Photography - Lower Level of Community Center 7 pm Food Fair Meeting - All Are Welcome
Friday	9:30 am Mailing of Monthly Cross Roads
Saturday	10 am -2pm Directory Photography - Lower Level of C.C.

Memorials

Altar Flowers are donated by the Bonaros family in loving memory of Tulia Bonaros.
Altar Candles are donated by the Yamalis family in loving memory of Gerogia Vlahos.
Communion Wine was donated today in loving memory of Chisanthos Demetrios Patrinos.

Areti (Tulia) Bonaros - 40 Days
George Tzan (cousin of Maria Hnarakis) – 40 Days
Georgia Vlahos - 2 Years
Chrisanthos Patrinos - 8 Years

Coffee hour is sponsored Nasia Hareras, Tom & Genie Gooding, Myrna & Pete Hronakes, and Sophie Pappas in loving memory of Areti (Tulia) Bonaros.

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 St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17.

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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 July 28, we have received 350 pledge cards, for a total pledge amount of \$408,448.00, making the average 2016 pledge thus far \$1,167.00

Summertime & Stewardship

Over the summer months, as people go on vacation, our weekly collections decrease. Unfortunately, the week to week expenses needed to run the parish remain constant. Please make the extra effort to keep your weekly and monthly pledge offerings coming in. This is especially important for our community this time of year. We thank you for your stewardship and your continued support.

Ted Sofis, Stewardship Chair

A Note from Philoptochos

Thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who have been cooking for the Autumn Food Fair.

There is NO cooking today. Galatobouriko will be prepared tomorrow, Monday, August 22 and Tuesday, August 23 at 10AM.

Chicken rolls will now be prepared on Monday, September 19 at 10AM.

Autumn Food Fair yard signs are available NOW in the vestibule, community center and outside the downstairs office.

Please join for us for our next Philoptochos meeting on Tuesday, August 30 at 7PM.

Elaine Sofis,
Philoptochos President

Community News

New Parish Directory
PLEASE PARTICIPATE!!!

New Parish Directory

Work on an updated Parish Directory with PICTURES continues. Please expect a second call from a committee member to validate the updated information before it goes to the printer. Also, if you haven't already, please make your appointment today to have your picture taken.

The goal is 100% participation! Remember, the purpose of the directory is to facilitate us contacting one another. A picture will help.

Dates for taking pictures:

August 22 - 25 & August 27

Monday – Thursday – 4:00 PM - 8:45 PM Saturday 10:00 AM – 1:45 PM

Online scheduling or Call: holycross.redfordphoto.com or 724.743.5700

Don't miss out!!!

2016 Food Fair Results

2016 Food fair Cash Flow Results

Sales* \$187,446.86

AD Book** \$32,387.00 Received to date

Total Income \$219,833.00

Expenses: \$ 88,234.56 Checks/Debits from registry 3/1-7/22

Net Results: \$131,599.33 to date

* Food, Market Place, ATM, After FF sales

** Total Pledged \$44,775.00 to be collected \$12,388.

When all Ad Pledges are received our Net # should be \$143,987.36

2016 Budget: Sales \$220,000

Expenses \$80,000

Save the Date

Youth Ministries Registration Day

Sunday September 11 we will be having a registration day for Sunday School, Greek School, GOYA, and JOY.

It is important to have as much participation as possible as we will be gathering contact information used to disseminate information about these programs throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you all at Coffee Hour in the Social Hall following Liturgy!

Also, we are excited to announce you can register your children for Sunday School on the Church's website. holycrosspgh.org > Youth Ministries > Sunday School > Online Sunday School Registration.

Parents Don't Forget

Sunday School Begins

Sunday September 18th

Register Online or at Coffee Hour Sunday Sept. 11th

*** 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

Deposit from Week of 8/7	
Account Name	Deposit
Pledges from 2015	
Pledges for 2016	\$10,292
Bulletin	
Candles	\$501
Donations – Unspecified	
Flowers/Communion Wine	\$20
Loose Offerings	\$260
Greek School	
Sunday Church School	
Vacation Church School	
Special Envelopes	
Holy Week Envelopes	
Christmas Cards	
Baptismal Candles	
Socials/Special Projects	
Hall Deposits – Current Year	\$800
Hall Deposits – Next Year	
Hall Rental Income - 2016	
Caterers	
Total Deposit	\$11,873

Mini Capital Campaign Update			
	Pledged	Received	Balance
Matching Donors	\$75,000	\$72,750	\$2,250
Donations from Parishioners	\$75,000	\$68,502	\$6,498
Total	\$150,000	\$141,252	\$8,748
Disbursements Made to Date			\$27,516
Building Fund Balance			\$141,450

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 July	\$347,830.61	\$347,830.61	\$456,572.60	-\$108,741.99
8/7	\$5,425	\$353,255.61	\$485,627.22	-\$132,371.61
8/14	\$11,873	\$365,128.61	\$500,154.53	-\$135,025.92

4-K WALK FOR MISSIONS - October 9, 2016

All Ages Welcome

**Sponsored by the Orthodox Clergy
Brotherhood**



**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
Orthodox Seminarians of GUATEMALA**

Sunday, October 9, 2016 - South Park

****CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND SHELTER****

(Located at intersection of Corrigan Drive and Brownsville Road))

Refreshments - LUNCH - Games - Fun - Fellowship

Registration 1:00, Walk Begins 2:00

The walk is either for walkers or racers. Racers can be in teams of 3 or individuals. Racers must pre-register by October 5 to be eligible for prizes. If you choose to be in a race competition, you must identify this at registration. Pre-register at: 412-251-3207.

For more information contact:

- Presbytera Sandy Chakos at atchakos04@msn.com ,
- Rebekah Krakora at stevekrakora@hotmail.com ,
- Faith Williard at 412-251-3207

Register Today for the:
**Holy Cross Greek
Orthodox Church**

3rd Annual

**Michael Megaludis
Memorial Golf Outing**

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follow the link near the bottom of the
page labeled: 3rd Annual Golf Outing

MONDAY

October 3rd, 2016

South Hills Country Club
Lunch 11AM Shotgun Start 12:30PM
Dinner and Auction 6PM

\$150 Entry Fee Includes:
Green Fee, Lunch, and Dinner

Foursomes \$600
Dinner Only \$60
Tee Signs \$250

Support the Outing by becoming an Underwriter

Dinner Underwriter \$2,500

Golf Cart Underwriter \$1,500

Co- Dinner Underwriter \$1,250

Lunch Underwriter \$1000

Golf Gift Bag Underwriter \$800

Ice Cream Sundae Bar Underwriter \$750

Printing Underwriter \$500

Driving Range Underwriter \$400

Putting Green Underwriter \$400

Skill Prize Underwriter \$300

Website Underwriter \$300

Beverage Underwriter \$250

COME FOR THE GOLF OR JUST FOR THE DINNER - LEAVE WITH FELLOWSHIP

