

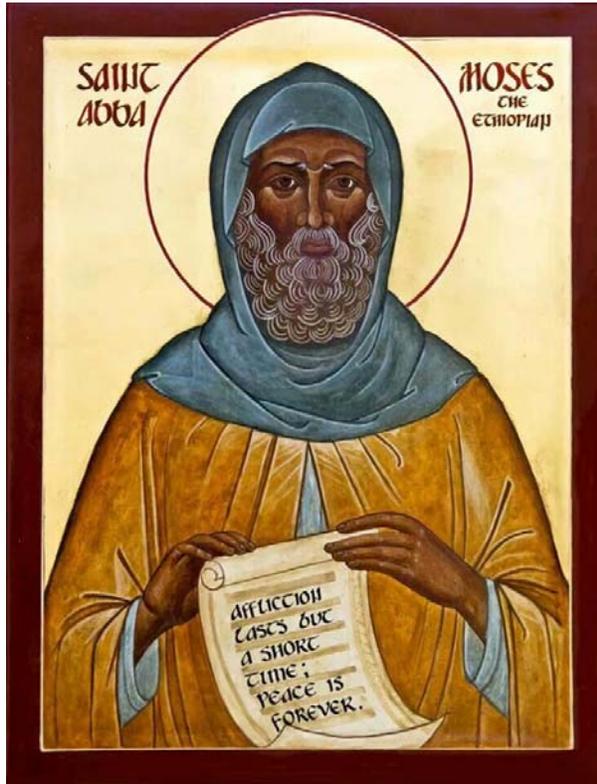
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Weekly Bulletin

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Moses the Ethiopian of Scete

Saint Moses, who is also called Moses the Black, was a slave, but because of his evil life, his master cast him out, and he became a ruthless thief, dissolute in all his ways.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Mode

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

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.

Later, however, coming to repentance, he converted, and took up the monastic life under Saint Isidore of Scete. He gave himself over to prayer and the mortification of the carnal mind with such diligence that he later became a priest of exemplary virtue. He was revered by all for his lofty ascetical life and for his great humility.

Once the Fathers in Scete asked Moses to come to an assembly to judge the fault of a certain brother, but he refused. When they insisted, he took a basket which had a hole in it, filled it with sand, and carried it on his shoulders. When the Fathers saw him coming they asked him what the basket might mean. He answered, "My sins run out behind me, and I do not see them, and I am come this day to judge failings which are not mine." When a barbarian tribe was coming to Scete, Moses, conscious that he himself had slain other men when he was a thief, awaited them and was willingly slain by them with six other monks, at the end of the fourth century. He was a contemporary of Saint Arsenius the Great (see May 8).

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

This Week at Holy Cross

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| Monday | 10 am Food Fair Cooking - Chicken Rolls |
| Tuesday | 7 pm Philoptochos Meeting |
| Sunday | 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy |

Holy Cross Today

Memorials

George Tzan (Cousin of Maria Hnarakis) - 40 Days
Patricia Kazalas - 5 Years
Constantine (Costa) Gongolas – 10 Years

Coffee hour is sponsored by the GOYA of Holy Cross.

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 4:9-16.

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

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.

*** 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

A Note from Philoptochos

Thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who prepared galatobouriko last week for the Autumn Food Fair! Koulourakia will be prepared tomorrow, Monday, August 29 at 10AM. Late arrivals are always welcome!

Please join us for our next Philoptochos meeting THIS Tuesday, August 30 at 7PM in the Philoptochos Room. Autumn Food Fair yard signs are now available in the vestibule, community center and outside the downstairs office.

Elaine Sofis,
Philoptochos President

Community News

GOLDEN CLUB: Please join us on Tuesday, September 20th, as we travel by van to Akron, Ohio to tour the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. The country estate was home to F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, and his family. Built at the turn of the 20th century, the estate is one of the largest homes in the United States and includes five historic buildings and eight gardens on 70 acres. The fee of \$15.00 includes admission and transportation by van. We will be departing from Holy Cross at 8:30 a.m., arriving in Akron at approximately 11:00 a.m. At that time, we will have lunch before proceeding to the estate for our guided tour at 1:00 p.m. We will return to Holy Cross at approximately 6:30 p.m. Reservations and payment by check are due no later than September 7th. Please call Cynthia Kostelnik at 412-833-9423 for reservations and any questions or email her at cakostelnik@yahoo.com. Please make checks payable to: Golden Club of Holy Cross and mail to Rene Koett, 2285 Sidgefield Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. We look forward to seeing you!

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!

PARENTS DON'T FORGET – SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 18TH

REGISTER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH DURING COFFEE HOUR

OR

**REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING HOLYCROSSPGH.ORG then click
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