

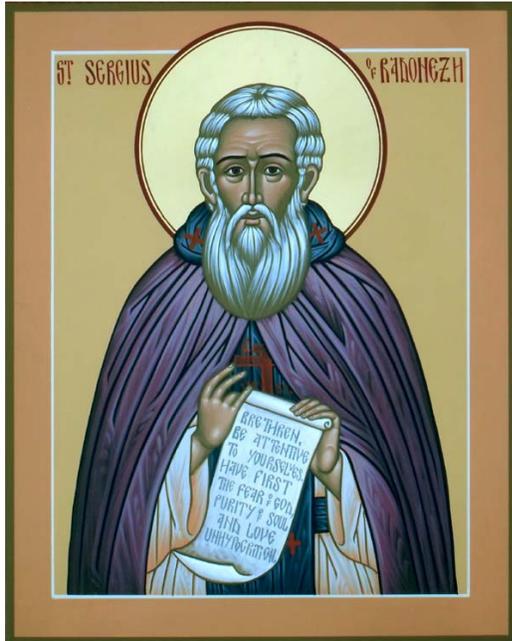
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, September 25, 2016



Our Righteous Father Sergius of Radonezh

Our righteous Father Sergius was born in Rostov, north of Moscow, about the year 1314. Named Bartholomew in Baptism, he was brought up in Radonezh, and at the death of his parents he withdrew to the wilderness to become a monk. It is notable that without having been trained in a monastery, he was of such a spiritual stature as to be able to take up the perilous eremitical life from

the beginning, without falling into delusion or despondency. When he had endured with courage the deprivations of the solitary life, other monks began to come to him, for whom he was made abbot against his will. On the counsel of Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople, he organized his monks according to the cenobitic life, appointing duties to each. While Anthony and Theodosius of Kiev, and the other righteous Fathers before Sergius, had established their monasteries near to cities, Sergius was the leader and light of those who went far into the wilderness, and after his example the untrodden forests of northern Russia were settled with monks. When Grand Duke Demetrius Donskoy was about to go to battle against the invading Tartars, he first sought the blessing of Saint Sergius, through whose prayers he was triumphant. Saint Sergius was adorned with the highest virtues of Christ-like humility and burning love for God and neighbour, and received the gift of working wonders, of casting out demons, and of discretion for leading souls to salvation. When he served the Divine Liturgy, an Angel served with him visibly; he was also vouchsafed the visitation of the most holy Theotokos with the Apostles Peter and John. He was gathered to his Fathers on September 25, 1392. At the recovery of his holy relics on July 5, 1422, his body and garments were found fragrant and incorrupt. His life was written by the monks of Epiphanius, who knew him.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Apolytikion for Euphrosyne of Alexandria in the Plagal Fourth Mode

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Euphrosyne, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

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

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday	Repose of St. John the Theologian 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Cooking - Spanakopita 6:30 pm Paraklesis/Bible Study
Tuesday	9:30 am Cooking – Spanakopita 9:30 am Crossroads Mailing
Wednesday	4:30 pm Greek School 5 pm Adult Greek School
Saturday	Holy Protection of the Theotokos and Romanos the Melodist 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Memorials

Helen Chrash (6 months)
Joseph Chrash (6 years)
Mary Brenyo (31 years)
Michael Brenyo (59 years)
Katina Gerasimo (27 years)
Katherine Thiros (22 years)

"Altar Flowers in memory of my friend Joan L on her Birthday" - Lee MacManus

Coffee Hour sponsored by Jim, Mary, and Alexander Portellos in loving memory of beloved family members.

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 Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4.

BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Community News

FOCUS Back-to-School Drive

There will be a back to school drive for the 2,000 children helped by FOCUS. On Sunday, September 18th and 25th, and October 2nd, we will collect the following personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, combs, hair brushes and socks. There will be a sign and a collection box in the vestibule each Sunday for your donations. These items may seem small to us, but to the children of FOCUS, they are very special and very much appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. Dianne Babb

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.

Attention All Parish Organizations

Please forward to the attention of John Hoenig (jfhoenig@gmail.com) a list of any expenditures it will be anticipating as required next year in the performance of their ministry. John will need this information by October 1st in order to include them in the 2017 Budget preparation discussions by Parish Council.

Additionally, if any group has a checking account, the Parish Council requires an annual reconciliation of that account showing income and expenses. This report also needs to be submitted to the Parish Council by October 1st.

Save the Date

Dress for Success-Women's Clothing Drive in October. Collection will Begin After Food Fair .

Starting, Sunday, Oct. 9th and Ends on Sunday, Oct. 30th. Please adhere to this schedule, no exceptions. Business/Work Appropriate Clothing is requested. Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Sweaters, Blouses, Slacks, Shoes & Purses. Clothing must be Clean, Gently worn and preferably on Hangers. Please put items in Downstairs Philoptochos Room on coat rack.

Thank you for your donations, any questions call Christine Peters 724-693-9290

GOLDEN CLUB: ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, THE GOLDEN CLUB WILL BE TRAVELING TO SHANKSVILLE, PA AND THE FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL PARK. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR THE MEMORIAL. WE WILL BE DEPARTING FROM HOLY CROSS BY VAN AT 8:30 A.M. (APPROX. 1 1/2 HOURS TRAVEL TIME). WHEN WE ARRIVE AT THE MEMORIAL, WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE A GUIDED TOUR, ALTHOUGH WE WILL NOT KNOW THAT FOR SURE UNTIL TIME OF ARRIVAL. OTHERWISE, WE WILL PLAN

ON A SELF-GUIDED TOUR, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE VISITORS CENTER, WALKING PATH TO WALL OF NAMES AND CRASH SITE MONUMENT. THERE ARE MANY WALKING TRAILS, AS WELL, TO OUTLYING AREAS OF THE PARK. WE WILL SPEND APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS TOURING. FROM THE PARK, WE WILL TRAVEL TO THE QUAIN TOWN OF LIGONIER TO DINE AND SHOP! WE WILL RETURN TO THE CHURCH BY LATE AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING.

THERE ARE A FEW THINGS WE WANT TO RELATE TO OUR MEMBERS WHO WILL BE JOINING US THAT DAY. FIRSTLY, WE MISSED THE CROSS ROADS DEADLINE, SO PLEASE LOOK FOR UPDATES FOR THIS TRIP, IF ANY, IN THE UPCOMING SUNDAY BULLETINS. SECONDLY, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF WALKING AT THE PARK. IT IS A HALF-MILE TOTAL OUT AND BACK TO THE WALL OF NAMES. WHEELCHAIRS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO FEEL THEY CANNOT WALK THE PATHS. THIRDLY, PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES AND DRESS ACCORDINGLY, AS THE WEATHER IN THE SOMERSET AREA MAY BE COLDER THAN OUR PITTSBURGH WEATHER!

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 28 SEATS AVAILABLE ON TWO VANS. ONCE THE VANS ARE FULL, WE WILL HAVE A WAITING LIST IN CASE OF CANCELLATIONS. OF COURSE, CARPOOLING IS AN OPTION. FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL CYNTHIA AT CAKOSTELNIK@YAHOO.COM (412-722-9512) OR RENE KOETT AT RJKOETT@YAHOO.COM (412-559-1721). PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN OUR PHONE NUMBERS. THESE ARE OUR CELL PHONE NUMBERS, WHICH WE PREFER YOU CALL. THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND VAN DRIVERS (MARTY K., JONATHAN M., AND GEORGE A!!!) FOR THEIR SUPPORT, HELP AND LOVE; AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE VANS!

<u>Mini Capital Campaign Update</u>			
	Pledged	Received	Balance
Matching Donors	\$75,000	\$72,750	\$2,250
Donations from Parishioners	\$75,000	\$74,960	\$40
Total	\$150,000	\$147,710	\$2,290
Disbursements Made to Date			\$27,516
Building Fund Balance			\$141,450

*** 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

Autumn Food Fair and Yiayia Joan's Attic, October 5,6,7, 2016 11:30AM-8:00PM

Chairpersons and Important Information

Set –up, October 3 & 4, 2016 - 10AM

Much help is needed at the Autumn food fair food lines. Lunchtime duties are 11:15 AM - 3:30 PM and dinner food line duties are 4:00 PM -8:00 PM.

Please contact a chairperson to donate your time. October 5,6,7 are the dates, 11:30 AM-8:00 PM. 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 6:00-8:00PM. Anytime is appreciated!

Wednesday, October 5 - Lunch - Aliko Andrews 412 833-4596

Wednesday, October 5 - Dinner- Cynthia Kostelnik 412 833-9423

Thursday, October 6 - Lunch- Sophea Chapas 412 221-8258

Thursday, October 6 - Dinner- Demetra (Mimi) Kontoulis 412 298-6542

Friday, October 7 - Lunch- Terpsie Katsafanas 412 831-2248

Friday, October 7 - Dinner- Elaine Sofis 412 344-7046

Help is needed in the prep room to prepare salads, pan dolmathes, prepare gyro sauce etc. Help is needed to cashier and at refreshments. ALL are welcome to volunteer.

Dianne Babb is chairperson for the baked goods. Please call her at 724 514-7333 and tell her what you can bake.

Yiayia Joan's Attic will accept jewelry, toys, books, CLEAN linens, household goods, collectibles, beginning Sunday, September 11. Please No broken items and NO clothing. Please contact Pam Lagios at 412 276-4614 or JoAnna Asvestas at 412 519-0403.

Yiayia Joan's Attic and the Autumn food fair set-up are October 3&4, 10AM. Please give a few hours of your time.

We are also looking for strong men and women to carry food pans from the kitchen to the food lines for lunch and dinner. Please contact Elaine Sofis 412 344-7046 or esofis@comcast.net to give your name.

This is the Philoptochos main fund raiser for the year! This year Philoptochos purchased a new oven for the community center, fire retardant above the stove, awarded high school philanthropy awards, camp scholarships, VCS snacks, college care packages and contributed to the Agape Fund . Philoptochos donated to Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, St. Nicholas National Shrine, FOCUS, KDKA Turkey Fund, Blessings in a Backpack, **Jaime's** Dream Team, Healthy Start, CanStruction, Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery, Lending Hearts, Feed My Starving Children. The list is endless. Please help Philoptochos in its mission to assist those in need.

Elaine Sofis
Philoptochos President



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Singles Gathering

TO BENEFIT IOCC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016

If you are single and Orthodox, join us for an evening of fellowship, good company, and conversation at one of Pittsburgh's best martini bars. Ages 21 to 101 welcome!

**THE LOUNGE UPSTAIRS AT
OLIVE OR TWIST**

140 6th St. | Pittsburgh, PA 15222

7-11 p.m. | Suggested donation \$20

Light hors d'oeuvres included ~ Cash bar

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Questions? Nick Terezis 740-282-5198

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3rd Annual
Michael Megaludis
Memorial Golf Outing
www.holycrosspgh.org**

*Follow the link at 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



Individual Green Fee: \$150
(includes Green Fee, Lunch, & Dinner)

Foursome Green fees: \$600
(includes Green Fee, Lunch, & Dinner)

Tee Signs \$250

**Dinner Only Guest \$60
to register:**

<http://birdeasepro.com/HolyCrossPgh>

**Support the Outing by
Becoming an Underwriter**

<i>Dinner Underwriter</i>	\$2,500
<i>Golf Cart Underwriter</i>	\$1,500
<i>Co-Dinner Underwriter</i>	\$1,250
<i>Lunch Underwriter</i> SOLD	\$1,000
<i>Golf Gift Bag Underwriter</i>	\$800
<i>Ice Cream Sundae Underwriter</i>	\$750
<i>Printing Underwriter</i> SOLD	\$500
<i>Driving Range Underwriter</i>	\$400
<i>Putting Green Underwriter</i>	\$400
<i>Skill Prize Underwriter</i> SOLD	\$300
<i>Website Underwriter</i> SOLD	\$300
<i>Beverage Underwriter</i> SOLD	\$250

