

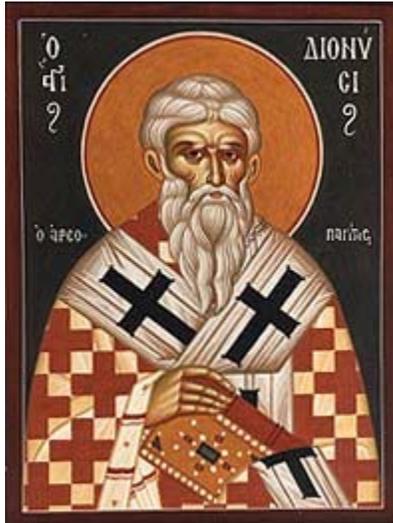
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 2, 2016



This Saint was from Athens, a learned man, and a member of the famous judicial court of Mars Hill (in Greek Aeros Pagos, hence the name Areopagite (see Acts 17:19-34). When Saint Paul preached in Athens, he was one of the first there to believe in Christ, and, according to some, became the first bishop of that city. Others say -- and this may be more probable-- that he was the second Bishop of Athens, after Saint Hierotheus, whom Dionysios calls his friend and teacher "after Paul" (On the Divine Names, 3:2). With Saint Hierotheus he was also present at the Dormition of the most holy Theotokos; the Doxasticon of the Aposticha for the service of the Dormition is partly taken from a passage in Chapter III of On the Divine Names. According to ancient tradition, he received a martyr's end (according to some, in Athens itself) about the year 96.

Dionysios the Areopagite

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 Martyrs Cyprian and Justina in the Fourth Mode

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Cyprian. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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

Today	Autumn Food Fair Set-Up
Monday	Autumn Food Fair Set-Up Michael Megaludis Memorial Golf Outing 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Shotgun Start 6 pm Dinner and Auction
Tuesday	Autumn Food Fair Set-Up 7 pm GOYA Meeting
Wednesday	11:30 am - 8 pm Autumn Food Fair and Yiayia Joan's Attic 4:30 pm Greek School 5 pm Adult Greek School
Thursday	11:30 am - 8 pm Autumn Food Fair and Yiayia Joan's Attic
Friday	11:30 am - 8 pm Autumn Food Fair and Yiayia Joan's Attic
Saturday	Autumn Food Festival Clean-up in the morning 5 pm Vespers
Sunday	Walk for Missions 1 pm Registration 2 pm Walk Begins

Holy Cross Today

Memorials

Brecky Rameas - 4 years

Sam Rameas - 11 years

Polyxeni (Jane) Tsironas - 6 years

Harry Tsironas 20 years

Altar flowers are sponsored by John and Diane Hoenig in loving memory of loved ones who have passed in the Hoenig and Landis/Nicholas families.

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Hartlep, Hardwick, Rameas-Michael, Gdovic families 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 4:6-15.

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

A Note from Philoptochos

Thank you to ALL the ladies and gentlemen who helped to prepare 65 pans of spanakopita on Monday. Sept. 26!

Please help at set-up TODAY Oct.2 after 2PM, Monday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 4 beginning at 9:30AM for the Autumn Food Fair. Please volunteer at the Autumn food Fair, Oct. 5-7 and contact a chairperson listed in today's bulletin. Clean-up for the Autumn Food Fair will be Friday evening and Saturday morning, October 8. ALL Holy Cross members are welcome to volunteer.

Philoptochos NEEDS your help! This is our MAIN fundraiser for the year!

Please contact Dianne Babb at 724 514-7333 and tell her what you will bake for the Autumn Food Fair. Your baking donations are very much appreciated! The next Philoptochos meeting will be Tuesday, October 11 at 7PM.

Please save Sunday, October 30 for a special Philoptochos Membership Coffee hour!

**Elaine Sofis,
Philoptochos President**

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.

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

Philoptochos Christmas Party

The Philoptochos Christmas Party will be on November 28th this year and will again be held at LeMont. If you are interested in buying tickets please contact Mary Zotis at (412) 835-2381.

Parish Council Members Needed

We are in need of three dedicated individuals willing to give of their time by becoming members of the Parish Council. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Michael or John Heonig.

Cashiers Needed

Cashiers needed for dinner shift for food fair! Wednesday October 5th and Thursday October 6th. Times: 4-6 and/or 6-8 (or 5-7 if that is better) contact Denise Sokos 412-889-3399 or

dsokos@mac.com

Thanks, Denise

Philoptochos Membership Coffee Hour

Please join us on Sunday, October 30, after Liturgy, for a very special PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP COFFEE HOUR. ALL Ladies and Gentlemen, 18 and over, are welcome to become members of Philoptochos!

If you are currently a Philoptochos member, thank you. However, you must renew your membership every year! We are a great philanthropic organization. We welcome new thoughts, new ideas and NEW members!

Happy Anniversary Ted and Elaine Sofis

Happy Anniversary to Ted and Elaine Sofis celebrating 40 years of marriage today! Ted and Elaine were married on October 2, 1976 at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, Canton, Ohio. Most of the Holy Cross parish travelled to celebrate their marriage.

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 and we will be departing from Holy Cross by van at 8:30 a.m. (approx. 1 1/2 hours travel time). Upon arrival we are hoping to have a guided tour but will not know for sure until that time. If not, plan on a self-guided tour, which will include the Visitors Center, walking path to Wall of Names, and crash site monument. We will spend approximately two hours touring, then will travel to the quaint town of Ligonier to dine and shop! We will return to the Church by late afternoon/early evening.

For those joining us: First, please look for updates for this trip in the Sunday bulletins; Second, 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. Third, please wear comfortable shoes and dress accordingly, as the weather in the Somerset area. 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.

Visiting Ministries: Priestly Sacramental Visits and Philoptochos Circle of Angels visits

Do you have a loved one that cannot regularly attend church services?

Please call the church office to schedule a Sacramental Visit from one of our clergymen. They will also be placed on the Philoptochos Circle of Angels visiting list. Thank you for helping our parish family to stay connected to the Church.

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Mini Capital Campaign Update

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Loose Offerings	\$339
Greek School	
Sunday Church School	\$36
Vacation Church School	\$24
Special Envelopes	\$206
Holy Week Envelopes	
Christmas Cards	
Baptismal Candles	
Socials/Special Projects	
Hall Deposits – Current Year	
Hall Deposits – Next Year	
Hall Rental Income - 2016	\$200
Misc.	\$116
Total Deposit	\$14,235

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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			\$27,555

Financial Snapshot based on \$2,075.33 per day operating cost

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Autumn Food Fair and Yiayia Joan's Attic, October 5,6,7 11:30AM-8:00PM Chairpersons and Important Information, Set –up, October 3 & 4, 10AM

Much help is needed at the Autumn food fair food lines. Lunch time 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.

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**Register Today for the:
3rd Annual
Michael Megaludis
Memorial Golf Outing
www.holycrosspgh.org**

*Follow the link at the bottom of the page labled:
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*

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