

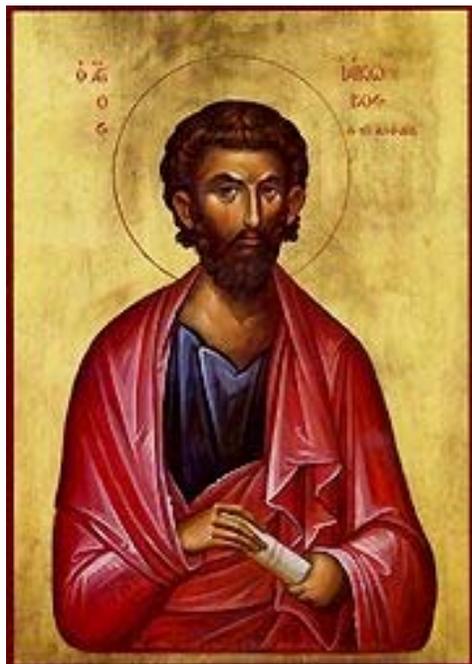
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 9, 2016



Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus one of the Twelve Apostles, was the brother of the Holy Evangelist Matthew. He heard the Lord's words and witnessed His miracles. After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle James Alphaeus and the Apostle Andrew the First-Called, made missionary journey preaching in Judea, Edessa, Gaza, Eleutheropolis, proclaiming the Gospel, healing all sorts of sickness and disease, and converting many to the path of salvation. St. James finished his apostolic work in the Egyptian city of Ostrachina, where he was crucified by the pagans.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus in the Third Mode

O Holy Apostle James, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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	Walk for Missions 1 pm Registration 2 pm Walk Begins
Monday	6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study
Tuesday	7 pm Philoptochos Meeting 7 pm IOCC Pittsburgh Committee Meeting - Holy Cross Library
Wednesday	4:30 pm Greek School 5 pm Adult Greek School

Holy Cross Today

Memorials

Jean Grekis - 40 Days

James Dickos – 9 Days

Sophia Diamant – 9 Days

George Bakirtsis (Nephew of Maria Fitsioris) - 9 Days

Pareskevi Tomich (Chris' Aunt) - 1 Year

Nicholas Thiros - 6 Years

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Grekis & Adnan Families in loving memory of Jean Grekis.

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 6:1-10.

BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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

The Philoptochos Christmas Party will be Tuesday November 29th 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 Hoenig.

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!

Pastry Table Thank You

Thank you to everyone who baked for and worked at the fall food fair. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and made the pastry table beautiful and very successful! - Dianne Babb

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

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.

A Note from Philoptochos

Please join us this Tuesday, October 11 for a Philoptochos meeting at 7PM in the Philoptochos Room.

Thank you to ALL the volunteers at the Philoptochos Autumn Food Fair! Thank you to the food line and cashier chairpersons. Thank you to the kitchen and prep room help. Thank you to our Gyro chefs and refreshment volunteers. Thank you to the Yiayia Joan's Attic crew!. Thank you to the food line and baked goods volunteers. Thank you to our food line runners! Thank you to all who donated to Yiayia Joan's Attic. Thank you to ALL who donated to our baked goods and our very capable baked goods chairperson. Thank you to our cashiers and our nightly money counters! Thank you to ALL who cooked, set-up and cleaned-up at our very successful Autumn Food Fair. And to Next Year!

Please join us on Sunday, October 30 for our Philoptochos Membership Coffee Hour and on Tuesday, November 29 for our Christmas Party at the Le Mont.

Elaine Sofis,
Philoptochos President

Save the Date

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 quaint 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, 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!

Did you Know?

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Pittsburgh Metropolitan Committee meets monthly at Holy Cross to plan activities to promote IOCC's awareness and funding. If you have are available please join us, there is a meeting at Holy Cross this Tuesday Oct. 11th at 7 pm.

Since the small local committee was started 11 years ago we have raised over \$400,000 to help fund many worthy causes that IOCC addresses. IOCC is able to leverage these funds with government grants to increase the actual funding by a factor of 7. Charity Navigator has rated IOCC with 4 stars (highest rating) and found that 92% of the funds go directly to those in need. Past IOCC events have earmarked funds associated with the Katrina Hurricane, Greek Fires, Serbian Crisis, Japan Tsunami, Greek Economic Crisis, Ethiopian Famine, Sandy Superstorm and Syrian Crisis.

Deposit from Weeks of 10/2	
Account Name	Deposit
Pledges from 2015	
Pledges for 2016	\$5,288
Bulletin	
Candles	\$328
Donations – Unspecified	

Mini Capital Campaign Update

Flowers/Communion Wine	
Loose Offerings	\$346
Greek School	
Sunday Church School	\$31
Vacation Church School	
Special Envelopes	\$5
Holy Week Envelopes	
Christmas Cards	
Baptismal Candles	
Socials/Special Projects	
Hall Deposits – Current Year	
Hall Deposits – Next Year	
Hall Rental Income - 2016	\$3,053
Misc. (Choir Collection)	\$275
Total Deposit	\$9,326

	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			\$27,555

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 Sept.	\$403,848.61	\$403,848.61	\$587,318.39	-\$183,469.78
10/2	\$9,326	\$413,174.61	\$601,845.70	-\$188,671.09