

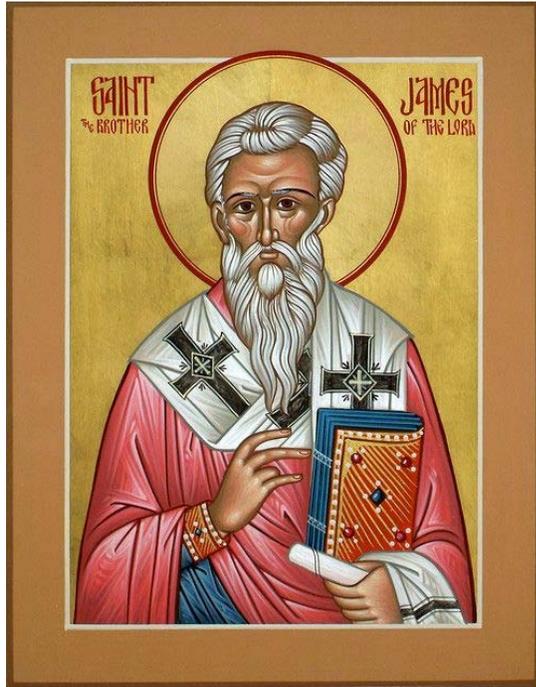
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 23, 2016



James (Iakovos) the Apostle, brother of Our Lord

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that the latter had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matt. 13: 55).

But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus and Mary his wife, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called, according to the idiom of the Scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This Iakovos is called the Less (Mark 15:4) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from Iakovos, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first Bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book II: 23), and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray," and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the Apostle was cast down headlong from thence, then was stoned, and while he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by the wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this Iakovos.

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 James (Iakovos), the Brother of the Lord in the Fourth Mode

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away. As the brother of God thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

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	6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study
Tuesday	9:30 am Crossroads Mailing Preparation 7 pm Sts. Mary and Martha Group
Wednesday	Feast of St. Demetrios 8:30 Orthros 9:30 Liturgy 4:30 pm Greek School 5 pm Adult Greek School
Thursday	7 pm IOCC Singes Gathering @ Olive or Twist
Saturday	6:30 pm GOYA Hayride/Bonfire @ Simmons Farm
Sunday	5:12 pm JOY Kick-off Event @ Holy Cross Community Center

Holy Cross Today

Memorials

John Hagelios - 34 Years

Altar Candles sponsored by Popi Hagelios In Loving Memory of her Husband John

Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Coffee Hour sponsored by Deacon Frank, Adrienne, Dimitri, and Marco Dickos in honor of Dimitri's nameday coming this Wednesday.

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 Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19.

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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.

A Note from Philoptochos

Please join us on October 30 for our Philoptochos Membership Coffee Hour.

The next Philoptochos Meeting will be Tuesday, November 1 at 7PM in the Philoptochos Room. Please join us on Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30PM for our Christmas Party at Le Mont. Entree choices are Chicken, Salmon, Rack of Lamb and Filet Mignon. It is always a fun, festive evening! Please contact Mary Zotis at 412 835-2381 for more info.

Elaine Sofis,
Philoptochos President

Community News

Philoptochos Christmas Party

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 Heonig.

**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!

Visiting Ministries: Priestly Sacramental 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.

Orders from Redford Photography

Picture orders are in! You may pick up your
order during the coffee hour after church on
the next four Sundays: October 23 & 30 and
November 6 & 13. They may also be picked
up from the church office during the week.
Please arrange to pick up your order during
these times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Save the Date

Golden Club Members

Please join us for a very special
presentation on November 15 at one
o'clock in our Community Center.
Todd DePastino, award-winning
historian and Executive Director of
the Veterans Breakfast Club, will
speak on the topic of "War Stories
from Pittsburgh's WW II Veterans."
Mr. DePastino knows how to tell a
good story, and for the past six
years, he's been focused on
listening. And the stories he's heard--
some beautiful and heartbreaking,
others gut-wrenching--are largely
about war. Todd will tell the
extraordinary WW II stories he's
heard from veterans living in the
region, and will also discuss his
quest to preserve and celebrate
them. Members are asked to please
bring a Lenten dessert; beverages
will be provided. RSVP by November
10th

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GOYA

Saturday October 29th we will take a
hayride and have a bonfire at
Simmons Farm, the cost is \$10 per
GOYAn.

Tuesday November 1st the Dickos
family will host the GOYAnS at their
home for "A Night with God" with a
group discussion to be led by
Jonathan McClish.

Deposit from Weeks of 10/9 and 10/16	
Account Name	Deposit
Pledges from 2015	
Pledges for 2016	\$15,476
Bulletin	
Candles	\$1,361
Donations – Unspecified	
Flowers/Communion Wine	\$95
Loose Offerings	\$208
Greek School	
Sunday Church School	\$27
Vacation Church School	
Special Envelopes	
Holy Week Envelopes	
Christmas Cards	
Baptismal Candles	
Socials/Special Projects	
Hall Deposits – Current Year	
Hall Deposits – Next Year	
Hall Rental Income - 2016	
Misc. (Choir Collection)	\$2,971.73
Total Deposit	\$20,138.73

Mini Capital Campaign Update			
	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
10/9	\$13,981	\$427,155.61	\$616,373.01	-\$189,217.40
10/16	\$6,157.73	\$433,313.34	\$630,900.32	-\$197,586.98