

# Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

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Sts. Zeobius and Zenobia

From the town of Aegae in Cilicia, they inherited the true Faith and great material wealth from their parents. Inflamed with zeal for the Faith, they, with great love, gave away their riches to the poor.

Because they were so open-handed, God shielded these hands from every evil intent by men or demons. The merciful hands of Zenobius, which gave to the poor, were endowed by God with the gift of wonderworking, so that Zenobius was able to heal the sick of every sort of infirmity simply by the touch of his hand, and he was made Bishop of Aegae. At a time of persecution, the judge Licius seized him and said: 'I offer you the two: life and death - life if you bow down to the gods, and death if you do not.' Holy Zenobius replied: 'Life without Christ is not life, but death; and death for Christ's sake is not death, but life.' When Zenobius was put to harsh torture, his sister presented herself before the judge and said: 'I also want to drink this cup of suffering and be crowned with that wreath.' After torture by fire and in boiling pitch, they were both beheaded with the sword in about 285, and thus brother and sister entered into the immortal Kingdom of Christ the King.

## **Hymns of the Day**

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode**

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

### **Apolytikion for Cleopas and Artemas of the 70 in the Third Mode**

O Holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.

### **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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>5:12 pm JOY Kick-off Event in our Community Center</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	7 pm Philoptochos Meeting 7 pm GOYA "Night with God" @ Dickos residence
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:30 pm Greek School 5 pm Adult Greek School
<b>Saturday</b>	6:15 GOYA Hayride and Bonfire at Simmons Farms
<b>Sunday</b>	Loyalty Sunday Youth Sunday Ministry Sunday following Liturgy

#### Memorials

*Alice Hronakis - 40 Days*

*George Pappas - 11 Years*

*Stefanos Vlahos - 11 Years*

*Eleni Kalas - 12 Years*

*Altar candles and flowers are sponsored by Theodore Kalas and his Children and families in memory of Eleni Kalas, thier loving wife and mother.*

#### **Coffee Hour Sponsorship**

Coffee Hour sponsored by The Ladies Philoptochos Society, come by for a special coffee hour and to learn about all the wonderful ways Philoptochos contributes to the parish life of Holy Cross and the greater community.

Please sign up for coffee hour. Check the calendar online: [www.holycrosspgh.org](http://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](mailto: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 11:31-33; 12:1-9.

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## **Gospel Reading**

The Reading is from Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.'

But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

## 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

### **PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP COFFEE - LUNCH HOUR TODAY!!!**

Please join us today, Sunday, October 30 for a special treat of a glorified Philoptochos Membership coffee/ lunch hour! NO tricks today and NO basket!

ALL ladies and gentlemen, high school grads and beyond, are welcome to become members of Philoptochos! IF you are currently a 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! Please join our organization TODAY!

### Philoptochos News

PLEASE join us TODAY at our very special Philoptochos Membership Coffee/Lunch hour! NO tricks and NO basket TODAY! Only serving fantastic treats! AND hoping for NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us THIS Tuesday, November 1 at 7PM for our next Philoptochos meeting in the Philoptochos Room. I hope that you can attend! There is NO December meeting!

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 by November 22 to make a reservation.

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.

### **Photograph Pick- up**

Orders from Redford Photography Picture orders are in! You may pick up your order during regular business hours from Nena in the church office.

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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### **75th Anniversary**

Saturday November 5th, there will be a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Greek Nationality Room at the University of Pittsburgh. The evening begins with Cocktails at 5:30 pm then Dinner at 6:30 pm.

The event will be at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 South Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. If you are interested email [GreekRoom75@gmail.com](mailto:GreekRoom75@gmail.com) or find on Facebook.

Greek Dance Meeting

Today, following Liturgy, there will be a meeting for the **Senior Dance Group** and their parents regarding the upcoming years practice and potential events.

### **\*\*\*Correction\*\*\***

In last week's financial disclosure the "Miscellaneous" line was incorrectly identified as the "Choir Collection." The Choir collected \$275 - NOT \$2,971.73. Apologies for the error.

\*\*\* 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](mailto:mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com)

Deposit from Weeks of 10/9 and 10/16	
Account Name	Deposit
Pledges from 2015	
Pledges for 2016	\$4,525
Bulletin	
Candles	\$400
Donations – Unspecified	
Flowers/Communion Wine	\$25
Loose Offerings	\$159
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	\$2,026.50
Misc.	\$24
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$7,186.50</b>

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
<b>Total through Sept.</b>	\$403,848.61	\$403,848.61	\$587,318.39	-\$183,469.78
<b>10/2</b>	\$9,326	\$413,174.61	\$601,845.70	-\$188,671.09
<b>10/9</b>	\$13,981	\$427,155.61	\$616,373.01	-\$189,217.40
<b>10/16</b>	\$6,157.73	\$433,313.34	\$630,900.32	-\$197,586.98
<b>10/23</b>	\$7,186.50	\$440,499.84	\$645,427.63	-\$204,927.79