

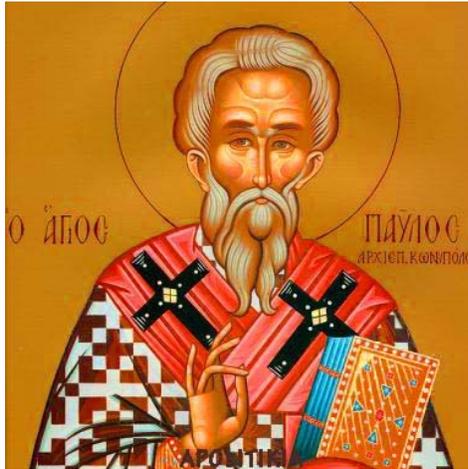
Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 6, 2016



Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

Saint Paul was from Thessalonica. He became the secretary of Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople (see Aug. 30), a deacon, and then the successor of Saint Alexander in about 337. Because of his virtue, his eloquence in teaching, and his zeal for Orthodoxy, the Arians hated and feared him. When the Arian Emperor Constantius, who was in Antioch, learned of Paul's election, he exiled Paul and proclaimed the Arian Eusebius Patriarch. Saint Paul went to Rome, where he found Saint Athanasius the Great also in exile. Provided with letters by Pope Julius, Paul returned to Constantinople, and after the death of

Eusebius in 342, ascended again his rightful throne; the Arians meanwhile elected Macedonius, because he rejected the Son's con-substantiality with the Father (and the divinity of the Holy Spirit besides). When Constantius, yet at Antioch, learned of Paul's return, he sent troops to Constantinople to drive Paul out. The Saint returned to Rome, where Saint Athanasius also was again in exile. Constans, Emperor of the West, Constantius' brother, but Orthodox, wrote to Constantius that if Athanasius and Paul were not allowed to return to their sees, he would come with troops to restore them him-self. So Paul again returned to his throne. After the death of Constans, however, Constantius had Paul deposed. Because of the love of the people for Saint Paul, Philip the Prefect, who was sent for him, was compelled to arrest him secretly to avoid a sedition. Paul was banished to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia; a town through which his most illustrious successor, Saint John Chrysostom would also pass on his way to Comana in his last exile. In Cucusus, about the year 350, as Saint Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the little house where he was a prisoner, the Arians strangled him with his own omophorion, so much did they fear him even in exile. His holy relics were brought back to Constantinople with honour by the Emperor Theodosius the Great.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for Paul the Confessor in the Third Mode

Thy confession of the one divine Faith showed thee to the Church to be a new Paul and a zealot among priests, O holy one. The righteous blood both of Abel and Zachary with thee doth cry out together unto the Lord. Righteous Father, intercede with Christ God in our behalf that His great mercy may be granted unto us.

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	Youth Sunday
Monday	6:30 Paraklesis to St. Nektarios
Tuesday	Feast of the Holy Archangels 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11 am First Steps of Christ
Wednesday	Feast of St. Nektarios 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Greek School 5 pm Adult Greek School
Saturday	5 pm Vespers
Sunday	General Assembly following Liturgy

Memorials

Gene Milton - 1 Year

Andrew Gerasimo

James Thiros

George Pappas - 12 years

Altar flowers are sponsored by Barbara Milton in loving memory of her husband Gene.
Altar candles in loving memory of Gene Milton
with prayers for the Milton, Sklavos & Nicholas families. Donated by George & Dena Zaimes.

Coffee Hour sponsored by Barbra Milton and Family in memory of Gene Milton.

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 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!"

But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child.

And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

A Note from Philoptochos

Thank you to ALL who cooked, served, volunteered, joined and renewed at the Philoptochos Membership Lunch/Coffee Hour last Sunday, October 30. You still have time to join or renew your membership. There is a membership form in today's bulletin. Please include your email if you wish to receive updates and reminders! Or you may give a check addressed to Holy Cross Philoptochos, memo line 2017 membership, to Elaine Sofis or Dena Yamalis.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 PM 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.

Save the Date, Sunday, December 11, 5:30PM, for the FOCUS Christmas Choral Concert, featuring local Orthodox choirs, at Holy Cross. FOCUS Pittsburgh. Philoptochos will host a reception following the concert.

Elaine Sofis
Philoptochos President

Community News

Philoptochos Christmas Party

Free will offering to support the work of 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 thier 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.

Focus Food Drive

There will be a Thanksgiving food drive for FOCUS on Sunday, November 6th, 13th & 20th. Please bring your donations of cereals, pasta, sauce, peanut butter & jelly, canned soups, fruits & vegetables (no glass please) and place them in the boxes provided in the vestibule. Thank you for giving many families a happy holiday. Dianne Babb

College Care Packages

Attn: PARENTS OF CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS

We will be sending care packages to college students as they prepare for exams at the end of November. If your child has not received one of the care packages in the past and you'd like to add their name to our list of recipients, please email elenamp10@gmail.com with their name and campus address no later then November 13th.

Thank you,
Elena Peters, VP of Holy Cross Philoptochos

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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Stewardship

Stewardship is the love offering that we voluntarily give to our church. It is what makes it possible to serve the needs of our Holy Cross community. We have no minimum pledge, because whatever our parishioners can give is valued. Stewardship can involve many things, the time we have to give to others, the abilities and talents that we use to serve the community, and the financial support that sustains us as a Parish. Our stewardship enables us to support the ministries that are so dear to us. Our outreach, youth organizations, Sunday school, and the liturgical life of the church, are dependent on this support. The day to day operation and maintenance of the Church, Community Center and our grounds requires funding. We welcome encourage the involvement of all of you.

Ted Sofis
Vice President & Stewardship Chair

*** 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

*It is time once again to join or renew your membership in philoptochos.
Please fill out the form below and return to the church or Connie Carahalis:
224 Mt. Lebanon Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15234*

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

*From your \$25 Philoptochos Stewardship donation, \$15 is sent to the National Philoptochos, and \$10 is sent to the Pittsburgh Metropolis Philoptochos. Anything over \$25 goes to the Holy Cross Philoptochos.

Deposit from Weeks of 10/9 and 10/16	
Account Name	Deposit
Pledges from 2015	
Pledges for 2016	\$6,192
Bulletin	
Candles	\$636
Donations – Unspecified	
Flowers/Communion Wine	
Loose Offerings	\$126
Greek School	
Sunday Church School	\$19
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.	
Golf Outing	\$950
Food Festival	\$50
Poinsettia	\$15
Total Deposit	\$7,988

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
10/23	\$7,186.50	\$440,499.84	\$645,427.63	-\$204,927.79
10/30	\$7,988	\$448,487.84	\$659,954.94	-\$211,467.10