

# Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, January 8, 2017



## Domnica the Righteous of Constantinople

Saint Domnica was from Carthage. During the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great, she came with four other virgins to Constantinople, where she was baptized by Nectarius, the Patriarch of Constantinople. She remained in Constantinople and became known for her extreme asceticism, the miracles that she worked, and the grace of prophecy that adorned her. She lived until the days of the Emperors Leo and Zeno, reposing in peace about the year 474.

## Hymns of the Day

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode**

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

### **Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Theophany in the First Mode**

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

### **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 Fourth Mode**

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

## **This Week at Holy Cross**

House Blessings will be taking place all week, Please submit for to schedule your house blessing.

**Wednesday**                      4:30 Greek School  
   6:45 GOYA Basketball Practice

**Friday – Sunday**                      GOYA Basketball Tournament at Holy Trinity Pittsburgh

### **Memorials**

Nick Macroglou - 10 Years

Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Coffee Hour sponsored by Dcn. Frank Dickos and family in honor of in honor of Marco's name day, St. Makarios, and Vasilopita

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 Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13.

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

### **Gospel Reading**

The Reading is from Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

## **Stewardship Reminder**

Thank you to those of you who have submitted your 2017 Pledge. We are in the process of making our budget for next year so please make every effort to turn in you 2017 pledge as soon as possible.

## **A Note from Philoptochos**

Please join us today, January 8, after Vasilopita and coffee hour, 12:30PM, in the Philoptochos Room, for our first meeting of 2017. There is a Philoptochos membership form in today's bulletin. Please become a member or renew today and be a part of our worthwhile organization! You must be a 2017 member to vote at today's meeting.

The Philoptochos Philanthropy Award applications are now available in the narthex, office or Elaine Sofis. Please see an application for the necessary criteria to apply for the award.

Elaine Sofis, Philoptochos President

## **Community News**

### **Philoptochos Philanthropy Award**

Attention Holy Cross Graduating High School Seniors and Parents

Two Holy Cross Philoptochos Society \$1000 Philanthropy Awards are available to two graduating high school seniors from our church. The awards are available to ONLY PLEDGED families of Holy Cross. The application will be available in the church office, narthex or Elaine Sofis beginning on Sunday, January 8, 2017 and returned by Sunday, March 19, 2017. The award is based on a philanthropic accomplishment(s) . A short essay is required. A separate, but similar, Philoptochos Philanthropy Award is available to a graduating Mt. Lebanon High School senior in the guidance office, too.

You may apply to both awards but will be eligible to receive only one. Please see an application for all the necessary criteria to apply for the award. The Holy Cross Philanthropy Award application may be returned to the church office or Elaine Sofis, in church, or 121 Woodhaven Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. -Elaine Sofis, Philoptochos President

### **Thank You!**

Popi Hagelios would like to thank all of those who donated for ingredients for the making of the Christmas bread as well as all those who gave of thier time to help bake the Christmas bread. It was, once again, a great success!

### **Stewardship Envelopes**

Holy Cross is no longer using the contribution envelopes that were mailed to you every month. Therefore, kindly put your donations (Stewardship, Holydays, Memorials, Special) in a plain personal envelope, with your name and address (mailing label) and /or your account number.

### **Circle of Angels**

The Circle of Angels would like to thank all of the "Baking Angels", who delivered beautiful and bountiful amounts of cookies for the Shut-in Christmas Cookie Baskets. God bless you all!!!

Thank you, Carol

## Save the Date

### GOLDEN CLUB

Important date! Tuesday February 21 Covered dish Valentine Party! Time: 11:30 - ?  
Entertainment! Look for additional information in the February Cross Roads newsletter.  
Please become a new member or renew your 2017 membership. Dues are ten dollars.

December 25, 2016 Deposit	
Account Name	Deposit
Pledges from 2016	\$2,965
Pledges for 2017	\$500
Candles	\$968
Loose Offerings	\$513
Special Envelopes	\$1,057
Hall Rental Income - 2016	\$1,000
Christmas Card	\$420
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<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$8,073</b>

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### 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 Nov.</b>	\$498,595.07	\$498,595.07	\$705,613.20	-\$207,018.13
<b>12/4</b>	\$15,555	\$514,150.07	\$713,913.52	-\$199,763.45
<b>12/11</b>	\$19,966	\$534,116.07	\$728,440.83	-\$194,324.76
<b>12/18</b>	\$23,658	\$557,774.07	\$742,968.14	-\$185,194.04
<b>12/25</b>	\$8,073	\$565,847.07	\$757,495.45	-\$191,648.38

*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.