

Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, January 15, 2017



John the Hut-Dweller

Saint John, who was from Constantinople, was the son of illustrious parents -- Eutropius the Senator and Theodora. Being wealthy, St. John's parents were all too happy to host guests and would do so for the upper echelons of society as well as travelling monks and Priests on their way to the Holy Land.

One such monk extended his stay when he saw the love young John had for Christ, His teachings, and His Church. John made the monk promise to return on his way back from the pilgrimage. The monk kept his word and returned to see John. And so, at twelve years of age he departed secretly from his home and went to the Monastery of the Unsleeping (see Dec. 29). He was tonsured a monk soon after his arrival at the monastery and there he stayed.

Aflame with longing for his parents, he returned after six years to his father's home in the guise of a pauper and beggar. Living in a small hut at the gates of his parents' house (wherefrom he is called "hut-dweller"), he remained unknown therein for many years, and suffered mockery at the hands of those who had been his own servants. Foreknowing his death, he revealed himself to his parents, and within a few moments reposed, about the year 450.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

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 First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

This Week at Holy Cross

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

Monday	6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study
Tuesday	Feast of St. Anthony 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	4:30 Greek School 6:45 GOYA Basketball Practice

Memorials

Peter James Karakitsos (Father of Janet Conomos) - 25 Years
Tulia Bonaros - 6 Months

Altar Candles are sponsored by the Conomos, Jahn, Kucherawy and Paradise families in loving memory of Peter James Karakitsos.

Altar Flowers are sponsored by John and Teddi Kladakis in honor of Amanda and John Kladakis.

Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Conomos, Jahn, Kucherawy, and Paradise families in loving memory of Peter James Karakitsos

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 Colossians 3:4-11.

BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

I would like to thank my executive officers, board members, members and especially ALL the chairpersons for a fantastic 2016! It is an honor to be your president!

Philoptochos is an integral part of our beloved Holy Cross parish. Many hours are dedicated by our members towards philanthropic endeavors. Thank you, Holy Cross, for your love and support of our fundraising efforts!

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

Cookies are needed for the GOYA basketball tournament. Please take your cookies Feb 2,3, 4 to the community center. Thank you for your generosity! Our next Philoptochos meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 7PM, weather permitting.

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

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.

Please remember, all information one wishes to have appear in the weekly bulletin must be submitted to Jonathan McClish NO LATER that 11:59 pm on the Wednesday prior of the bulletin in which they wish to have the information. Please email all requests to mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com thank you.

Save the Date

GOLDEN CLUB

Important date! Tuesday February 21 we will be having a 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.

Sts. Mary and Martha Group will be meeting next Tuesday January 24th at the home of Irene Zotis. The speaker will be Fr. George Callos on the topic of "The Voice of Christ is Filled with Authority." If you are interested in attending, please contact Irene at (412) 276 - 5002.

God Parent Sunday

Sunday February 12th will be our annual God Parent Sunday. Please join us with your spiritual family to celebrate this day!

Mardi Gras

Saturday February 25th will be our Mardi Gras celebration. There will be games and activities for parents and children alike! Bring the whole family for Fellowship, Fun, and Food! Tickets will be \$10 Dollars for adults and \$5 dollars for children 5 and up (children under 5 get in for free).

*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 1/8/2017	
Pledges - 2016	\$50

Pledges - 2017	\$3,835
Candles	\$362
Loose Offerings	\$152
Sunday School	\$14
Total	\$4,413

Deposit from 1/1/2017	
Pledges - 2016	\$7,319
Pledges - 2017	\$16,972
Donations	\$450
Loose Offerings	\$137
Special Envelopes	\$398
Kitchen supply rental	\$100
Photo Directory	\$5
Total	\$25,381

2016 Financial Snapshot based on \$2,075.33 daily operating costs			
	Weekly Collection	Estimated Operational Needs	Difference
Total for 2016	\$565,847.07	\$757,495.45	-\$191,648.38

Financial Snapshot based on \$2,075.33 daily operational costs				
Date	Weekly Collection	Total Weekly Collections	Estimated Operational Needs	Difference
1/1	\$25,381	\$25,381	\$16,602.64	\$8,778.36
1/8	\$4,413	\$29,794	\$31,129.95	-\$1,335.95



Saturday, January 28, 2017 | 11-2

Experience tastes from around the world!

*Sample five homemade soups for \$10,
and take your favorite quart home for a donation.*

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Register online: iocc.org/pittsburgh

Questions? Bob Barron 412.831.7162



St. George SOYO & Children's Ministry
will assemble health kits, too.
All area youth are invited! To sponsor kits,
call Nick Terezis 740.282.5198

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