

# Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, January 22, 2017



## **The Righteous Martyr Anastasius of Persia**

Saint Anastasius was a Persian by race, the son of a Magus, and a soldier in the Persian army in the days of Chosroes II, King of Persia, and Heraclius, Emperor of New Rome. The Saint's Persian name was Magundat.

When Chosroes captured Jerusalem in the year 614 and took the Precious Cross away captive, Magundat heard the report of the miracles that came to pass through the

Cross of our salvation. Being of a prudent mind, perplexed that an instrument of torture should be so highly honored by the Christians, yet seized with longing to learn their Faith, he diligently sought out instruction in the whole divine dispensation of Christ: His Incarnation, Passion, and Resurrection. When he learned what he sought to know, his soul was filled with wonder and joy. Withdrawing to the Holy City, he was baptized by Saint Modestus, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and became a monk, receiving the new name of Anastasius.

Finally, unable to contain his longing, he left his monastery. Encountering certain Persian Magi at Caesarea, he rebuked them for their delusion. Since Palestine was still held in the captivity of the Persians, he was taken before the Persian ruler, questioned, beaten, and imprisoned. He was then taken with other captives to Persia, where, after many tortures, refusing to espouse again the error of his fathers, he was hanged up by one hand, strangled with a noose, and beheaded. The translation of his holy relics is celebrated on the 24th of this month

## **Hymns of the Day**

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

Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, 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 through 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 all week, Please submit form to schedule your house blessing.**

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	7 pm Board of Advisors Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feast of St. Gregory the Theologian</b> 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Greek School 6:45 pm Basketball Practice 7 pm Parish Council Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm Great Vespers

## *Memorials*

*Rose Pamphilis 6 years*

*John Anetakis 12 years*

*Jean (Eugenia) Manganas 4 Years*

Altar flowers are donated in loving memory of John Anetakis and Rose Pamphilis by the Tripodes, Anetakis, Lugares and Gzikowski families.

Altar candles are donated in loving memory of John Anetakis and Rose Pamphilis by the Tripodes, Anetakis, Lugares and Gzikowski families.

### Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Coffee Hour is sponsored in loving memory of John Anetakis and Rose Pamphilis by the Tripodes, Anetakis, Lugares and Gzikowski families.

## **Epistle Reading**

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15.

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

## **Gospel Reading**

The Reading is from Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

## **A Note from Philoptochos**

Philoptochos mourns the loss of our dear friend and sister, + Popi Hagelios. Thank you to ALL who helped to cook, bake, set-up, serve and clean-up for the funeral and Makaria of our beloved +Popi.

The Philoptochos Philanthropy Award applications are available in the narthex, office, Denise Melis and Elaine Sofis. Please see an application for the necessary criteria to apply for the award. Applications must be returned by March 19.

Cookies are needed for the GOYA basketball tournament. Please take your cookies to the community center on February 2,3,4. Thank you for your generosity!

Our next Philoptochos meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 7PM, weather permitting.

Elaine Sofis,  
Philoptochos President

## **Community News**

### **NEW MONDAY BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

“Journey to Fullness” is a most enlightening and profound video series for both cradle and converted Orthodox Christians as well as potential converts to the Orthodox faith. This 16 part video series was created by Fr. Barnabas Powell a former Pentecostal pastor and now Greek Orthodox priest in Cummings, GA.

Each broadcast is 20 minutes long followed by question and answer session.

Come to Paraklesis and pray for your family and friends and then stay for bible study.

### **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.

## **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.

### **God Parent Sunday**

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

celebrate Liturgy and receive Communion together!

### **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).

**Sts. Mary and Martha Group** will be meeting next Tuesday January 31st 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 RSVP ASAP with Irene at (412) 276 - 5002.

### **Financial Snapshot based on \$2075.33 daily operational needs**

Date	Weekly Collection	Weekly Collection total to date	Estimated Operational Needs Sunday	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
1/15	\$8,808	\$38,602	\$45,657.26	-\$7,055.26

<b>Janurary 15<sup>th</sup> Deposit</b>	
Pledges 2016	\$1,090
Pledges 2017	\$6,936
Candles	\$410
Flowers/Communion Wine	\$70
Loose Offerings	\$192
Special Projects	\$10
House Blessings	\$25
Book Sales	\$47
Postage	\$5
Total	\$8,808

**\*\*\*Due to Jonathan attending a conference this week, all Bulletin information must be in by Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm \*\*\***

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*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

INTERNATIONAL

Soup Sampling

TO BENEFIT IOCC

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](http://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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