

# Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday, February 19, 2017

## **Saints Celebrated Today**

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and Onesimus  
Philothei the Righteous Martyr of Athens  
Niketas the Younger

## **Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)**

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

## **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 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**

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat and the books will be opened, and everything in secret will become public. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O Judge most just.

**This Week at Holy Cross**

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:30 am Golden Club @ Holy Cross C.C.
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:30 pm Greek School 7 pm Parish Council Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday of Souls</b> 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am – 5 pm Beetrat @ Holy Trinity North Hills 5 pm Vespers 6 pm Mardi Gras Party @ Holy Cross C.C.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Cheesefare Sunday</b> 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 5 pm Forgiveness Vespers

## Memorials

Popi Hagelios - 40 Days

Altar Candles are sponsored in honor of John and Janet Conomos' 50th Wedding Anniversary from the Jahn, Kucherawy, and Paradise families.

### **Coffee Hour Sponsorship**

**Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by:  
The Family of Popi Hagelios in loving memory.**

All coffee hours in the month of March are still available for sponsoring. If you are able to sponsor a 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 First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2. Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

## **Gospel Reading**

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) The Reading is from Matthew 25:31-46  
The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

### **A Note from Philoptochos**

Today is +Popi Hagelios's 40 day memorial. Her family is sponsoring coffee hour and Philoptochos will be serving and cleaning up in her honor. Philoptochos is honoring our beloved +Popi by renaming our Philanthropy Award for the 2017-2018 school year to:

The Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church.

Thank you to members who donated fruit and cookies for today's coffee hour. There are Philoptochos elections in May. Your vote matters! You must be a member to be able to vote! Philoptochos continues to accept new and renewing members. Please see the membership form in today's bulletin. Our next Philoptochos meeting will be March 7 at 7PM in the Philoptochos Room. Save the Dates: The Philoptochos Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon on April 9, after Liturgy

Elaine Sofis,  
Philoptochos President

### **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.

## **Community News**

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

A Philoptochos TEA on Saturday, May 20 at Holy Cross Community Center.

“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.

Deposit from 2/12	
Pledges - 2017	\$8,529
Candles	\$640
Flowers/Communion Wine	\$20
Loose Offerings	\$267
Miscellaneous	\$390
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,846</b>

Financial Snapshot based on \$2,239.23 daily operational needs				
Date	Weekly Collection	Weekly Collection Total to Date	Estimated Operational Needs to Sunday	Difference
Total through Jan.	\$59,627	\$59,627	\$69,416.13	-\$9,789.13
2/5	\$11,126	\$70,753	\$80,612.28	-\$9,859.28
2/12	\$9,846	\$80,599	\$96,286.89	-\$15,687.89

**\*\*Please remember, all information one wishes to have appear in the weekly bulletin must be submitted to Jonathan McClish NO LATER than 11:59pm on the Wednesday prior of the bulletin in which they wish to have the information. Please email all requests to [mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com](mailto:mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com) \*\***

# MARDI GRAS

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Children's Glendi 6 pm Costume Parade - 7:30 pm

**Suggested Donation: Adults - \$10  
Children 5 and up - \$5 (Under 5 Free)**

Come in costume if you would like! If not, come enjoy the fun anyway, children of all ages!

**PRIZES GALORE AND SILENT AUCTION!!**

Get your tickets at the door.

To donate prizes or become a sponsor please call:

**Denise Mells - (412) 858-5661    Dana Yamalis - (412) 343-8358**

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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