

# Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

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## **Saints Celebrated Today**

James the Apostle and brother of St. John the Theologian, Argyra the New Martyr, Clement the Hymnographer, Erconwald - Bishop of London.

**When then [Mary Magdelene] came and said these things, [the disciples] hearing them, draw near with great eagerness to the sepulcher, and see the linen clothes lying, which was a sign of the Resurrection. For neither, if any persons had removed the body, would they before doing so have stripped it; nor if any had stolen it, would they have taken the trouble to remove the napkin, and roll it up, and lay it in a place by itself; but how? they would have taken the body as it was.**

**On this account John tells us by anticipation that it was buried with much myrrh, which glues linen to the body not less firmly than lead; in order that when thou hearest that the napkins lay apart, thou mayest not endure those who say that He was stolen. For a thief would not have been so foolish as to spend so much trouble on a superfluous matter. For why should he undo the clothes? and how could he have escaped detection if he had done so? since he would probably have spent much time in so doing, and be found out by delaying and loitering. But why do the clothes lie apart, while the napkin was wrapped together by itself?**

**That thou mayest learn that it was not the action of men in confusion or haste, the placing some in one place, some in another, and the wrapping them together. From this they believed in the Resurrection. On this account Christ afterwards appeared to them, when they were convinced by what they had seen.**

+ St. John Chrysostom, Homily 85, *Homilies on the Gospel of John*

## **Hymns of the Day**

### **Apolytikion of Great and Holy Pascha in the Plagal First Mode**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday 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 Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

### **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday in the Second Mode**

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

### **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 Plagal Fourth Mode**

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

### **This Week**

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	7 pm Philoptochos Meeting and Elections
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:30 pm Greek School
<b>Saturday</b>	5 pm Vespers

### **Memorials**

*Michael Kostante - 40 Days*  
*Panagiotis "Peter" Teris – 1 Year*  
*George Rangos - 1 Year*  
*Mary Moryatis – 10 Years*

*Altar Flowers are sponsored by Patricia and Lou Moryatis in loving memory of Mary Moryatis.*

*Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the Kostante and Rangos families in loving memory of loved ones who have passed away.*

If you are interested in sponsoring 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 Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7.

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

### **Gospel Reading**

The Reading is from Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### **FOOD FAIR NEWS**

**Elaine Sofis and Dena Yamalis will be at coffee hour today, Sunday, April 30, to sign volunteers for the June Food Fair Main line, prep room and pastries.**

**Souzoukakia(Meatballs) will be prepared tomorrow, Monday, May 1st at 9AM. Late arrivals are ALWAYS welcome!**

### Visiting Ministries: Priestly Sacramental Visits and Circle of Angels visits

Do you have a loved one that cannot regularly attend church services?

Please call the church office to schedule a Sacramental Visit from one of our clergymen. They will also be placed on the Philoptochos Circle of Angels visiting list. Thank you for helping our parish family to stay connected to the Church.

**\*\*All entries for the Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to Jonathan McClish no later than Wednesday at 11:59 pm prior to the Sunday you wish to have the entry published. Send to [mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com](mailto:mcclish.jonathan@gmail.com) \*\*\***

### Philoptochos News

Christos Anesti!

TO our 140 Holy Cross Philoptochos Members, Please join us THIS Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30PM for a short Philoptochos meeting on the carpeted area of the Community Center!

There will be a short Philoptochos meeting on the carpeted area of the community center at 6:30PM THIS Tuesday, May 2 followed by a BOARD election from 7:00PM- 8:30PM. All candidates for the board must be present at the election. IF you received an election notice in the mail, you are a 2017 paid Philoptochos member and are eligible to vote. This is an actual election of 18 board members. Our Philoptochos is NOT having a prepared slate of new board members and executive officers. You will vote for 18 board members or less. You may NOT vote for more than 18 or your ballot will be invalid. I will be the 19th board member as your outgoing president. I was not granted a waiver to have a third term. Please prayerfully vote for your new board. After ratification from the National Philoptochos and swearing in from Fr. Michael, the new Philoptochos board members will convene and executive officers will be elected. This date is to be determined. The current officers and board continues until the new board is sworn in. Wine, cheese and crackers will be served during the elections to thank the old board and to celebrate the new one!

Tickets will be sold today, Sunday, April 30 for the Philoptochos May 20, Noon Tea the Community Center. See flyer on back page for details.

Elaine Sofis,  
Philoptochos President

### WEEKLY FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATES



The 2017 festival is only six weeks away – and we have lots of preparation to go! Thanks to everyone who has helped so far. Turnout has been great and we look forward to continuing to have a supportive group to make this year's preparation a breeze!

Next up, we are making Souzoukakia, Sauces, and our Famous Lamb Shanks. We begin at 9am and wrap when complete, usually mid-afternoon – more hands make light work!

Sign up online ([tinyurl.com/foodprep17](http://tinyurl.com/foodprep17) or on Facebook) and call the chair with any questions!

5/1	Souzoukakia	Domenica Merante	412.812.3206
5/9	Sauces	John Hoenig	412.478.7942
5/10-11	Lamb Shanks	Regina Spanos	412.889.6674

**GOLDEN CLUB MEMBERS:** Please join us on Tuesday, May 16, as we travel to the Westmoreland Museum of Art in Greensburg. The Westmoreland is a regional museum with a national presence. More than a museum, it's a destination that presents a unique look at American life. This museum's collection includes works by major artists from four centuries. Every work of art has a story to tell! Cost of the docent-led tour is ten dollars

due upon arrival. Please meet at the Church for travel by van no later than 9 AM. We will "lunch" in Greensburg; then proceed to the museum. RSVP by May 9th to Rene Koett (rjkoett@ [yahoo.com](mailto:rjkoett@yahoo.com) or 412. 559.1721) or Cynthia Kostelnik ([cakostelnik@yahoo.com](mailto:cakostelnik@yahoo.com) or 412.722.9512).

*Holy Cross sadly announces the passing of †Dean Metropulos*

*Visitation will be Sunday, April 30 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm with a Trisaigion at 7pm.*

*Eloise B. Kyper Funeral Home, Inc. 2702 Mt Royal Blvd, Glenshaw, PA 15116*

*(412) 486-9086*

*Funeral service will be at: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church*

*985 Providence Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237*

*On Monday, May 1 at 10am. □ (There is no visitation prior.)*



*Holy Cross Ladies Philoptochos Society  
invites you to an*

*Afternoon Tea*

*Saturday, May 20, 2017*

*Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Community Center  
123 Gilkeson Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228*

*Doors Open 12:00 p.m.*

*Tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, cookies, pastries and various teas will be served.*

*Silent Auction, Door Prizes and fashions by Trendy Trousseau*

*Ticket Cost \$15.00*

*Contact Pam Lagios 412-276-4614 or Mary Zotis 412-835-2381  
for tickets by May 12th*

*All ages are welcome and hats are optional.*