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Weekly Bulletin

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Saints Celebrated Today

Repose of St. Nilus, abbot of Sora, Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem,
Akakios the Centurion of Byzantium, Pachomios the New Martyr of Patmos

Sunday of the Paralytic

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had round about it five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

"What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it do to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as by a figure and they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not by coming unexpectedly harm among the many the power of faith."

—St. John Chrysostom Homily 36 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.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted 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

Monday 6:30 Paraklesis (Reader service since Fr. Michael is out of town)

Wednesday 4:30 pm Greek School

Saturday 7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Holy Cross Community Center
5 pm Vespers

Memorials

Nicholas Kartsonas - 40 Days

Nedialka Nekezova - 21 Years

Emilia Korba - 9 Days (Fr. Daniel's Mother)

Patrick John Korba - 3 Months (Fr. Daniel's Brother)

John Korba - 35 Years (Fr. Daniel's Father)

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the Kartsonas family in loving memory of Nicholas Kartsonas.

If you are interested in sponsoring a coffee hour - check the calendar online: www.holycrosspgh.org, click "Events", then "Coffee Hour", click on date to see if someone has taken it. Email holycrosspit@mail.goarch.org or call the church office to request date.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42.

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

A Note from Philoptochos

Philoptochos News Christos Anesti!

Your Holy Cross Philoptochos, 2017-2019, Newly Elected 18 Board members are: JoAnna Asvestas, Dianne Babb, Connie Carahalıs, Yvonne Cywinski, Eva Elderkin, Ria Kartsonas, Rene Koett, Demetra(Mimi) Kontoulis, Cynthia Kostelnik, Pam Lagios, Andrea Milinkovic, Marica Mitsos, Vasso Paliouras, Dina Petrakis, Nancy Sofis, Denise Sokos, Dena Yamalis, Mary Zotis. I, Elaine Sofis, am automatically on the board as your outgoing president.

Our current officers and board will continue until ratification is received from the National Philoptochos and swearing in by Fr. Michael. After swearing in, the new board will convene and executive officers will be elected. This date is to be determined. A special THANK YOU to Election chairperson Kathy Frommeyer and assistants Katina Galie and Carol Halkias for hosting a smooth election. Pam Lagios will be selling tickets(\$15) TODAY at coffee hour for the May 20 Noon Tea in the Community Center. Deadline to reserve is May 12.

Cookies and Pastries are needed for the Tea. Please take your donations to the community center on May 19 & 20. Volunteers are needed for the set-up on May 19 & 20. Please contact Ria Kartsonas if able to help. Please see the flyer for more details!

Elaine Sofis Philoptochos President

Elaine Sofis will be at coffee hour TODAY to sign volunteers for the June Food Fair Main Line. Volunteers are especially needed Tuesday, June 13 dinner, 4:30- 9PM Thursday, June 15 dinner, 4:30-9PM and Friday, June 16, anytime from 2:30-9:00PM

Holy Cross Men's Group

WE WILL BE STARTING A MEN'S GROUP HERE AT HOLY CROSS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR OUR FIRST MEETING TO BE SATURDAY MAY 13TH. WE WILL MEET FOR BREAKFAST AND HAVING AN OPEN CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR FAITH. JOIN US FOR THIS NEW FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING, PLEASE CONTACT GEORGE SOKOS AT DOESOK@VERIZON.NET

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 or 412. 559.1721) or Cynthia Kostelnik (cakostelnik@yahoo.com or 412.722.9512).



This week, we make our famous Lamb Shanks! Sauces and shank prep begins Tuesday with the bulk of cooking Wednesday & Thursday. This dish requires some heavy lifting so all extra hands are appreciated.

We then jump into two favorite desserts: Kouramabiethes (next Wednesday, May 17th) and Koulourkia (Tuesday, May 23rd and Wednesday, May 24th.)

The group starts in the morning at 9am and wraps when the work is complete, usually mid-afternoon. Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/foodprep17>, on our Facebook group, or call chair Regina Spanos with any questions at 412.889.6674.

Deposit from week of 4/16	
Pledges - 2016	\$2,750
Pledges - 2017	\$12,374
Candles	\$2,261
Loose Offerings	\$908
Holy Week Envelopes	\$1,600
Miscellaneous	\$621
Flowers/Communion Wine	\$25
Pascha Candles	\$3,767
Total	\$24,306

Deposit from 4/23		Deposit from 4/30	
Pledges - 2017	\$15,874	Pledges - 2017	\$13,192
Candles	\$462	Candles	\$473
Flowers/Communion Wine	\$70	Loose Offerings	\$229
Loose Offerings	\$224	Sunday School	\$5
Sunday School	\$8		
Holy Week Envelopes	\$1,225		
Crowns of Thorns	\$50		
Total	\$17,913	Total	\$13,899

Financial Snapshot based on \$2,239.23 daily operational needs				
Date	Wkly Collection	Wkly Collection Total to Date	Est. Operational Needs to Sunday	Difference
Total through Mar.	\$137,788	\$137,788	\$190,334.55	-\$52,546.55
4/2	\$10,255	\$148,043	\$206,009.16	-\$57,966.16
4/9	\$13,662	\$161,705	\$221,683.77	-\$59,978.77
4/16	\$24,306	\$186,011	\$237,358.38	-\$51,347.38
4/23	\$17,913	\$203,924	\$253,032.99	-\$49,108.99
4/30	\$13,899	\$217,823	\$268,707.60	-\$50,884.60

GRADUATE SUNDAY IS SUNDAY. JUNE 11TH

THOSE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND GRADUATE SCHOOL WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE PARISH. FAMILIES PLEASE SEND IN YOUR GRADUATES' INFORMATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE (HOLYCROSSPIT@MAIL.GOARCH.ORG OR 412-833-3355). INFORMATION TO SUBMIT: NAME OF GRADUATE AND THEIR PARENTS, NAME OF SCHOOL HE/SHE IS GRADUATING FROM - HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, WHAT HE/SHE INTENDS TO STUDY OR WHAT DEGREE HAS BEEN EARNED, WHERE HE/SHE PLANS TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION (SCHOOL) OR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT PLANS.



*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.