

Holy Cross

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Weekly Bulletin

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Saints Commemorated Today

The Holy Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene; Nikitas, Bishop of Chalcedon; Eutechios, Bishop of Mytilene; Helikonis the Martyr; Heladios the Hieromartyr of the East; Zacharias the New Martyr

Fathers of the 1st Council

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar. Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles,

summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

-Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

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 Holy Ascension in the Fourth Mode

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, 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 Plagal Second Mode

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

This Week

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| Monday | Memorial Day 9-11 am Jefferson Cemetery 12:30-2 pm Mt. Lebanon Cemetery |
| Tuesday | 7pm Sts. Mary & Martha Group |
| Wednesday | 4:30 pm Greek School |
| Saturday | Saturday of Souls 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Vespers |

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the GAPA.

If you are interested in sponsoring a 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 Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36.

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

A Note from Philoptochos

Our next Philoptochos meeting will be Tuesday, June 6 at 7PM. I hope that you can attend!
 Save the Dates - October 4,5,6, 2017 Philoptochos Autumn Food Fair and Yiayia Joan's Attic,
 11:30AM-8PM

Elaine Sofis,
 Philoptochos President

Sts. Mary & Martha Group

This Tuesday May 30th Fr. Demitios Carellas will be speaking on the topic "The Voice of Christ is Filled with Hope." The evening will be hosted by Carol Halkias. Please RSVP - (412) 276-5002

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.

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| Deposit from week of 5/14 | |
| Pledges - 2016 | \$2,500 |
| Pledges - 2017 | \$7,424 |
| Candles | \$491 |
| Flowers/Communion Wine | \$50 |
| Loose Offerings | \$165 |
| Sunday School | \$14 |
| Holy Week Envelope | \$625 |
| Baptism Service Donation | \$500 |
| Total | \$11,769 |

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 April | \$217,823 | \$217,823 | \$268,707.60 | -\$50,884.60 |
| 5/7 | \$6,014 | \$223,837 | \$284,382.21 | -\$60,545.21 |
| 5/14 | \$6,436 | \$230,273 | \$300,002.82 | -\$69,765.82 |
| 5/21 | \$11,769 | \$242,042 | \$315,677.43 | -73,635.43 |

**All entries for the Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to Nena @
 holycrosspit@mail.goarch.org prior to the Sunday you wish to have the entry published.



Save The Date
October 2nd 2017
Holy Cross Michael Megaludis
Golf Outing
South Hills Country Club
Golf
Dinner
Prizes
Fellowship



Many hands are needed this week to trim and cube 600lb of lamb. Please consider what time you may have to share Tuesday & Wednesday (and possibly Thursday). The more help we have, the less time is required.

Gift Certificates will be available in \$25 and \$10 denominations. You can purchase them after services today – see Jim Spanos in the Community Center.

The committee is collecting all volunteer needs for during the festival and we'll share a full list within the next week – keep an eye out for an email and bulletin/crossroads updates. We appreciate all help your family can share towards this important fundraiser for our church. Thank you!

**2017 Orthodox Christian
Vacation Church School**

The Incredible
Race

at Holy Cross

Bring your children to learn God's word at V.C.S.!

VCS is dedicated to teaching our young children about Orthodox Christianity in a fun and exciting atmosphere. It is an extension of the Sunday School experience that can greatly enhance a child's sense of belonging to the church, while providing children with an opportunity to make lifelong friends in the church community.

Activities include daily skits illustrating lesson, brief classroom instruction, junior forum, religious music lessons, hands-on crafts relating to lesson, recreation time, snack & social time.

This year's theme is:

The Incredible Race

Monday, July 24, 2017 ~ Friday, July 28, 2017

9:00 am ~12:00 Noon

**Monday, July 24, children should arrive at 8:30 am*



Let us run... the race Hebrews 12:1

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If you have any questions, or in case of emergency during
VCS, call (412) 833-3355

Welcoming all children age 3 years through entering 6th grade
Older students, parents, interested adults needed to volunteer

Nominal registration fee of \$12 if received by June 30/
\$17 if received by July 15th/\$22 if received after July 15th
Please register early so we can adequately prepare for
snacks and crafts!

Parents, if you are able to help with Vacation Church School please plan on attending meetings June 7th and July 20th in the Library at 7 pm