

Sunday, July 2, 2017

The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

The Gospel According to Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



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*Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Millie & Ted Caridis
from John & Janet Conomos.*

*Coffee hour is being sponsored today in loving memory of Millie & Ted Caridis
by their daughters and family.*

Memorials: +George Cardone 40 days
+Kalliope Zervos 4 years
+Millie Caridis 4.5 years
+Ted Caridis 7 years
+John Stivaktas 11 years
+Mary Zervos 47 years

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday 6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study
Tuesday *Independence Day*
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday 5pm Vespers

This week Camp Nazareth Grades 8 & 9

Next week grades 10-12 with Fr. Michael at camp

SAVE THE DATE: Luncheon to honor outgoing Philoptochos President Elaine Sofis on **Saturday, July 29** @ Valley Brook Country Club. Look for details (*menu & cost*) coming soon in the weekly bulletin.

GREEK DAY @ **Kennywood** is Tuesday, July 25.
Contact Ypapanti for tickets: 412.824.9188

Orthodox Christian Vacation Church School 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*



***Orthodox Christian Vacation Church School at Holy Cross
2017 Registration Form ~ Please print.***

- ♥ Welcoming all children age 3 years through entering 6th grade
- ♥ Older students, parents, interested adults needed to volunteer.
- ♥ Nominal registration fee of \$12 ff received by June 30/\$17 if rec'd by July 15th/\$22 if rec'd after July 15th
- ♥ Please register early so we can adequately prepare for snacks and crafts!
- ♥ Make checks payable to Holy Cross VCS and send to:
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Child's First & Last Name	Age on July 30	Grade Entering Fall 2017	Allergy information (Food, Medicine, Other)

Parent's Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Church Parish you belong to: _____

Mother's Cell Phone/Work Phone: _____

Father's Cell Phone/Work Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency information, OTHER THAN parents

1st Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____

2nd Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____

Parental Consent: _____

I give my child(ren) listed above permission to participate in the Vacation Church School held July 24 through July 28, 2017. I understand that my child (ren) will be responsible for obeying the rules and regulations of VCS as enforced by the directors, teachers, and staff. I hereby release Holy Cross church, its VCS teachers and staff from liability for the safety and/or conduct of my child(ren). I also give permission for emergency medical care to be administered to my child (ren) if necessary.

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

For administrative use:

Date Received _____ Amt Recd/Check # _____ Amt Recd/Cash _____



*If you are interested in sponsoring a **Coffee Hour**, please 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.



****As of this printing, July 16 and 23 are still available to host.****

WELCOME – AND A FEW WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION...

We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today, trusting that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the ancient and native Christian communities of the biblical world, with centers in the Holy Lands, Syria, Egypt and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus and throughout the world. Like the ancient Christians, we engage the whole person, heart, mind and all senses in Divine Worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said “We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among human beings.” (Russian Primary Chronicle) That communion experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship. It culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life between all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for observant Orthodox Christians. This does not mean, however, that non-Orthodox are ‘excluded’ – rather, the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity when actual unity does not exist. While working to restore the full communion that did exist in antiquity, today we offer the sign of the blessed bread at the service’s conclusion as a symbolic gift of hospitality and growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or Holy Communion, please approach Fr. Michael or one of the clergy following services.

Thank you for joining us, and again, we welcome you all.

THE CHURCH ~ A HOLY PLACE

When you enter the church building as the “House of Worship,” you are entering into the Great Throne Room of the “King of Kings” as His subjects and His soldiers. The “King of Kings,” Jesus Christ, is enthroned on the Holy Altar and all the angels, prophets, saints and the Most Holy Mother of God are present. His soldiers should be attentive and standing at attention. No one in the presence of the “king of Kings” would sit with his legs crossed, or his hands in his pockets, or chewing gum, or looking at his watch because to do any of these things would be disrespectful. The only proper disposition a soldier can have before his commander is that of reverence which is indicated by a bowed head, a submissive heart and prayer.