

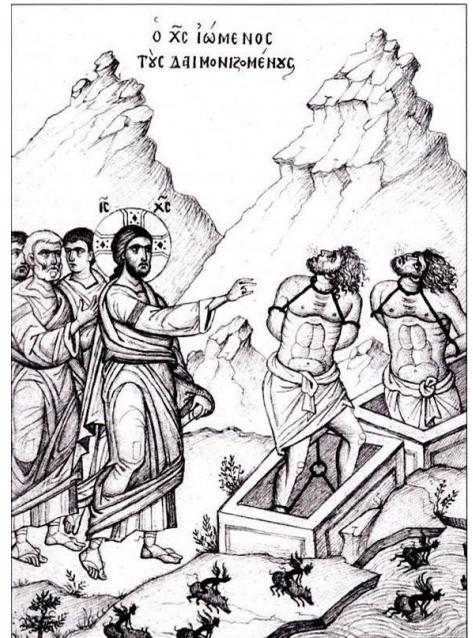
Sunday, July 9, 2017

The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

The Gospel According to Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.



CHRIST HEALING THE GADARENE DEMONIACS
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*Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Tulia Bonaros
 from Helen Bonaros, Nasia & John Hareras and family.*

*Altar candles are sponsored today in loving memory of Alex Portellos and Popie Hagelios
 by the Elderkin, Sprouse and Portellos families.*

*Coffee Hour is sponsored by Mary & George Halkias in honor of their daughter Lydia's high school
 graduation and by Carol & Damon Halkias in loving memory of their parents.*

Memorials:	† Alexander Portellos	40 days
	† Tulia Bonaros	1 year
	† George Tzan	1 year
	† Harry Sappas	3 years
	† Nicholas Bonaros	4 years
	† Henrietta Papalas	15 years
	† Charles Bonaros	17 years
	† Marika Mourtaeos	29 years
	† Nick B. Papalas	24 years
	† Demetrios Mourtaeos	32 years
	† Sadie Halkias	35 years
	† George Halkias	50 years

<u>This Week at Holy Cross</u>
Monday-NO Paraclesis or Bible Study
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday 5pm Vespers
This week: Camp Nazareth Grades 10-12 with Fr. Michael at camp all week

2017 Food festival Results		
Gross Sales	\$179,783.00	
After FF Sales	1,909.00	
AD Book	<u>\$43,255.00</u>	
Gross Sales		\$224,947.00
Expenses	\$78,024.00	
Returns/Credits	<u>- 1,449.00</u>	
Net Expenses		<u>\$76,575.00</u>
NET RESULTS		\$148,372.00

SAVE THE DATE:
 Luncheon to honor outgoing
 Philoptochos President Elaine Sofis
 is on **Saturday, July 29** at Valley
 Brook Country Club. Look for de-
 tails (*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:
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
123 Gilkeson Road
PGH, PA 15228

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.****



Dear Holy Cross Families,

The Circle of Angels, which is the visiting group for the Holy Cross Philoptochos is encouraging all those, who have a loved one in a nursing home or being cared for at home, to please let the church know. We would love to visit him or her to ensure them that their church remembers them. We have a lovely prayer book with photographs of the church icons to offer on our first visit. At Christmas and Easter, we deliver baskets of homemade goodies. At other times of the year, we have taken holy oil, holy water, and antithoron. When we can't make a personal visit, we send cards and/or call those who are able to receive calls.

Even if your loved one is suffering with dementia, the Circle of Angels visit can bring them joy. They may not remember the visit, but the joy they experience from the visit stays with them for a while.

Please call the church office to let Father Michael know that your loved one needs a Circle of Angels visit.

Thank you so much.
Carol Halkias and Christine Peters

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.

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.