

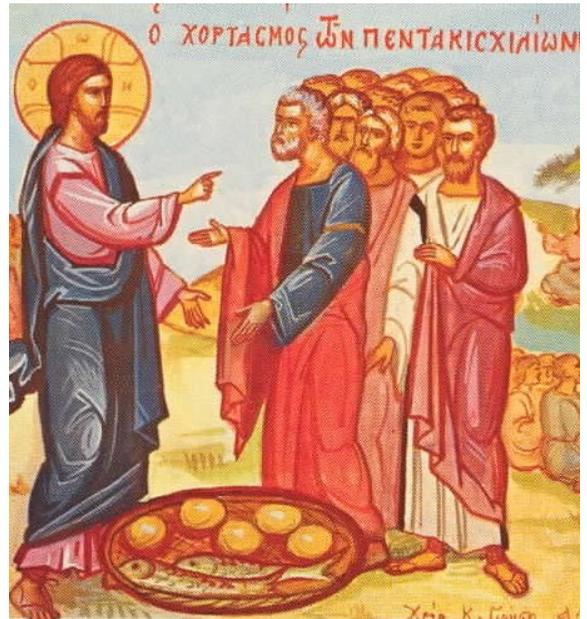
Sunday, July 30, 2017

The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Gospel According to Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.



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*Altar Candles are sponsored by Maria & George Fistsioris
in loving memory of sister Maria Tsonis.*

*Coffee hour is sponsored by the
Koett, Kostelnik, Frommeyer, Fistsioris & Staub Families.*

Trisagion: Maria Tsonis 2 years (sister of George Fistsioris)

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday

Tuesday *Dormition fast begins*
6:30pm Paraclesis

Wednesday 6:30pm Paraclesis

Thursday 6:30pm Paraclesis

Friday 6:30pm Paraclesis

Saturday 8:30am Orthros /9:30am Divine Liturgy
5pm Vespers

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



COFFEE HOUR, an extension of our Divine Liturgy! What a joy it is to be able to gather and have fellowship with one another in our beautiful Community Center. Sponsoring the Coffee Hour has been and is always done on a voluntary basis. We kindly ask all families to participate in whatever capacity they are able. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this year a great blessing!



*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.

***The next eleven Sundays are available for anyone to volunteer. Please contact the church office.*



Philoptochos News- Mark Your Calendars, 9:30AM on the following dates for Autumn Food Fair Cooking

Monday, August 7 with the making of 3600 Koulourakia.

Monday, August 28, Galatobouriko

Tuesday, August 29, Tiropita

Your help is appreciated! Late arrivals are always welcome! Please join us even for an hour!

~Elaine Sofis and Marica Mitsos, Autumn Food Fair Co-Chairs

Anyone interested in helping out with church cleaning with the "Altar Society," please see John Hoenig before or after Divine Liturgy or during coffee hour.

Men's Club will meet on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm @ Primanti's. Please RSVP to George Sokos by August 24th at docsok@verizon.net.

RESCHEDULED: Luncheon to honor outgoing Philoptochos President Elaine Sofis will be on Saturday, September 23 @ St. Clair Country Club.

Details (menu, cost, RSVP) to be posted soon.

THANK YOU to all the VCS volunteers who made for yet another successful Vacation Church School Week! Over 70 children from 3 years old through 6th grade were registered, with dozens of GOYAns, former GOYAns and parents volunteering, and many babies in attendance, making the future look bright!



Though we are in the middle of summer fun, the **new Church School year** is quickly approaching. Please register your children now for the upcoming school year using the website listed below. If you registered last year, you will still have to register again, as the system does not automatically update information. Parents please note:

- 3 year old students (as of September 1st) will be placed in our Preschool Classroom
- 4 and 5 year old students (not yet attending Kindergarten) will be placed in our Pre-K Class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 412-626-9143 or jennifermoorcroft@msn.com.

Directions:

- Go to website: www.holycrosspgh.org
- Click on Youth Ministries.
- Click on Sunday School
- Click on Online Sunday School Registration
- Complete online form.

Thank you and many blessings, Jennifer Moorcroft



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.