

## Sunday, August 6, 2017

### The Epistle reading is from St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:10-19

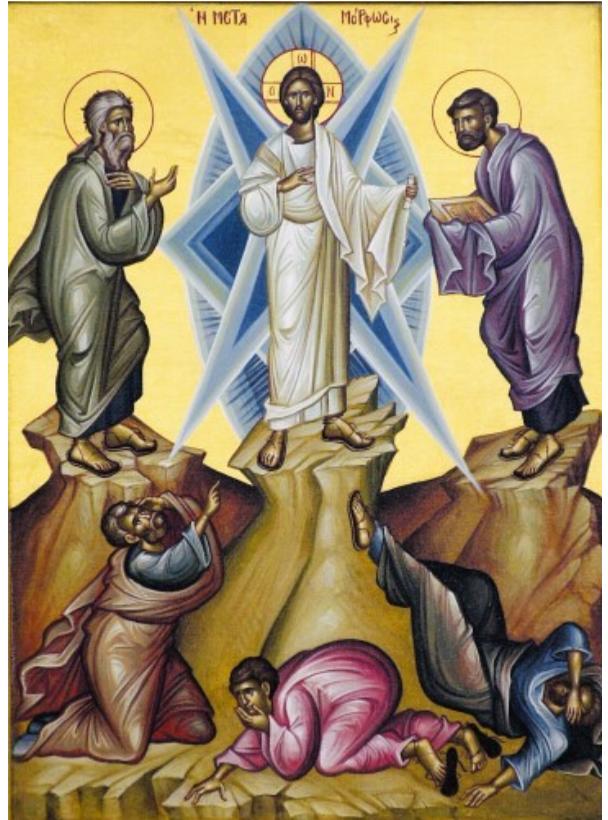
BRETHREN, be more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

### The Gospel According to Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."



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Memorials: Nicholas Terzis 40 days  
Eleni Pateras 40 days

**This Week at Holy Cross**

Monday 9:30am Koulourakia baking  
6:30pm Paraclesis  
Tuesday 6:30pm Paraclesis  
Wednesday *St. Herman of Alaska*  
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy  
6:30pm Paraclesis  
Thursday 6:30pm Paraclesis  
Friday 6:30pm Paraclesis  
Saturday 5pm Vespers

*Looking ahead to next week:*

Monday, August 14 Vespers in Aliquippa or Oakmont  
Tuesday, August 15 *Dormition of the Theotokos* at Holy Cross  
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy



**Luncheon**  
Honoring our Outgoing Philoptochos President  
*Elaine Sofis*  
Saturday September 23, 2017  
St. Claire Country Club

For Reservations call Mary Zotis: (412) 835-2381  
Deadline for reservations September 18, 2017  
no exceptions



**SAVE THE  
DATE**  
**October 2, 2017**

**Holy Cross  
Michael Megaludis  
Golf Outing**

South Hills  
Country Club:  
Golf, Dinner, Prizes,  
Fellowship





If you are interested in sponsoring a **Coffee Hour**, please check the calendar \*\* online: [www.holycrosspgh.org](http://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](mailto:holycrosspit@mail.goarch.org) or call the church office to request date.  
\*\*Many Sundays are available for anyone to volunteer. Please contact the church office.



**Thank you to Philoptochos for sponsoring today.**

### **Philoptochos News – Cooking begins for Autumn Food Fair**

Please join us **tomorrow, Monday, August 7** at 9:30am as we prepare 3600 koulourakia. Late arrivals are always welcome! Your help is appreciated! Future dates at 9:30am are: Monday, August 28, Galatobouriko AND Tuesday, August 29, Tiropita  
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](mailto:docsok@verizon.net).

Save the date for the annual **Walk for Missions** on Sunday, October 8 in South Park. Details in the Crossroads!

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*



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](mailto:jennifermoorcroft@msn.com).

Directions:

- Go to website: [www.holycrosspgh.org](http://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.