

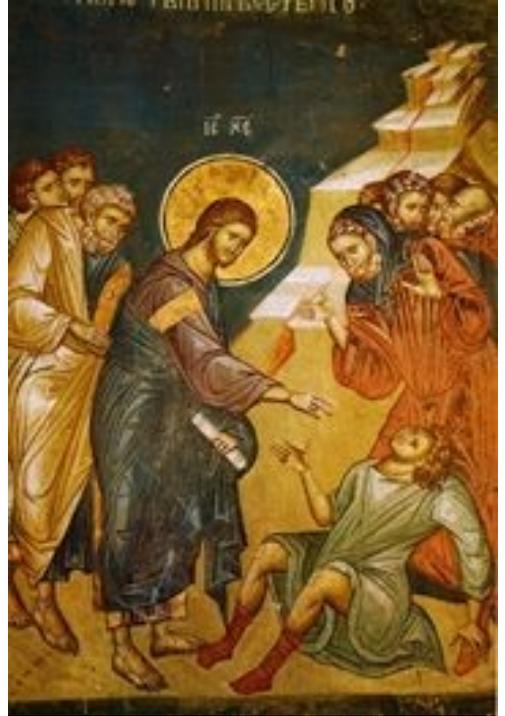
Sunday, August 6, 2017

The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Gospel According to Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."



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Sunday, August 13, 2017

Trisaigions ~ Both passed away this week

†John Kusturiss (father of Dennis Kusturiss)

†Mary Christulides (mother-in-law of Lia Christulides and Yiayia of Thespina)

OPA!! With summer winding down and everyone going back to school, it is time to kick off a new **senior Greek dance** year! We're starting super early, as many have expressed interest in dancing for the Autumn Food Festival in October. Therefore, there will be a **MANDATORY meeting TODAY in the Philoptochos room at noon**. Feel free to grab your coffee/doughnut and head down. We'll discuss this opportunity as well as some others for our dance group this year!! **All new dancers are welcome!** **ALL GOYANS WELCOME!** If interested in dancing this year, please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks, Georgia Yamalis

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday 7pm Vespers in Aliquippa or Oakmont

Tuesday **Dormition of the Theotokos** at Holy Cross, 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday 5pm Vespers

Looking ahead, not on previous calendar:

Tuesday, August 29 *Beheading of St. John the Baptist*, 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

Philoptochos News: Thank you to ALL who helped prepare over 4700 Koulourakia on Munday for the Autumn Food Fair! Our next cooking dates at 9:30AM will be Monday, August 28, Galatobouriko, 30 pans and 10:30am following Divine Liturgy Tuesday, August 29, Tiropita, 36 pans. Your help is appreciated! The Autumn Food Fair and Yiayia Joan's Attic Treasures Dates are October 4-6. Your "Treasures" are wanted for the Fair. Please donate unbroken, clean, presentable items that can be displayed proudly and purchased immediately. ~Elaine Sofis and Marica Mitsos, Autumn Food Fair Co-Chairs

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.



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.

**Many Sundays are available for anyone to volunteer. Please contact the church office.



Thank you to Philoptochos for sponsoring today.



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



Celebrate the 7th annual OPA!

August 26th @ 5pm.

St. Elijah Serbian Center 2200 Main St. Aliquippa PA



Featuring The Nisiotika Pedia dancers from Campbell Ohio, and the OPA dancers from Aliquippa. Ted Samaras and his band will perform with special guests on bouzouki and violin.

\$40 per person includes dinner, entertainment, dancing.

\$20 for children 18 and under. Dance only \$10 @ 8pm.

Call 7245442943 or 4124273650 for tickets



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, October 2, 2017

**Holy Cross
Michael Megaludis
Golf Outing**

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

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

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.