

Sunday, August 27, 2017

The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Gospel According to Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



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by Frank & Joanne Tripodes & Family.*

*Coffee hour is sponsored in loving memory of †Jean Grekis
by Mr. Omar and Mrs. Christina (Grekis) Adnan.*

<i>Memorial</i>	<i>Jean Grekis</i>	<i>1 year</i>
	<i>Argie Pamphilis</i>	<i>1 year</i>
	<i>Nicholas Pamphilis</i>	<i>3 years</i>
	<i>Elias Tripodes</i>	<i>5 years</i>
	<i>Nicholas Tripodes</i>	<i>46 years</i>
	<i>Sophia Tripodes</i>	<i>55 years</i>

This Week at Holy Cross

Fr. Michael is away this week. For emergencies, you can call Fr Dan (412) 262-4589

Monday 9:30am Cooking: Galatobouriko
9:30m CROSSROADS mailing (for the non-cooks)

Tuesday *Beheading of St. John the Baptist*
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
10:30am Cooking: Tiropita
7pm Philoptochos Board Meeting

Wednesday

Thursday 7pm Men's Club @ Primanti's

Friday

Saturday

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

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

SAVE THE DATE:
Monday, 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, 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.



Luncheon
 honoring our Outgoing Philoptochos Preside
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

Philoptochos News:

- ♥ Please join us for Autumn Food Fair Cooking tomorrow, Monday, August 28, 9:30AM as we prepare 30 pans of Galatobouriko.
- ♥ On Tuesday, August 29 at 10:30AM we will prepare 36 pans of Tiropita.
- ♥ Your help is appreciated! Please help for an hour or three! Late arrivals welcome!
- ♥ Autumn Food Fair yard signs are available in the vestibule and community center.
- ♥ Dianne Babb is chairperson of baked goods. Please call her 724 514-7333 and tell her what you can bake. Your cookie, cake and pastry donations are much appreciated and needed to make our fair a success!
- ♥ Kitchen help is needed during the Autumn Food Fair, October 4,5,6. Please see one of the co-chairs to volunteer.

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

GREEK NATIONALITY ROOM COMMITTEE
 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH



Book Presentation and Signing

"A Hidden Child in Greece"

Dr. Yolanda Avram-Willis

Even though most of Greece's Jews were murdered in the Nazi "Final Solution", Hitler's savagery was dealt a humiliation as Greek Christians hid, transferred, and otherwise protected as many Greek Jews as possible. From the National Resistance to Archbishop Damaskinos, regional bishops, clergy, civic leaders and simple families, nowhere else in Nazi-occupied Southern Europe was there so much effort in protecting and saving Jews from the inhumanity of the Nazi regime and its philosophy.

Dr. Avram-Willis is a survivor of the Holocaust in Greece. Her book recounts her life, her family, and her family's dramatic passage from a certain death to rescue and liberation. This book is not just about the story of the Avram family. Rather, it tells of the gentle Greek citizens who helped them as well as the Greek Christian and Greek Jewish partisans who resisted the Nazi occupiers. The book, through the living testimony of Dr. Avram-Willis is an additional, modern contribution to the as-yet-incomplete canvas of a humanitarian symphony of Greeks who sided with humanity and morality, and ultimately triumphed.

Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 4 PM

Crystal Room, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 419 South Dithridge, Pittsburgh, PA

Light refreshments and mini-exhibit will precede and follow the book presentation

The event is open to the public. Books will be available for purchase, on site. Please have the exact amount of \$23 in cheque or cash. After defrayment of publisher's charge and Pennsylvania taxes, remaining proceeds will be donated to the sponsors and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

For more information, or to RSVP a book copy: Info@pahellenicfoundation.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS: The first day of Sunday School (*September 10, 2017*) is quickly approaching. Please register prior to the first day to ensure we have complete and accurate information for the teachers. Registration is done on-line at www.holycrosspgh.org, under Youth Ministries.

- 3 year old students (*as of September 1st*) will be placed in our Nursery Classroom.

- 4 & 5 year old students (*not yet attending Kindergarten*) will be placed in our Pre-K Class.

TEACHERS: Meeting will be on Wednesday September 6, 2017 at 7:00pm in the library.

Many blessings,

Jennifer Moorcroft, Sunday School Coordinator

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Golden Club Members: Please join us on Wednesday, September 20th for a tour of Narcisi Winery in Gibsonia, PA. We will travel by van, leaving the church at 9am. Cost of the tour is \$20/person and includes a visit to the vineyard, explanation of the wine-making process, and finishing with a wine tasting of five dynamic wines! Tour is approximately 90 minutes, beginning at 10:30am. At noon, we'll dine alfresco at the vineyard ristorante. Lunch is not included in the price of the tour. You can visit the Narcisi website at narcisiwinery.com to view menu. ***Please note that receipt of your \$20 tour fee secures your seat on the van and that your advance payment is nonrefundable. Please mail your payment ASAP to:*** Rene Koett, 2285 Sidgefield Ln., Pittsburgh, PA 15241. DEADLINE for reservation and payment is September 9. We look forward to seeing you all after our summer hiatus!

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.