

Sunday, September 3, 2017

The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Gospel According to Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"



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Coffee hour is sponsored in loving memory of †Eleftheria Koustouflakis by her friends and family.

Memorial	†Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	40 days
	†Polyxeni Brincka	8 years
	†Eleni Kalas	13 years
	†Paraskevi Kalas	21 years

Walk for Missions

Sunday, October 8.

Details in Crossroads.

Forms in narthex.

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday Labor Day ~ Office closed
Tuesday 7pm Philoptochos Meeting
7pm Parish Council
Wednesday 7pm Sunday School Teacher Meeting in Library
Thursday 6-11pm Vigil: Great Vespers, Blessing of the Loaves, Matins
@Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery, Saxonburg
7pm Family Night Committee Meeting
Friday **Nativity of the Theotokos** 9am Divine Liturgy
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Saturday 3pm Vespers @St. Nicholas, Oakland followed by
4pm Dinner Banquet in Memory of +Gerontissa Taxiarchia

CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS: The first day of Sunday School (*September 10, 2017*) is next week. 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 jennifermoorcroft@msn.com (412) 626-9143

Greek School registration & classes begin Wednesday, September 13!!!

There will be a **Back to School Drive for FOCUS families** on Sundays, September 17th and 24th and October 1st. Please place donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, combs, brushes and children's socks in the boxes provided in the vestibule. *Thank you for your generosity in helping the many children in need. ~Dianne Babb*

GOYA KICK-OFF Sunday, September 17, 2017 4:12pm at the

KARTSONAS HOME: 306 SNOWBERRY CIRCLE, VENETIA, PA 15367

Let's start another great year! *Entire family invited for FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP*

7TH AND 8TH GRADE: 3 - 2 LITER DRINKS (SODA LEMON AID, ICE TEA)

9TH AND 10TH GRADE: SIDE Dishes ~ 11TH AND 12 GRADE: DESSERTS

(So we don't have too many desserts, please keep to the list above.)

STRONGLY SUGGESTED Parents SHOULD STAY. BRING A FRIEND.

Coffee Hour sponsors needed! Please check the website or call the church office for available dates.

Golden Club Members: Join us Wed., Sept. 20th to tour Narcisi Winery. We'll travel by van, leaving church at 9am. Cost of tour is \$20/person and includes a visit to the vineyard, explanation of the wine-making process, and a wine tasting of five dynamic wines! Tour is approx. 90 minutes, beginning at 10:30am. At noon, we'll dine alfresco at the vineyard ristorante. Lunch is not included. Visit narcisiwinery.com to view menu. ***Receipt of \$20 tour fee secures seat on van, and advance payment is nonrefundable. Please mail payment to:*** Rene Koett, 2285 Sidgefield Ln., Pittsburgh, PA 15241. DEADLINE for reservation/payment is September 9. Look forward to seeing you all after our summer hiatus!

Philoptochos News:

- ♥ Thank you to ALL who prepared 33 Galatobouriko and 35 Tiropita last week for Autumn Food Fair. 500 Chicken Rolls are being prepared Tuesday, September 12 & Wednesday, September 13 at 9:30AM.
- ♥ Your help is appreciated! Please help for an hour or three! Late arrivals are welcome!
- ♥ The Autumn Food Fair yard signs are available in the vestibule, community center and office area.
- ♥ Dianne Babb is chairperson of baked goods. Please call her 724 514-7333 to 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 needed during Autumn Food Fair, October 4,5,6. Please see a co-chair to volunteer.
- ♥ Prep Room needs help. Please contact Adrienne Dickos at 412 833-4980
- ♥ Yiayia Joan's Attic Treasures now accepting your donations. Toys, books, household goods, linens, jewelry are accepted in CLEAN condition with no missing pieces. Please contact Pam Lagios, 412 276-4614 or JoAnna Asvestas 412 343-7710 with questions. Please mark Yiayia's Attic on bag or box.
- ♥ Food Runners are needed in the evening.
- ♥ Help needed on food line: Lunch Shift *anytime* from 11:15AM-4PM/Dinner Shift *anytime* from 2:30-8PM
Thursday, October 5 Lunch, Terpsie Katsafanas, 412 831-2248
Friday, October 6, Lunch, Sophea Chapas, 412 221-8258
Wednesday, October 4, Dinner, Marica Mitsos, 724 745-2299
Thursday, October 5, Dinner, Cynthia Kostelnik, 412 833-9423
Friday, October 6, Dinner, Elaine Sofis, 412 344-7046

Please support Philoptochos in our main fundraiser of the year! ALL genders and ages welcome to volunteer! Come watch the Senior dancing group on Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6 at 6:30PM
-Elaine Sofis and Marica Mitsos, Autumn Food Fair Co-Chairs

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.

Philoptochos SAVE THE DATES:

Tues, 9/5 Meeting @ 7PM

Sat, 9/23 Luncheon honoring Elaine @ St. Clair CC

Tues, 10/ 10 Meeting and Membership Social

Register Today For the:
4th Annual
Michael Megaludis
Memorial Golf Outing
www.holycrosspgg.org

Follow the link at the bottom of the page labeled:
4th Annual Golf Outing

Monday October 2nd, 2017
South Hills Country Club
Lunch 11am Shotgun Start 12:30PM
Dinner and Auction 6PM



Individual Green Fee: \$165
(includes Green Fee, Lunch, & Dinner)

Foursome Green fees: \$660
(includes Green Fee, Lunch, & Dinner)

Dinner Only Guest \$60



Support the Outing by Becoming an Underwriter

Dinner Underwriter	\$2,500
Golf Cart Underwriter	\$1,500
Co-Dinner Underwriter	\$1,250
Lunch Underwriter	\$1,000
Golf Gift Bag Underwriter	\$800
Ice Cream Sundae Underwriter	\$750
Printing Underwriter	\$500
Driving Range Underwriter	\$500
Putting Green Underwriter	\$500
Skill Prize Underwriter	\$500
Website Underwriter	\$300
Beverage Underwriter	\$300

GREEK NATIONALITY ROOM COMMITTEE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH



Book Presentation and Signing

"A Hidden Child in Greece"

Dr. Yolanda Avram-J Willis



FROM MYSTICISM TO JUBILATION: A VOYAGE THROUGH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SACRED CHANT

Sunday, September 24, 2017

4 PM

St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church
311 Washington Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

A spiritual meander through an enchanting early fall field of Orthodox Christian musical and hymnologic treasures that span 1500 years. From the musical prayers of the early Christian communities, through the impressive evolution of Byzantine chant and its influence on the ecclesiastic musical worship of the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Ukraine and Russia, to very recent translated hymnology in modern English.

The region's two key Orthodox ecclesiastic choirs, the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh, and the Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, have joined together to express and present these traditions faithfully to their origins in this unique and inspiring musical journey.

*** Admission free; free-will offerings most gratefully accepted. All donations will support local ministries.

For more information: esbmi@pitt.edu

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.

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.