

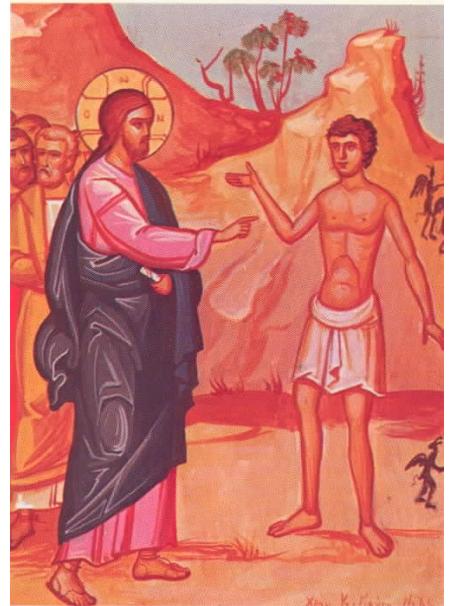
Sunday, October 22, 2017

Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel According to Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.



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*Altar flowers are sponsored today in loving memory of †John Hagelios (35 years)
by his children Eva, Christina, Anna Maria and Chris.*

*Altar candles are sponsored today in loving memory of †Betty Kyriazi
by husband Theodore, children and grandchildren.*

*Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the Manolis family in loving memory of their parents Nick and
Joanne Petrakos and John and Sophia Manolis.*

Memorials: †Betty Kyriazi 40 days
†Eleni Kalas 13 years

In case of emergency while Fr. Michael
is away, you can contact:
Fr. Dan Korba (412) 262-4589 or
Fr. John Chakos(412) 215-4829

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday St. James 8:30am Matins/9:30m Divine Lit-
urgy

6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday 7pm Sts. Mary & Martha (see below)

Wednesday 4:30pm Greek School

Thursday St. Demetrios 8:30am Matins/9:30m Divine Liturgy

Friday

Saturday

There will be a sign up at coffee hour **today** for those interested in **JOY** (*Junior Orthodox Youth*)
for children 6-12. We're looking forward to planning great activities (*once a month after church*).

If you have suggestions for a fun youth group activity or are willing to plan or host an activity,
please let us know. Thank you, Annika Geanopulos, Christine Chapas, and Stacey Chakos

Saints Mary & Martha Women's Fellowship, Metropolitan Savas, Speaker: Tues, October 24,
7-9pm *at the home of* Mary Halkias, 208 Lemoyne Ave, Mt. Lebanon RSVP 412-531-8625 or
mzhalkias@verizon.net **AS ALWAYS, PLEASE RSVP SO OUR HOSTESS CAN PLAN!**

Men's group will meet **Saturday, October 28th** at 7:30am in the community center. Break-
fast provided. Voluntary donation of \$5 to cover the cost of breakfast would be appreciated.

Philoptochos Cooking: Chicken rolls will be prepared Thursday, November 2 @10am, fro-
zen and sold to parishioners for the holidays. Please join us for the fellowship! Leftover food
fair chicken is being put to good use!

Philoptochos is once again sponsoring a **clothing drive for Dress for Success for WOMEN.**
Donations accepted and stored in the Philoptochos Room until November 12. Chairs are
Paula Teris and Christine Peters. Appropriate business attire and accessories welcome.

Veterans Day Celebration: Sunday, November 5, Philoptochos will sponsor a coffee hour honoring all our veterans, as well as all our men and women still on active duty in the armed services. It is our wish to say *"thank you"* to all veterans and active duty personnel. We would like to once again display military memorabilia or mementos such as a photo or photos, letters, stories, tributes, uniforms and military awards in the social hall during coffee hour. We'll collect these cherished items in the narthex on November 5th until communion. Upon leaving coffee hour, you may take the items with you.

Father Michael will conduct a memorial service for our veterans who have passed away and an artoclasia for the health and well-being of those still on active duty.

If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Henry (412-561-5682) or Dina Petrakis (412-341-8509) Co-chairs.

Dear Holy Cross Family,

We are very excited by the initial response that we have had to the "Holy Cross Community Night". This first time we will need some information from you to make our planning easier for dinner and for crafts. Please fill out the form below and respond by **November 3rd**, either on Facebook or to Sophia or Carol by email/phone. Thank you so much! ~Community Night Committee

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults attending: _____

Number of GOYANS Grades 7-12 attending: _____

Number of JOYANS Grades 3-6 attending: _____

Number of HOPE Grades K-2 attending: _____

Younger children attending: _____

If you are on Facebook, please R.S.V.P. via the Facebook Event Page with details about who is coming. If not, please respond by **November 3rd** to:

Sophia Milinkovic at sophiamilinkovic@gmail.com or

Carol Halkias at cdhalkias@yahoo.com or 412-276-5002

<https://www.facebook.com/events/266637233858001/>

**Holy Cross
Community Night**

Thursday, November 9th, 6-8:30pm

New!
All Ages

**Spend Time
With Your
Church Family**

**Free
Dinner**

GOYA: Grades 7-12

"George Athanasiou"

JOY: Grades 3-6

HOPE: Grades K-2

CRAFTS, GAMES AND MORE!

NURSERY

ADULTS

YOUNG ADULTS

Fr. Joshua Makoul

St. George

Antiochian Church

Oakland, PA

FOCUS: There will be a **Thanksgiving food drive for the FOCUS families on Sunday, November 5th, 12th and 19th.** Please place your non-perishable food items in the boxes provided in the vestibule. Some suggestions are pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, cereal, tuna, macaroni and cheese, canned soups, fruits and vegetables. No glass containers, please. Thank you for helping those in need. ~Dianne Babb

TO RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2018, please fill out the membership form below and return to the church or to Connie Carahalis, 224 Mt. Lebanon Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

*From your Philoptochos Stewardship donation, \$15 is sent to the National Philoptochos in NYC and \$10 is sent to the Pittsburgh Metropolis Philoptochos. Anything over \$25 goes to Holy Cross Philoptochos

Or see any Board Member to pay your dues!

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.