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Today is YOUTH SUNDAY.

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Philoptochos today.

This Week at Holy Cross

- Monday 6:30pm Paraclesis /Bible Study
Tuesday 6:30 pm Philoptochos Christmas Party @ LeMont
Wednesday 4:30pm Greek School
6:45-8 pm GOYA BBall practice
Thursday **St. Andrew** 8:30am Matins/9:30am Divine Liturgy
7pm MANDATORY GOYA with parent meeting
Friday
Saturday 5pm Vespers/Confessions

Just a few left... Chicken roll pans, \$20, will be sold at coffee hour. The individual chicken rolls are SOLD OUT

Mandatory GOYA member AND parent meeting on **Thursday Nov 30, 2017 at 7:02 pm** in the Community Center. Even if your child is not playing basketball and plans on attending the tournaments with us, it is mandatory that you also attend this meeting, even if you child is undecided. **If you don't attend this meeting your child will not be permitted to participate in any part of the tournament weekends.**

CIRCLE OF ANGELS *To our Baking Angels...* We will be packing cookie baskets on Thursday, December 7th. Please think of our home-bound parishioners and those in nursing homes, while you are doing your Christmas baking. We need lots of home-baked cookies for our baskets. Please do not use nuts or powdered sugar in any of the cookies to be donated. Thank you so much and God bless you! ~Carol and Christine

Save the dates:

Christmas Bread Baking: Monday, December 4 & Tuesday, December 5
Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays December 7 and 21 @ 7:30pm
FOCUS Christmas Choral Concert: Sunday, December 10th @ 5:30 pm
Community Night: Thursday, December 14, 6-8:30pm
GOYA BB Tournament: January 12, 13, 14



Songs and Hymns of the Nativity

Christmas Choral Concert

Featuring Orthodox Choirs from the surrounding community!

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – 5:30 PM

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123 Gilkeson Road (Across from the Galleria)
Mt. Lebanon (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, 15228

Audience Communal Singing during concert

Free-will offering to support the work of FOCUS Pittsburgh
An Urban Center of FOCUS NA

Reception following Concert given by Holy Cross Philoptochos



Holy Cross Community Night

Thursday, December 14th 6-8:30pm

Spend Time
With Your
Church Family

All Ages

Free
Dinner

GOYA: Grades 7-12
JOY: Grades 3-6
HOPE: Grades K-2
CRAFTS, GAMES AND MORE!
NURSERY

ADULTS
YOUNG ADULTS
"THE INCARNATION
OF CHRIST"

A promotional poster for Holy Cross Community Night. The background is a light blue sky with soft, glowing light effects. At the top, the title 'Holy Cross Community Night' is written in a large, bold, black font. Below the title, the date and time 'Thursday, December 14th 6-8:30pm' are displayed. In the center, there is a large white heart shape containing the text 'Spend Time With Your Church Family'. To the left of the heart is a white starburst shape with 'All Ages' inside, and to the right is a white oval shape with 'Free Dinner' inside. At the bottom, there are two rectangular boxes with a decorative border of small purple trees. The left box lists activities: 'GOYA: Grades 7-12', 'JOY: Grades 3-6', 'HOPE: Grades K-2', 'CRAFTS, GAMES AND MORE!', and 'NURSERY'. The right box lists 'ADULTS', 'YOUNG ADULTS', and 'THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST'.

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.

TO RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2018, please fill out the membership form below and return to the church or to Connie Carahalıs, 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!**

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel According to Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."