

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Leavetaking of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Gospel According to Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



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Welcome visitors to the GOYA Basketball Tournament!

This Week at Holy Cross

<i>Monday</i>	House Blessings 6:30pm Paracletis/Bible Study
<i>Tuesday</i>	House Blessings 10am First Steps of Christ
<i>Wednesday</i>	St. Anthony 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy House Blessings 4:30pm Greek School 6:45pm GOYA Basketball
<i>Thursday</i>	St. Athanasios 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 6-8:30pm Community Night
<i>Friday</i>	
<i>Saturday</i>	7:30am St. Lazarus Men's Group

ATTENTION. **HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** Applications for the Holy Cross Philanthropy Awards are available in the Narthex or the Church Office or from Andrea Milinkovic, Philoptochos President. Requirements are detailed in the applications. We look forward to having all our High School Seniors apply.



*If you are interested in sponsoring
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.*



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.

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.

Holy Cross Community Night

Thursday, January 18th 6-8:30pm

All Ages

Fun & Fellowship
With Your
Church
Family!

Complimentary
Dinner

GOYA: Grades 7-12

JOY: Grades 3-6

HOPE: Grades K-2

CRAFTS, GAMES AND MORE!

NURSERY

ADULTS

YOUNG ADULTS

"Behold, I Make All
Things New!"



INTERNATIONAL



Soup Sampling



TO BENEFIT IOCC



Saturday, February 3, 2018 | 11-2

Experience tastes from around the world!

*Sample five homemade soups for \$10,
and take your favorite quart home for a \$10 donation.*

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Register online: iocc.org/pittsburgh

For questions or to pre-order soup, contact Marianne
412-668-0420 or marianne.carmack@gmail.com



Youth Groups & Children's Ministries from all jurisdictions
will assemble health kits. All area youth are invited!
Donations are needed to purchase bulk health kit supplies.
To sponsor kits, call Nick Terezis 740.282.5198

House Blessings

Every year, on the Feast of Epiphany, Orthodox Christians around the world have a blessing of the waters to celebrate the Baptism of Christ as well as the revealing of the Holy Trinity to mankind. We then receive the blessing of this Holy Water to renew ourselves in Christ and to remind ourselves that through Christ all things are again made clean. We also extend that blessing to the homes in which we live, to wipe away temptations and attacks that might lead us away from Christ.

If you wish to have Fr. Michael come and bless your home, please complete this form and return it to the Church office at your earliest convenience. Please PRINT clearly.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PLEASE SUGGEST THREE (3) DATES AND TIMES FOR HOUSE BLESSING
STARTING JANUARY 5TH

(You will receive a phone confirming date and time of blessing)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Please prepare the following, to the best of your abilities, for the blessing:

- 1) Make an effort to have the entire family present.
- 2) Set out an Icon in a central area of the house where the prayer service will begin.
- 3) Write two lists of names, one of the living and one of the departed family members for whom you would like the Priest to pray during the house blessing.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out and return this form, either in the basket or to:

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