

Sunday, February 18, 2018

~ Forgiveness Sunday ~

Epistle reading is from St. Paul's
Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.



The Gospel According to Mathew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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Fr. Dan Korba
Dn. Frank Dickos

*No Sunday memorials allowed until Sunday, March 4.

Tonight: 5pm Vespers

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday **Lent begins**
6:30pm Compline/Canon of St. Andrew

Tuesday

Wednesday 4:30pm Greek School
6pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday 7pm Greek History Class *See below

Friday 9am Presanctified Liturgy
6:30pm Salutations

Saturday **Saturday of the Souls**
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Div. Liturgy
5pm Vespers/Confessions



Next Sunday:

*The Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers Service at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.*

His Grace the Right Reverend Bishop IRJNEJ,

Bishop of Eastern America The Serbian Orthodox Church, Presiding Hierarch

Sponsored by the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh

Reception to follow sponsored by Holy Cross Philoptochos

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: The deadline for the Popi Hagelios Philanthropy Award is rapidly approaching. Please complete and submit your applications on time - no exceptions to the deadline. You can take them to the office or give them directly to me at church. Wishing you all the best! Yours in Christ, Andrea Milinkovic, Phloptochos President

***NEW:** Class and Discussion about ancient Greek Civilization and its History. The first class will be held on Thursday February 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Church Library. I hope to begin with what was unique about the Greeks. Later I hope to progress through the Classical Greek, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine periods, up to and including, the 20th Century. ~Ted Sofis



Coffee Hour needs sponsors! Email or call the church office.

February 25, March 4, March 11 and March 18 are open!

Easy and simple for Lent: PB&J, bagels, hummus, fruit...



Please use: HolyCrossPit@mail.goarch.org for church related emails, to submit email, address changes and contact information, and for announcements and photographs for weekly and monthly bulletins.

Sts. Mary & Martha Women's Fellowship

The meeting is on the 27th as originally scheduled. The Crossroads calendar says the 20th. That is INCORRECT. The meeting date of the 27th stands (God-willing). So sorry for the confusion. Thank you.

February 27, The Psalm of Repentance, Psalm 50, Fr. John Chakos, Speaker
At the home of Irene Zotis 76 Woodland Drive, Mt. Lebanon, 15228 RSVP 412-343-8179



Syrian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service



Sunday, March 4, 2018

Service 4:00 PM • Lenten Dinner 5:00 PM

Led by Our Beloved Hierarchs

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral
419 South Dithridge St.
Pittsburgh (Oakland) 15213

Purchase tickets by March 2.

For info or to volunteer, call Zelfa 412-417-4706.

NET PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT

IOCC's Syrian Crisis Response Fund



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The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Ladies' Philoptochos Society

*Cordially invites you to the
Daffodil Luncheon*

"Empowering Women"

Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11:00 AM

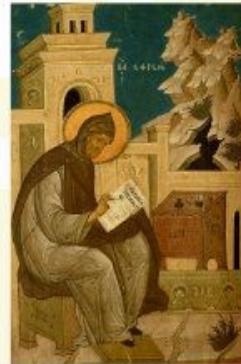
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**414 Morganza Road
Canonsburg, PA 15317**

\$60 donation per person

Please make checks payable to The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos.

Questions? Email ReniePihou@hotmail.com or call 724-746-2646.



"O Lord and Master
of my life,
Take from me the spirit
of sloth, despair,
lust of power
and idle talk;

But give rather the spirit of chastity,
humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King,
grant me to see my own transgressions
and not to judge my brother, for blessed
art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen."

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

All Philoptochos Members or soon to be Members,

This is a request that all current dues be paid. We are submitting our obligations to the National and Metropolis Philoptochos and would like every one to be current in their dues. You can mail them or give them to Connie Carahalís or Mimi Kontoulís or to me. Thank you for your loyalty and dedication!

Yours in Christ, Andrea Milinkovic, Philoptochos President

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

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.