

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Epistle reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Gospel According to John 5:4-52

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this wa-

ter, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."



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Coffee hour is prepared by Philoptochos today.

Trisiagion:

Nedjelka Nezekova 22 years

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday 10-2 & 4-8 Souzoukakia
6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study

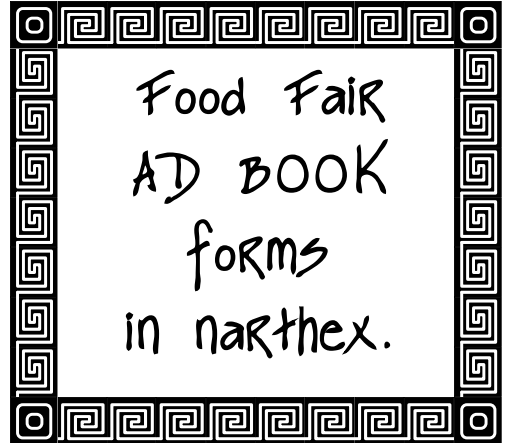
Tuesday St. John the Theologian
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

9am Golden Club

Wednesday 4:30pm Greek School

Thursday

Friday



**Holy Cross Food Fair
2018 Cooking Schedule**

**Fun, fellowship and cooking tips are guaranteed. Please plan to join us for shift or a couple of hours. Your time is needed and greatly appreciated.*

May 7	Souzoukakia	10-2 & 4-8
May 15	Finikia	10-2 & 4-8
May 21 & 22	Koulourakia	10-2 & 4-8
May 29 & 31	Kourambiethes	10-2 & 4-8
June 5, 6 & 7	Pastitsio/Moussaka	10-2 & 4-8

Christos Anesti!

Where has the time gone? I can't believe May is HERE!! With this being said, the festival is only 5 weeks away, so it is time to pick up with **dance practice** again. We will be meeting on **Thursdays at 6pm and Sundays at noon**. After Sunday School, come to coffee hour and grab a donut!!! We will meet in the Philoptochos room and will practice for around an hour. It is crucial that you attend as many practices as possible so I know how many dancers we have. If you are not going to be able to make a practice, be sure to let me know.

In addition, several of you have not returned your costumes. It is important that all costumes are dry cleaned and returned, in preparation for us to get costumes organized for this year's festival!

Our costumes are brand new and we need to make sure we are taking care of them.

PLEASE RETURN COSTUMES NO LATER THAN MAY 17TH.

Thank you so much, and as always, please contact me with any questions!

Georgia (412)728-2259 georgiyam@comcast.net

If you'd like to help sell pastries during the Food Festival June 12-15, please contact Dena Yamalis 412-343-8355 or dynamalis@comcast.net

Holy Cross Community Night TALENT SHOW

Thursday, May 17th, 2018
6-8:30pm

CAN YOU: dance, sing, play an instrument, tell a story or joke??
Share it with your HC Family at our monthly community night!! No pressure, just fun!!



Questions? Contact Denise Melis or Ponny Jahn 412-835-5079

All acts must be cleared prior - deadline May 15th
Complimentary Dinner

SEE YOU THERE!!! BRING A FRIEND!!!

GOLDEN CLUB MEMBERS:

Are you interested in learning about blown art glass? Then join us on **Tuesday, May 8** for a tour of the Pittsburgh Glass Center, one of the world's largest arts organizations dedicated to teaching, creating and promoting glass art. We will **meet at the church at 9 a.m.** and travel by van for our tour, scheduled for 10 a.m. Our tour fee is **\$10 (CASH PLEASE)**. Following the tour, we will dine in a local restaurant. There is limited space on the van. Please **RSVP as soon as possible** to Rene (rjkoett@yahoo.com or 412-559-1721) or Cynthia (cakostelnik@yahoo.com or 412-722-9512).

Holy Cross Village Food Festival~Tuesday, June 12 - Friday, June 15, 2018 11:30AM-8:30PM ALL DAY

Main Food Line chairpersons and Prep Room: Much help is needed in the Main Food Lines.

Shifts: Lunch 11:15AM - 2:30PM Dinner 4:30PM-8:30PM One Line is open 2:30PM-4:30PM if you wish to work a lighter attended shift. Please contact a chairperson to donate your time. If you cannot commit to a full shift, please let chairperson know what times are convenient for you. Any time is appreciated!

Tuesday, June 12 Lunch Aliko Andrews & GAPA, 412 833-4596 Dinner Marica Mitsos C 724 986-8549

Wednesday, June 13 Lunch Terpsie Katsafanas, 412 831-2248 Dinner Georgia Burkhart 724 260-5052

Thursday, June 14 Lunch Sophea Chapas 412 221-8258 Dinner Nikki Hardwick C 412 294-6816

Friday, June 15 Lunch Cynthia Kostelnik, 412 833-9423 Dinner Elaine Sofis 412 344-7046

Help is needed in the prep room anytime from 10:00am to 8:30pm to prepare salads, pan dolmathes and to prepare gyro sauce, June 12-15. Please contact Adrienne Dickos at 412 833-4980 to volunteer a few hours! Please volunteer. Your help is truly appreciated! Elaine Sofis, 412 344-7046 Main Food Line Chairperson

JOY is collecting toiletries for FOCUS Pittsburgh through June. There is a bin in the entrance of the church where you can place your items. <Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Soap, Brushes, Combs, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes are needed.> Travel sized items are very welcome as well. Should you have any questions, please contact Stacey Chakos, Christine Chapas, & Annika Geanopulos

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

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.