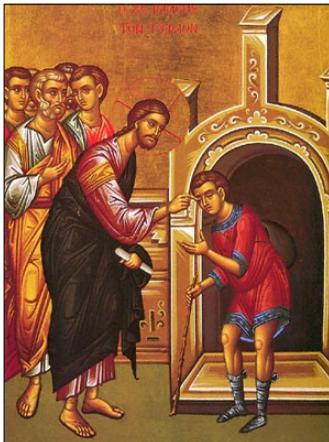


**Sunday, May 13, 2018 ~ Sunday of the Blind Man**  
**Epistle reading is from Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34**

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

**The Gospel According to John 9:1-38**

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works



of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

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*Happy Mother's Day!*  
*Coffee hour is provided by Philoptochos.*  
*Please call the church office to host a coffee hour.*  
*Open dates available from May 27 ~ July 22*

**Trisaigions:**

*Sophie Libbos* 40 days (mother of Chris Picard)  
*Alice Stambolis Tzanetakos* 4 years  
*Angelo Stambolis* 4 years (aunt and uncle of Chris Picard)

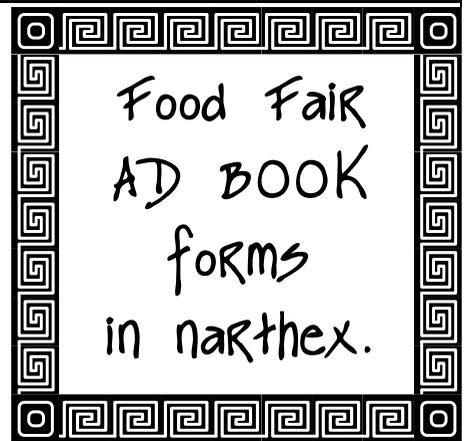
**This Week at Holy Cross**

Monday 6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study  
Tuesday 10am First Steps of Christ  
10-2 and 4-8 Finikia baking  
Wednesday Apodosis of Pascha  
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:30pm Greek School  
Thursday Holy Ascension  
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy  
6pm Community Night and Talent Show  
Friday  
Saturday GOYA Cemetery Cleaning

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



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](mailto:dynamalis@comcast.net)

*Christos Anesti!*

*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL  
MOTHERS!*

*A special thank you to Dena Yamalis and  
Marica Mitsos and their committee for pre-  
paring and serving lunch for the Metropolis  
Oratorical Festival which was held at Holy  
Cross on Saturday.*

*Please watch your email for future baking/  
prep days and join us for fun and fellowship.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Andrea Milinkovic, Philoptochos President*

## **Holy Cross Food Festival**

Tuesday, June 12 - Friday, June 15, 2018

11:00AM-9:00PM ALL DAY

Main Food Line chairpersons and Prep Room

### **NEW OPENING and CLOSING TIMES for the FOOD FESTIVAL!**

Much help is needed at the Main Food lines.

Lunch time duties are 11:00AM - 2:30PM

Dinner food line duties are 4:30-9:00PM

Please contact a chairperson to donate your time.

*June 12, 13, 14, 15 are the dates. If you cannot commit to  
a full shift, please let the chairperson know what times are*

*convenient for you, for example, 11:30-1:30PM, or 5-*

*8:00PM OR an ENTIRE SHIFT*

*Any time is appreciated! One Line is open from 2:30PM-  
4:30PM if you wish to work a lighter attended shift.*

Tuesday, June 12 Lunch –

Aliki Andrews & GAPA, 412 833-4596

Tuesday, June 12 Dinner-

Marica Mitsos, cell 724 986-8549

Wednesday, June 13 Lunch -

Terpsie Katsafanas, 412 831-2248

Wednesday, June 13 Dinner -

Georgia Burkhart 724 260-5052

Thursday, June 14 Lunch

Sophea Chapas 412 221-8258

Thursday, June 14 Dinner

Nikki Hardwick, cell 412 294-6816

Friday, June 15 Lunch

Cynthia Kostelnik, 412 833-9423

Friday, June 15 Dinner-

Elaine Sofis 412 344-7046

Help is needed in the prep room anytime from  
9:45am to 8:30pm to prepare salads, pan dolmathes

and to prepare gyro sauce. 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 or [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net)

Main Food Line Chairperson

## **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!!!**

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 Geanopoulos

**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.