

## THE CHURCH ~ A HOLY PLACE

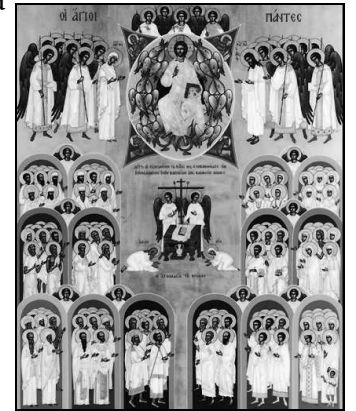
When you enter the church building as the "House of Worship," you are entering into the Great Throne Room of the "King of Kings" as His subjects and His soldiers. The "King of Kings," Jesus Christ, is enthroned on the Holy Altar and all the angels, prophets, saints and the Most Holy Mother of God are 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.

## Sunday, June 3, 2018 ~ Sunday of All Saints

**The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2**  
Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.



## **The Gospel According to Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30**

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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*Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Harry C. James  
by his wife Elaine and their sons.*

*Coffee Hour is sponsored by Connie Carahalios  
in honor of the Graduates.*

*Memorials*

<i>Harry C. James</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Nicholas Kazalas</i>	<i>6 years</i>
<i>Lee Garafalia James</i>	<i>7 years</i>	<i>John Kazalas</i>	<i>26 years</i>
<i>Mary James</i>	<i>36 years</i>	<i>George Kazalas</i>	<i>30 years</i>
<i>Michael James</i>	<i>47 years</i>	<i>Anna Kazalas</i>	<i>46 years</i>

**This Week at Holy Cross**

**Monday** 6:30pm Paraclesis/Bible Study

**Tuesday** 10-2 AND 4-8pm Pastitsio & Moussaka  
7pm Philoptochos Meeting (Carpeted area)  
7pm IOCC Committee Meeting (Library)

**Wednesday** 10-2 AND 4-8pm Pastitsio & Moussaka  
7pm Vacation Church School Meeting

**Thursday** 10-2 AND 4-8pm Pastitsio & Moussaka

**Friday**

**Saturday** 5pm Vespers

**This it IT for Festival COOKING!**

**Last week of cooking for Pastitsio and Mous-  
saka on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
from 10-2 and 4-8!!!**

*Special thank you to all the wonderful ladies and gentlemen who have come  
to help with baking/cooking/prep for many days! It is much appreciated.  
The last Philoptochos meeting until Fall is this Tuesday, June 5 at 7pm up-  
stairs in the Community Center carpeted area.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Andrea Milinkovic  
Philoptochos President*

The Food Fair main food line is in need of volunteers. The chairpersons are listed. Please call the appropriate person to dedicate an entire shift or a few hours. OR email Elaine Sofis at [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net) and give your time of availability. The information will be passed on. Thank you for volunteering! Your time is appreciated! Thursday, June 14 dinner, is extremely shorthanded.

Tuesday, June 12 Dinner --

Marica Mitsos, cell 724 986-8549 ANYTIME from 3:30PM-9:00PM

Wednesday, June 13 Lunch --

Terpsie Katsafanas, 412 831-2248 ANYTIME from 10:45AM-3:30PM

Wednesday, June 13 Dinner -

Georgia Burkhart, 724 260-5052 Anytime from 3:30PM-9:00PM

Thursday, June 14 Lunch --

Sophea Chapas, 412 221-8258 ANYTIME from 10:45AM-3:30PM

Thursday, June 14 Dinner --

Nikki Hardwick, cell 412 294-6816 ANYTIME from 3:30PM-9:00PM

Friday, June 15 Lunch --

Cynthia Kostelnik, 412 833-9423 ANYTIME from 10:45AM-3:30PM

Friday, June 15 Dinner --

Elaine Sofis, 412 344-7046, ANYTIME from 3:30PM-9:00PM



*Please call the church office to  
host a coffee hour. Many open  
dates available all summer.*

JOY is collecting toiletries for FOCUS Pittsburgh  
throughout the month of 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.

Any questions, please contact  
Stacey Chakos, Christine Chapas or Annika Geanopulos