

Sunday, September 9, 2018

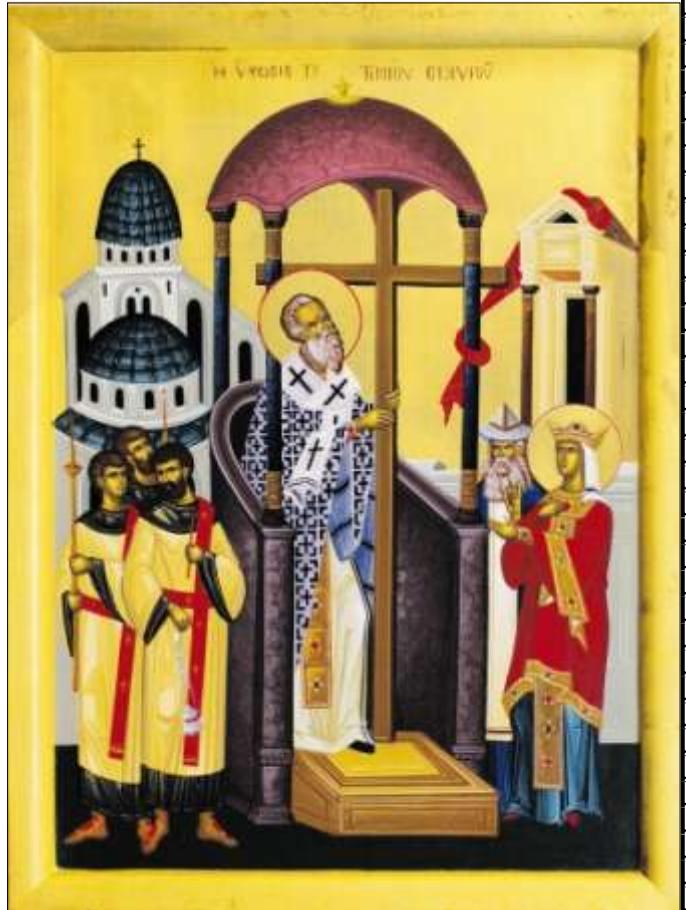
The Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel: John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."



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*Please join us for a special welcoming luncheon hosted by Philoptochos
for our **new Pastoral Assistant Emmanuel "Manoli" Maginas**
and his wife of 3 weeks, Melissa.*

*Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of ✝Betty Kyriazi
by her husband and sons.*

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Memorials ~ ✝Betty Kyriazi ~ 1 year

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday 6:30pm Paracletis/Bible Study

Tuesday 10am Kotopita (Chicken Rolls) 
10am First Steps of Christ

Wednesday 4:15pm Greek School ~ Registration and Classes Begin

Thursday 7 pm Great Vespers
Reception in Community Center hosted by Parish Council

Friday ***Exaltation of the Holy Cross***
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
Lenten luncheon hosted by Philoptochos (Please bring fruit or Lenten desserts to share!)

Saturday Wedding ~ No Vespers

The first day of Sunday School is today!!! Please register your child/children for class on the church website, holycrosspgh.org. Registration can be found under Youth Ministries. It only takes a couple minutes to register & can be done from your smart phone. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you, *Jennifer Moorcroft*, Sunday School Director jennifermoorcroft@msn.com or 412-626-9143

GREEK SCHOOL Registration & classes begin this Wednesday

Greek School meets every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30pm. There are classes for beginners in Conversational Class and traditional First thru Sixth Grades. We will have an adult class on Wednesdays 5-6:30pm. Adult registration and first day of class is also on Wednesday, September 12 beginning at 5pm. For further information, call Dena Yamalis at (412) 343-8355.

Thank you to ALL who twisted, baked and packaged 3700 Koulourakia last week! Autumn Food Fair cooking continues Tuesday, September 11 at 9:30am with preparation of 500 chicken rolls. We hope you can join in the fun! Late arrivals are always welcome! We should conclude by mid-afternoon. Moussaka cooking will begin NEXT Sunday, September 16 after coffee hour with preparation of eggplant. This is a great time to help if you work during the day! Moussaka and Pastitsio preparations will continue, Monday, September 17, Wednesday, 19th and if necessary 20th at 9:30am. VOLUNTEERS are needed to wipe tables and clean trays from 11:30am to 8pm at the Autumn Food Fair, October 3, 4, 5. This is a great opportunity for teens who need community service hours.

Please contact: Elaine Sofis, esofis@omcast.net or Marica Mitsos, yasouyana@yahoo.com Autumn Food Fair, Co-Chairs

Yiayia Joan's Attic Treasures is NOW accepting your donations of jewelry, CLEAN toys, linens, books, household goods and collectibles! Please NO broken items and NO clothing. Please contact Pam Lagios at 412 276-4614 or JoAnna Asvestas at cell 412 519-0403 with questions. If you drop off your donations outside the office, please mark *YiaYia's Attic* on the bags or items (so they're not confused with FOCUS).

Holy Cross Community Night

Let's "Gel" as a Community

Get Together

Eat Together

Learn Together

Save the dates:

Thursday, September 20

Thursday, October 25

Tuesday, November 13

Thursday, December 13

GOLDEN CLUB: Tuesday, September 18th, Golden Club will be back in full swing visiting the **Pittsburgh Botanic Garden** in Oakdale for a 90 minute walking tour of the gardens. Lunch will follow tour (*destination TBA*). We will be carpooling and leaving Church by 9am. Fee is \$10 cash or check, payable to **GOLDEN CLUB OF HOLY CROSS**. **Reservations and payments must be made no later than Friday, September 14.** For reservations or questions, please call Rene 412.559.1721 or Cynthia 412.722.9512. We're looking forward to seeing all our Golden Girls and Guys!

NEEDED: The **Golden Club** is looking for a backup van driver for occasional outings requiring a van (4- to 5-hour commitment). Golden Club generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month - Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, Mar, Apr, May. Lunch will be provided the day of outing and any entry fees for tours will also be paid by the Club. If interested and for more information, please contact Cynthia Kostelnik at 412-722-9512. Thank you!



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.

Golf Outing brochures in the narthex!



Register Today for the:
5th Annual
Michael Megaludis
Memorial Golf Outing
www.holycrossgph.org

Follow the link at the bottom of the page labeled
5th Annual Golf Outing

Monday October 1st, 2018
South Hills Country Club
Lunch 11AM Shotgun Start 12:30PM
Dinner and Auction 6PM



Individual Green Fee: \$165
(includes Green Fee, Lunch, & Dinner)

Foursome Green Fees: \$660
(includes Green Fee, Lunch, & Dinner)

Dinner Only Guest \$60

Support the Outing by Becoming an Underwriter

Dinner Underwriter	\$2,500
Golf Cart Underwriter	\$1,500
Co-Dinner Underwriter	\$1,250
Lunch Underwriter	\$1,000
Golf Gift Bag Underwriter	\$800
Ice Cream Sundae Underwriter	\$750
Printing Underwriter	\$500
Driving Range Underwriter	\$500
Putting Green Underwriter	\$500
Skill Prize Underwriter	\$500
Website Underwriter	\$300
Beverage Underwriter	\$300

