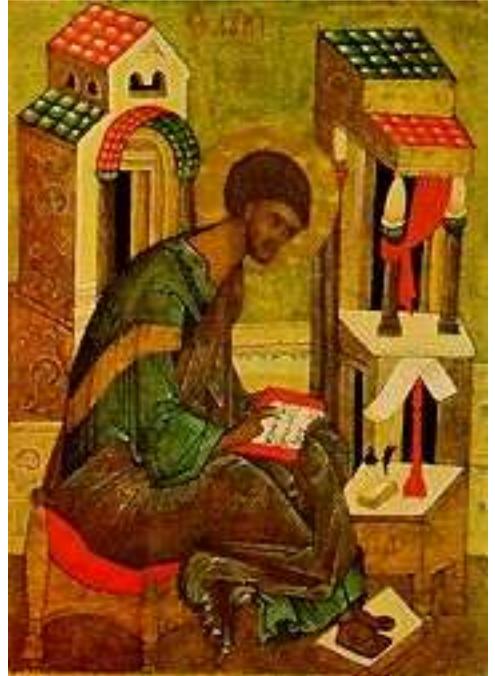


Sunday, September 30, 2018

The Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.



The Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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Coffee hour is sponsored by the Gdovic, Hardwick, Hartlep, and Rameas-Michael families for the health of Demetre and Despina Geronymos, and in memory of departed loved ones.

*Memorials: Sam (Sotiris) Rameas- 13 years
Brecky Rameas-5 years
Harry Tsironas-22 years
Jane (Polyxene) Tsironas-8 years
Euphstathios Vasilatos-55 years
Areti Vasilatos-60 years
Spiridon Vasilatos-63 years*

This Week at Holy Cross

- Monday** *Protection of the Mother of God*
8am Orthros/9am Divine Liturgy
5th Annual Holy Cross Michael Megaludis Memorial Golf Outing
AUTUMN FOOD FAIR SET UP
- Tuesday** **AUTUMN FOOD FAIR SET UP**
- Wednesday** **AUTUMN FOOD FAIR & Yiajia Joan's Attic Treasures 11:30-8**
NO Greek School
- Thursday** **AUTUMN FOOD FAIR & Yiajia Joan's Attic Treasures 11:30-8**
- Friday** **AUTUMN FOOD FAIR & Yiajia Joan's Attic Treasures 11:30-8**
Friday evening: Autumn Festival Clean-up
- Saturday** *Apostle Thomas*
8:30 Divine Liturgy in Saxonburg with Hawaii Icon
Saturday morning: Autumn Festival Clean-up

Coffee Hour needs sponsors! Please email or call the church office.

Walk for Missions Silver Anniversary,
October 14 in South Park.
Fliers are available in the narthex or online.
Questions? See Fr. Michael or Faith Williard.

The Autumn Food Fair is THIS week, October 3,4,5! This is the Philoptochos MAIN fundraiser of the year! Please join us TODAY, Sunday, September 30 after Divine Liturgy or coffee hour to set up the community center and the carpeted area for Yiayia Joan's Attic Treasures. There is NO Steeler's game this afternoon! All ages and genders are welcome to help! Set-up continues tomorrow, Monday, October 1 and Tuesday, October 2 at 9:30m. On Tuesday, we will be working in the prep room preparing dolmathes, gyro sauce, cutting feta, etc. Please help even for an hour or two! Your time is appreciated! The Autumn Food Fair is Wednesday – Friday, 11:30am-8:00pm. If you have not volunteered for a specific venue or time at the food fair, your help is still needed and appreciated. Please see Elaine Sofis or Marica Mitsos and they will guide you where you are needed. Anticipating a fun, successful Autumn Food Fair this week! Enjoy our delicious homemade dishes, desserts and fellowship! Thank you for supporting our Holy Cross Philoptochos!



AUTUMN FOOD FAIR & Yiayia Joan's Attic Treasures

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
October 3~4~5, 2018

ALL DAY!!! 11:30am – 8 pm

- ◆ Featuring: GREEK favorites including Mous-saka, T iropita, S panakopita, Pastitsio, rice pudding, soups and much more!
- ◆ Bake Sale featuring delicious Greek pastries, pies, cakes, jams, nuts, candies, and a variety of breads.
- ◆ Inside seating...so come rain or shine!!

NO FAX, PHONE OR ONLINE
ORDERING.

Take out is available in the
Community Center food line!

All proceeds benefit
the philanthropic efforts of the
Ladies Philoptochos Society.

Cash or credit card accepted.

Young adult retreat next
weekend at Camp Nazareth.
Flyers in the narthex.

*Save the date: Philoptochos Annual Christ-
mas Party @ LeMont on November 27th*

GOLDEN CLUB: Please join us on Tuesday, October 16 for a guided historical tour of Allegheny Cemetery in Lawrenceville. Allegheny Cemetery is one of the oldest and largest cemeteries in the country. Among Pittsburgh's families resting in these consecrated acres are over 12,000 veterans, prominent philanthropists, politicians, entertainers, sports stars, composers and artists. The one and a half hour tour will be led by historian Roger Galbraith. We will ride the van and an auxiliary vehicle with stops at various points along the tour route.

The tour is limited to twenty participants and a ten dollar donation is requested upon arrival. If interested, please RSVP by October 10 to Rene Koett (412) 559-1721 or Cynthia Kostelnik at (412) 833-9423. We will depart from the church at 9:30. Following the tour, we will dine at a nearby restaurant. (TBA)

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.

Wel come – 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.

Holy Cross Community Night

Let's "Gel" as a Community

Get Together

Eat Together

Learn Together

Save the dates:

Thursday, October 25

Tuesday, November 13

Thursday, December 13