

Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821



Saturday, December 18, 2021 | 7 p.m.
The 1826 Greek Relief Committee of Pittsburgh

Sunday, December 19, 2021 | 7 p.m.
The Women Philhellenes in the Greek
Revolution of 1821

LIVESTREAM
pahellenicfoundation.org/
2021/Philhellenes

CO-SPONSORS:
American Hellenic Foundation of Western PA
European Art Center of Greece (EUARCE)
Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs
English | French | Greek | Italian | Romanian | Swiss | Room Committees
University Center for International Studies

QUESTIONS?
contact@pahellenicfoundation.org

Please contact the church office to host a **Coffee Hour**. Individuals or families can combine to purchase snacks, set up, serve and clean up.

Philoptochos provides coffee and paper products.

More information is on our website:

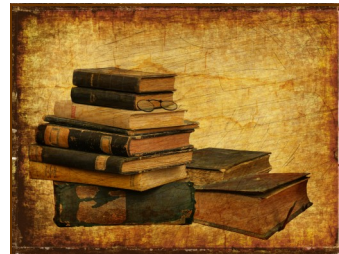
<https://www.holycrosspgh.org/coffee-hour>



Library renovation:
Our church library is
under renovation.

The tables are newly refinished,
and the oriental rugs have been
cleaned.

PLEASE:
NO FOOD * NO BEVERAGES
in the library



Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
123 Gilkeson Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15228
(412)833-3355 website: www.holycrosspgh.org

Fr. Michael Kallaur
Fr. Daniel Korba
Dn. Frank Dickos
holycrosspittsburgh@gmail.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40 BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who 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.

The Gospel according to Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

Live streaming from Holy Cross: <https://www.holycrosspgh.org/church-live-stream>

Trisagions: † Henrietta "Chickie" Kazalas 40 days

Coffee hour is sponsored by the family of † Henrietta "Chickie" Kazalas.
Christmas Pageant is today following Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 20 6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, December 21

Wednesday, December 22 St. Anastasia
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
6:45pm GOYA Basketball

Thursday, December 23 10am Royal Hours

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve
5pm Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Saturday, December 25 Christmas 8am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

Dear Parishioners and Philoptochos Angels,

Thank you to all who donated an abundance of koulourakia, paximadia, cookies, candy and bread, or bought, packed, visited or delivered, for our Circle of Angels Christmas Outreach.
Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Christmas Blessings to All, Carol and Christine



ATTENTION High School Seniors and Parents! The application for the Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross is available in the Narthex beginning today, December 12, from Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net or Denise Melis, dmelis@comcast.net. The application is due by Sunday, March 13, 2022. The award is available to a PLEDGED Holy Cross family member who is a graduating high school senior in 2022. A similar application is available at Mt. Lebanon High School. You may apply to both awards but will only be eligible for one \$1500 award.

FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED

We are eliminating the old, turquoise banquet chairs from the Community Center. There are about 250 chairs left. If you are interested in 1 - 250 chairs, please contact John Klimko (412.609.1660) as soon as possible.

Philoptochos Membership 2022

Ladies 18 years old and up are welcomed and encouraged to join Philoptochos and become a Friend of the Poor. No experience necessary! Dues are \$25 per year (National Membership Dues are \$15 per year plus \$10 for Metropolis of Pittsburgh). Anything over and above goes to our Holy Cross Chapter.

RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2022 online!

- **GO TO:** holycrosspgh.org
- **On the drop down menu choose Donations & Stewardship**
- **On the DONATE page, choose Donate Online**
- **On the Online Donation page, choose Philoptochos.**

Or you can still send in a check using the Philoptochos Membership form below:

TO RENEW OR JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS for 2022, please complete and return to church or to *Adrienne Dickos, 1840 Kent Rd. Pittsburgh 15241*

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

**From your Philoptochos Stewardship donation, \$15 is sent to 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!*