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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022 ~ ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

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

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3 In the beginning, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

The Gospel According to Mark 2:1-12 At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins'-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Coffee hour is sponsored by the Portellos and Elderkin families.

Memorials: George Cordone 40 days
George Libbos 40 days (father of Christine Picard)
Angela Hloumis 1 year
Angeline Portellos 7 years
Maria Elderkin 19 years
JoAnn Halkias 20 years
Harikla Markis 29 years

THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 21 6:30pm Great Compline
Tuesday, March 22 7pm Sts. Mary & Martha
Wednesday, March 23 5pm Greek School Program
6:15pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, March 24 6:30pm Vespers
No Bible Study
Friday, March 25 Annunciation
8:15am Orthros
9:30am Divine Liturgy
6:30pm Salutations III
Saturday, March 26 10am—Noon Day of Service:
Community Center Clean up
5pm Vespers/Confessions

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**DAY OF SERVICE
A LENTEN CLEAN UP**

**Holy Cross Community Center
SATURDAY, MARCH 26 10AM - NOON**

Join us in cleaning up our Community Center interiors. The more hands, the less work. Come when you can and choose the job you would like to do. We will be washing windows, doors and floors, dusting shelves, shining surfaces, running vacuum cleaners and shop vacs. (We will not be cleaning the kitchen.) Community Service hours available. All ages welcome. **Please let us know if you will attend: akdickos@verizon.net.**

Lenten non-perishable food drive for Neighborhood Resilience Project will be held the next 3 Sundays March 20th, 27th and April 3rd. Canned meats, tuna and salmon are always greatly appreciated as well as fruits and vegetables. No clothing will be collected over these 3 weeks. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 20th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 27th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 3rd	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 10th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 17th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 22nd	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 24th NO FASTING!	 HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: Jan 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

EXTRA EXTRA ...

FESTIVAL NEWS FROM DEMETRIOS

Last chance to submit your recipe for the **50th Anniversary cookbook. DEADLINE March 27!**

The schedule is in and the subcommittee heads and the festival prep days set!

April 11th ~ 12th Tiropita:

Ronnie Stambolis 412. 638.5711

April 25th ~ 30th Baked- Goods:

Angela Athanas 724.344.6040

May 3rd~5th Pastitsio:

Rita Manganas 813.390.5948

May 9th ~11th Shanks and Souzoukakia:

John Hoenig 412.478.7942

May 23rd~26th Spanakopita:

Katina Galie 412.951.8383

Don't be left out of the fun and fellowship!
I ask everyone to call and volunteer to be on a team!
OPA!!!!

Mark your calendars for **Pascha bread making** on Wednesday, April 6. 300 loaves of Pascha bread will be prepared! Kitchen volunteers will begin at 8am. Rolling and twisting begins at 10am. Bread egg washing will begin about 11:30am. The bread wrapping will start about 1:45pm; bread selling will occur from 2-4:30pm. The bread, \$10 a loaf, will be sold on baking day, April 6 and on Sundays, April 10 and if available, April 17 after Liturgy. Any of your time is appreciated. Thank you for helping on Wednesday, April 6. Co-chairs Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net and Domenica Merante, meranteboys@comcast.net

Annual Greek Independence Week Celebrations 2022

Saturday, March 26, 2022
7 PM

"James Williams: An African-American Hero in the Greek Revolution"
Distinguishing the Honorable Edward C. Gainey, Mayor of Pittsburgh
With the "Kapodistrias Award"
City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Proclamation
Internet livestream at: <https://pahellenicfoundation.org/March2022>

Sunday, March 27, 2022
7 PM

Dr. Maureen Santelli
"The Influence of the Greek Revolution of 1821 on the Birth and Progression of the Abolitionist Movement in America"
Live internet presentation and discussion
Pre-register at: contact@pahellenicfoundation.org/March2022/page-2

THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH INVITES YOU TO THE

Akathist to the Mother of God "The Inexhaustible Cup"



A PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION OF ANY KIND. PRAY FOR YOUR AFFLICTED LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS.

SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2022 | 5 PM

HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT THE FOLLOWING AREA CHURCHES:
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 3400 Dawson St, Pittsburgh (Oakland)
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh (McCandless)
Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 200 Walnut St., Carnegie
St. Michael Orthodox Church, 1182 Ashland St., Greensburg



BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER
ROMANS 12:12



MAKING THE LIGHT BRIGHTER

with former Pittsburgh Steeler, Craig Wolfley

All are welcome to join Holy Cross Philoptochos as Craig shares his journey from football field to feeding the homeless.

Tuesday, April 5th 7 PM

Holy Cross Community Center

RSVPs are encouraged by not required

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light refreshments will be provided

Donations will be accepted for Light of Life Mission

