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## SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

### The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35 At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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

*Memorials:* Christ Kazalas 40 days  
Sviatlana Rzheutskaya 40 days  
Patricia Kazalas II years



Coffee Hour is sponsored by Philoptochos today. Please call the office to schedule sponsoring a coffee hour with your family and friends!

### THIS WEEK:

*Monday, August 1* Dormition Fast Begins  
6:30pm Paraclesis  
*Tuesday, August 2* 6:30pm Paraclesis  
*Wednesday, August 3* 6:30pm Paraclesis  
*Thursday, August 4* 6:30pm Paraclesis  
*Friday, August 5* 4pm Vespers/5pm Matins/6pm Divine Liturgy @ Holy Cross  
*Saturday, August 6* Transfiguration 9:30am Monastery in Ellwood City

### *Annual Pilgrimage Patronal Feast*

Presiding Hierarch  
His Grace, **Bishop John**  
Bishop of Worcester and New England  
The Antiochian Orthodox Christian  
Archdiocese of North America

**Friday, August 5—Eve of Transfiguration**  
6:00 Festal Vigil Service

**Saturday, August 6—Feast of Transfiguration**  
9:30 Akathist and procession  
10:00 Hierarchical Liturgy with special prayers  
of thanksgiving for the 35th anniversary of  
Mother Christophora's abbatial service



August 6, 1987. Mother Christophora's installation day as monastery abbess

12:30 Catered Picnic Lunch  
2:30 Holy Unction and anointing of pilgrims  
6:00 Great Vespers

**Sunday, August 7**  
8:45 Great Matins  
10:00 Liturgy

Please note: our Gift Shop will be closed on our feast day.

## POST FESTIVAL \$10 FIRE SALE

### Collectors Items

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Aprons  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts

George Titonis Greeting Cards  
Ceramic Diner Coffee Cup  
Bag of Beer

Only \$10 each being sold at Coffee Hour

# Backpack Drive: Back to School Project

Drive date: August 1 - August 15



Dear Holy Cross parishioners,

The Neighborhood Resilience Project is holding a backpack drive. 100 backpacks are needed. If you are interested, we are asking you to purchase 1 backpack (junior or large) & place the following items in the back pack:

- Sharpie pen (1 package)
- Highlighters (1 package)
- Erasers (3)
- Pencil sharpener (1)
- Pencils (1 package)
- Pencil pouch (1)
- Glue stick (1 package)
- Notebooks (5 subjects)
- 3 Folders
- Posted Notes (1)

Please bring the backpacks to church during the first 15 days of August and place them in the vestibule. No food or clothing will be collected during this time. Thank you for all of your generosity and cooperation with this project.

Kathy Pyros

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 3RD 2022**

**THE 8TH ANNUAL**  
**HOLY CROSS GOLF OUTING**

**SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

AUGUST  
**13**



## DAY OF SERVICE A LENTEN CLEAN UP

**Holy Cross Church Building**  
**First Floor**

**SATURDAY, August 13 10AM - NOON**

Join us in cleaning up our Sunday School rooms, hallway, bathroom and stairwells. 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, cleaning furniture and shop vacs. (We will not be cleaning the kitchenette as it has been done. Thank you!) Community Service hours available. All ages welcome. **Please let us know if you will attend: [akdickos@verizon.net](mailto:akdickos@verizon.net).**





# PHILOPTOCHOS AUTUMN FOOD FAIR

and

YiaYia Joan's Treasures & Market

at

HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Community Center

123 Gilkeson Road, Mt. Lebanon

(across from the Galleria)

Wednesday, October 5 &  
Thursday, October 6, 2022  
11:30 am – 7:30 pm

Featuring GREEK favorites including Moussaka, Tiropita, Spanakopita, Pastitsio,  
rice pudding, soups and much more!

Bake Sale featuring delicious Greek pastries, pies, cakes, cookies and a variety of breads.

Inside seating...so come rain or shine! Elevator available!!

**NO PHONE OR ONLINE ORDERING**

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

Cash or Credit Cards accepted

