

Join us for a Celebration!

Sunday, September 25

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for our new sign at 11:30am (following Divine Liturgy)

Feast Day Luncheon to follow in the Community Center

Thank you to ALL who donated the delicious desserts and plentiful fruit that was shared at the Feast Day luncheon on Wednesday, September 14. Thank you to ALL the volunteers who cooked, set up, served and cleaned up for the luncheon.

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who helped to prepare chicken rolls on Thursday, September 15.

Philoptochos is NOW accepting your jewelry, books and handbags in the community center carpeted area for our **Yiayia Joan's Treasures & Market**. Thank you for your treasures.

Please join us **THIS Thursday, September 22 from 10am-Finish as at least 2200 Koulourakia** will be baked and packaged for the Autumn Food Fair. Circle of Angels has requested 200 cookies for their visits.

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 27 from 2pm-Finish as 1000 homemade, meatless grape leaves** will be prepared for the Autumn Food Fair.

Please contact Dena Yamalis, dyamalis@comcast.net or cell 412 589-2646 if you are able to **donate pastries** for the Autumn Food Fair, October 5&6. Philoptochos relies on the generosity of its Holy Cross members to supply a bountiful table of pastries. Please contact Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net to **volunteer at the food lines** and contact Adrienne Dickos, akdickos@verizon.net or cell 412 400-4290 to **volunteer in the prep room**. Please contact Rita Manganas, cell, 813 390-5948 or Toni Manganas, cell, 724 825-3111 if you are able to **help prepare gyros**. Volunteer lunch hours are 11:15am-3:30pm or dinner 3:30pm-7:30pm OR any time that is convenient for you!

Elaine Sofis, Co-Chair Home 412 344-7046 esofis@comcast.net

Special Workshop Series for Juniors and Seniors in High School

We will be offering a 12-week workshop for juniors and seniors in high school to help students better understand who they are—from strengths to values, to vision and mission. As Socrates said, *Know Thyself which is the inspiration of this program. We will use the self-discovery curriculum from My-Path101.com and combine it with theological teachings and practical application. This is a hands-on workshop—experiential learning, guest speakers, and more!*

This special series will begin in late September. Participants will be surveyed around the best day/time so we can determine the schedule.

This workshop will be facilitated by Elias Diamond, Bryan Elderkin, Rachel Kartofilis, and Sophia Milinkovic. Please reach out to Rachel if interested (rgogos@gmail.com)

From The Landscaping Committee:

Fall is for Planting as the saying goes, and The Landscape Committee is excited about the beginning of our first contracted work (Phase 1, which was described in our last memo in late July, and Project #8 in our Master Plan). Thanks to the Committee's due diligence and thorough Bid process, we have saved over 60% of the budgeted amount for this Phase! This work involves the lower slopes at our Driveway Entrance, including around the new sign, and the area after the first turn on the bank approaching the lower parking lot.

Our Contractor (Dustin Koenig) will be spraying these areas to kill vegetation and some grass in preparation for new soil, seeding and planting. That preparation will commence on Sept 7th, with the **new soil, seeding and planting to begin on Sept 19th**. This involves planting of Wildflower Meadow mix, as well as various native plants to replace the diseased crab trees, along with new plantings to enhance our sign and 'curb appeal' from Gilkeson Rd.

The planting of these kinds of wildflowers will take this Fall Season, and the Spring of 2023 to take good root. However, the immediate result will be far better than the current bare areas which have had to be sprayed for weed control.

Please feel free to send questions to our email: HCLAsuggestions@gmail.com

JOY Fall Calendar

SEPTEMBER

17 | Saturday

Kickoff: 3:30 pm, Tripodes House

OCTOBER

7 | Friday

Bonfire 6 pm, Church

30 | Sunday

Hayride: Simmons Farm, after church

NOVEMBER

11 | Friday

Movie Night: 6 pm, Church Community Center

DECEMBER

10 | Saturday

Vespers: 5 pm

Christmas Party, Secret Santa, Shut-In Gifts: 6 pm, Church Community Center

IOCC Ukrainian Relief Prayer Service and Dinner

will be held on Sunday Sept. 25th at St. Nicholas Cathedral Hall in Oakland.

Prayer service is at 4 pm and dinner at 5 pm. Cost is \$50/person. Check can be made out to IOCC.

THIS SUNDAY (9/18) WILL BE THE LAST SUNDAY TICKETS WILL BE SOLD DURING COFFEE HOUR

If you are not available to attend donations will be accepted as well.

Many Thanks!



Walk for Missions 2022

Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh

Sponsored WALK FOR MISSIONS

will benefit current mission work in Guatemala

Sunday, October 9

Registration Noon – Walk Begins at 1 PM

South Park Children's Playground Shelter

Located at the intersection of Corrigan Drive and Brownsville Road

South Park Township, PA 15129

"He said to them: "Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." – Mark 16:15

Funds raised will support the ongoing efforts to grow the Church in Guatemala. Money will go towards building a new seminary, training future clergy, and healing the sick through the work done at our medical clinic.