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SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 ✠ SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 Brethren, all the saints 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. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

The Gospel According to Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30 The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Altar flowers are sponsored in honor of Denise Melis for her 40 years of love and devotion to pour GOYA, with love from a past GOYAN.

Memorials:

+Fr. Sarandou Serviou	40 days	
+Evangelia Argyros	40 days	
+Lee (Garifalia) James	12 yrs	George's wife and sister of +Dino and +John Kristakis
+Harry C. James	6 yrs	Husband of Elaine James and George James' brother
+Michael A. James	3 yrs	George James' son (and Irene Maginas' Godson)
+Kevin Schultz	13 yrs	George James' son-in-law

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the James family in memory of their loved ones.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors!
Join us for a special cake in your honor at coffee hour.



THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 12	6:30pm Paraclesis
Tuesday, June 13	11am-8pm Greek Festival
Wednesday, June 14	11am-8pm Greek Festival
Thursday, June 15	11am-8pm Greek Festival
Friday, June 16	11am-9pm Greek Festival
Saturday, June 17	<i>5pm Vespers</i>

Please use the Festival Volunteer link to sign up for a shift or two or more!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ADAF22A0FBC34-holy1>

HOLY CROSS GREEK FESTIVAL

JUNE 13-16

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13 THROUGH
THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - 11 AM- 8 PM**

- 11:00 am – Festival opens with food, drinks, and shopping
- Church tours hourly
- 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Live Greek music by Panigiri Orchestra in the Main Hall
- 6:00 pm – Junior Traditional Greek folk dancers perform
- 7:00 pm – Senior Traditional Greek folk dancers perform
- 8:00 pm – Food lines close

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 - 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM

- 11:00 am – Festival opens with food, drinks, and shopping
- Church tours hourly
- 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Live Greek music by Panigiri Orchestra in the Main Hall
- 6:00 pm – Junior Traditional Greek folk dancers perform
- 7:00 pm – Senior Traditional Greek folk dancers perform
- 9:00 pm – Food lines close



We are collecting gently used books for kids ages 0-6 years old to be distributed at Children's Hospital in the waiting room. A box will be by the office entrance for your donations. Please contact Emelia Krakora at ekrakora@bowdoin.edu with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

THE 9TH ANNUAL

**HOLY CROSS
MEMORIAL
GOLF OUTING**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

DETAILS COMING SOON

**PA Educational Improvement
Tax Credit (EITC)
Information Session**



**TRANSFORM YOUR TAX DOLLARS INTO
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Businesses that pay Pennsylvania's corporate income tax OR individuals who pay Pennsylvania income tax may be eligible to participate in the PA EITC which allows donors to get a 90% tax credit against your PA tax liability.

**SAMPLE
TAX CREDIT
CALCULATION**

Personal Contribution	\$3,500
Tax Credit (90%)	\$3,150
Net Cost to Donor	\$350

100% of your EITC gift goes directly to fund
The Saint Constantine School of Pittsburgh scholarships!

LEARN MORE

Holy Cross Mt. Lebanon 7pm | Thursday, June 29, 2023

Scan QR code to join our mailing list and to receive our latest updates!



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Questions? Email pittsburgh@saintconstantine.org



Message from Holy Cross Landscape Beautification Committee

Things are buzzing at Holy Cross ---

with the Festival in front of us, and other big projects planned by the Building Committee upcoming... and your Landscape/Beautification Committee is also very busy. We have met with our Landscape Architect (Laquatra) to start our next phase which really includes 3 areas of our Entryway and upper driveway: The 'Garden of Love', The 'Cross Garden', and the bank/hillside below our drop-off and front entry.

Our budget has been revised to \$200,000 from the Master Plan costs of over \$280,000.

Our fundraising started robustly with 'Matching Donations' (money intended to kick-start the project and incentivize donations from our parishioners and community) with \$102,000 being pledged. To date, \$26,580 has been donated and received from our community (to be matched by the initial 20 familys' pledges).

We prayerfully and respectfully ask for more of you to contribute, so we can hopefully commence this phase in Fall of this year.

This phase of our work will make a tremendous difference to the aesthetical, and practical usage and overall appeal of our main entry,

which everyone, parishioner and visitor alike, sees as they enter our Church!

Please see our Master Plan for renderings and details of this part of the project.

<https://www.holycrosspgh.org/improvement-projects>

We look forward to bringing our vision to fruition, and hope that you will wish to be a part of

Summer Garden Gala

Saturday, July 29, 2023

BENEFITTING
HOLY CROSS LANDSCAPE
BEAUTIFICATION

5:30PM Cocktails & Silent Auction
6:30PM Strolling Buffet & Festivities
9:00PM Dance featuring Panigiri Orchestra

~ Black Tie Optional ~

HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY CENTER
123 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Tickets

FULL GALA \$125
DANCE \$40

Tickets and donation
information available at
www.holycrosspgh.org/summergala

Can't make the event? Consider a donation
to the Landscape Beautification project.

For more information, contact
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