

The *Summer Gala* was a wonderful event as attested to by all those who attended!

As promised, we wish to update you with its results and 'where we are' for our anticipated next phase---the improvements and renovation of the areas in our front Entryway, including the right side area around the 'Cross garden', and the Garden of Love.

Access improvement has become a focus---with the anticipated changes to hardscape areas---curbs being redone, driving areas widened at the 'pinch points', the addition of sidewalks, and the repaving of the turn around and reception areas at our entry.

Since doing all of this at the same time makes economic sense, and causes the disruption to be consolidated, it is imperative that our Fundraising efforts continue to reach a dollar amount to commit to this entire area.

Summarizing our fundraising efforts and results to date:

MATCHING PLEDGES --TOTAL PLEDGED-\$102,000) ACTUALLY REC'D ...	\$77,050
PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS REC'D THUS FAR.....	\$28,500
NET FUNDS FROM SUMMER GALA.....	\$26,800
MEMORIAL DONATIONS.....	\$722
TOTAL CASH ON HAND/REC'D.....	\$133,072

In order to advance our project, and in fairness to those who committed dollars to match and incentivize our Parishioners to donate, we heartily ask for your generosity to match theirs!

Please consider this in your year end giving, and look for more details on the revised plans and drawings of our entryway! We think you will love the ideas! Just receiving the additional \$73,000 (to match the total of \$102,000 from those matching families) from the parish frees up that additional \$73,000 from our matching donors! (for an additional total of \$146,000 to project)



Renewing You:
Renewing Our Faith
Renewing Our Mind
Renewing Our Purpose

Suggested Donation: \$25 per person (includes Continental Breakfast and Light Lunch)

Saturday, October 7, 2023
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
300 S. Fourth Street
Steubenville, OH

To reserve your spot and purchase tickets please contact the church office at 740.282.9835. Deadline is September 30th.

RETREAT WITH
REV. DR. NICHOLAS G.
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Co-Author with his wife of *Renewing You*, a book to give you the keys to fully experience the transformation God has in mind for you, combining spiritual growth with psychological tools.



Autumn Food Fair
YARD SIGNS
are available
in the
vestibule,
community
center
and lower
community
center door
area.

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✠ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20 Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Gospel According to Mark 3:34-38; 9:1 The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Coffee hour is sponsored today by Parish Council.

Today: Special General Assembly in the Community Center. Please attend.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 18 6:30pm Paraclesis
Tuesday, September 19 9:15am Golden Club meet for Oglebay Outing
7pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 20 10am—4pm Food Fair Prep: Koulourakia
4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION AND CLASSES BEGIN
Thursday, September 21
Friday, September 22
Saturday, September 23 Conception of St. John the Forerunner
8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

Koulourakia will be prepared and packaged on Wednesday, September 20, 10am- 4pm or Finish. Lunch will be provided.

Meatballs and grape leaves will be prepared on Wednesday, September 27, 2-7pm or longer. NOTE afternoon start time. Great for those who work during the day. Pizza dinner will be provided.

Please contact Dena Yamalis, dyamalis@comcast.net or cell 412 589-2646 to donate your delicious pastries for the Autumn Food Fair, October 4 & 5, so that our pastry table is bountiful with your tasty pastries.

Your jewelry, book and handbag donations will be accepted starting Sunday, September 17 on the carpeted area of the community center. Thank you for your donations.

Elaine Sofis is in need of volunteers for the food lines on October 4 & 5 for lunch, 11am-3pm and dinner, 3pm-7pm. See contact below.

Help is needed to prepare gyros. Please contact Ria Manganas, cell, 813 390-5948 to volunteer anytime from 11am-7:00pm on October 4 & 5.

Set up for the Autumn Food Fair is Sunday, October 1 after Divine Liturgy, October 2 & 3, 10am-2pm. Clean up begins at the conclusion of the fair on October 5 at 7pm and continues at 10am on Friday, October 6 in the prep room and community center.

Thank you for your time and talents! Elaine Sofis, Co-Chair, esofis@comcast.net

GOLF OUTING is only TWO weeks away!

Register NOW: Use forms in the narthex or register online.

SAVE THE DATE

THE 9TH ANNUAL

Holy Cross

Greek Orthodox Church

Memorial

Golf Outing

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

DETAILS COMING SOON



**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 4 &

Thursday, October 5, 2023

11:30 am – 7:00 pm

Featuring GREEK favorites including Moussaka, Tiropita, Spanakopita, Pastitsio, Gyros, Chicken Rolls, 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



NEXT WEEK: Sunday, September 24, 2023

**Walk for Missions Coffee Hour
Guatemala on Fire for the Faith!**

HOT SAUCE CONTEST

\$5 Registration Fee

Silent Auction with Steeler tickets, gift cards, floral arrangement & theatre tickets

In THREE weeks: Sunday, October 8, 2023

Walk For Missions 30th Anniversary Walk

STARTING AT THE ETHELBERG PAVILLION IN SOUTH PARK

Forms in the narthex

