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✠ **SUNDAY, MAY 12 2024** ✠ **THOMAS SUNDAY** ✠

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20** In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

**Gospel According to John 20:19-31** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

*Happy Mother's Day!*

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE HAS RISEN!**

**THIS WEEK:**

*Monday, May 13* **6:30pm Paraclesis**  
8pm YAL "Pickup" Basketball in Community Ctr

*Tuesday, May 14* **10am Galatobouriko making**

*Wednesday, May 15* **4:30pm GREEK SCHOOL**  
7pm Bible Study

*Thursday, May 16* **7pm Catechumen Class**

*Friday, May 17*

*Saturday, May 18* **4pm St. Photios Banquet**  
No Vespers (Wedding)

**PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY, MAY 14 AT 10AM TO FINISH AS WE PREPARE  
60 PANS OF GALATOBOURIKO FOR THE JUNE FESTIVAL. THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR HELP! ANY OF YOUR TIME IS APPRECIATED!**

**GOLDEN CLUB:** On Tuesday, May 21st, we will be traveling to Old Economy Village in Ambridge, PA. As a National Historic Landmark, Old Economy Village tells the story of the Harmony Society, one of the oldest and most successful religious communal groups of the nineteenth century. The Society sought to create a utopia inhabited by German Lutheran separatists, who subscribed to the mystical religious teachings of their leader, George Rapp (1757-1847). In Economy, they waited for the second coming of the Messiah. Join us as we learn about the Harmony Society and how they lived, worked and strove for a better future.

Please arrive at church by 9 a.m. We will again be carpooling, and space is limited. Admission is \$9.00/person and includes a short video and a guided walking tour of the cobblestone-lined streets of the Village and its various buildings. Following our visit, we will be having lunch at a local Ambridge restaurant (TBD). To reserve your seat, **please RSVP no later than Friday, May 10th**, by text/phone to Rene at 412-559-1721 or Cynthia at 412-722-9512.

†**Memorials**

Mary Masterson 40 days  
Elaine Mustakas 40 days  
Nellie Politis 5 years  
Anne Marie Politis Douris 16 years  
Dorothea Megaludis 18 years  
Mary Orfanopoulos 27 years  
Nedeljka Nekeзов 28 years  
Vasilios Orfanopoulos 50 years

Happy Mother's Day to all the loving, kind, thoughtful, dedicated and generous mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and sisters of the Holy Cross community. You are appreciated for all that you do!



Christos Anesti! With a little over four weeks remaining until our Festival, we encourage all parishioners to consider volunteering. While the preparations are nearing completion, the success of our event relies heavily on your participation throughout the four exciting, fun-filled days. Our festivals serve as a gathering point for our Holy Cross family, fostering unity and a sense of belonging.

**Please select a station and offer your assistance in whatever capacity you can.**

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| Cashiers<br>Denise Sokos 412 889-3399             | Grill Station<br>Apostoli Kallaur 412 443-4505  |
| Kitchen<br>John Popovich 412 216-4426             | Gyros<br>Kathy Pyros 412 848-2364   |
| Salad/Prep Room<br>Sadie Stang 412 915-2335       | Loukoumades<br>Niko Kouknas 412 519-6226  |
| Bakery<br>Dena Yamalis 412 589-2646               | Serving Lines / Food Runners<br>Elaine Sofis 412 327-7017   |
| Saganaki (evenings)<br>George Liadis 412 352-8208 | On-Line Order and Pick-up<br>Elias Diamond 724 413-7427   |
| Kafetina<br>Georgia Athans 412 728-2259           | Fry / Calamari Station<br>George Sokos 412 889-0557   |
| Marketplace<br>Joan Davin 412 522-5379            | Demetrios Mustakas 305 606-5627<br><a href="mailto:demetrios.holycross@gmail.com">demetrios.holycross@gmail.com</a> |

## IT'S TIME FOR THE FESTIVAL AD BOOK! FORM IS IN THE MAY CROSSROADS OR AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

### Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Festival

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Mt. Lebanon will be hosting its 52nd Annual Food Festival on June 11-14, 2024. We thank you for your past support and encourage you to participate in making this year's Food Festival Ad Book a success. We plan on hosting thousands of guests at this year's festival to share our culture and our faith! Your generous donation will help support this endeavor, allow you to promote your business or cause, as well as support the mission of Holy Cross!

Please indicate the level of sponsorship and complete the requested information below. You may include camera ready art and ad copy by attaching with your remittance. The deadline for placing an advertisement or personal message in the Food Festival Ad Book is **Friday, May 24, 2024.**

**Other sponsorship opportunities are available! Should you have any questions, please contact:**

Philip Yamalis (412) 606-0092 – [psaltipgv@gmail.com](mailto:psaltipgv@gmail.com)  
-or-  
Chronis Manolis (412) 612-8129 - [chronismanolis87@gmail.com](mailto:chronismanolis87@gmail.com)

**MAY 21, 2024 | ACRISURE STADIUM**  
A football themed fundraising event by the Neighborhood Resilience Project

In collaboration with Troy and Theodora Polamalu, we are thrilled to announce details for **The Resilience Bowl**, our football themed fundraising event at Acrisure Stadium  
[neighborhoodresilience.org/join-the-movement/2024-resilience-bowl/](http://neighborhoodresilience.org/join-the-movement/2024-resilience-bowl/)

**TICKET INFORMATION**

**GENERAL ADMISSION**

AGES 0-22 \$10 | AGES 23-64 \$20 | AGES 65+ \$10

- Admission to the Great FedEx Hall and Fun Zone
- Seating at Acrisure Stadium to view Celebrity Flag Football Game

The Holy Cross June 11-14 Food Festival is quickly approaching! Please contact Elaine Sofis, [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net), C 412 327-7017, H 412 344-7046 if you can help on main food lines.

Lunch shift is 10:45am-2pm or 4pm, 2-4pm.  
Dinner shift is 4-8pm and till 9pm on June 14.

ANY of your time is appreciated!

2024 Orthodox Christian Vacation Church School

# The Incredible Race

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Monday, July 22, 2024 ~ Friday, July 26, 2024  
9:00 am ~ 12:00 Noon  
*Monday, July 22, children should arrive at 8:30 am*

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"Let us run... the race" (Hebrews 12:1)

## GREETINGS TO all PARENTS OF PAST AND PRESENT GREEK DANCERS.

We are kindly requesting that you check your closets, and return to church any dance costumes that may be in your possession. As we prepare for the upcoming festival, it is important we have an accurate inventory of our costume wardrobe. Contact Rachel Facaros for any questions (330) 323- 6298. Thank you for your help!

