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✠ **SUNDAY, MAY 5 2024** ✠ **PASCCHA** ✠

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8** In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

**Gospel According to John 1:1-17** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

# *Χριστος Ανεστι! Αλιθος Ανεστι!*

Fast-free Week

## **THIS WEEK:**

<i>Monday, May 6</i>	<b>Bright Monday/St. George</b> <b>10am St. George Antiochian in Oakland</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<i>Tuesday, May 7</i>	<b>Sts. Raphael, Nicholas and Irene</b> <b>10am Divine Liturgy @ Dormition, Oakmont</b> <b>7pm Philoptochos Meeting</b>
<i>Wednesday, May 8</i>	<b>4:30pm GREEK SCHOOL</b> <b>NO Bible Study</b>
<i>Thursday, May 9</i>	
<i>Friday, May 10</i>	<b>Lifegiving Spring 8:15am Orthros/Divine Liturgy</b> <b>8pm GOYA Lock-in</b>
<i>Saturday, May 11</i>	<b>NO Vespers</b>

**PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY, MAY 14 AT 10AM TO FINISH AS WE PREPARE  
GO 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.

Holy Week and Pascha Donations (in loving memory of)

Niki Aronson  
Nick and Nancy Aspiotes  
Angela and Lee Athanas  
Barbara Ausman  
Art and Christina Avlon  
William and Sopheia Chapas (Helen and Speros Bukes)  
Maria and George Ftsioris in memory of loved ones  
Becky Gidas  
Chris and Rebecca Geronimos  
Marica and Bill Mitsos  
Fotaine Kalakos  
Chronis, Diane and Joanne Mandis (John and Sophia Mandis)  
Chronis, Diane and Joanne Mandis (Nick and Joanne Petrakos)  
Manuel Mandis in memory of (parents John and Sophia Mandis)  
Barbara Milton  
Presvytera Catherin Pachis (Fr. Leon Pachis)  
George and Heather Perinis (Nicholas and Mary Perinis)  
Kathy and Kyrk Pyros  
Nicholas and Jennifer Spanos  
Joan Sweda and Margaret Sweda (parents George and Ann Sweda)

Easter Flowers (in loving memory of)

Tom Frommeyer (wife Kathy)  
George and Callie Liadis  
George, Pat, Terry, Karn and Denise (their parents Louis and Cula Melis)  
Matt, Lindsey, Kerry and Jennifer (their Papou and Giayia Louis and Cula Melis)

(donations received in the office by 5/21/24)



**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/](https://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*

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 123 Gilkeson Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

*"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!

