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✠ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:7-17 Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel According to Luke 2:22-40 At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY in the Community Center TODAY.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 3 6:30 pm Paraclesis
8pm BasketYAL 🏀

Tuesday, February 4

Wednesday, February 5 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL
6:45pm GOYA Basketball
7PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, February 6 St. Photios*** @ Aliquippa 8:30 Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
7PM CATECHISM CLASS
7pm Landscaping Committee Meeting

Friday, February 7 St. Parthenios 8:30 Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 8 St. Theodore the General 8:30 Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
5pm Vespers @Ypapanti

 **Coffee Hour**
is sponsored
by Parish Council.

RSVP for lunches

TODAY:

HOLY CROSS MARKET

All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Iconography Project

SOUP

BOUGATSA

SPANAKOPITA

& MORE!!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

(LAST ONE BEFORE LENT!)

AFTER LITURGY IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER



Save
the date:

**Philoptochos
Membership
Social**

Tuesday,
February 11
@6:30pm

By the Grace of God
Through the Apostolic Tradition of the Laying on of Hands
by His Eminence
Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh

The Servant of God
Deacon Photios Dickos
will be Ordained to the Holy Priesthood

Feast of St. Photios
Thursday, February 6, 2025

8:30am Orthros followed by Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
12:30 pm Lunch (approximately)

Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church
2111 Davidson Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001

Your presence and prayers are appreciated.

Please RSVP to Diakonissa Adrienne Dickos
412-400-4290 akdickos@verizon.net

Livestream Options <https://www.theotokou.org> OR <https://youtube.com/live/CaylLKxdF0E?feature=share>



Emergency Food Pantry Shortage!

Dear Holy Cross family,

The Neighborhood Resilience Project needs your help - **between Wednesday 1/29 and ending Monday 2/10**, we will be collecting non-perishable food items outside the church office. This drive is in addition to our upcoming Lenten food drive, which will begin in March.
Suggested items for donation:

- Protein-based soups (Chunky brand, etc.)
- Canned food items (beans, veggies, fruit, etc.)
- Dried pastas, boxed mac n' cheese
- Dry cereals, oatmeal
- Nut/seed butters (peanut, almond, sunflower, etc.)
- Shelf stable milk
- Instant coffee/tea/hot chocolate/warm drinks
- Granola bars

*****PLEASE NO GLASS ITEMS!*****

Thank you for your generosity! - Sofia and Ponny Jahn
(412-737-5528 for any questions)

We are extremely grateful for the outpouring of love and support for our **Holy Cross Iconography project!**

Thank you to the many who have pledged partial and full support to the icons. All of our efforts today are in preparation for this tremendous project to take place in July 2025.

We prayerfully ask you to consider supporting this project and creating a legacy for your family. No gift is considered small and can be fulfilled over three years (2024, 2025 & 2026).

May you and your family be blessed for what you can offer this project. All donation amounts are appreciated and can be contributed to the overall project or join with others for a specific icon.

Icons still available include:

The Four Evangelists: St. Mark*

The Old Testament symbols for each evangelist:

Eagle, Ox, Lion, Young Man

Saints:

- St. Andrew of Crete*
- St. Cyril of Alexandria
- St. Gerasimos of Abydos*
- St. Nicholas Velimirovich
- St. Innocent of Alaska
- St. Raphael of Brooklyn*

Large Icons: Pentecost



Some icons listed may already have a partial donor, and your commitment may help complete that one.

Please contact Vasso Paliouras at vassopaliouras@gmail.com or 412-606-4314 with any questions or specific requests.

Holy Cross Online Art Auction

Friday, March 28 - Sunday, April 6th

in support of the Holy Cross Iconography project

FAQs:

- 1. What is the Holy Cross Online Art Auction?** Artists from Holy Cross and in our Diocese have donated their creations for an auction that will be featured on the bidding platform, Bidding Owl.
- 2. Will I be able to see the pieces in-person?** Yes, pieces will be on display during coffee hour on Sunday, 3/30 and before bidding closes on Sunday, 4/6.
- 3. Do I have to pay with a credit card?** No. Winners will have the option to pay with cash, check or through the Holy Cross Square credit card account.
- 4. I am an artist & would like to contribute. Is there still time?** Yes, we welcome all artists in our parish and Diocese to be included. Please contact Vasso at vassopaliouras@gmail.com for details.