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✠ SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 ✠

✠SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY✠

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**Gospel According to Matthew 4: 12-17**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Memorials:

- †Alexandros(Alexander)Stolar 40 days (Grandson of George and Sophia, son of Magdalene Bakopouolos)
- †Apostolos (Dr. Paul) Mastros 2 years (Presvytera Eleni's Father)
- †Theodora Chakalis 3 years
- †Despina Yalanis 5 years (Presvytera Eleni's Aunt)
- †Calliopi (Popi) Hagelios 8 years
- †Virginia Nicholas 20 years (mother of Barbara Milton)
- †Athanasios (Tom) Yalanis 30 years (Presvytera Eleni's Uncle)

**THIS WEEK:**

- Monday, January 13 8pm YAL Basketball
- Tuesday, January 14
- Wednesday, January 15 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL  
6:45pm GOYA Basketball  
NO BIBLE STUDY
- Thursday, January 16 7PM CATECHISM CLASS
- Friday, January 17 St. Anthony 8:30 Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, January 18 St. Athanasius & Cyril 8:30 Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy  
5pm Vespers

Coffee Hour  
is sponsored by  
Philoptochos.

Vasilopita  
today!

TODAY:  
Noon - 1pm  
GOYA Basketball  
Girls only



# HOLY CROSS MARKET

All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Iconography Project

BREADS

BOUGATSA

SPANAKOPITA

& MORE!!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

AFTER LITURGY IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER



## House Blessings

Every year, on the Feast of Epiphany, Orthodox Christians around the world have a blessing of the waters to celebrate the Baptism of Christ as well as the revealing of the Holy Trinity to mankind. We then received the blessing of this Holy Water to renew ourselves in Christ and to remind ourselves that through Christ all things are again made clean. We also extend that blessing to the homes in which we live, to wipe away temptations and attacks that might lead us away from Christ.

If you wish to have Fr. Michael come and bless your home, please complete this form and return it to the Church office at your earliest convenience. Please **PRINT** clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please suggest **THREE (3)** dates and times for your house blessing  
**STARTING JANUARY 5TH**  
(You will receive a call confirming date and time of blessing.)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_



*Please prepare the following, to the best of your abilities, for the blessing:*

- 1) Make an effort to have the entire family present.
- 2) Set out an Icon in a central area of the house where the prayer service will begin.
- 3) Write two lists of names, one of the living and one of the departed family members for whom you would like the Priest to pray during the house blessing.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out and return this form, either in the basket in the narthex or to:

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 123 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

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  
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or 412-606-4314 with any questions or specific requests.

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

Now through Epiphany...

# GIVE A GIFT

LET HOLY CROSS HELP YOU WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!  
MAKE A DONATION IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE, AND A CARD WITH RECOGNITION OF YOUR GIFT WILL BE SENT TO THEM.

ANY DONATION IS A BLESSING AND WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS AT HOLY CROSS

CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE TO:  
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ICONOGRAPHY IN THE MEMO.  
PLEASE INCLUDE A NOTE OF GIFT RECIPIENT'S NAME &  
ADDRESS

ALL DONATION AMOUNTS ARE ALWAYS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL  
AND NOT SHARED WITH GIFT RECIPIENT

**CALLING ALL HOLY CROSS ARTISTS**

To support our iconography project, we will have an online art auction in March! We'd love to showcase the many talented artists in our community. To learn more, contact Vasso Paliouras:

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