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✠ **SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025** ✠ **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-10 Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by him. For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father.

Gospel According to John 1:43-51 At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Memorials: +Andrew Pyros 40 days

Altar flowers in memory of Liberty & Andy Pyros and Victor & Esther Greco.

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Kyrk & Kathy Pyros family in loving memory of +Andy Pyros.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 10

10am-1pm Clergy Retreat

6:30 pm Great Compline

Tuesday, March 11

8pm YAL Basketball

Wednesday, March 12

4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL

6pm Presanctified Liturgy *followed by YAL Dinner*

Thursday, March 13

7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, March 14

9am Presanctified Liturgy

10am First Steps of Christ

6:30 pm Salutations II

Saturday, March 15

5pm Vespers & Confessions

Holy Cross Food/Clothing Drive

For the Neighborhood Resilience Project!

(Will run Monday, March 3rd - Monday, March 31st)

Clothes (for our BUS drive)

- Belts
- NEW Underwear
- NEW Socks



Non-perishable foods:

- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Dry Pasta
- Canned Soups (Chunky Meat Soups)
- Canned Meats/Fish
- Oatmeal Packets/Breakfast Cereals
- Peanut Butter/other Nut Butters

NO GLASS JARS, PLEASE!

Questions? Please call/text Donny Jahn @ 412-737-5528 or text Sofia Jahn @ 412-518-9206 - thank you!

MEET & GREET GUATEMALAN MISSIONARIES

On Sunday, March 30, 2025, Holy Cross will welcome long-term OCMC missionaries.

Jesse & Juanita Brandow

Ten years ago, seminary graduate, Jesse Brandow, committed to serving in the Guatemalan mission field, where he has taught classes at the seminary, worked on translations of liturgical texts, and helped in the growth of the Guatemalan Orthodox Church. Juanita Lucas Pascual, a young woman from the rural village of Aguacate, Guatemala, will soon realize her life-long dream of becoming a doctor and caring for the medical needs of her community. Four years ago, these two courageous and dedicated people married and are serving the church, both physically and spiritually. At the end of April, they will welcome the birth of their first child.

Don't miss hearing Jesse speak about the miraculous growth of Orthodoxy in Guatemala during the Liturgy on March 30. Meet and greet Jesse and Juanita during a special coffee hour in their honor. You can be a partner in their remarkable missionary journey by donating to the **Holy Cross Mission Fund**, with a designation to **The Brandows**.



GOLDEN CLUB MEMBERS: Please join us in the community center on Tuesday, March 18 at 11am for the annual Lenten covered dish luncheon. Following lunch, we will be treated to a presentation by Laura Zervos on topics of nutrition and health. Categories for the Lenten smorgasbord include salads, pasta, vegetable dishes, fruits and desserts which are dairy-free. Please RSVP no later than March 12th to Rene (412.559.1721 and call only cell, no home #) , or Cynthia (412.722.9512). We will continue to collect dues of \$10.00 for those who were unable to attend our last event.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS and PARENTS: A reminder that the Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross Church is due on Sunday, March 16. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The \$1500 award is available to a **PLEDGED 2025** Holy Cross family member who is a 2025 graduating high school senior. More information is in the Cross Roads. Applications available in the narthex, Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net or Denise Melis, dmelis@comcast.net

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 .

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*

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.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As approved during the February General Assembly, we are pleased to announce the commencement of Phase 2—the final phase—of our iconography project within the sanctuary. You can find a rendering for this phase included in your bulletin and displayed in the Narthex.

Completing this project at this time presents an opportunity for significant cost savings. By proceeding now, we can avoid the substantial expense associated with renting scaffolding on two separate occasions, along with the effects of rising costs in general.

We kindly request your prayerful consideration in making a commitment to support the icons for this phase. Our deadline for commitments of phase 2 icons, only, is **March 31, 2025**. Like phase 1 icons, all contributions can be arranged as payments through December 31, 2026.

With love and prayers,

Vasso Paliouras

Iconography Project Fundraising Chairperson

Save the Date!



Holy Cross Online Art Auction

in support of the

Holy Cross Iconography project

Friday, March 28 at 12 PM - Sunday, April 6 at 12:15 PM

Website will be live soon!



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All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Iconography Project

SOUP

BREAD

TREATS

& MORE!!

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

ALL LENTEN FARE!

AFTER LITURGY IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

