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✠ SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 ✠ PASCHA ✠

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.

Pascha 2025

*The urns of lilies by the altar are given in loving memory
by the family of William B. and Ponny Conomos, and by the Gidas Family in loving memory of Peter S. Gidas.*

Lilies donated in loving memory of....

Their Papou and YiaYia Louis and Cula Melis from Matt, Lindsey, Kerri and Jennifer

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Her Koumbaro Stephen Yamalis from Andrea Asvestas and Ron



THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 21 Bright Monday ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22 Sts. Raphael, Nicholas and Irene 10am Divine Liturgy @Dormition, Oakmont
7pm Parish Council
7:30pm YAL Pickleball

Wednesday, April 23 St. George 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL

Thursday, April 24

Friday, April 25 Life-Giving Spring 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 26 5pm Great Vespers

HOLY CROSS GREEK FESTIVAL

2025 Cooking Schedule *

Dear Holy Cross Family...We invite you to contribute your time—whether a little or a lot—as we prepare for the upcoming 2025 Festival. This year, we are excited to extend the celebration to five days, so we will need additional help with preparations. We have included evening and Saturday opportunities to fit various schedules and make it easier for everyone. Please take a moment to print this message and place it on your fridge. We encourage you to consider how you can assist us in making this event a success. Thanks!

Syrup		Wed April 30 th thru Sun May 4 th Evenings kettle only
Koulourakia	11,000 pieces	Apr 24 th 5-9p Thu May 8 th 5-9p
Baklava pans	6,912 pieces 144	Mon Apr 21 st 9:30am Tue Apr 22 nd 10-3 and 5-9 Wed Apr 23 rd 10-3 and 5-9
Souzoukakia	2,964 pieces	Monday, April 28 10a-5p Tuesday, April 29 10a-5p Wednesday, April 30 10a-5p
Pastitsio pans	2,540 pieces 127	Monday, May 5 th (noodle prep) Tuesday, May 6 10a-5p Wednesday, May 7 10a-5p
Galatouboureko	1,449 pieces	Monday, May 12 (prep only) Tuesday, May 13 10a-6p Wednesday, May 14 (cutting)
Kourambiedes	3,318 pieces	Tuesday, May 20 10a-5p Wednesday, May 21 10a-5p Thursday, May 22 10a-5p
Finikia	2,274 pieces	Fri May 23 rd 10-5 Sat May 24 th 10-5 Dipping Fri May 29 th and Sat May 30 th
Karidopita	960 pieces	Fri May 16 th 10-5 Sat May 17 th 10-5 Sun May 18 th 12-3
Shank sauce		Fri May 23 rd 10 M Sat May 27 th 10 AM

***Reminder texts and voicemails will be sent before each prepped item.
Times and dates are subject to change**