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✠ SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 ✠ ST. MARY OF EGYPT ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14 Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45 At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Memorials:

John Kalakos 2 years (brother of Fotaine Kalakos)
Sophie (Stambolis) Libbos 7 years (mother of Christine Picard)
Fr. Vladimir Milinkovic 19 years
Ted Kalakos 75 years (father of Fotaine Kalakos)

Communion wine, candles and altar flowers are given in loving memory of her brother John Kalakos and her father Ted Kalakos from Fotaine Kalakos.

TODAY:

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Philoptochos

THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 7

6:30 pm Great Compline

Tuesday, April 8

5pm Koulourakia
8pm YAL BasketYAL

Wednesday, April 9

4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL
6pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 10

10am Easter bread baking & sales
10:30am Assemble Circle of Angels Cookies
5pm Palm Cross Prep
7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, April 11

9am Presanctified Liturgy
5 pm Palm Cross Prep

Saturday, April 12

Lazarus Saturday 8:30 am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
Followed by Palm Cross Making, Confessions, Church Cleaning
5pm Great Vespers of Palm Sunday

Circle of Angels,
Pascha Outreach requests
koulourakia, paximadia,
cookies and candy.
NO nuts or powdered sugar!
We will be assembling the
baskets Thursday, April 10 at
10:30am in the community
center kitchen. Please take
items to Nena in the church
office by Wed. April 9th.
Thank you for your generosity,
Carol, Christine and Dina

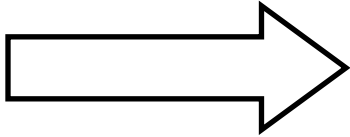
Pascha bread, \$12 a loaf, plain or with sesame seeds, will be made this Thursday, April 10. Braiding at 10am, egg washing about 11:30am and wrapping about 2pm. Selling freshly made bread will be from 2:30-4:30pm in the community center on April 10. ANY of your time is appreciated! Cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos will be accepted on baking day, April 10, Lazarus Saturday, April 12 during Palm Cross Making, and on Palm Sunday, April 13, after Divine Liturgy in the narthex and community center. Thank you supporting your Philoptochos! Questions: Co-Chairs Rita Manganas, cell, 813 390-5948, Elaine Sofis, cell, 412 327-7017

Want to make your Pascha meal the best it could be but also want to attend Holy Week services? We've got you covered! The Fundraising Committee will be doing a Pascha catering sale, offering 1/2 size frozen trays of spanakopita, 1/2 size frozen trays of tiropita, and packages of 1 dozen koulourakia. We will be collecting pre-orders starting on Sunday, 3/30 at coffee hour, and the items will be available for pick up on Sunday, 4/13! Thank you!

A basket will be passed NEXT Sunday, April 13, PALM Sunday, to help defray the cost of our Epitafio flowers. Please include your name on the envelope for credit. Thank you for your generosity.

We are looking for JOY age girls between 1st and 6th grade to participate in the Holy Friday service as Myrrophores. If your daughter would like to participate, please reach out to Marina Bouzos at marinantourou@gmail.com. Thank you!

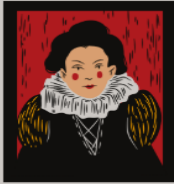
The Holy Cross Online Art Auction closes **TODAY at 12:15 PM!** Come down to coffee hour to see the pieces on display and place final bids. **Checkout begins at 12:30 PM.** There will be a line for credit cards and a line for cash/check.



Holy Cross Iconography Project! We prayerfully ask you to consider supporting this project and creating a legacy for our family. No gift is considered small and be fulfilled in installments.

Icons still available include:
St. Mark*
Eagle
Ox*
Lion
Young Man
St. Andrew of Crete*
St Cyril of Alexandria
St. Gerasimos of Abydos*
St. Nicholas Velimirovich
St. Innocent of Alaska
St. Raphael of Brooklyn*
Pentecost
Nativity of the Theotokos
Assumption of Mary*
Panaghia & Elizabeth greeting one another*
Mosaic Icon of the Holy Dormition*

*Some icons listed have a partial donor, and your commitment may help complete that one. Please contact Vasso Paliouras, vassopaliouras@gmail.com or 412-606-4314, with questions or specific requests.



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
checkout will be at 12:30 PM in the Holy Cross Community Center



scan the QR code to bid or

go to:

[https://new.biddingowl.com/
HolyCrossArtAuction](https://new.biddingowl.com/HolyCrossArtAuction)



HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SCREEN AGERS

Get Off the Screens & Get Outside!

OUTREACH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE EDITION

Parents!! Join us for a viewing of Screenagers, followed by breakout discussions about the impact of screens & technology.

The following dates will be held at the Mt Lebanon Library in Meeting Room A:

- Sunday, April 6th 3-4:30 PM
- Sunday, May 4th 3-4:30 PM

Made possible by a grant from the Mt. Lebanon Community Foundation.

screenagersmovie.com

mtlebogreen.org/events

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	No Help Necessary	Wed 4/30 th Thu-Sun May 1 st – May 4 th will be prepped late evenings
Koulourakia	11,000 pieces	Saturday, March 29: 10:00a – 5:00p
Tiropitas	2400 pieces 100 trays	Sunday March 30 th After Church March 31 st April 1 st 10am-5pm
Koulourakia		Tuesday April 8 th 5-9p Sat May 10 th 9a-5p Thursday, April 24: 5:00 pm -9pm
Baklava	6,912 pieces 144 pans	Wed April 9 th 10-5 pm Wed April 22 nd 9-3am and 5-9pm Thu April 23 rd 9a-3p and 5-9p Sat , April 26 – after 9am Sun, April 27 12p – 6p
Souzoukakia	2,964 pieces	Monday, April 28 10a-5p Tuesday, April 29 10a-5p Wednesday, April 30 10a-5p
Pastitsio	2,540 pieces 127 pans	Monday, May 5 (prep) Tuesday, May 6 10a-5p Wednesday, May 7 10a-5p
Galatoboureko	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	Thurs May 15 th 10a Friday May 16 th 3-9p Dipping May 29 th and 30th
Karidopita	960 pieces	Fri May 16 th 10a Sat May 17 th 10a Sun May 18 th after service
Shank sauce	A Bunch	May 23 rd 10 M May 27 th 10 AM
Pastry Prep ...	Sampler cupping and boxing	Sun June1st after service

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