

✠ SUNDAY, May 18 2025 ✠ SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN ✠

**The reading is from Acts of Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30** In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**Gospel According to John 4:5-42** At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

Memorials: †Dionysios Asvestas 40 days  
†Chryssa Schultz 40 days  
†Helen Kartoffilis 1 year  
†John Babb 10 years  
†Gust Aspiotis 53 years  
†Amalia Aspiotis 57 years

TODAY:



Coffee Hour  
is .sponsored by the  
Kartofilis family.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 19

6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, May 20

10am – 6 pm Kourambietes  
7pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

Sts. Constantine & Eleni  
8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy  
10am – 6 pm Kourambietes  
4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL  
7PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 22

10am – 6 pm Kourambietes  
7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24

Wedding/NO Vespers

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 1

Graduating High School & College Seniors (post graduate degree earners as well) will be recognized by the Parish. Please send information to the Church Office: [holycrosspittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspittsburgh@gmail.com)



Information to submit

- ~Name of Graduate and their parents.
- ~Name of school graduating from - High School or College.
- ~What he/she intends to study or degree earned.
- ~Where he/she plans to further their education or future employment plans.

Please submit (email) a photo as well!!!

HOLY CROSS FESTIVAL FOOD LINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 13! 10:45am-8:00pm Please contact Elaine Sofis, cell 412 327-7017 or [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net) to volunteer!  
Lunch 10:45-4pm, Dinner 4-8pm! Choose your days and hours! Info in the May Crossroads! Any time is appreciated! Thank you for volunteering!

Help is needed cutting & cupping pastries during Food Fair! Please call/text Jan Titonis 412.965.4536 to volunteer for a shift. Any of your time is greatly appreciated!



2025 Vacation Church School  
Monday, June 23 thru Friday, June 27 from 9am~Noon

High School students, parents, interested adults are needed to volunteer.

Nominal registration fee of \$20 per student  
Welcoming all children age 3 years through entering 6th grade

Please register early so we can prepare nametags, snacks & crafts!  
Use the QR code or form in May Crossroads.

\*Note date change to JUNE\*



HOLY CROSS  
GREEK FESTIVAL

2025 Cooking Schedule \*

AND THEN THERE WERE THREE!!!!

Kourambiedes	3,318 pieces	Tuesday, May 20 10a-5p Wednesday, May 21 10a-5p Thursday, May 22 10a-5p
Finikia	2,274 pieces	Dipping Thu May 29 <sup>th</sup> and Fri May 30 <sup>th</sup>
Shank sauce		Fri May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10 M Tue May 27 <sup>th</sup> 10 AM

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Festival on June 9-13, 2025.

We thank you for your past support and encourage you to participate in making this year's Food Festival Ad Book a success. Please indicate the level of sponsorship and complete the requested information below. You may include camera ready art and ad copy by attaching with your remittance.  
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Sponsorship Application Form – Holy Cross Annual Food Festival

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