

✠ SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025 ✠

**The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10**

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

**Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-25**

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

**Memorials:**  
†Daniel Yourd (brother of David Yourd) 9day memorial prayers  
†Phokion "Frank" Tripodes 40 days  
†Rachel Gragan 3 years  
†George Condos 23 yrs  
†Nicholas Mitrakos 25 yrs  
†Francis Mitrakos 36 years



Coffee Hour is sponsored  
by Tripodes and Gragan family.  
Please contact the church office to sponsor a coffee hour.  
More information can be found on our website:  
<https://www.holycrosspgh.org/coffee-hour>

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday, July 28	<b>Sts. Irene Chrysovalantou</b> 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Paraclesis
Tuesday, July 29	
Wednesday, July 30	Food/Clothing Drive ENDS *Details below*
Thursday, July 31	7pm Catechism Class
Friday, August 1	Dormition Fast begins 6:30pm Paraclesis
Saturday, August 2	5pm Great Vespers

**Holy Cross Food/Clothing Drive**  
**For the Neighborhood Resilience Project!**

*(Will run Wednesday, July 9th - Wednesday, July 30th)*

- 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 Ponny Jahn @ 412-737-5528  
or text Sofia Jahn @ 412-518-9206 - thank you!



# Holy Cross Backpack Drive

For the Neighborhood Resilience Project!

(Will run Monday, July 28th - Friday, August 15th)

**\*\*\*NO BACKPACKS WILL  
BE ACCEPTED AFTER  
8/15\*\*\***



Please be sure to fill each backpack with:

- 1 set of post-it notes
- 3 folders
- 1 five-subject notebook OR 5 one-subject notebooks
- 1 package of glue sticks
- 1 pencil pouch
- 1 package of pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 large eraser
- 1 Sharpie pen package (or any permanent pens)

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## PARISH PLANNED GIVING

An Offering of the  GREEK ORTHODOX  
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Save the date! On Sunday, October 19th there will be a special coffee hour with the Archdiocese Director of Parish Planned Giving, Melpomeni Murdakes.

Have you ever wondered how you can give more to Holy Cross aside from stewardship or volunteering? Would you like to leave a lasting legacy to the church and to future generations? Come to this special coffee hour to find out more!

*Melpomeni N. Murdakes, CPC*  
**Director, Parish Planned Giving**

Ms. Murdakes comes to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America following a 30-year career in faith-based philanthropy, serving parishes, dioceses, metropolises, and educational institutions across the country, through her independent practice, MUSEone, and as a Vice President for Ruotolo Associates Inc, a national philanthropic consultancy based in New Jersey.

As a parishioner at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis, Ms. Murdakes' has served in leadership for their endowment and parish council, contributing to their stewardship endeavors as well.

- Northwestern University  
~ *BS in Psychology*
- Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching  
~ *Certified Professional Coach (CPC)*
- The Fletcher School at Tufts University  
~ *Program in Strategic Leadership & Transformative Action*

# OPA! YOU'RE INVITED TO A GREEK VILLAGE-STYLE GLENDI!

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**Apollo Orchestra**

- Traditional dinner, dancing and a vibrant Greek atmosphere
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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**  
beginning at 5:30 PM

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

Visit [www.HolyCrossPGH.org](http://www.HolyCrossPGH.org) for more  
information and to purchase your tickets.



# HOLY CROSS GREEK SCHOOL

*begins its new academic year!*  
Registration and first class on  
Wednesday, September 17th  
at 4:15pm

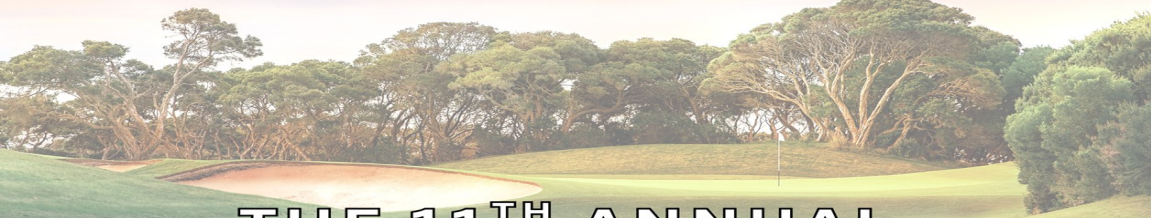
BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN  
OUR LANGUAGE AND ENJOY  
WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP.

Greek School meets every Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 pm. There will be classes for beginners in the Conversational Class and our traditional First thru Sixth Grades.

The adult class meets Wednesdays from 5-6:30pm. Registration and first class is also on September 17 at 5pm.

See CROSSROADS for more info.

# SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 6TH 2025



## THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLY CROSS GOLF OUTING SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB