

✧ SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025 ✧

**The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17**

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**Gospel According to Matthew 14:14-22** At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Cynthia Raftis Family in celebration of Sergio's birthday.

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, August 4  
6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, August 5  
*Feast of the Transfiguration Vigil*  
**@ Holy Cross**  
4pm Vespers/5pm Matins  
6pm Divine Liturgy  
*Blessing of Fruit*

Wednesday, August 6  
*Transfiguration*  
**@ Monastery in Ellwood City**  
9:30am Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 7  
6:30pm Paraclesis

Friday, August 8  
6:30pm Paraclesis

Saturday, August 9  
*St. Herman of Alaska*  
8:30am Orthros  
9:30am Divine Liturgy  
5pm Great Vespers

**The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration**  
**321 Monastery Lane**  
**Ellwood City, PA 16117**

**PATRONAL FEAST**  
*Annual Pilgrimage*

Presiding Hierarch  
His Grace the **Right Reverend Benedict**  
Bishop of Hartford and New England  
The Orthodox Church in America

**Tuesday, August 5**  
**Eve of Transfiguration**

6:00 Festal Vigil Service

**Wednesday, August 6**  
**Feast of Transfiguration**

9:00 Akathist

9:30 Procession and Hierarchical Liturgy

12:00 Catered Luncheon

2:30 Holy Unction with Paraklesis

### HOLY CROSS OUTREACH:

- \$10,000 TO LIGHT OF LIFE (\$5,000 FROM THE GENERAL ACCOUNT, \$5000 FROM THE AGAPE FUND)
  - \$3,329 TO NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT
  - \$1,081 MONASTERY DONATION
  - \$10,000 TO THE NEW METROPOLIS CENTER
- YOUR GENEROSITY IS MAKING AN IMPACT!



## 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)



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



## PARISH PLANNED GIVING

*An Offering of the*



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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!

Get ready for an unforgettable night in Pittsburgh with  
**GREEK MUSIC, DANCING, FOOD AND KEFI!**

FEATURING NEW YORK CITY'S  
**Apollo Orchestra**

- Traditional dinner, dancing and a vibrant Greek atmosphere
- Celebrate culture, community, and connection!

**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

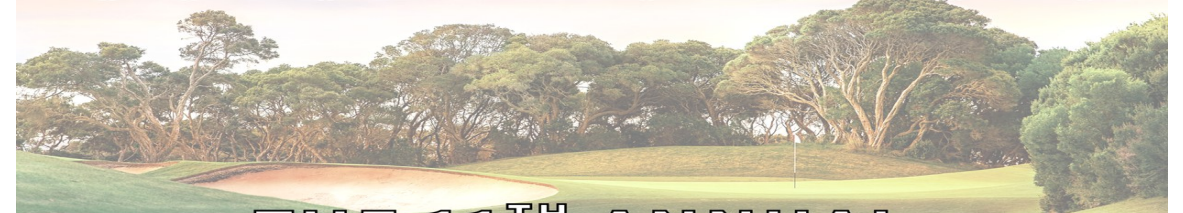
BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN  
OUR LANGUAGE AND ENJOY  
WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP.

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