



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33;

12:1-9 Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16 At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Memorials: †Joannis (John) Hagelios 43 years

†Emmanuel Bolaris 60 years (father of Emmanuel Panos)

Special Coffee Hour TODAY – Introducing the Endowment Fund Ministry

Join us this Sunday for a special coffee hour as we introduce the new **Endowment Fund Ministry!** Learn how planned giving—through wills, trusts, or other legacy gifts—can help secure the future of Holy Cross and support our ministries for generations to come. Come enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and discover how your lasting gift can make a lasting impact. Lunch will be served from Mediterra Cafe.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, October 20 6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, October 21 10am Assemble Crossroads Mailing
7pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 22 4:30pm GREEK SCHOOL
6:30pm GOYA Basketball
7PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, October 23 St. James, brother of the Lord
8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25 5pm Great Vespers
6pm JOY Bonfire

Fr. Michael is away. In his absence, please contact:
Fr. Dan Korba (412) 218-6388 or Fr. Photios Dickos (412) 956-6853

Philoptochos is about to make your holidays a little easier! **Frozen pans of spanakopita**, made fresh this month, will be available for purchase for only \$35/pan (cut into 16 square pieces). This will be a great addition to any dinner, Steeler or holiday party! Comes ready to bake in a disposable 9"x13" foil pan along with baking instructions. Preorders preferred and pickup on Sundays in November in the Community Center **after** liturgy.

Contact Katina Galie at kagalie@comcast.net or text 412-951-8383 or see Katina or Dina Hartlep during coffee hour to place your order.

Thank you for your continued support of Holy Cross Ladies Philoptochos' efforts to help others.



Stewardship

Our operating expenses total over \$80,000 each month, and with rising costs and aging facilities, your faithful stewardship is more vital than ever. As St. Paul reminds us, *"It is required in stewards that one be found faithful"* (1 Corinthians 4:2). Your ongoing support sustains our ministries today and secures the future of Holy Cross for generations to come. Please make a payment towards your pledge today. Thank you for being a faithful steward!

Gas Line Repair Completed – Your Help Is Needed

The major repair to our main gas line has been completed, ensuring our church facilities remain safe and fully operational. However, the cost of this unexpected project was significant, and we now face the challenge of paying off this large expense. We ask all parishioners to contribute as generously as possible to help cover this cost and rebuild our reserves. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference as we work together to keep Holy Cross strong and secure for our community.

Save the date for Presvytera Sandy's Holiday Market
Sunday, November 2 during Coffee Hour

Featuring...Jade jewelry & handicrafts, gifts and holiday decor,
imported from Guatemala

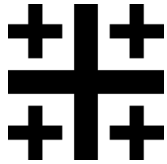
To benefit the clinic there

Parishioners have asked if donations are still needed for this project. The answer is Yes!

No donation is ever considered small. All commitments made can be paid in installments through the end of 2027.

The following is a current update on icons available and amount needed for each:

Eagle - \$16,000
Ox - \$24,000
Lion - \$25,000
Young Man - \$25,000



St. Andrew of Crete - \$12,300
St. Cyril of Alexandria - \$25,000
St. Gerasimos of Abydos - \$5000
St. Innocent of Alaska - \$25,000
St. Raphael of Brooklyn - \$24,250

Nativity of the Theotokos - \$50,000

Assumption of Mary - \$47,000

Thank you very much for your prayerful consideration
of supporting this historic project.

It is truly a blessing for the many future generations
of Holy Cross.

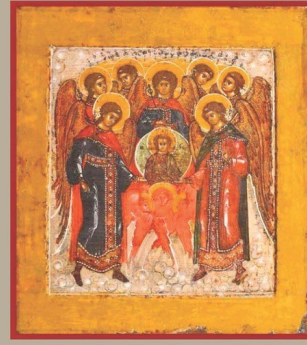
CHOIR DIRECTOR
NEEDED

Reaching out to our community to see if anyone has interest in leading our Choir. If you or someone you know has the talent and a desire to direct the incredible voices at Holy Cross please reach out to a member of the Parish Council or Father Michael.



NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Vigil in Commemoration of the
Synaxis of the Archangels



Vespers
Litia w/ Artoklasia
Orthros
Liturgy
Followed by refreshments

Dormition of the Theotokos
Greek Orthodox Church
12 Washington Ave,
Oakmont, PA 15139

Friday,
November 7th,
7 pm -
12:30 am

RECLAIM THE
TRADITION
Conference

Walk with the saints,
serve your neighbor,
and build a new city
where the brokenhearted
are loved back to life.

WELCOME SPEAKER
FR. PAUL ABERNATHY



HOSTED BY
NEIGHBORHOOD
RESILIENCE
PROJECT

NOVEMBER 5-7, 2025
ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE



ORTHODOXY
In Tap
CAFE EDITION
FOR YOUNG ADULTS



FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Maria Diamond

MANAGER OF 'SO BLUE'
HELLENIC COLLEGE GRADUATE
ACTIVE MINISTRIES PARTICIPANT AT HOLY CROSS

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 AT 5:00 PM

Fresh Start Cafe
46 W Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

TOPIC
WHOLE IN SPIRIT:
EMBRACING MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

Following our speaker, we invite you to enjoy fellowship, a
lively discussion and delicious coffees and treats!

Questions? Contact Nina Casella at nina.p.casella@gmail.com



GOLDEN CLUB: Please join us in the Community Center on Thursday, November 13, at 11am for our Annual Membership Luncheon. Come and enjoy fellowship and good food, for a fun afternoon. We will be collecting 2026 membership dues of \$10/person. Please call or text your RSVP to Cynthia at 412-722-9512 or Rene at 412-559-1721, no later than Wednesday, November 5th (*as this is a catered event*). If paying dues by check, please make payment to: "GOLDEN CLUB of HOLY CROSS." New members are always welcome!

