



# HOLY CROSS

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✖ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 ✖

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Gospel According to Luke 12:16-21**

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**Memorials:** †Jason Kalakos 2 years

Altar Flowers are sponsored in loving memory of †Kathy Frommeyer on her birthday by her husband Tom.  
Altar Candles are sponsored in loving memory of †Kathy Frommeyer on her birthday by her husband Tom.  
Communion wine is sponsored in loving memory of †Jason Kalakos from his mother Fotaine.

*Coffee Hour* today is sponsored Philoptochos.

**TODAY following Liturgy:  
Fall General Assembly**

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday, November 24

6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, November 25

Saint Katherine

8:30am Orthros

9:30am Divine Liturgy

7:30 pm YAL Pickleball

Wednesday, November 26

4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL

6:30pm GOYA Basketball

Thursday, November 27

*Thanksgiving*

8:30am Orthros

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29

5pm Great Vespers

**ANNOUNCING:**



BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE APOSTOLIC  
TRADITION OF THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

His Eminence  
Metropolitan Savas  
of Pittsburgh

WILL ORDAIN TO THE HOLY DIACONATE

Elias Gustave Diamond

December 13, 2025

8:30 AM ORTHROS  
9:30 AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE  
LITURGY WITH ORDINATION

HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

Please RSVP to [ediamondhcpgh@gmail.com](mailto:ediamondhcpgh@gmail.com) by  
December 6

GOYA along with Philoptochos is sending out care packages to college students. If you have a current address of a **college student**, please email Elias [ediamondhcpgh@gmail.com](mailto:ediamondhcpgh@gmail.com) by December 1.

## Emergency Fundraising Appeal

A major gas leak was recently discovered under our church as many of you have already heard. Replacing the entire gas line cost **over \$216,000**, fully depleting our cash reserves.

We have launched an **Emergency Fundraising Campaign** and ask everyone to consider a special donation to help restore our financial footing. Every gift matters—and we are grateful to those that have contributed thus far. \$17,000 has been raised towards this debt. Just as the widow's two coins were precious in God's eyes.

The 2025 Christmas Angel Project for Neighborhood Resilience has started! Angel gift requests will be available in the narthex on Sunday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 30th. If you are unable to pick up the gift requests one of those days and would like to participate, call/text or email Stephanie Kladakis at 617-921-7702 or [skladakis@gmail.com](mailto:skladakis@gmail.com).



Please return gifts wrapped with tags attached on either Sunday, November 30th or Sunday, December 7th. Thank you in advance for your generosity, ~Steph

**Holy Cross GOYA Family Christmas Party** Friday, December 5 @ 6:30pm

HC Community Center RSVP (412) 855-5661

GOYAns and their family are invited for an evening of Fun, Food & Fellowship  
Please bring an appetizer (meatless) 7-11th graders OR Dessert 12th graders

Optional Gift Exchange \$25.00

## 2026 Stewardship Pledge Cards

As we plan for the year ahead, we kindly ask every steward of Holy Cross to **fill out and return your 2026 pledge card**. Your commitment allows us to budget responsibly and support everything that makes our parish a true spiritual home.

Many of us regularly enjoy the **activities, ministries, events, and amenities** offered by our church—whether it's worship, fellowship gatherings, youth programs, cultural events, or simply having a place to turn for peace and connection. These blessings are only possible through your stewardship.

Thank you for taking a moment to complete your pledge card and for helping sustain the life of our Holy Cross community.

### Leave a Legacy Through Planned Giving

We now have a meaningful way to leave a legacy at Holy Cross through Planned Giving. By including the church in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy, you help build our parish endowment and support the future of our ministries for generations to come.

Learn more at <https://holycrossphg.org/endowment-fund>



**SAVE the DATE:** Thursday, December 11!  
NEW this Year! VASILOPITA Making!

Vasilopita (*bread using our delicious recipe*) will be prepared on Thursday, December 11. A coin will be included in every loaf of circular bread. Rolling begins at 10am, egg washing at 11:30am, bread wrapping and selling from 2:00-4:30pm. The freshly baked bread, \$12 a loaf, plain or with sesame seeds, will be sold on baking day, Thursday, December 11, Sunday, December 14 and if available, Sunday, December 21 after Divine Liturgy. Cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. Our Vasilopita is a special Christmas and New Year's gift! ANY of your time is appreciated! Lunch will be provided. Thank you for supporting your Philoptochos in its philanthropic endeavors! Contact Elaine Sofis, cell 412 327-7017, home 412 344-7046 or [esofis@comcast.net](mailto:esofis@comcast.net) with questions or to reserve.



## 2025 Holy Cross Christmas Pageant

Rehearsal will take place during Sunday School on December 14

Pageant will immediately follow Divine Liturgy on December 21

All Sunday School age children (3-18) are encouraged to participate and if possible, to attend the rehearsal

Please contact Elias Diamond at [ediamondhcpgh@gmail.com](mailto:ediamondhcpgh@gmail.com) to let us know if your child/children can participate. Thank you!