



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel According to John 1:35-51 At that time, John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Memorials: † Dorothy Conaboy 2 years † John M. Hiras 5 years
Coffee Hour today is sponsored Philoptochos.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 1

11am Circle of Angels baking Koulourakia

6:30pm Paraclesis

8pm YHL Basketball

Tuesday, December 2

7pm Mary and Martha Book Club

7pm GOYA Meeting
Jeopardy!

Wednesday, December 3

4:30pm GREEK School

6:30pm GOYA Basketball

7PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 4

Great Martyr St. Barbara

8:30am Orthros

9:30am Div Liturgy

6:30pm Fellowship & Fitness
Adult Pickleball

7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, December 5

St. Savvas the

Sanctified @Metropolis

9am Matins/10am Divine Liturgy

6:30pm GOYA Family

Christmas Party

6:30pm Vespers @

St. Nicholas Cathedral

Saturday, December 6

St. Nicholas @Cathedral in Oakland

8:30am Orthros

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Wedding

NO Vespers



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

123 GILKESON ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15228

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Please RSVP to ediamondhcgph@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 ediamondhpcgh@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.



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 26:36pm
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://holycrosspgh.org/endowment-fund>

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2026 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

By completing this card, you are making a commitment to the community of Holy Cross.

2026 NEW Total Pledge Commitments \$ _____ Old Keep same as last year \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

GREEK-AMERICAN PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
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Join the G.A.P.A. Socrates-Daphne Lodge
of Pittsburgh, PA for their annual

RSVP SOON!!!

Christmas Dinner & Dance

Friday, December 5, 2025

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres: 6:00 PM | Dinner: 7:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh South
164 Fort Couch Road | Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Live music by the fabulous *Stigma Band of Cleveland, OH*

Dinner & Dance - \$70 | Dance Only - \$30 (\$500 PM or later)

For reservations, please contact **Aliki Andrews** at (412) 833-4596 or **Becky Bertos** at (412) 421-9427 by **Wednesday, 11/26/2025**.

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 with questions or to reserve.

Holy Cross Ladies Philoptochos
invites you to our

CHRISTMAS party

RSVP SOON!!!

Tuesday 5:00 PM | **9** | December 2025

COCKTAIL HOUR AT \$50 CASH BAR
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00

SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

4305 BROWNSVILLE ROAD

FOOD SELECTIONS

CHICKEN ASIAGO \$45
GRILLED ATLANTIC SALMON \$49
NY STRIP STEAK \$62
VEGAN RAVIOLI \$43

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE SALAD, SEASONAL VEGETABLE MEDLEY,
YUKON GOLD POTATOES WITH DILL BUTTER, AND LEMON CAKE

RSVP DYAMALIS@COMCAST.NET
412-589-2646

BY DECEMBER 1ST
WITH FOOD SELECTION

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 ediamondhpcgh@gmail.com to let us know if your child/children can participate. Thank you!