



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel According to Luke 14:16-24 The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

Memorials: †John Manolis 10 years
†Margaret Kalakos 35 years

Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of her mother
†Margaret Kalakos by her daughter Fotaine Kalakos.

Coffee hour is sponsored by the Stang Family in celebration of
Niko's 30th Birthday and also a special Christmas performance from
the Center for Theater Arts showstoppers!

TODAY during Church School: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 15	6:30pm Paraclesis
Tuesday, December 16	10:30am Circle of Angels assemble cookie baskets 6:30pm Fellowship & Fitness Adult Pickleball 7pm Parish Council
Wednesday, December 17	Prophet Daniel 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:30pm GREEK SCHOOL 6:30pm GOYA Basketball 7PM BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, December 18	7PM CATECHISM CLASS
Friday, December 19	
Saturday, December 20	St. Ignatius 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 8:30am~2pm Blood Drive 5pm Great Vespers

Don't forget to reigister!

Holy Cross Blood Drive in memory of Kathy Frommeyer

Saturday, December 20, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Location: inside of the Old Social Hall

Vitalant.org, 877-25-VITAL, blood drive code 10055301

Public welcome! Tell your friends!



We are grateful for your continued support through your stewardship pledges.

If you have not yet completed your **Stewardship Card for 2026**, we invite you to do so before leaving today or by submitting it online.* (**Must be logged into REALM.*)

Your commitment makes a **MASSIVE** difference in the life of the church.



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!

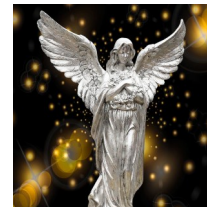
Thank you to ALL the volunteers who helped to prepare our delicious Vasilopita on Thursday, December 11. The Vasilopita (with a coin) is available TODAY, December 14, \$12 a loaf, plain or with sesame seeds, after Divine Liturgy, in the narthex or community center. Cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos. The vasilopita will be sold NEXT Sunday, December 21, IF available. Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net or 412 327-7017

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

The **Circle of Angels** is reminding you that we need a lot of home-baked cookies to fill the Christmas baskets for our friends in nursing homes or homebound. Please no nuts or powdered sugar. The baskets will be packed on Tuesday, December 16th at 10:30am. Cookies may be delivered to the church office on Monday, December 15th or before 10:30 AM on the 16th.

Thank you and God bless our Baking Angels!

*Dina Hartlep,
Christine Peters,
Carol Halkias*



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.*