



HOLY CROSS
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✠ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026** ✠
SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16 Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their lives, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel According to Matthew 4:12-17 At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the family of Jack Kalogeris.

Memorials

†Jack Kalogeris 40 days
†Andrew Pyros 1 year
†Irina Konstandinidis 1 year (*sister of Maria Fitsioris*)
†Calliopi "Popi" Hagelios 9 years
†Virginia Nicholas 22 years (*mother of Barbara Milton*)
†Thomas Bakirtsis 41 years (*father of Maria Fitsioris*)
†Eleni Bakirtsis 41 years (*mother of Maria Fitsioris*)

THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 12	8pm YAL BasketYAL
Tuesday, January 13	6:30 PM Fellowship & Fitness Pickleball
Wednesday, January 14	4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 6:30pm GOYA Basketball
Thursday, January 15	7PM CATECHISM CLASS
Friday, January 16	10am First Steps @ Holy Cross Craft, songs, story, snack and a Vasilopita cutting
Saturday, January 17	St. Anthony 8:30am Othros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 5pm Great Vespers

GOYA is selling soup TODAY during coffee hour.



Save the dates:

Sunday, January 25: General Assembly

Sunday, February 8 GOYA will be hosting lunch for Godparent/Godchild Sunday.

2026 Stewardship Update: 77 Pledges submitted for \$202,186

Save the Date! Sunday, February 15

Philoptochos Membership Social

THIS Sunday, January 11 from 2-7pm
YAL Christmas in January @ the Diamond Residence
Questions: see Deacon Elias Diamond

High School Seniors & Parents Reminder: The Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross Church is available NOW to download online at [holycrosspgh.org- events- Holy Cross Philoptochos Philanthropy Award](http://holycrosspgh.org-events-Holy-Cross-Philoptochos-Philanthropy-Award), in the narthex, esofis@comcast.net or Denise Melis, dmelis@comcast.net, electronically. The award is available to a PLEDGED 2026 Holy Cross family member who is a 2026 graduating high school senior. Two \$1500 philanthropy awards are a possibility. The application is due by Sunday, March 29, 9pm. Elaine Sofis, 412 327-7017

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.

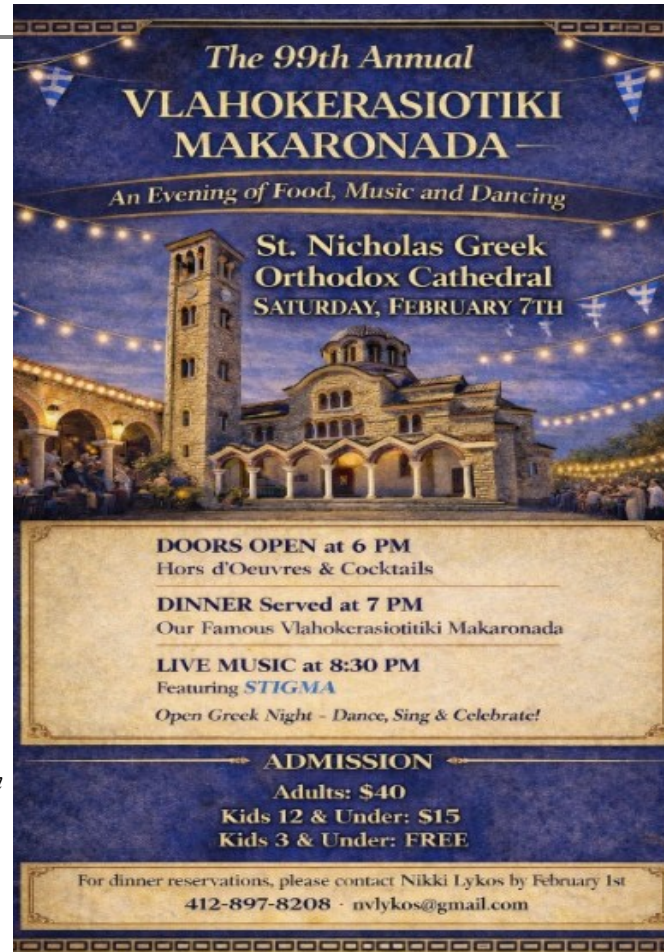
Below is a current update on icons available and amount needed for each:

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 - \$24,000

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.*



House Blessings

Every year, on the Feast of Epiphany, Orthodox Christians around the world have a blessing of the waters to celebrate the Baptism of Christ as well as the revealing of the Holy Trinity to mankind. We then received the blessing of this Holy Water to renew ourselves in Christ and to remind ourselves that through Christ all things are again made clean. We also extend that blessing to the homes in which we live, to wipe away temptations and attacks that might lead us away from Christ.

If you wish to have Fr. Michael come and bless your home, please complete this form and return it to the Church office at your earliest convenience. Please **PRINT** clearly.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please suggest THREE (3) dates and times for your house blessing
STARTING JANUARY 5TH
(You will receive a call confirming date and time of blessing.)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Please prepare the following, to the best of your abilities, for the blessing:

- 1) Make an effort to have the entire family present.
- 2) Set out an Icon in a central area of the house where the prayer service will begin.
- 3) Write two lists of names, one of the living and one of the departed family members for whom you would like the Priest to pray during the house blessing.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out and return this form, either in the basket in the narthex or to:

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