



HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026** ✠ **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** ✠

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel According to John 1:43-51 At that time, 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 he 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."

*Altar flowers are sponsored by Kyrk & Kathy Pyros
in loving memory of her parents Victor and Esther Greco.*
*Coffee hour is sponsored by the Portellos family
in loving memory of Alexander and Angeline Portellos
and in honor of the Chrismation of Joshua Kelly.*

☞ Today at 12:15pm: Philoptochos meeting ☞

TONIGHT @4PM: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS IN CANONSBURG ↓↓↓

THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 2
6:30pm Compline

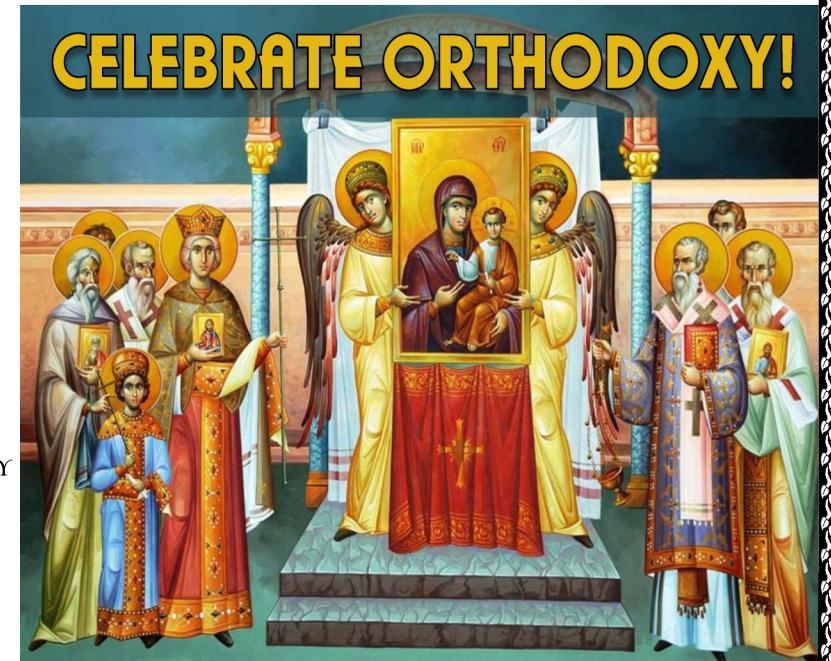
Tuesday, March 3
7pm GOYA Jeopardy

Wednesday, March 4
4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL
6PM PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Thursday, March 5
6:30pm Fellowship & Fitness
Adult Pickleball
7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, March 6
9am Presanctified Liturgy
6:30pm Salutations II

Saturday, March 7
5pm Great Vespers



THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD OF GREATER PITTSBURGH INVITES YOU TO THE PITTSBURGH AREA

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church
601 West McMurray Road, Canonsburg, PA

Celebrant and Homilist: His Grace Bishop Thomas
Service featuring the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh

Vespers will be followed by fellowship and Lenten refreshments.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

“Will You Remember Me, O Lord?”

The Holy Proskomide:
History, Theology, and Mystery

Lenten
Retreat!



Presentation of Christ
Greek Orthodox Church
1672 Electric Avenue
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Saturday, March 14, 2026
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



GUEST SPEAKER:
Fr. Stelyios Muksuris, PhD, DTh
Professor and Chair of Liturgy and Sacramental
Theology, Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA



2026 Saint John Chrysostom
Oratorical Festival

Parish Festival:
Friday, March 20 at Holy Cross
immediately following
Salutations Service

Metropolis Festival:
Saturday, May 2 at the new
Metropolis Center

Scan here for
topics and
resources



Please contact
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LENTEN
RETREAT

A Day of
Reflection and
Spiritual Growth

At Kimisis Orthodox Church in Aliquippa, PA



MARCH 21, 2026 10AM-2PM
NO COST: FREE WILL OFFERING
COMPLIMENTARY LENTEN LUNCH PROVIDED

We are honored to welcome Fr. Paul, known for
his impactful ministry and leadership, to lead us
in a soul-benefitting discussion this Great Lent.

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SPEAKER
Fr. Paul Abernathy

PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 7TH

CENTRAL REGION

HOPE & JOY LENTEN
MINI RETREAT



Saturday, March 21, 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

12 WASHINGTON AVE.
OAKMONT, PA 15139

Participants will enjoy learning about Holy Week
through iconography. Lessons include crafts,
service projects, and more! Lunch will be provided.

\$10 per participant

REGISTER TODAY!

tinyurl.com/MiniLentCentral26

Questions? Contact Fr. Michael Gavrilos fmg@dormitionpgh.org

Golden Club Members/New Members:

Join us on Thursday, March 19th, for our Annual Covered-Dish, Lenten Luncheon starting at 11:00 a.m. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center. We're suggesting Lenten items/dishes such as: vegetables, salads, fruits and desserts (**please NO nuts or seeds**). Following lunch, we will welcome a speaker from The Frick Pittsburgh. We will also be collecting dues of \$10 for this year, through October 2026. **Please RSVP** by Friday, March 13th, to Rene, cell 412-559-1721 or Cynthia, cell 412-722-9512. We always welcome new members! Come and enjoy fellowship and wonderful Lenten dishes for our Lenten journey!

Ladies and gentlemen.....And we're off! Please join us as we begin preparing over 200 pans of spanakopita for the 2026 Food Fair. No experience necessary. Lots of different jobs – pick one you like. Fun begins on **Monday, March 9 through Wednesday March 11 (if needed)**. Come to the kitchen anytime between 10:00a – 6:00p. I challenge each of you to bring a friend! Make new friends, share the fun, camaraderie, fellowship, whatever you want to call it, just come! There is always some lively music and spirited conversation. Snacks and a light lunch will be available but if you would like to bring something lenten appropriate to share, anything is welcome to the table!

Pascha bread, \$12 a loaf, plain or with sesame seeds, will be made Thursday, March 26th Braiding at 10am, egg washing about 11:30am and wrapping about 2pm. Selling freshly made bread will be from 2:30-5pm in the community center on March 26th. Any of your time is appreciated. Cash or checks payable to Holy Cross Philoptochos will be accepted on baking day, March 26th. We will also be selling on Sunday, March 29th, Lazarus Saturday, April 4th during Palm Cross Making, and on Palm Sunday, April 5 after Divine Liturgy in the narthex and community center. Thank you supporting your Philoptochos! Questions or to reserve your bread contact Co-Chairs: Rita Manganas cell, 813-390-5948 and Katina Galie cell 412-951-8383

High School Seniors & Parents: The Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross Church is application is due by Sunday, March 29, 9pm. Details in Crossroads; application on website or in narthex. Contact Elaine Sofis, 412 327-7017 esofis@comcast.net or Denise Melis, dmelis@comcast.net for more info.

ICONOGRAPHY

Donations are still needed for this project. No donation is ever considered small. All commitments made can be paid in installments through the end of 2027.

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

*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.*

- 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
- St. Luke the Surgeon - \$25,000
- Nativity of the Theotokos - \$50,000
- Assumption of Mary - \$47,000