



**HOLY CROSS**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ **SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026** ✠ **ST. MARY OF EGYPT** ✠

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14**

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45** At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Memorials:**

- † Dionysios A. "Sakis" Asvestas 1 year (grandfather of Niko Koukmas)
- † Chrysanthie Schultz 1 year
- † Martha Stivaktas 3years
- † Christopher Schultz 5 years
- † David Schultz 7 years
- † Sophia (Stambolis) Libbos 8 years (mother of Christine Picard)
- † Michael Andrews 12 years (husband of Aliki Andrews)
- † Iohann Traum
- † Ion Epuran

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday, March 20 6:30pm Compline

Tuesday, March 31 7:30pm YAL Pickleball

Wednesday, April 1 4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL  
6pm Presanctified Liturgy  
YAL/GPYA Dinner

Thursday, April 2 5pm Palm Cross Prep  
6:30pm Fellowship & Fitness Adult Pickleball  
7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, April 3 9am Presanctified Liturgy  
5pm Palm Cross Prep

Saturday, April 4 Lazarus Saturday 8:30 am Orthros/9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
Palm Cross Making, Confessions, Church Cleaning, Acolyte Preparation for Holy Week  
5pm Great Vespers

Altar Flowers in loving memory of † Michael Andrews from his wife Aliki, sons George and Kimon and their families.

GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM will be in the COMMUNITY CENTER today.

The application for the Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross is due **TODAY**, March 29 by 9pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**



**Circle of Angels** is calling on our Baking Angels to offer homemade cookies for our Pascha visits. Our friends in nursing homes or homebound love koulourakia, paximadia and other cookies. Please NO nuts or powdered sugar. We'll be packing cookies on **Tuesday, March 31 at 10:30AM**, so you may start delivering them to Nena in the church office on Monday, March 30, but no later than 10:30AM on March 31. Thank you so much, and God bless you, Carol, Christine and Dina ♥♥♥

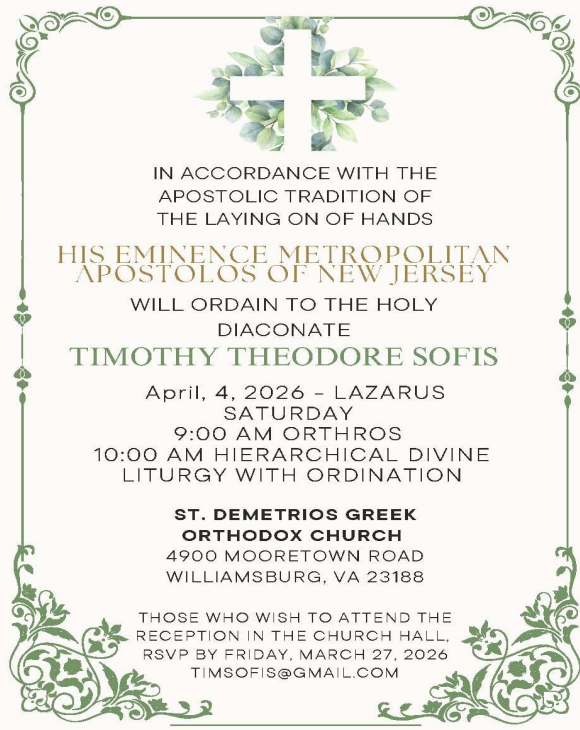



A basket will be passed during Liturgy NEXT Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday, to help defray the costs of our beautiful Epitafio flowers. Please place your name on your envelope for credit. Thank you for your generous donations.

**OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026**

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannan (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
5th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 29th</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 5th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</b> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 10th</b>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <b>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</b> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 12th</b> NO FASTING!	 <b>BRIGHT WEEK</b> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



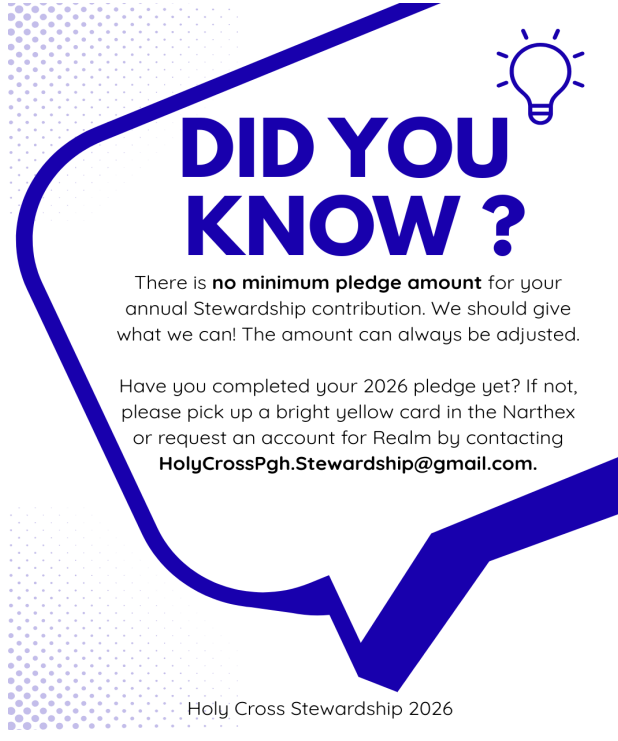
  
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 THE LAYING ON OF HANDS  
**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN  
 APOSTOLOS OF NEW JERSEY**  
 WILL ORDAIN TO THE HOLY  
 DIACONATE  
**TIMOTHY THEODORE SOFIS**  
 April, 4, 2026 - LAZARUS  
 SATURDAY  
 9:00 AM ORTHROS  
 10:00 AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE  
 LITURGY WITH ORDINATION  
**ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK  
 ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
 4900 MOORETOWN ROAD  
 WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23188  
 THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE  
 RECEPTION IN THE CHURCH HALL,  
 RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026  
 TIMSOFIS@GMAIL.COM



  
**CATERING SALE**

Want to make your Pascha dinner the best it can be, but also need time to attend Holy Week services? We've got you covered!	<b>SPANAKOPITA</b> <b>\$35</b> (12 pieces)
We are selling 1/4 sized trays (13x9) of spanakopita and tiropita, frozen and ready to bake! Containers of one dozen koulourakia are also available with no baking required!	<b>TIROPITA</b> <b>\$35</b> (12 pieces)
Limited quantities available. <b>Pre-order today!</b>	<b>KOULOURAKIA</b> <b>\$11</b> (dozen)

**PRE-ORDER TODAY!**  
**PICKUP AVAILABLE ON PALM SUNDAY 4/5/2026**  
**AT COFFEE HOUR OR ARRANGE ALTERNATE PICKUP!**  
 To order or arrange pickup, please contact  
[holycrosspgh.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspgh.fundraising@gmail.com)  
 or find Sophia or Stephen!





**DID YOU KNOW?**

There is **no minimum pledge amount** for your annual Stewardship contribution. We should give what we can! The amount can always be adjusted.

Have you completed your 2026 pledge yet? If not, please pick up a bright yellow card in the Narthex or request an account for Realm by contacting [HolyCrossPgh.Stewardship@gmail.com](mailto:HolyCrossPgh.Stewardship@gmail.com).

Holy Cross Stewardship 2026

**GREEK DANCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**  
**FIRST PRACTICE SUNDAY, APRIL 19 DURING COFFEE HOUR.**

Join us for a Special Coffee Hour!

**MINGLE & MIMOSAS**

Welcoming our newest members to Holy Cross!

**3 MAY 2026** WHILE MINGLING WITH OUR LONG STANDING PARISHIONERS! FOLLOWING LITURGY

COME SEE WHAT HAPPENS "BETWEEN" SUNDAYS!  
 FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ALL THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS AND OUTREACH WE HAVE!



**HOLY CROSS GREEK FESTIVAL**  
**2026 Cooking Schedule \***

Dear Holy Cross Family, We invite you to share your time—whether a little or a lot—as we prepare for the upcoming 2026 Festival! This year, our celebration will once again span five exciting days, and we'll need plenty of helping hands to make it all happen. To make volunteering easier for everyone, we've added both evening and Saturday opportunities to fit a variety of schedules. We encourage you to think about how you can contribute to making this year's festival another record-breaking success. Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity! Demetrios

Spanakopita	5,500 pieces	Completed
Souzoukakia	2,500 pieces	Completed
Koulourakia	10,300 pieces	Thur April 16 <sup>th</sup> 5pm Wed April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 5pm Tue April 28 <sup>th</sup> and Thur April 30 <sup>th</sup> 5pm Saturday May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10am
Baklava	5,760 pieces	Friday April 24 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am and 4pm
Tiropitas	2,150 pieces	Monday May 4 <sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm Tuesday May 5 <sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm
Patitisis	1,550 pieces	Tuesday May 5 <sup>th</sup> Boiling Noodles Wednesday May 6 <sup>th</sup> 10am - 5pm Thursday May 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am - 5 pm
Galatbouriko	1,275 pieces	Monday May 11 <sup>th</sup> 10 am
Kourambiedes	2,980 pieces	Wed May 20 <sup>th</sup> 10-5 Thu May 21 <sup>st</sup> 10-5 Fri May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 11-6
Finikia	2,500 pieces	TBD
Karidopita	1,550 pieces	Mon May 18 <sup>th</sup> 10-5 Tue May 19 <sup>th</sup> 10-5
Shank sauce		TBD
Syrup	5 Batches	Mon May 4 <sup>th</sup> thru Sat May 9 <sup>th</sup> Evenings

\*Reminder texts and voicemails will be sent before each prepped item. Times and dates are subject to change As of 3.25.26

Holy Cross Philoptochos presents:  
**The National Orthodox Baby Shower**

Through April, we are collecting the following to benefit local pregnancy resource centers.

- diapers
- new & gently used clothing
- newborn care items, bottles, blankets
- new toys, car seats, strollers



*Thank you for your support!*

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN

*Afternoon Tea*



HOLY CROSS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS  
 INVITES YOU TO SPEND AND AFTERNOON WITH US FOR LUNCH AND TEA  
**SATURDAY 16 11:00 AM**  
**MAY**  
 TICKETS \$25  
 PLEASE CONTACT DENA YAMALIS  
 412-343-8355  
[DYAMALIS@COMCAST.NET](mailto:DYAMALIS@COMCAST.NET)