



**HOLY CROSS**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 ✠ Pascha ✠

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8** In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

**Gospel According to John 1:1-17** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday, April 13 *Bright Monday* ~ Office Closed

Tuesday, April 14 *Bright Tuesday*

Wednesday, April 15 *Bright Wednesday*

4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL

Thursday, April 16 *Bright Thursday*

8:30AM GOLDEN CLUB

5PM KOULOURAKIA MAKING

6:30pm Fellowship & Fitness Adult Pickleball

7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, April 17 *Life-Giving Spring*

8:15 Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy

GOYA Lock-in

Saturday, April 18 *Bright Saturday*

5pm Great Vespers

GREEK DANCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN! FIRST PRACTICE NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19

DURING COFFEE HOUR.



**A few still left! Limited availability!**

*Pascha*  
**CATERING SALE**  
SPANAKOPITA  
Frozen, 13x9 tray, 12 pieces  
**\$35**  
To order or arrange pickup, please contact [holycrosspgh.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspgh.fundraising@gmail.com) or find Sophia or Stephen!

*Philoptochos*  
**PASCHA BREAD SALE**  
PASCHA BREAD  
**\$12**  
To order or arrange pickup, please contact [holycrosswomen@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosswomen@gmail.com) or find Rita Manganas or Dina Hartlep!



*Baking with a Twist!*  
Festival Koulourakia Preparation  
**10,800 (900 DOZEN) TO MAKE!**

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-9pm  
Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5pm-9pm  
Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-9pm  
Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-9pm  
Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-4pm  
and more dates if needed!

Refreshments will be provided!  
All are welcome!  
No experience needed!

For signup and questions:  
Contact Stephen Yamalis  
[yamalis.stephen@gmail.com](mailto:yamalis.stephen@gmail.com)



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!



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

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!

### 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.

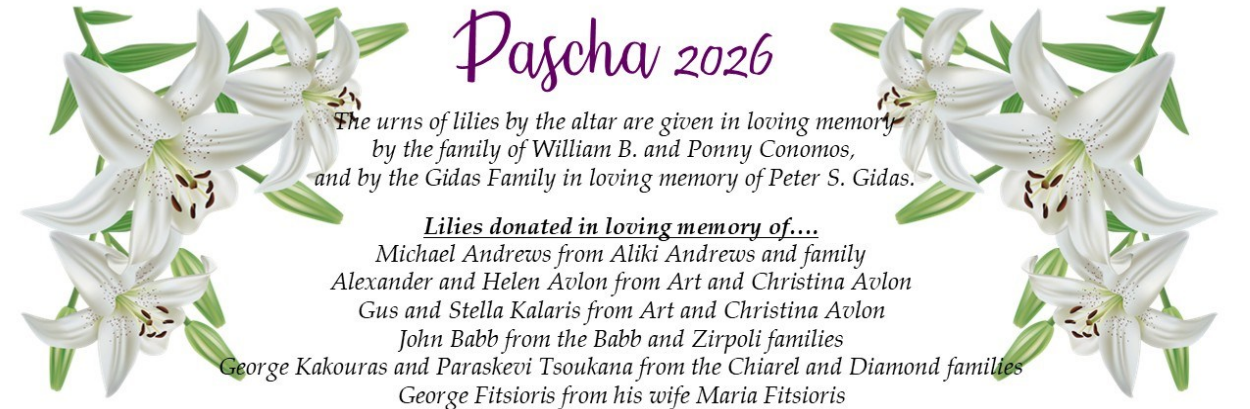
To make volunteering easier for everyone, we've added both evening and Saturday opportunities to fit a variety of schedules. We encourage you to think about how you can contribute to making this year's festival another record-breaking success.

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
Patitisiso	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
Galatouriko	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

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



## Pascha 2026

The urns of lilies by the altar are given in loving memory by the family of William B. and Ponny Conomos, and by the Gidas Family in loving memory of Peter S. Gidas.

### Lilies donated in loving memory of....

- Michael Andrews from Aliko Andrews and family
- Alexander and Helen Aolon from Art and Christina Aolon
- Gus and Stella Kalaris from Art and Christina Aolon
- John Babb from the Babb and Zirpoli families
- George Kakouras and Paraskevi Tsoukana from the Chiarel and Diamond families
- George Fitsioris from his wife Maria Fitsioris
- Parents of George and Maria Fitsioris and recently deceased nephew George
- Katherine B. Frommeyer from her husband Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Rev. Athanasios Aolon from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Prevytera Stella Aolon from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Niki Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Thomas Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Leo Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Paul Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Mary Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Peter Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Catherine Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- John Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Kalliopi Birris from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Meredees Frommeyer from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Thomas Frommeyer from Thomas A. Frommeyer
- Damon Halkias from his wife Carol, their children and grandchildren
- Their parents (Louis and Cula Melis) from George, Pat, Terry, Karen & Denise
- Their Papou and Yiayia (Louis and Cula Melis) from Matt, Lindsay, Kerri & Jennifer
- Zachary and Anne Paul from Jim and Elaine Nellas
- Louis and Harriet Nellas from Jim and Elaine Nellas
- Ken Callaway from Kyrk and Kathy Pyros
- Their parents from Kyrk and Kathy Pyros
- George Thiros from his wife Tula Thiros
- Vince P. Yamalis from the Yamalis family
- Stefanos Vlahos from the Yamalis family
- Georgia Vlahos from the Yamalis family

### Lilies donated for the health of....

Her granddaughter Nora from Presoytera Catherine Pachis  
 Georgia Yamalis from the Yamalis family

### Holy Week donations in memory of loved ones

- Aliko Andrews
- Niki Aronson
- Art & Christina Aolon
- Dianne Babb
- Maria Fitsioris
- Barbara Milton
- Kyrk and Kathy Pyros
- Tula Thiros
- Joan Sweda
- Margaret Sweda