



HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 ✠ *Mother's Day* ✠

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30 In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel According to John 4:5-42 At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the

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Memorials: †Nedjelka Nekezova 30 years (mother of Ivanka Nikolova and grandmother of Jenny)

Happy Mother's Day to the fabulous moms, aunts, godmothers, grandmothers, and sisters who provide love support guidance and patience to all of us at Holy Cross.

Philoptochos is sponsoring Coffee Hour today.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 11 10AM GALATOBOURIKO
6:30pm Paraclesis

Tuesday, May 12

Wednesday, May 13 8:45am Golden Club
4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL
(NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK)

Thursday, May 14 St. Isidoros
8:30 Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
GYRO THURSDAY
6:30pm Fellowship & Fitness Pickleball
7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16 11am Philoptochos Tea
5pm Vespers



Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
123 GILKESON ROAD • PITTSBURGH, PA (across from the Galleria)

GYRO THURSDAY

MAY 14 • 11 am - 7 pm



ONLINE ORDERING AND TAKEOUT ONLY:
holycrosspgh.org/gyro

GOLDEN CLUB: Join us on Wednesday, May 13, as we travel by van to the Westmoreland Museum of American Art in Greensburg, PA.

The Museum is dedicated to American art, with a special focus on the art and artists of southwestern Pennsylvania, showcasing works from four centuries. Admission is free and features a permanent collection and traveling exhibitions. The Museum is also known for its unique perspective on American life and connecting local history with national art movements.

Please arrive at the church by 8:45am for 9am departure. Following our visit, we will have lunch at a local restaurant. To reserve a seat on the van, please **RSVP** no later than Wednesday, May 6, to Cynthia at 412-722-9512 or Rene at 412-559-1721. We hope to see you!

Baking with a Twist!

Festival Koulourakia Preparation

2,450 MORE TO GO!

MORE DATES TO BE ADDED including Saturday, May 23rd, 9am-4pm

Thank you to all who have helped so far!

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

For signup and questions: Contact Stephen Yamalis yamalis.stephen@gmail.com

HOLY CROSS ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT UPDATE

Icons still available for support...

- Eagle → \$9000
- Ox → \$24,000
- Lion → \$17,000
- Young Man → \$25,000
- St. Andrew of Crete → \$10,500
- St. Cyril of Alexandria → \$25,000
- St. Gerasimos of Abydos → \$6000
- St. Innocent of Alaska → \$24,000
- St. Raphael of Brooklyn → \$24,000
- Nativity of the Theotokos → \$50,000
- St. Luke the Surgeon → \$25,000
- Gold Leaf around the Platitera → \$20,000

Help us reach our goal!

HOLY CROSS GREEK FESTIVAL

2026 Cooking Schedule *

T-MINUS 52 DAYS

Spanakopita	5,500 pieces	Completed
Souzoukakia	2,500 pieces	Completed
Koulourakia	10,300 pieces	Saturday May 23 rd 10am
Tiropitas	2,150 pieces	Monday May 4 th 5 pm-9pm Tuesday May 5 th 10am-5pm
Patitisiso	1,550 pieces	Tuesday May 5 th Boiling Noodles Wednesday May 6 th 10am – 5pm Thursday May 7 th 10am – 5 pm
Galatobouriko	1,275 pieces	Monday May 11 th 10 am
Kourambiedes	2,980 pieces	Wed May 20 th 10-5 Thur May 21 st 10-5 Fri May 22 nd 11-6
Baklava	5,760 pieces	Thursday May 28 th 9:30 and 4:30
Finikia	2,500 pieces	June 2 nd 10-4 and 4-9
Karidopita	1,550 pieces	TBD
Shank sauce		TBD
Syrup		TBD

*Reminder texts and voicemails will be sent before each prepped item. Times and dates are subject to change. 4.30.26

Some dates different from Crossroads calendar, printed before changes were made.

Holy Cross June Food Festival is quickly approaching! June 15-19, Monday-Friday, 11:00am-8:00pm, until 9:00pm on Friday. Food Line help is needed at Lunch, 10:45am-2:00pm or 4:00pm, Lighter shift, 2:00-4:00pm, Dinner shift from 4:00pm-8:00pm, until 9:00pm on Friday. ANY of your time is appreciated! Choose your own time frame! Food Runners are needed for the lunch shift, 10am-2pm or 4PM. Dinner shift from 4 – 8:00pm or 9PM on Friday. OR choose a convenient time to run! Any of your time is appreciated! Thank you for volunteering your time to make our festival a success! Elaine Sofis, Food Line Chair esofis@comcast.net cell 412 327-7017 home 412 344-7046

Festival Ad Book ads due Friday, May 22. Forms in narthex.

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 7

Graduating High School & College Seniors (post graduate degree earners as well) will be recognized by the Parish. Please send information to the Church Office: holycrosspittsburgh@gmail.com

Information to submit by Friday, May 22 to be included in June Crossroads

- Name of Graduate and their parents.
- Name of school graduating from - High School or College.
- What he/she intends to study or degree earned.
- Where he/she plans to further their education or future employment plans.

Please submit (email) a photo as well!!!

Vacation Church School Registration is live!

Please use the form in Crossroads, QR code → or link below to register.

This year's theme is "The Summer Pascha." VCS will take place July 27th – 31st.

We hope you can join us!

<https://onrealm.org/HolyCrossGreekO/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NjNkYTQ2MWEtNjQ5My00ZTlxLWFmNjktYjQxZjAxMjk4YiRi>

