



HOLY CROSS
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✠ **SUNDAY, May 24, 2026** ✠

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36 In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel According to John 17:1-13 At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Memorials: † Bill (Vasili) Eliopoulos 1 year

Altar Flowers are sponsored in loving memory of Jason Kalakos on his birthday by his mother Fotaine.

Communion Wine is sponsored in loving memory of Jason Kalakos on his birthday by his mother Fotaine.

On behalf of the Parish Council, please join us for **Coffee Hour TODAY** to welcome Eleni Maneta's parents Fr Constantinos Manetas and Presvetera Anna from Greece and for prayers welcoming Eleni's and Yianni's first child. If anyone wants to make a donation, please offer to the Iconography or Agape Fund for their enlightenment and the baby's health.



THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 25 **Memorial Day** Office Closed
9-11am Jefferson Cemetery
12:30-2:30pm Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

Tuesday, May 26 **7:30pm PickleYAL**

Wednesday, May 27 7PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 28 **9AM BAKLAVA**
6:30pm Fellowship & Fitness Pickleball
7PM CATECHISM CLASS

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30 **Saturday of the Souls**
8:30 Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
5pm Great Vespers



↑↑↑ **NEXT SUNDAY** ↑↑↑

Seeking New Leaders for the Golden Club!

Our beloved senior ministry, the Golden Club, is seeking one or two enthusiastic individuals (a co-leadership pair, friends, a couple, or anyone with a heart for serving the senior members of our parish community!), to take over its leadership. After years of wonderful fellowship, our current organizers are ready to pass the torch. The Club provides a vital space for our parish seniors, 50 years and over, to connect, socialize and grow in faith.

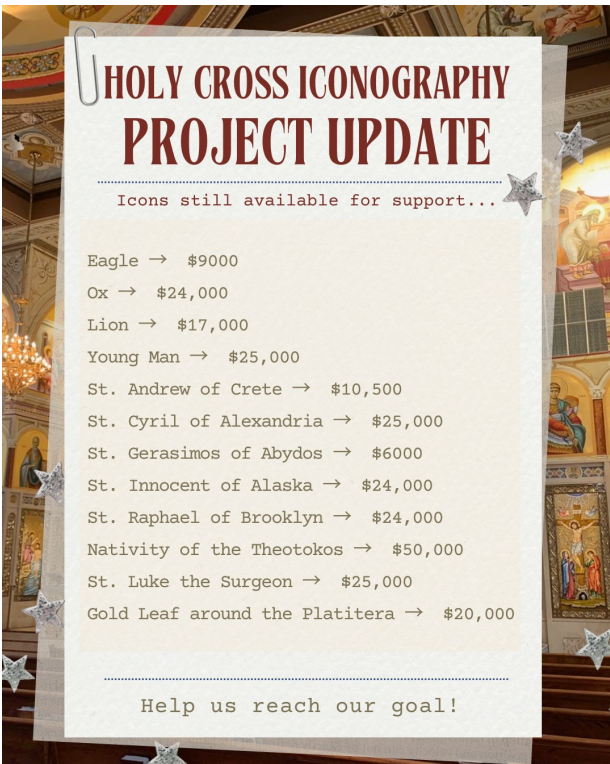
Responsibilities include planning outings, coordinating occasional speakers and organizing one or two seasonal luncheons. Currently, activities are planned in fall and spring (to avoid inclement weather). Current leadership will provide full training and notes for a smooth transition. If you feel called to keep this joyful ministry thriving, please contact Cynthia Kostelnik at 412-722-9512 or Rene Koett at 412-559-1721 with any questions.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this rewarding service for our church community.

Blessings! Rene Koett & Cynthia Kostelnik, Coordinators
The Golden Club of Holy Cross Church

Holy Cross June Food Festival

is quickly approaching! June 15-19, Monday-Friday, 11am-8pm, until 9pm 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 4-8pm 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



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!

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!!!

There will be a free concert of *Path of Miracles* at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church on Friday, June 5th at 7:30. Open seating. All are welcome. The choir Voces Solis will present *Path of Miracles*, Joby Talbot's acclaimed a cappella work depicting the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.

Through four movements, the work traces a spiritual journey marked by separation, transformation, and connection, weaving together medieval chant and contemporary musical language. It has 17 voice parts, so it is musically riveting.

The text is about the Camino de Santiago, the most walked Christian pilgrimage in the world, including many Orthodox to venerate St. James at the goal point of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. The text is from the Codex Calixtinus, which is a medieval collection of stories from the camino in 7 languages, including Greek, integrated in chronological order of when cultural groups first hiked the camino. The choir will move throughout the space to evoke the journey in an interesting way. <https://www.vocessolis.org/events>

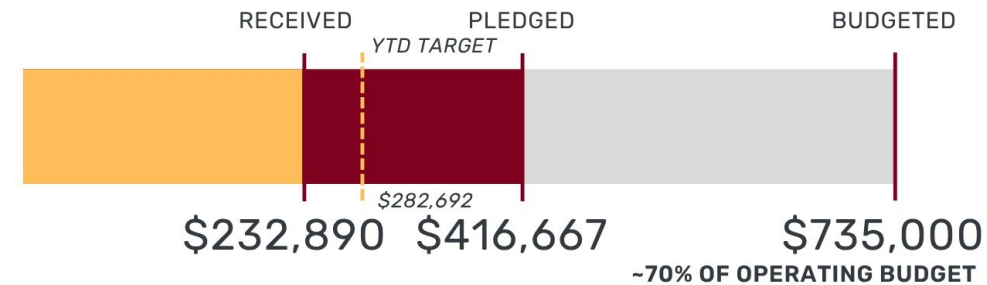
Our own Thespina Christulides is featured, and AJ Prestogeorge from Ypapanti is also involved.



AT A GLANCE...

STEWARDSHIP

AS OF 5/20/2026



219
PLEDGED MEMBERS
(500+ EXPECTED)

FINANCIALS

APRIL 2026

APRIL		OPERATING INCOME	
STEWARDSHIP INCOME	\$54K	APRIL	-\$5K
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$99K	YTD 2026	-\$47K

More information available in the monthly Crossroads. Thank you to our current pledged members!

Haven't returned your 2026 annual pledge? Pick up a Card in the Narthex or pledge on Realm today!

Stewardship Chair: Stephen Yamalis (HolyCrossPgh.Stewardship@gmail.com)

Financial Secretary: Socrates Zacharias (sjgz16@gmail.com)

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=NjNkYTQ2MWEtNjg5My00ZTlxLWFmNjktYjQxZjAxMjk4YjRi>

