



HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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✠ **SUNDAY, May 31, 2026** ✠ **HOLY PENTECOST** ✠

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel According to John 7:37-52; 8:12 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



Coffee Hour is sponsored by Philoptochos today.

TONIGHT: GOYA End of Year Party

THIS WEEK:

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| Monday, June 1 | Monday of the Holy Spirit @Holy Trinity N. Hills 8:30 Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy |
| Tuesday, June 2 | 10AM MAKE FINIKIA |
| Wednesday, June 3 | 7PM BIBLE STUDY |
| Thursday, June 4 | 7PM CATECHISM CLASS |
| Friday, June 5 | 7:30pm <i>Path of Miracles</i> Concert |
| Saturday, June 6 | 5pm Great Vespers |



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>

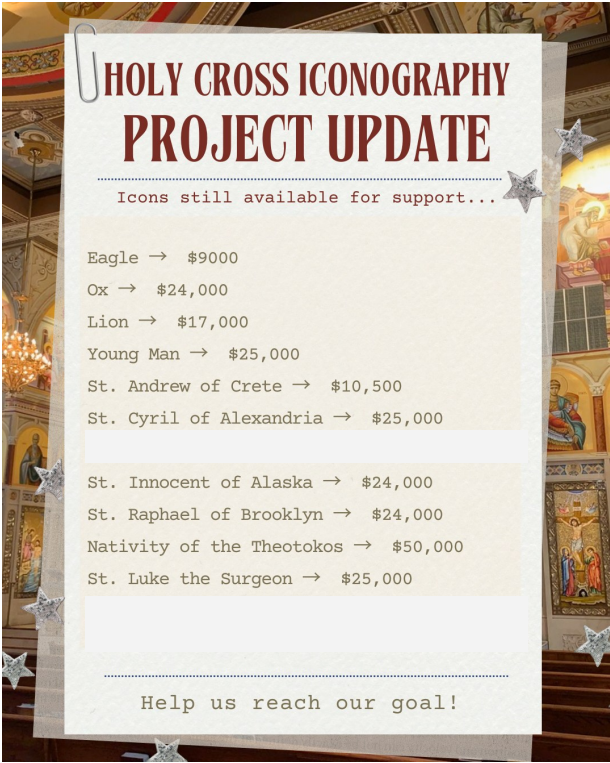
Our own **Thespina Christulides** is featured, and AJ PrestoGeorge from Ypapanti is also involved.



Holy Cross June Food Festival is ALMOST HERE!

June 15-19, Monday-Friday, 11am-8pm, until 9pm on Friday. Food line help is DESPERATELY needed for every shift except for Thursday, June 18 dinner. There are currently NO volunteers for Friday, June 19, lunch. ANY of your time is appreciated. Food runners are needed for LUNCH every day, 10am - 2 or 4pm. OR choose a convenient time! 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. Innocent of Alaska → \$24,000
- St. Raphael of Brooklyn → \$24,000
- Nativity of the Theotokos → \$50,000
- St. Luke the Surgeon → \$25,000

Help us reach our goal!



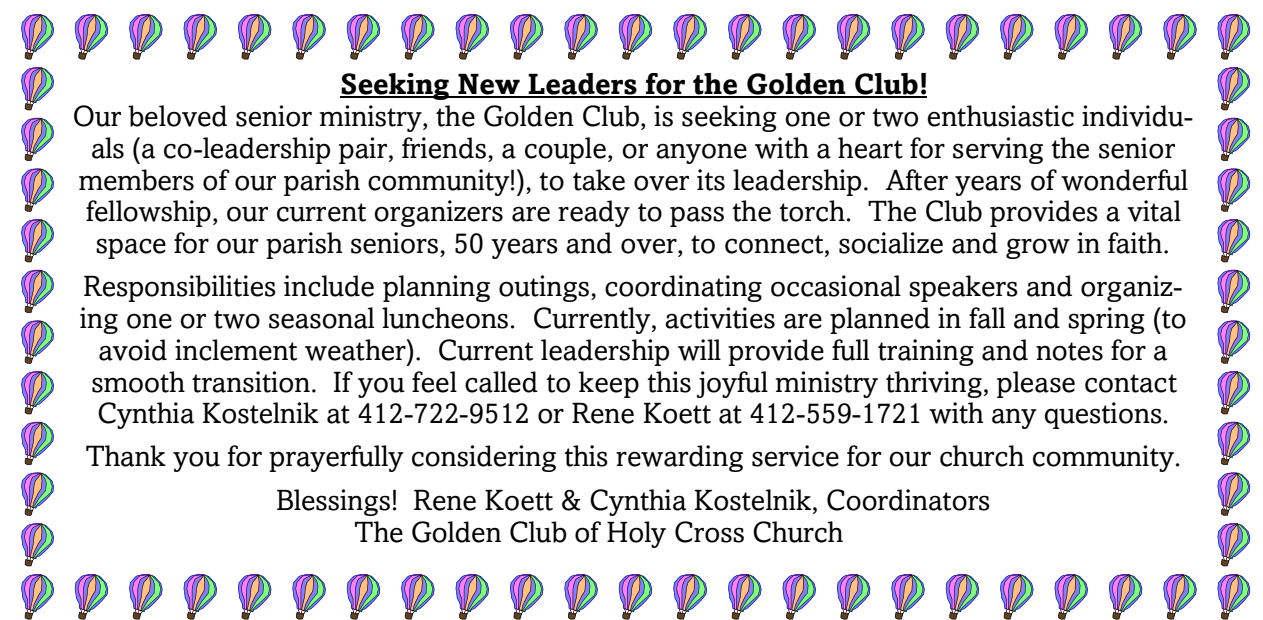
Graduate Recognition
NEXT Sunday, June 7

Graduating students
(High School, College, Technical and Trade, Post Graduate, etc.)
will be recognized by the Parish.

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=NjNkYTQ2MWEtNjQ5MMy00ZTlxLWFmNjktYjQxZiAxMjk4YjRi>

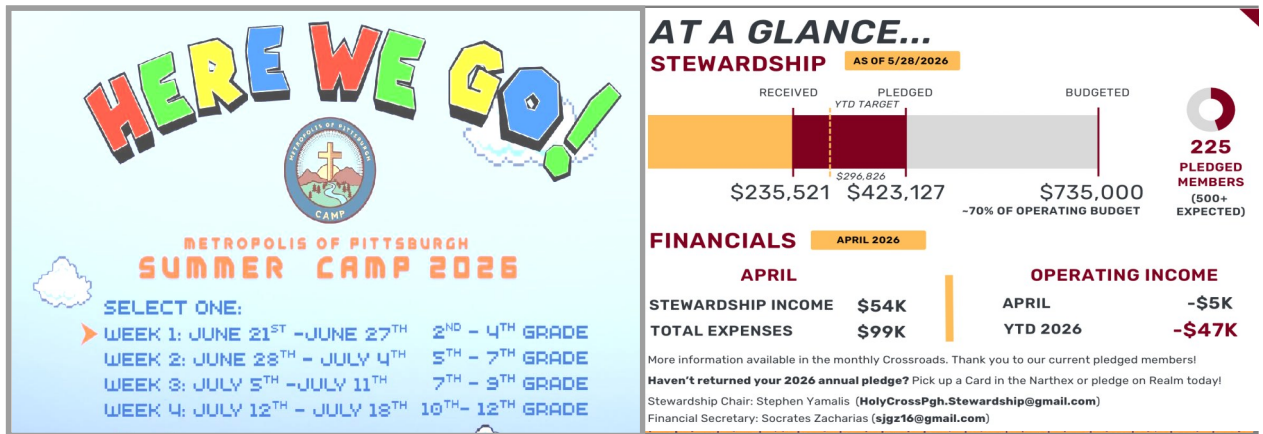
Seeking New Leaders for the Golden Club!

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



HERE WE GO!

RETROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH SUMMER CAMP 2026

SELECT ONE:
 WEEK 1: JUNE 21ST - JUNE 27TH 2ND - 4TH GRADE
 WEEK 2: JUNE 28TH - JULY 4TH 5TH - 7TH GRADE
 WEEK 3: JULY 5TH - JULY 11TH 7TH - 9TH GRADE
 WEEK 4: JULY 12TH - JULY 18TH 10TH - 12TH GRADE

AT A GLANCE... AS OF 5/28/2026

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| RECEIVED | PLEGGED | BUDGETED |
| \$235,521 | \$423,127 | \$735,000 |
| YTD TARGET | | -70% OF OPERATING BUDGET |

225 PLEGGED MEMBERS (500+ EXPECTED)

FINANCIALS APRIL 2026

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| APRIL STEWARDSHIP INCOME | \$54K | APRIL OPERATING INCOME | -\$5K |
| APRIL TOTAL EXPENSES | \$99K | APRIL 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)



COME ENJOY THE HOLY CROSS GREEK FESTIVAL

5 DAYS JUNE 15-19 5 DAYS

MON THRU THUR 11 AM - 8 PM | FRI 11 AM - 9 PM

SPECIAL LUNCH MENU STARTING AT \$10

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