METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

October 20, 2024

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
II Corinthians
6:16-18; 7:1

Gospel
Luke
8:26-39

Attendance
10/13/24
195

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Given by Lori & Mark Boron
In Memory of Kotagides family members who have passed on

Given by Tom & Mary Papadopoulos
In Loving Memory of Tom's Brother, John Papadopoulos

Given by the Kotanides, Fortune and Kuty Families
In Loving Memory of Jerry Fortune and Rick Kuty

Upcoming Memorials

October 27
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Andreas "Andy" Costi

Condolences

Despina Zantopulos, age 96, fell asleep in the Lord on October 10, 2024.

May her memory be eternal!

HOLIDAY PASTRY ORDERS



The Holiday Pastry Order form Is available in the Trinitarian, in the boxes outside the Church Office, online and in the hallway after Divine Liturgy! Payment is requested with the order this year. Please contact Denise Bellas at *bellasdenise@gmail.com* for questions. **Orders are due into the Church Office by Nov. 10, 2024.**

Community Christmas Card



Sign up sheets are available outside the Church Office, in the hallway after Divine Liturgy, or go online at www.htgoc.net under the Giving tab and click on Community Christmas Card. **Deadline for payment of $20.00 and the form is November 17, 2024 to be included in this year's Christmas Card.**

KORAES TSOUREKI BREAD ORDERS

Tsoureki Bread Orders are due November 18th! Bread Order Forms are available outside the Koraes Room, outside the Church Office and in the upcoming November Trinitarian.



HOLIDAY BAKING - MEN AND WOMEN NEEDED!

ALL START TIMES ARE 9:30 AM!!

Monday, October 28	Koulourakia
Wednesday, October 30	Baklava
Monday, November 4	Melomakarona & Kourambiethes
Wednesday, November 6	Fengarakia

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
COMING NOVEMBER 24th!

Anyone interested in serving their church on Parish Council, please contact either Ellen Romeo, Nancy Greenbaum, or Steve Antoniades for more information!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

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St. John Chrysostom Annual Retreat

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Retreat Theme:
Addictions and the Passions
How Unhealthy Connections Affect Us Spiritually



Speaker: Fr. Dimitrios Moraitis

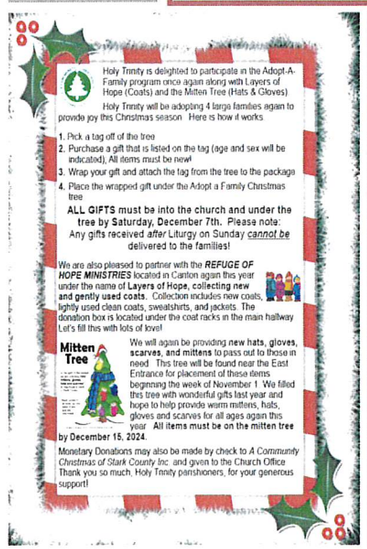
10:00 AM - Welcome & Breakfast	1:30 PM - 3rd Session - What Addition Takes Away from Us Spiritually
10:30 AM - 1st Session - Addiction and the Passions	2:30 PM - Wrap Up - Final Q & A
11:30 AM - 2nd Session - What are the Root Causes of Addiction	3:00 PM - Service of the 9th Hour
12:30 PM - Lunch	3:30 PM - Departure

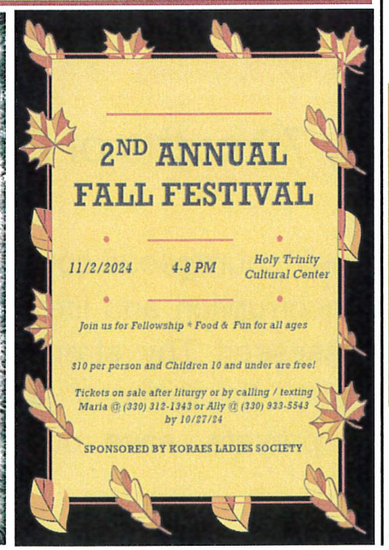
Father Dimitrios Moraitis is the parish priest of the St. Nicholas Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He received his bachelors from Hellenic college and graduated as Valedictorian in 1996. He received his Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross in 1998 and his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2006. His doctoral dissertation entitled "Returning the Lost Sheep: Ministry to the Alcoholic and Addict, an Orthodox Perspective," was published in 2013 and is one of the required books of the pastoral theology class, in which he guest lectures at Holy Cross. Fr. Dimitrios is also a clinician and the Spiritual Director at the Washburn House, a rehabilitation center for alcoholics and addicts in Worcester, MA. He has done hundreds of interventions, and led dozens of retreats on the topic of addiction.

RSVP to Holy Trinity's Church Office

Sponsored by Koraes Ladies Society

330-494-8770 by November 1st





Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, October 20
1-Yr. Memorials & Coffee Hour - Jerry Fortune & Rick Kuty
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - John Papadopoulos

Monday, October 21
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, October 22
Ladies Exercise Class 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 23
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Orthodoxy 101 & 201 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 24
Youth & Education Mtg 6:30 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, October 25
Great Vespers @ St. Demetrios in Warren, OH 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 26
Demetrios the Myrrh-Flowing
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM

Sunday, October 27
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Andreas "Andy" Costi

SAVE THE DATE



The Annual Stewardship Luncheon will be on **Sunday, November 3rd**! Your Stewardship 2025 Commitment information **was mailed out last week**. Forms are due on November 3rd at the luncheon.

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!

SCAN ME

THE CHURCH'S VERSION OF RIP VAN WINKLE!

Do you remember the story of Rip Van Winkle - the man who fell asleep and found when he awoke that some twenty years had passed? The Lives of the Saints tell us a marvelous story about the 7 YOUTHS OF EPHESUS, whose *"slumber time"* far exceeded Washington Irving's fictional character!

They lived during the reign of the Emperor Decius in the 3rd century. Being childhood friends, it was natural for them to serve together in the army. When the Emperor paid a visit to Ephesus one day, he insisted that all citizens offer a sacrifice to the pagan Roman gods. The 7 youths refused, admitting they were followers of Christ. They were stripped of their military dignity, but allowed to go free. Decius had hoped they would *"come to their senses"* but instead the boys fled and hid in a cave on the outskirts of the city. When the enraged emperor discovered what had happened, he had the entrance of the cave sealed, leaving the boys to suffer an inevitable death.

Miraculously, the Lord placed the 7 youths into a deep sleep, which lasted 2 centuries! When a land owner opened the cave's entrance, he was amazed to find the *"sleepers,"* who themselves did not realize that 200 years had passed. A container that was secretly put in the cave by a Christian guard while the cave was being sealed revealed the details of what had happened so long ago. Their awakening came at a time when a certain faction in the Church was expressing doubts about a general resurrection of the dead, maintaining that the bodies of the deceased would disintegrate and could not be united to their souls. In effect, God revealed the mystery of the resurrection of the dead and offered a glimpse of eternal life through the 7 youths.

The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin . . . . . Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey . . . . . Litho in U.S.A.

Apolytikion of Holy 7 Youths of Ephesus

Fourth Tone

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

