Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh.

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

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Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Icon of the Holy Martyr Eustace and his Companions -- September 20th

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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

Today's Orthros & Liturgy

Epistle
Galatians
2:16-20

Gospel
Mark
8:34-38; 9:1

Attendance
9/13/26
140

Upcoming Memorials

September 27
1-Yr. Memorial - Damon Halkias

October 4
Trisagion - Andrew Lazaris
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Peter Argyriou

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the following parishioners for assisting me in the Memorial Coffee Hour for George Rafailedes, Jr. Thank you to Penny and Phil Augoustinos and the Choir for donating the wine and prosfora; to Sherry Moscariello for the lovely koliva; and thank you to Parthena for preparing the coffee hour food. God bless Ellen Romeo and Paula Harrison for all they did to make this event special. I cannot forget Chris Gonzales who donated the beautiful icon of St. Romanos in my brother's name. To hear so many in the choir sing brought me to tears. I remembered how much church meant to my brother and his love of music. Finally, thank you to all parishioners who donated dessert items. It helped to make the day quite memorable for all who attended and for the Kalenterides family as well. ~ Connie Rafailedes

Welcome back to Sunday School! We hope you have an exciting year!
Kelly Antoniades

thank you!

The Festival Committee wishes to thank Pete Papacostas and his company, Stark Logistics and Storage, for re-packing our Festival trailer after the festival concluded. We truly appreciate all your hard work!

Sunday School Fall Bake Sale

Pumpkins, treats, and autumn sweets!

Join us for a delicious fall bake sale!

Come enjoy homemade treats and support our Sunday school. We will have cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and other favorite sweets available for purchase.

Date: Sunday, October 11th
Time: During Coffee-Hour in the Hall

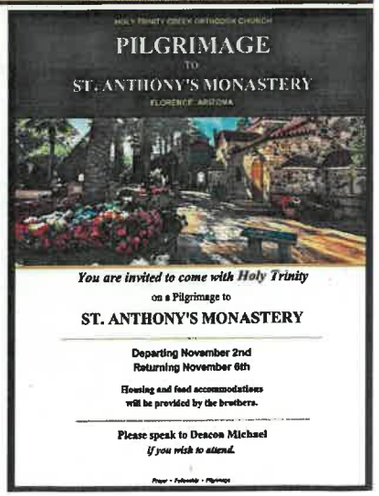
Baked good donations are welcome!
Please label items that contain common allergens such as nuts, dairy, or gluten.

Thank you for helping make this event a sweet success!
For questions or to sign up to donate, please contact Kelly Antoniades at kellyantoniades@gmail.com or 330-704-4473.

Parish Council Election Information

ELECTIONS

In conjunction with our General Assembly, elections for Parish Council for the 2027 - 2028 year will be held in November. Any person interested in running must have a background check completed before the nominations in November. There are several open positions this year. Brief Bios will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office of those running as they become available closer to elections. For any questions or concerns, please contact the Election Committee consisting of Rena Macrides, Georgene Powell and Aris Eliades.



NOTICE:
Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

Orthodoxy 101 and 201 Classes

Classes are held on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**, following our evening service. Classes are open to all and for anyone interested in learning more about our Orthodox Faith. Please sign up for refreshments for one week at the Pangari for these classes.



KORAES GENERAL ASSEMBLY & ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

AGENDA
Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Reading and Approval of Minutes
Treasurer Report
Reports of Koraes Activities since June 2026
ELECTIONS
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer

2027 Board Members
Good of the Community
Father Nick
Adjournment

DAY OFF

Church Office Closed - Monday, September 21, 2026



Donations of Raffle Baskets are being accepted for this event!



Presale Tickets are requested. Come and support our GOYA Youth.

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, September 20
1-Yr. Memorial and Coffee Hour - Gust Konstas
40-Day Memorial - Meropi Steve
Artoklasia & Coffee Hour - Koraes Ladies Society

Monday, September 21
OFFICE CLOSED - Vacation Day

Tuesday, September 22
House Blessings Day #10
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 23
House Blessings Day #11
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Orthodoxy 101 & 201 Classes 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 24
House Blessings Day #12
Eternal Light Meeting 6:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, September 25
House Blessings Day #13

Saturday, September 26
Metropolis Clergy Laity & Youth Worker Meeting 8AM - 6PM
Metropolis of Pittsburgh Center

Sunday, September 27
1-Yr. Memorial - Damon Halkias
GOYA Pizza Luncheon - All are invited to attend!



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SCAN ME

-Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Grave Mode.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy

Apolytikion. For the Cross.
Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

For the Saints.
Mode 4. *Come quickly.*

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 4. *Automelon*

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, * O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions * upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. * Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, * granting them the victories against their adversaries. * And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, * peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2
Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος βαρύς.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέῳξας τῷ λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ.
Ἦχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Τῶν Ἁγίων.
Ἦχος δ΄. *Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.*

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος δ΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἑκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· εὔφρανον ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σήν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σάρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὑρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἆρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἃ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ’ ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσί τινες τῶν ὧδε ἑστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.