

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday December 8th, 2024

10th Sunday of Luke



We welcome all our Parishioners and Friends and Guests to our Holy Cross Community.

Service Hours are as follows: Sunday:

Orthros 8:30a.m. Liturgy 9:45a.m.

Sunday School begins right after communion.

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Thursday, December 12th

~ St. Spyridon the Wonderworker ~

Orthros 9:00a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00a.m.

Πέμπτη, 12η Δεκέμβριου

~ Αγ. Σπυρίδων ό Θαυματουργός~

Όρθρος 9:00π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00π.μ.

Wishing you all a Joyous Christmas Season

All Week Day Divine Liturgy Services are as follows:

Orthros 9:00a.m. and Liturgy 10:00a.m.



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Rev. Protopresbyter John N Kalomas - Parish Priest

Eφ 2:14 – 22

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστός ἐστὶν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφοτέρα ἐν καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν, ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασι καταργήσας, ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ Θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελισάτο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς, ὅτι δι’ αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγήν οἱ ἀμφοτέροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολιταὶ τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκείοι τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα ἡ οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὖξιν εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν Κυρίῳ· ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς ἐν Πνεύματι.

Eph. 2:14 – 22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Λκ 13:10 – 17

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἦν διδάσκων ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν μιᾷ τῶν συναγωγῶν ἐν τοῖς σάββασι. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ ἦν πνεῦμα ἔχουσα ἀσθενείας, ἔτη δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ, καὶ ἦν συγκύπτουσα καὶ μὴ δυναμένη ἀνακῦσαι εἰς τὸ παντελές. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὴν ὁ Ἰησοῦς προσεφώνησε καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· γύναι, ἀπολέλυσαι τῆς ἀσθενείας σου· καὶ ἐπέθηκεν αὐτῇ τὰς χεῖρας· καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνωρθώθη καὶ ἐδόξαζε τὸν Θεόν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἀρχισυνάγωγος, ἀγανακτῶν ὅτι τῷ σαββάτῳ θεράπευσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, ἔλεγε τῷ ὄχλῳ· ἔξ ἡμέραι εἰσὶν ἐν αἷς δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι· ἐν ταύταις οὖν ἐρχόμενοι θεραπεύετε, καὶ μὴ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου. ἀπεκρίθη οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Κύριος καὶ εἶπεν· ὑποκριτά, ἕκαστος ὑμῶν τῷ σαββάτῳ οὐ λύει τὸν βοῦν αὐτοῦ ἢ τὸν ὄνον ἀπὸ τῆς φάτνης καὶ ἀπαγαγὼν ποτίζει; ταύτην δέ, θυγατέρα Ἀβραάμ οὖσαν, ἦν ἔδησεν ὁ σατανᾶς ἰδοὺ δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ ἔτη, οὐκ ἔδει λυθῆναι ἀπὸ τοῦ δεσμοῦ τούτου τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου; καὶ ταῦτα λέγοντος αὐτοῦ κατησχύνοντο πάντες οἱ ἀντικείμενοι αὐτῷ, καὶ πᾶς ὁ ὄχλος ἔχαιρεν ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐνδόξοις τοῖς γινομένοις ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ.

Lk. 13:10 – 17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?” As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.



Holy Cross Philoptochos

Christmas Drive

To Benefit the All Children's
Advocacy Center in Justice

Items Needed:

Nail Polish, Makeup, Hair Ties

Jewelry (Earrings & Bracelets)

Lego Sets, Crafts, Board Games

Sports Equipment:

Basketballs, Footballs, Soccer Balls

Gift Cards:

Any Value to Starbucks, McDonald's,

Target or Walmart

**November 16th to
December 15th**

Donations are being collected in
the Community Hall.

SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

Congratulations to George and Michelle Kontos on the baptism of their daughter Kennedy Kassiani on Saturday Dec 7th

Congratulations to Dustin & Nikki Plutzer on the 40 Day Blessing of their daughter Anastasia

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2024-25: *January 18, March 15, May 10, August 9, October 11*

DEC 11th *Greek Bible Study at 11am in the gymnasium*

DEC 12th *Feast day of St. Spyridon; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

DEC 16th *Adult Bible Study, 7pm in the gymnasium*

DEC 20th *Goya Lock in; Details to follow*

DEC 21-22 *Philoptochos Bake Sale Sat 9-3pm, Sun 11-3pm*

DEC 24th *Christmas Eve Service of the Royal Hours 9:30 am; Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil's 5:30pm*

DEC 25th *The Birth of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, Christmas Day; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

DEC 27th *Feast Day of St. Stephanos the First Martyr, Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

DEC 31st *New Years Eve Party at Holy Cross*

JAN 1st *Feast of the Circumcision in the Flesh of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ and Feast Day of St. Basil the Great; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

JAN 5th *Eve of Epiphany; Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy & Agiasmos 9:45am*

JAN 6th *Epiphany Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

JAN 7th *Synaxis of St. John the Baptist; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 9:45am*

JAN 24-25 *Lake Geneva Ski Trip*

FEB 2 *God Parent Sunday*

FEB 22 *Apokreatiko*

MAR 3 *Clean Monday Lenten Meal*

Holy Cross Philoptochos

CHRISTMAS - Bake Sale -

FEATURING OUR HOMEMADE

- Baklava
- Koulourakia
- Kourambiedes
- Melomakarouna
- Paximadia
- Galaktoboureko (custard pie)
- Spanakopitakia (spinach triangles)
- Tiropitakia (cheese triangles)

Date & Time

Saturday December

21st ~ 9am - 3pm

Sunday December

22nd ~ 11am - 3pm

Please call Joanna Pinos at 630-915-6501 for Pastichio pre-orders. Order by December 15th.

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ALTAR BOY SERVERS

Boys from the age of 7 years old and up are welcomed. Please give the name to the office or to Fr. John. All altar boys to be dressed and ready to serve by

STEWARDSHIP QUOTE

The arrival of winter brings us to the ending of another year. As we approach the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025 let us take a moment in fulfilling our offering for our Stewardship 2024, and, contemplating our gift for 2025. Please look at your stewardship offering and if you haven't done so, fulfil it today. As always give the best to God's house for the gifts that He has given to all of us.



MEMORIALS

George Dollas, *40 Days*, Right Pews 1-2

Voula Bouhoutsos, *40 Days*, Left Pews 1

Eleni Kakarikou, *17 years*

Theodoros Kakarikos, *22 years*

Today's coffee hour is hosted by the family of George Dollas in his memory. Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.





December 2024

MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

www.chicago.goarch.org

LATEST NEWS



SCAN FOR
MORE NEWS

- 11/22** Campus of Annunciation Cathedral of Chicago chosen as proposed site of new Metropolis Center
- 11/07** His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael's 5-year vision continues to gather momentum across the Metropolis of Chicago

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCAN FOR
MORE
EVENTS

- 12/08** Metropolis of Chicago Community Christmas Party
- 12/26** YAL Chicago Christmas Party
- 12/30** Fanari Reunion Dance

sign up to receive email updates:
www.chicago.goarch.org/sign-up



HOLY CROSS SOPHOCLES
GREEK SCHOOL PRESENTS

COOKIES FOR SANTA

SAT. DEC 14TH 10 AM-3 PM

SUN. DEC 15H 11 AM-3 PM

SAT. DEC 21ST 9 AM-3 PM

SUN. DEC 22ND 11 AM-3PM

\$12 per jar

Chocolate Chip or Brownie mix in qt. mason jar
organic ingredients

Great for Santa
Perfect for a gift

Excellent for last minute entertaining

HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE

GOYA LOCK IN

DECEMBER 20, 2024



DETAILS TO FOLLOW

CHICAGO BULLS GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT

DECEMBER 23, 2024 AT 7PM



VS



Only a
few
tickets
left

\$100
PER
TICKET
WITH HAT

TICKET + HAT

CONTACT OFFICE AT 708-594-2040 TO
RESERVE TICKETS BY NOVEMBER 22

HOLY CROSS GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

3RD

ANNUAL SKI TRIP

GRAND GENEVA RESORT & SPA

JANUARY 24-25, 2025

AT **TIMBER RIDGE LODGE**

7020 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI 53147

ROOM INFORMATION

OPTION 1

**ONE ROOM FLOOR; king bed, queen sofa sleeper,
kitchenette ~ \$264/night**

OPTION 2

**TWO STORY LOFT; king bed, queen bed, queen
sofa sleeper, kitchenette ~ \$389/night**



Call the office at 708-594-2040 or email office@holycrossil.org
to reserve your spot. **DEADLINE: December 21st, 2024**

You are invited to a



A NEW YEAR'S EVE

*Celebration at
Holy Cross*

DEC

31st

2024

9:30 - 2AM

LIVE DJ | HEAVY APPETIZERS W/ SHRIMP COCKTAIL

CHAMPAGNE TOAST | PARTY FAVORS | BALLOON DROP

ADULTS \$60 | SENIORS \$50 | KIDS 12 & UNDER \$25

**FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
AT 708.594.2040**