Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday July 20th, 2025

6th Sunday of Matthew

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.

Have a Blessed Summer!

All Week Day Divine Liturgy Services are as follows:
Orthros 9:00a.m. and Liturgy 10:00a.m.

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ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΑΣ	EPISTLE READING FOR THE DAY	ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΑΣ	GOSPEL READING FOR THE DAY

Ιακ 5:10 – 20

Ἀδελφοί, ὑπόδειγμα λάβετε τῆς κακοπαθείας καὶ τῆς μακροθυμίας τοὺς προφήτας, οἳ ἐλάλησαν τῷ ὀνόματι Κυρίου. ἰδοὺ μακαρίζομεν τοὺς ὑπομένοντας· τὴν ὑπομονὴν Ἰὼβ ἠκούσατε, καὶ τὸ τέλος Κυρίου εἴδετε, ὅτι πολύσπλαγχνός ἐστιν ὁ Κύριος καὶ οἰκτίρμων. Πρὸ πάντων δέ, ἀδελφοί μου, μὴ ὀμνύετε μήτε τὸν οὐρανὸν μήτε τὴν γῆν μήτε ἄλλον τινὰ ὅρκον· ἤτω δὲ ὑμῶν τὸ ναὶ ναί, καὶ τὸ οὒ οὔ, ἵνα μὴ εἰς ὑπόκρισιν πέσητε. Κακοπαθεῖ τις ἐν ὑμῖν; προσευχέσθω· εὐθυμεῖ τις; ψαλλέτω. ἀσθενεῖ τις ἐν ὑμῖν; προσκαλεσάσθω τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας, καὶ προσευξάσθωσαν ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἀλείψαντες αὐτὸν ἐλαίῳ ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι τοῦ Κυρίου· καὶ ἡ εὐχὴ τῆς πίστεως σώσει τὸν κάμνοντα, καὶ ἐγερεῖ αὐτὸν ὁ Κύριος· κἂν ἁμαρτίας ᾖ πεποιηκώς, ἀφεθήσεται αὐτῷ. ἐξομολογεῖσθε ἀλλήλοις τὰ παραπτώματα, καὶ εὔχεσθε ὑπὲρ ἀλλήλων, ὅπως ἰαθῆτε· πολὺ ἰσχύει δέησις δικαίου ἐνεργουμένη. Ἠλίας ἄνθρωπος ἦν ὁμοιοπαθὴς ἡμῖν, καὶ προσευχῇ προσηύξατο τοῦ μὴ βρέξαι, καὶ οὐκ ἔβρεξεν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐνιαυτοὺς τρεῖς καὶ μῆνας ἕξ· καὶ πάλιν προσηύξατο, καὶ ὁ οὐρανὸς ὑετὸν ἔδωκε καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐβλάστησε τὸν καρπὸν αὐτῆς. Ἀδελφοί, ἐάν τις ἐν ὑμῖν πλανηθῇ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀληθείας, καὶ ἐπιστρέψῃ τις αὐτόν, γινωσκέτω ὅτι ὁ ἐπιστρέψας ἁμαρτωλὸν ἐκ πλάνης ὁδοῦ αὐτοῦ σώσει ψυχὴν ἐκ θανάτου καὶ καλύψει πλῆθος ἁμαρτιῶν.

Jas. 5:10 – 20

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall into hypocrisy. Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Μτ 9:1 – 8

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἐμβὰς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνης βεβλημένον· καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπε τῷ παραλυτικῷ· θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδού τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· ἵνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γάρ ἐστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σου αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας — τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· ἐγερθεὶς ἆρόν σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὕπαγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.

Mt. 9:1 – 8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, seeing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say ‘Rise and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins,” he then said to the paralytic — “Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος πλ. α΄.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode pl. 1.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Τοῦ Προφήτου. Ἦχος δ΄.

Ὁ ἔνσαρκος ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπίς, ὁ δεύτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἠλίας ὁ ἔνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ἐλισαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ λεπροὺς καθαρίζει· διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρύει ἰάματα.

For the Prophet. Mode 4.

The angel incarnate and the Prophets' pedestal, * the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious, * sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven. * He drives away diseases and he cleanses lepers. * Therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος β΄.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

No Sacraments

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2025: *August 9, October 11*

AUG 1st *Paraklesis Service; 7pm*

AUG 4th *Paraklesis Service; 7pm*

AUG 6th *Transfiguration Feast Day; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

AUG 6th *Paraklesis Service; 7pm*

AUG 8th *Paraklesis Service; 7pm*

AUG 11th *Paraklesis Service; 7pm*

AUG 13th *Paraklesis Service; 7pm*

AUG 15th *Feast Day of Panagia Dormition; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

SEPT 8th *Feast Day of the Birth of Panayia; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

SEPT 14th *Feast Day of the Holy Cross*

OCT 4th *Blessing of the Animals; 11am; Rain or Shine*

OCT 4th *Kefi Sto Xorio*

OCT 30th *Pumpkin Carving*

NOV 14th *Boxing Night*

NOV 21st *Feast Day of the Presentation to the Mother of God to the Temple*

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

July 2025

MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

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LATEST NEWS

- **6/9** Establishment of Regional Vicariate Councils
- **6/18** 2024 Annual Impact Report
- **6/25** "Called to Serve: Journeys To Ordained Ministry." Available now on Amazon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **7/31** YAL Chicago Boat Cruise
- **9/29** Save the Date: Annual Metropolis Cup Golf Outing

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ALTAR BOY SERVERS	STEWARDSHIP QUOTE
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 9:45am.	*As we have entered into the summer months and depart for our vacations, please do not take a vacation from your Church obligations. Stewardship is not just a once a year commitment, but 365 days throughout the year. Please look at your stewardship offering since we have reached the mid point of 2025 and if you haven't done so, fulfil it today. As always give the best to God's house for the greatest sacrifice that God gave to us.*

MEMORIALS

Maria Sarolas, *3 Years*, Right Pew 1
Spiridoula Kampas, *5 Years*, Left Pew 1
Demetrios Sarolas, *8 Years*, Right Pew 1

Today's coffee hour is hosted by the family of
Demetrios & Maria Sarolas in their memory.
Everyone is invited to our community hall
to enjoy Fellowship.

2025 GOYA KICK OFF PARTY

DAVE & BUSTER'S ROSEMONT

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

$35 PER PERSON

9870 BERWYN AVE., ROSEMONT

6:30pm START TIME

PLEASE CALL OFFICE AT 708-594-2040 FOR RESERVATIONS

Have a blessed summer. May it be safe and restful. Wherever your travels take you, please do not forget Churches are open for business every Sunday. Stop in wherever you are and light a candle to thank God for the beautiful gifts He has given you. Also please remember your church of Holy Cross.

Να έχετε ένα ευλογημένο καλοκαίρι. Να είναι ασφαλές και ξεκούραστο. Όπου σας πηγαίνουν τα ταξίδια σας, μην ξεχνάτε ότι οι Εκκλησίες είναι ανοιχτές καί λειτουργούν κάθε Κυριακή. Σταματήστε όπου βρίσκεστε και ανάψτε ένα κερί για να ευχαριστήσετε τον Θεό για τα όμορφα δώρα που σας έχει δώσει. Και μη ξεχάστε την εκκλησία σας του Τιμίου Σταβρού.

ΚΑΛΟ ΚΑΛΟΚΑΙΡΙ