

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday September 7th, 2025

Sunday Before Holy Cross



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.

***Monday, September 8th ~ Feast Day of the Birth of the Panagia ~
Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am***

***Δευτέρα, 8η Σεπτεμβρίου ~ Εορτή της Γέννησης της Παναγίας ~
Ορθρος 9:00 π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00π.μ.***

***Saturday September 13th
Great Vespers of Holy Cross ~ 7pm
Supplication Service to the Holy Cross ~ 10pm***

***Σάββατον, 13η Σεπτεμβρίου
Μέγας Εσπερινός Υψώσεως Τιμίου Σταυρού ~ 7:00μμ
Παράκλησης γιά του Τιμίου Σταυρού ~ 10:00μμ***

Floral donations for the Elevation of the Holy Cross Feast Day Icons

Iconostasion ~ \$500

Small Icon of the Holy Cross ~ \$350

Please help support the floral donation for our Church's Feast Day.

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

Γαλ 6:11 – 18

Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρί. ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπρωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῶνται. ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται κἀγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὕτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει οὕτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνῃ ἐπ' αὐτοὺς καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί· ἀμήν.

Gal. 6:11 – 18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Ιω 3:13 – 17

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὢν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὕψωσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὕτω γὰρ ἡγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται, ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνῃ τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῇ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

Jn. 3:13 – 17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος δ'.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα,
ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου
Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν
ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς
Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον·
Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς
ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα
ἔλεος.

Προεόρτιον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἐκ τῆς ῥίζης Ἰεσσαί, καὶ ἐξ ὀσφύος τοῦ
Δαυὶδ, ἡ θεόπαις Μαριάμ, τίκτεται σήμε-
ρον ἡμῖν· διὸ καὶ χαίρει ἡ σύμπασα καὶ
καινουργεῖται· συγχαίρει τε ὁμοῦ, ὁ
οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ. Αἰνέσατε αὐτήν, αἱ
πατριάι τῶν ἐθνῶν. Ἰωακεὶμ εὐφραίνε-
ται, καὶ Ἄννα πανηγυρίζει κραυγάζουσα·
Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει, τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τρο-
φὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος γ'. Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, καὶ Θεοτόκος
Μαρία, ἡ παστὰς ἡ ἄλυτος, τοῦ
οὐρανοῦ Νυμφίου, τίκτεται, ἀπὸ τῆς
στεῖρας θεοβουλήτως, ὄχημα, τοῦ Θεοῦ
Λόγου εὐτρεπισθῆναι· εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ
προωρίσθη, ἡ θεία πύλη, καὶ Μήτηρ τῆς
ὄντως ζωῆς.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 4.

When the women disciples of the Lord
heard the Angel joyously proclaim the res-
urrection, they cast aside the ancestral ver-
dict, and boasting in glory they said to the
Apostles, "Death has been despoiled!
Christ God has risen, granting the great
mercy to the world!"

For the Forefeast.

Mode 4.

Unto us is born today Mary the child of
God, * as the branch from Jesse's root,
and as the fruit of David's loins, * and all
creation is re-created and deified. * O
heaven and the earth, rejoice in unison. *
Sing praises unto her, O all you Gentile
clans. * Joachim is exultant, and Anna is
keeping festival, crying out: * "The barren
woman bears the Theotokos, * the nourish-
er of our Life."

Kontakion.

Mode 3. On this day.

On this day the virgin Maid, Mary the true
Theotokos, * the inviolate bridal room of
the heavenly Bridegroom, * by the will of
God is born of a barren woman, * to pre-
pare to be the carriage of God the Logos, *
as for this she had been destined, * to be
the gateway of God and Mother of Life.

SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

**Congratulations to Vasilis & Elba Papadrosos on the baptism
of their son Konstandinos Vasilis**

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2025: *October 11*

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

SEPT 13th *Great Vespers of the Holy Cross; 7pm*

SEPT 14th *Feast Day of the Holy Cross*

SEPT 18th *Goya Kick Off Party at Dave & Buster's Rosemont; 6:30pm*

SEPT 20th *Greek school Meet & Greet 10am*

SEPT 21st *Philoptochos Oath of Office*

SEPT 21st *First Day of Sunday School*

SEPT 27th *First Day of Greek School*

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

OCT 4th *Kefi Sto Xorio*

OCT 19th *Godparent Sunday*

OCT 23rd *Christian Philoxenia; Feast Day of St. Iakovos; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am; luncheon to follow*

OCT 28th *Oxi Day; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

OCT 30th *Pumpkin Carving; 6pm*

NOV 9th *Brookfield Tree Trim*

NOV 14th *Boxing Night*

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



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GOYA KICK OFF PARTY

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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




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.	<i>As the leaves change and the harvest season surrounds us, we are reminded of God's abundant blessings. Fall is a season of gratitude to give thanks for the gifts we have received and to return a portion of those blessings back to the Lord. Just as the farmer sows with faith and reaps in joy, so too are we called to sow seeds of love, generosity, and commitment in our parish. Let us embrace this season with thankful hearts offering our time, talents, and treasures to the glory of God, so that His Church may continue to grow and bear fruit in the lives of all. Please look at your stewardship offering since we have reached the final quarter 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.</i>

MEMORIALS

No memorials

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.



HOLY CROSS GREEK SCHOOL - SOPHOCLES 2025-2026 registration is open!!

Registration & Meet the Teachers ~
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th at 10 a.m.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES ~ SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27th

Tuition for *Stewards (including books)

1 Child: \$675.00

2 Children: \$1000.00

3 Children: \$1,250.00

Each Additional Child: \$200.00 Per Child

Tuition for Non-Stewards (including books)

1 Child: \$1,050.00

2 Children: \$1,280.00

3 Children: \$1,500.00

Each Additional Child: \$200.00 Per Child

Please note: In order to receive the steward tuition rate, a stewardship card and payment must be made on or before the day of registration.

Please contact the office at office@holycrossil.org or 708-594-2040 to sign up.

H O L Y C R O S S
S U N D A Y S C H O O L
C O R D I A L L Y I N V I T E S
Y O U T O

*Godparent
Sunday
10.19.25*

Join us for a luncheon following
The Divine Liturgy to honor both
the Godparents, as well as the
Godparents of the
Holy Cross Consecration

*Adults: \$20
Kids 12 & under: \$10*

FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
708.594.2040

Holy Cross Sunday School 2025-26

When: September 21st

Where: Holy Cross Gymnasium

Who: Any child between the ages of 3-18

***Classes will officially begin Sunday, September 21st**



**JOIN US FOR AN
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
ON SEPTEMBER 21ST**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THEN!**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY!**

**QUESTIONS? CALL THE OFFICE
AT 708.594.2040**



Dinner, Dancing, Open Bar... You're invited!

JOY IN THE VILLAGE

Κέφι στο Χωριό

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, JUSTICE, IL

SATURDAY 4TH 6 PM
OCTOBER

\$40 SENIORS 65+

\$50 ADULTS

\$25 KIDS 12 & UNDER



Wisdom in Color and Word

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago
2025 Sunday Church School Director and Teacher Workshop



His Grace Bishop Anthony
of Synada
Guest Speaker

Join us for a day of worship, learning, and
connection for Orthodox educators.

Workshop Highlights

Educating with Icons

Discover how Orthodox icons teach the
faith through visual language. Learn to
interpret key icons and apply them in
age-appropriate ways in your classroom.

Lesson Planning 101

Gain practical tools for effective lesson
planning using the Metropolis Scope &
Sequence. Create and share your own
lesson plans with fellow educators.

In person and via Zoom

\$30 Registration Fee for in-person attendees

\$40 if registered after September 15th

Please call (847)647-8880 or scan the code to the
left to reserve your spot



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Holy Taxiarchai and Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
7373 Caldwell Avenue
Niles, Illinois

Blessing the BACKPACKS

All students are invited to bring
their backpacks for a blessing
on Sunday, September 21.

*May our students have a blessed
school year ahead!*



HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH
AT 11 A.M.

Bring your beloved pets to be blessed
by Fr. John. We will meet outside of the
church for the blessing. All animals are
welcome but must be leashed or caged
at all times.



THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS IS RAIN OR SHINE.

ALL SAINTS † ANNUNCIATION † ASSUMPTION
SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN † HOLY CROSS
ST. NICHOLAS ST. SPYRIDON



Christianiki Phioxenia

HOLY CROSS PHILOPTOCHOS IS VERY PLEASED TO
INVITE YOU TO OUR SR. PHILOXENIA LUNCHEON

THURSDAY OCTOBER
23RD, 2025

FEAST DAY OF ST. IAKOVOS
ORTHROS 9:00 A.M., DIVINE LITURGY 10A.M.
FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON & FELLOWSHIP

PLEASE CALL 708-594-2040 FOR RESERVATIONS

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Christianiki Philoxenia "Christian Love, Fellowship,
Hospitality" is a "free of charge" event for the ministry
dedicated to our Senior Citizens established & hosted
by seven Chicago South Side Greek Orthodox Parishes:
All Saints, Annunciation, Assumption,
Ss. Constantine & Helen, Holy Cross,
St. Nicholas, St. Spyridon

HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

5TH ANNUAL

BOXING NIGHT



**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER
14TH, 2025**

DOORS OPEN 6PM DINNER AT 7PM BOXING BEGINS AT 8:30PM

**TICKETS: \$125 PER ADULT - \$50 KIDS UNDER 16
\$1000 FOR TABLE OF 8 - \$1250 SPONSOR LOGO DISPLAY**



**APPETIZERS
FULL DINNER
OPEN BAR
8-10 BOXING
MATCHES**

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES ★ JUSTICE POLICE DEPT.
TALLON GYM ★ LYME DISEASE FOUNDATION



**CALL 708-594-2040 TO RESERVE
FOR THIS PRIVATE EVENT**