Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday September 21st, 2025 Sunday After 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.

Congratulations to the New

Philoptochos Board

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English Bible Study Monday September 22nd at 7:00pm

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



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EPISTLE READING FOR THE DAY

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ $HMEPA\Sigma$

GOSPEL READING FOR THE DAY

$\Gamma \alpha \lambda 2:16 - 20$

Άδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται άνθρωπος έξ ἕργων νόμου έὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ίησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν έπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ καὶ ούκ έξ ἔργων νόμου, διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται έξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σάρξ. εἰ δὲ ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι έν Χριστῶ εὑρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς άμαρτίας διάκονος; μὴ γένοιτο, εἰ γὰρ ἃ κατέλυσα ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην έμαυτὸν συνίστημι. έγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμω ἀπέθανον, ἵνα Θεῶ ζήσω. Χριστῶ συνεσταύρωμαι. ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν έμοὶ Χριστός. ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ άναπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Gal. 2:16 - 20

Brethren, you know 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.

$M\kappa 8:34 - 9:1$

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος ὅστις θέλει ὀπίσω μου άκολουθεῖν. άπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ άκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι. ἀπολέσει αὐτήν ος δ' αν απολέση την έαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν έμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὑτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ώφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήση τὸν κόσμον őλον, καὶ ζημιωθῆ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος άντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν έπαισχυνθῆ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῆ γενεᾶ ταύτη τῆ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῶ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ άνθρώπου έπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθη ἐν τῆ δόξη τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν άγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς: ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσί come with power." τινες τῶν ὧδε ξστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου έως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ έληλυθυῖαν έν δυνάμει.

Mk. 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 alory 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

Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον. ⁷Ηχος πλ. β΄.

Άγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῆ Παρθένῳ, δω-ρούμενος τὴν ζωήν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ. Ἦχος α΄.

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

Κοντάκιον. ⁷Ηχος δ΄.

Όὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἑκουσίως, τῆ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῆ πολιτεία, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Εὔφρανον ἐν τῆ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σήν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Resurrectioal Apolytikion. Mode pl 2.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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.

Kontakion. Mode 4.

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.

SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS

No Sacraments

SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS

MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2025: October 11

SEPT 21st Philoptochos Oath of Office

SEPT 21st First Day of Sunday School

SEPT 27th First Day of Greek School

SEPT 30th Greek Bible Study

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

OCT 4th Kefi Sto Xorio

OCT 19th Godparent Sunday

<u>OCT 23rd</u> 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

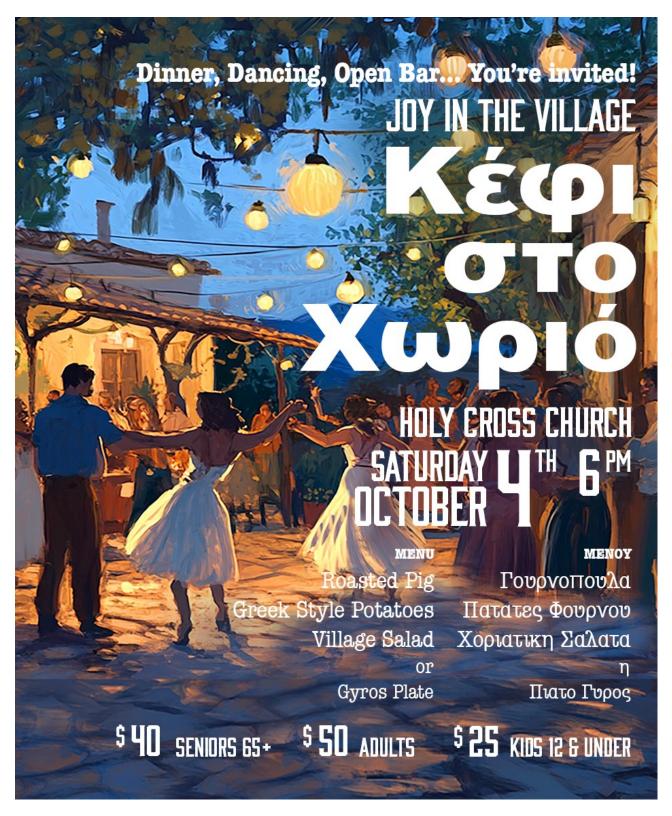
NOV 14th Boxing Night

NOV 21st Feast Day of the Presentation to the Mother of God to the Temple; Orthros 9am, 10am

DEC 4th Feast Day of St. Barbara; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am

DEC 6th Feast Day of St. Nicholas at St. Nicholas Oak Lawn

<u>**DEC 12th**</u> Feast Day of St. Spyridon; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am



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 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.

MEMORIALS

No memorials

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.









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



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

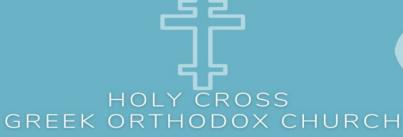
Gain practical tools for effective lesson planning using the Metropolis Scope & Sequence. Create and share your own lesson plans with fellow educators.

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



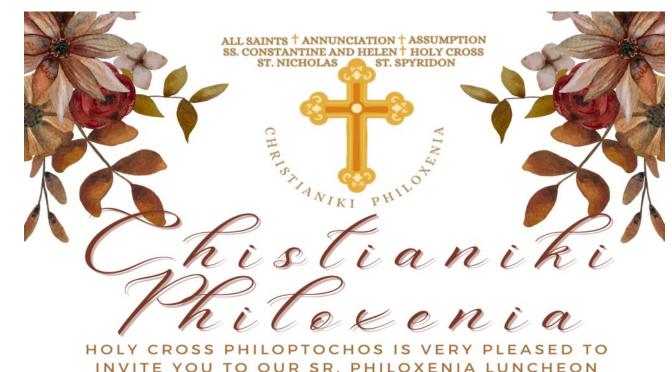
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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.



THURSDAY OCTOBER

 $23^{RD}, 2025$

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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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

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