

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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Rev. Protopresbyter John N Kalomas - Parish Priest

Γαλ 2:16 – 20

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιούται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπίστευσάμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. εἰ δὲ ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἅρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; μὴ γένοιτο. εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα Θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συναυρώμαί· ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός 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.

Μκ 8:34 – 9:1

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· ὅστις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἀκολουθεῖν, 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 εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν 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 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 πλ. β´.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα
σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες
ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία
ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν
σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην,
μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ·
ὑπήνητησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δω-
ρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. 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.

Ἦχος δ´.

Οὐψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ
ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ
πολιτείᾳ, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου
δώρησαι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Εὐφρα-
νον ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πι-
στοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χο-
ρηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων·
τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν,
ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαι-
ον.

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 di-
vested 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 common-
wealth.

Kontakion.

Mode 4.

You who were lifted on the cross vol-
untarily, * 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*

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; 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*

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



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

JOY IN THE VILLAGE

Κέφι στο Χωριό

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH
SATURDAY 4TH 6 PM
OCTOBER**

MENU

Roasted Pig
Greek Style Potatoes
Village Salad
or
Gyros Plate

MENΟΥ

Γουρνοπουλα
Πατατες Φουρνου
Χοριατικη Σαλατα
η
Πιατο Γυρος

\$ 40 SENIORS 65+

\$ 50 ADULTS


\$ 25 KIDS 12 & UNDER

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
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CORDIALLY INVITES
YOU TO

*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



FANARI FALL CAMP

AT THE ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER

October 24-26, 2025

Grades 5th-8th

Registration opens

September 26th @ Noon

Fanari.camp for more information



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



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

HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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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



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FOR THIS PRIVATE EVENT**