

# *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church*

Sunday June 14, 2026

2nd 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.*

## **AXIOS Fr. John for 35 Years of Service in Our Lord!**

### ***Congratulations Graduates!***

#### **High School Graduates**

*Eleni Anagnopoulos ~ DePaul University ~ Biology*

*Tessie Koutsogiannis ~ University of Illinois Urbana Champaign ~ Elementary Education*

*George Mastorakos ~ University of Illinois Urbana Champaign ~ Finance*

*Francine Melonides ~ Marquette University ~ Biomedical Sciences*

*Elefteria Xinos ~ University of Missouri ~ Biological Sciences*

*Niki Zervas ~ University of Illinois Urbana Champaign ~ Health Sciences*

#### **College Graduates**

*Georgia Katsoudas ~ University of Illinois Urbana Champaign ~ Bachelors of Arts, Political Science & Global Studies*

*John Koutsogiannis ~ University of Iowa ~ Bachelors of Business Administration, Marketing*

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*Monday June 15th*

#### **English Bible Study ~ 7pm**

*Theme: Matthew Chapter 18 ~ Last class till Fall. We will resume in September.*

*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

**Ρωμ. 2:10 – 16**

**Rom. 2:10 – 16**

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶ προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ. ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται. οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες ἑαυτοῖς εἰσι νόμος, οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυροῦσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων — ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ Θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

**Ματθ. 4:18 – 23**

**Mt. 4:18 – 23**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπέυων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος α΄. Αὐτόμελον.**

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

## **Τοῦ Προφήτου.**

### **Ἦχος δ΄. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.**

Ὁ ἔνσαρκος Ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπίς, ὁ δεύτερος Πρόδρομος, τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἡλίας ὁ ἐνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ἐλισσαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει· διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρῦει ἰάματα.

## **Τοῦ Ἱεράρχου.**

### **Ἦχος δ΄.**

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Μεθόδιε πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## **Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος β΄.**

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

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1. Automelon.**

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, \* and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, \* You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, \* “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! \* Glory to Your eternal rule! \* Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

## **For the Prophet.**

### **Mode 4. Come quickly.**

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.

## **For the Hierarch.**

### **Mode 4.**

Arule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. Methodius, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our souls.

## **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:** *June 13th, Aug 8th, Oct 10th*

**JUNE 14th** *35th Anniversary Luncheon for Father John*

**JUNE 14th** *Graduation Sunday*

**JUNE 15th** *English Bible Study; 7pm — Last class for the season*

**JUNE 26,27,28** *Greek Festival*

**AUG 3rd** *Paraklesis; 7pm*

**AUG 5th** *Great Vespers for Transfiguration; 7pm*

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

**AUG 7th** *Paraklesis; 7pm*

**AUG 10th** *Paraklesis; 7pm*

**AUG 12th** *Paraklesis; 7pm*

**AUG 15th** *Feast Day of the Assumption; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**SEPT 20th** *First Day of Sunday School*

**OCT 3rd** *Pet Blessing; 11am*

**NOV 1st** *Winter General Assembly*

# HOLY CROSS GREEK FESTIVAL 2026



JUNE 26, 27, 28



***Help us make this years festival a success! Please help sponsor this year's Greek Fest! These are the items needed:***

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100 cases water \$7/case        | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cont. Olives \$120/each          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50 cases of Beer \$40/case      | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 boxes lemon juice \$35/each      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 cases plates \$50/case        | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 cases pork \$160/case           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 cases cups \$50/case          | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 35lb shortening \$50/case       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 cases cutlery \$25/case       | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 50lb bags Uncle Bens \$50/bag   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Gyro Cones \$130/case        | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 5/10lb ice \$35/pack            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 cases Pita \$50/case         | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 cases walnuts \$100/case         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 cases chicken \$135/case     | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 50lb Five Roses flour \$40/bag   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 case honey \$50/case          | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 cases unsalted butter \$135/case |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 cases french fries \$35/case | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 4/1gal Pepperoncini \$35/each    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 cans olive oil \$35/each     |                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 cases Spanakopites \$60/case  |                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 cases Tiropites \$60/case     |                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 buckets Feta \$125/each      |                                                             |

**Please help offset our costs by donating anything you can! If you can bring items, please call Holy Cross Office 708-594-2040. Make checks payable to Holy Cross Church.**

## **Thank you for your Donations!!**

## 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 9:45am.

## STEWARDSHIP QUOTE

*As summer arrives, many of us look forward to vacations, family gatherings and a change of pace. While our schedules may shift, our commitment to Christ and His Church remains constant. Stewardship is not simply something we do during certain times of the year, it is a way of life rooted in gratitude for God's many blessings. As you make your summer plans, I encourage you that if you have not made your Stewardship commitment yet or fulfilled your pledge, please do so today. "Each one must give as He has decided in His heart not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7).*

## MEMORIALS

No Memorials

Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy Fellowship.



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# GREEK

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# FESTIVAL



## Volunteer Signup!



We need  
**YOUR**  
help!

Scan the QR code or copy this link to sign up:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y37wzd86>



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# GREEK

## FOOD & MUSIC

# FESTIVAL

AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH



**JUNE 26, 27, 28**  
**FRI + SAT 4PM, SUN NOON**

AUTHENTIC GREEK FOOD, PASTRIES, BAR, CAFE,  
FUN ZONE, BAZAAR, DANCING, AND MORE...

**WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY OUR  
KYMA DANCE TROUPE**

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