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SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 30 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ, 2024

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ – SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

ΣΥΝΑΞΙΣ ΤΩΝ 12 ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ – SYNAXIS OF THE 12 APOSTLES



Σήμερα, εορτάζουμε, όσους αγίασε το Άγιο Πνεύμα, τους Προπάτορες και Πατριάρχες, τους Προφήτες και ιερούς Αποστόλους, τους Μάρτυρες και τους Ιεράρχες, τους Ιερομάρτυρες και Οσιομάρτυρες, τους Όσιους και Δίκαιους και όλες γενικά τις αγίες Γυναίκες και τους υπόλοιπους ανώνυμους Αγίους και την **Σύναξι των Αγίων Αποστόλων**. Οι Απόστολοι του Χριστού θα ξεχωρίζουν μέσα στην Ιστορία της Εκκλησίας, σαν οι υπέρλαμπροι αστέρες πρώτου μεγέθους της πνευματικής ζωής. Την 30η Ιουνίου, η Εκκλησία γιορτάζει τους δώδεκα Αποστόλους που αρχικά εξέλεξε ο Κύριος, πλην του Ιούδα Ισκαριώτη. Αυτοί είναι: Σίμωνας (Πέτρος), Ανδρέας, Ιάκωβος, Ιωάννης, Φίλιππος, Θωμάς, Βαρθολομαίος (Ναθαναήλ), Ματθαίος, Ιάκωβος του Αλφαίου, Σίμωνας ο Ζηλωτής, Ιούδας ο αδελφός του Ιακώβου του μικρού και ο Μαθθίας, που εξελέγη μέσα στο υπερώο τις παραμονές της Πεντηκοστής, σε αντικατάσταση του Ιούδα του Ισκαριώτη. Τη ζωή του καθενός των Αποστόλων αυτών, σκιαγραφούμε στις ιδιαίτερες γιορτές τους. Εδώ γίνεται υπενθύμιση της ενότητας που είχαν μεταξύ τους, αλλά και της ηθικής τους, που τόσο συνέβαλε στην πνευματική εν Χριστώ αναγέννηση του κόσμου. Έχουμε, λοιπόν, χρέος και εμείς οι αγωνιζόμενοι χριστιανοί, να κινούμαστε στα ίχνη τους και με θερμό ζήλο για τη διάδοση του σωτηριώδους μηνύματος του Ευαγγελίου, που διέπνεε κι αυτούς, να γίνουμε μιμητές του έργου τους.

STEWARDSHIP – MEMBERSHIP 2024

We wanted to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to you for your support to our community by renewing your stewardship pledge for the current year. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and assists us in the maintenance of the community's programs and services. May the blessings of our Lord be with you and your family. We wish you healthy and renewed strength for the approaching Lenten Season!

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ "ΕΚΟΥΣΙΑΣ ΕΙΣΦΟΡΑΣ" 2024

Θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τα μέλη της κοινότητας μας που έχουν ανανεώσει την οικονομική προσφορά για το 2024. Για να γίνεται μέλη για το 2024, μπορείτε να συμπληρώσετε την κάρτα της ετήσιας προσφοράς σας που βρίσκετε στο παγκάρι του Ναού η στο γραφείο της κοινότητας, και επιστρέφοντάς την στο γραφείο μας μαζί με το δώρο της αγάπης σας. Η δωρεά σας είναι μια έκφραση της πίστης και της ευγνωμοσύνης σας για τις πολλές ευλογίες στη ζωή σας. Καλό και ευλογημένο Τριώδιο σε όλους!



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The Children's Word: "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

We love God all the time!

How would you feel if a friend of yours said he didn't know you? You could play or talk with this person all the time, but then what would you think if he ignored you or pretended that he didn't even know you? That would be a sad thing, wouldn't it? Today, in the Gospel reading we hear what our Lord, Jesus Christ, said about that same thing. He said, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven." In other words, God wants us to say we are friends with him all the time, not just at church and not just when we are with other Christians. God wants us to love Him at church, and He wants us to talk to Him in our prayers. But He wants us to love Him even when it is hard, or even when we feel like the only one. Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday. We remember all of the saints who loved God so much. They loved God so much that now they are with Him in heaven. The saints stayed with God even when it was hard sometimes. They stayed with God even when they felt like they were the only ones. Let's try to be like the saints!

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:33-40, 12:1-2 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίστησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἀμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:36, 10:1-8 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἴδων δὲ τοὺς ὄχλους ἐσπλαγχνίσθη περὶ αὐτῶν, ὅτι ἦσαν ἐκλελυμένοι καὶ ἐρριμμένοι ὡς πρόβατα μὴ ἔχοντα ποιμένα. τότε λέγει τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ὁ μὲν θερισμὸς πολὺς, οἱ δὲ ἐργάται ὀλίγοι. δεήθητε οὖν τοῦ κυρίου τοῦ θερισμοῦ ὅπως ἐκβάλλῃ ἐργάτας εἰς τὸν θερισμὸν αὐτοῦ. Καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων ὥστε ἐκβάλλειν αὐτὰ καὶ θεραπεύειν πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν. Τῶν δὲ δώδεκα ἀποστόλων τὰ ὀνόματά εἰσι ταῦτα· πρῶτος Σίμων ὁ λεγόμενος Πέτρος καὶ Ἀνδρέας ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ, Ἰάκωβος ὁ τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννης ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ, Φίλιππος καὶ Βαρθολομαῖος, Θωμᾶς καὶ Ματθαῖος ὁ τελώνης, Ἰάκωβος ὁ τοῦ Ἀλφαίου καὶ Λεββαῖος ὁ ἐπικληθεὶς Θαδδαῖος, Σίμων ὁ Κανανίτης καὶ Ἰούδας ὁ Ἰσκαριώτης ὁ καὶ παραδοὺς αὐτόν. Τούτους τοὺς δώδεκα ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς παραγγείλας αὐτοῖς λέγων· εἰς ὁδὸν ἐθνῶν μὴ ἀπέλθητε καὶ εἰς πόλιν Σαμαρειτῶν μὴ εἰσέλθητε· πορεύεσθε δὲ μᾶλλον πρὸς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα οἴκου Ἰσραὴλ. πορευόμενοι δὲ κηρύσσετε λέγοντες ὅτι ἤγγικεν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν. ἀσθενοῦντας θεραπεύετε, λεπροὺς καθαρίζετε, νεκροὺς ἐγείρετε, δαιμόνια ἐκβάλλετε· δωρεὰν ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε.

The Gospel According to Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaios, and Thaddaios; Simon the Cananaean. and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."

Η ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

The Dormition of the Feast of the Theotokos



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JULY 2024 - DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY, JULY 7

**2nd SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
KYRIAKI THE GREAT MARTYR**

Orthros-Divine Liturgy
7:30-10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

**THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE
4th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

Orthros-Divine Liturgy
7:30-10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

ELIAS THE PROPHET

Orthros-Divine Liturgy
8:00-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

4th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Orthros-Divine Liturgy
7:30-10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

**SAINT PARASKEVE
RIGHTEOUS MARTYR**

Orthros-Divine Liturgy
8:00-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

**5th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
ST. IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU**

Orthros-Divine Liturgy
7:30-10:30 a.m.

ΙΟΥΛΙΟΣ 2024 – ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 7 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

**2^η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ**

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία
7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 14 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ

4^η Οικουμενικής Συνόδου
Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία
7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ, 20 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΗΛΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΦΗΤΟΥ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία
8:00-10:00 a.m.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 21 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 4^η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία
7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 26 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

**ΑΓΙΑΣ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ
ΟΣΙΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ**

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία
8:00-10:00 a.m.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 28 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 5^η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ
ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΙΡΗΝΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΟΒΑΛΑΝΤΟΥ**

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία
7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

Greek Afternoon School Registration is Now Open



The Greek Afternoon School is pleased to announce that registration for the 2024-2025 academic year is now open on our new online platform.

Our new online community tool will allow you to register for all future youth and community events starting September 2024.

Visit us at

www.holycrossgreekchurch.com/gasr

for instructions on how to register!



Sunday, June 30, 2024

MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ



Μαρία Τσάτης / Maria Tsatis, 40 days

Παντελής Τάκος / Pantelis Takos, one year

Χαράλαμπος Γεωργίου / Charalambos Georgiou, many years

Please inform the church office at least one week in advance
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κόλλυβα τουλάχιστον μία εβδομάδα νωρίτερα για να μπορούμε
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“HOPE” MINISTRY COMING THIS SEPTEMBER

THE HELLENIC ORTHODOX PRIMARY
ENRICHMENT (“HOPE”) FOR AGES 4-6 YEARS

HOPE will give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.



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MINISTRIES OFFERED BY OUR COMMUNITY

Our mission as a community is to become faithful followers of Christ and thus active Orthodox Christians by accepting and submitting to the Will of our Lord so that we may realize salvation and enter into the Kingdom of God.

With the Grace of God, we strive to provide a loving and caring community where all belong to Christ through worship, sacramental life, everyday spiritual discipline, sanctification, education, witness, and fellowship.

For our community to continue to thrive and grow, we need our parishioners to get involved!

Below, you will find descriptions and contact information for all our ministries, for all ages, talents, and time commitments.

Please contact Fr. Nicholas for any ministry that speaks to you to get involved.

If a ministry contact is not listed, please call the Church office.

Is there a ministry not found in this guide that you would like to help organize? We want to hear from you.

Contact our Church office at any time and speak with Fr. Nicholas.

HOLY CROSS STARS ACADEMY: Holy Cross Stars Academy, located at 12-03 150th Street in Whitestone, NY, offers private education for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds, a research-based curriculum, and introduction to the Greek language, faith and culture. For more information please visit our website <https://www.hcgos.org/>

GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL: The Efstathios & Stamatiki Valiotis Greek Afternoon School provides Greek language, religious and cultural instruction from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade. Classes are once or twice a week depending on grade from 4PM – 6PM during the school year. Please contact our Greek Afternoon School principal Christian Makridou cmakridou@holycrossgreekchurch.com for more information

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION: The Greek Afternoon School PTA supports the Efstathios & Stamatiki Valiotis Greek Afternoon School . Parents and teachers work together to support our students and school community as they learn the Greek Language and culture. All parents are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings and we encourage you to participate and volunteer in the various fundraisers and events which support our Greek Afternoon School students. For more information or to volunteer send an email to afternoonPTA@holycrossgreekchurch.com

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL: The Holy Cross Sunday School Program provides a well-rounded curriculum based in the principles of the Orthodox faith. Our program builds a solid foundation for the children of our community through spiritually-enriching weekly lessons and activities, utilizing the curriculum developed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education, as well as supplemental materials and activities from other Orthodox Christian sources, and prayers and hymns chanted during the Divine Liturgy. We encourage all students from Pre-K through 8th grade to participate in our Sunday School program. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a teacher or assistant, please contact Mrs. Joanne Kyriacou, at the following email sundayschool@holycrossgreekchurch.com

BIBLE STUDY: This group studies the bible in English every Tuesday at 7:00pm in our church hall.

SENIORS: This group will take place every Thursday at 11am. Will begin with Paraklesis to the Theotokos followed by fellowship in the church hall.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF HOLY CROSS WHITESTONE: The Philoptochos of our Community is an organization whose primary purpose is aimed toward philanthropic endeavors and programs. All men and women in our parish may become members of this organization, which provides for the disadvantaged and assists the church in many ways.

President of Philoptochos Society: Maria Skiadas— philoptochos@holycrossgreekchurch.com

ALTAR BOYS: Boys can serve as Altar Boys. Along with their liturgical duties, meetings will be held throughout the year. Anyone who would like to participate in Altar duties should contact Fr. Nicholas. frnicolaos@holycrossgreekchurch.com

H.O.P.E. : Boys and girls between the ages 4-6 are invited to join H.O.P.E (Hellenic Orthodox Primary Enrichment). These programs give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.

Advisors: Anastasia Manassis & Effie Milatios—Hope@holycrossgreekchurch.com

J.O.Y. : Boys and girls between the ages 7- 12 are invited to join J.O.Y. (Junior Orthodox Youth). These programs give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.

Advisors: Olga Fokas & Christina Pappas - joy@holycrossgreekchurch.com

G.O.Y.A.: Boys and girls between the ages of 13-17 are welcome to join the G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth Association), Various athletic, social and religious activities are held as well as other programs. The G.O.Y.A. usually meets 2 Fridays a month. Our GOYA advisors also organizes various activities and trips for our youth throughout the year.

Advisors: Eleni Livaditis & Efrosini Zonas - goya@holycrossgreekchurch.com

ATHLETICS MINISTRY: Our athletics ministry is part of our JOY and GOYA ministries. Our youth can join the various athletics ministries offered by our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese through our parish. Beginning in the fall, our youth will be able to sign up for basketball and/or volleyball for the 2024-2025 season.

Advisor: George Mihalios - gmihalios@holycrossgreekchurch.com

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OLYMPICS: The GOADO is an athletic event opened to all parishes within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan District. The event takes place Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, 2024 at Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, New York. The GOADO program emphasizes the values of our faith, Hellenism, and follows the Olympic ideals of peace, sportsmanship, and fellowship amongst Greek Orthodox parishes.

Advisor: George Pappas – olympics@holycrossgreekchurch.com

EPISKEPSIS (Visitations): The purpose and goal is to visit and comfort our Orthodox Christians that are in hospitals or confined to nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and homes. If you have a loved one that would like to receive Holy Communion and is homebound, in a nursing home or hospital, please call the church office to arrange with Fr. Nicholas.

STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH: The purpose is to welcome new members to the Church / Parish, and promote the Greek Orthodox Faith within and outside the Parish.



Holy Cross Stars Academy

Where Every Child Shines

Preschool Registration for our 2024-2025 school year is now open!

All children born in 2020, 2021 and 2022 are eligible to register.

For additional information, please check our updated website:

www.hcgos.org

And contact us at
info@hcgos.org 718-747-3803

