

# Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

*(For services during the week, please visit our webpage)*

Orthros	9:15am
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
Coffee Fellowship	12:00pm/ following Liturgy

## PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ehmer  
[frtheodore@holycrossga.org](mailto:frtheodore@holycrossga.org)

## PARISH COUNCIL

Natalia Saratsiotis, President  
Gray Yates, Vice-President  
Charles Glotzbach, Secretary  
Sarah Drakopoulos, Assistant Secretary  
Maria McCluskey, Treasurer  
John Apostolou, Assistant Treasurer  
Melanie Moye, Member-at-Large

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# Father Theodore's Message

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the summer months, June through August, we pass from the Paschal season into the final months of the liturgical year. This year, we begin the month of June with Pentecost on the first Sunday of June. Pentecost was a feast of the Jewish calendar, the Feast of the "first fruits" (see Numbers 28:26), which was fulfilled and transfigured through Christ just as the Jewish Passover was fulfilled and transfigured in our Christian Pascha. On Pentecost, we see the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, just as Christ promised to His disciples before His Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. On Pascha, we see the conquering of death and the passage to life - just as the Jews passed from death to life in the crossing of the Red Sea. In both of the Jewish celebrations, we see a type, a foreshadowing of that what was to come - a "first fruits" of what was to come through Christ.



At the end of the summer period, we celebrate a great, great Feast of our Church year, the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary on August 15. If you have ever been in an "Orthodox" country during mid-August, you have seen in what a substantial manner this day is celebrated. The Dormition of the Theotokos commemorates the day that the Virgin Mary reposed. Holy Tradition tells us that after falling asleep in the Lord that Jesus, the Son of the Virgin, took her body to the heavenly Kingdom. This beautiful tradition is not simply not about the Virgin Mary, but a glorification of Who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for us human beings.

At the Feast of Pentecost, Christ sent forth the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, as the Comforter, the One who will dwell with us and in us. At the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, we see Christ embracing the soul and the body of the Theotokos. We have that same promise in Christ, who promises us eternal rest with Him and glorification with Him at the time of His Second and Glorious Coming. These Christian feasts return us to the concept of "first fruits". At Pentecost (and at our own "personal" Pentecost, the Mystery of Holy Chrismation), we receive the "first fruits" of the Kingdom - that being the sealing of the Holy Spirit and the participation in the communal life of the Kingdom through the Church (read the book of Acts as a witness to this). At the Dormition of the Theotokos, we see the first fruits being manifest for a human being through and through, the Theotokos, participating fully in the life of the Kingdom. The fact that we see the Theotokos, a human being participating in such a way gives us the great hope of the same as human beings created in the image and likeness of God, just like her.

The life of the Church is a life which imbues us with these "first fruits" of the Kingdom both in a physical manner (such as through the Eucharist) and theologically (such as the Church's teaching about the Dormition). Consistently, faithfully, diligently, living a life in Christ's Holy Church where we the saints (small "s" - those attempting to live the Christian life) are equipped and strengthened in the unity of the faith and the knowledge of God (cf. Ephesians 4:11-13) molds us so as to see, participate, and live these feasts of Pascha, Pentecost, the Dormition, and the rest of the life of the Church. We don't do this simply as a remembrance of things gone by, but as a first fruits, a fullness of the human experience and joy of a life transfigured in Christ. If you are engaging and participating fully in the life of the Church, I give thanks to God for that, and encourage you to faithfully journey on. If you are not engaging and participating fully in the life of the Church, I would encourage you to not set aside the great gift that Christ has given us - to "partake of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4) and to enjoy the first fruits of the Kingdom in and through Christ's Holy Church!

With love in Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Theodore' in a cursive script.

Fr. Theodore

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On Sunday, May 8th, 2023 we had the blessing of Bishop Sevastianos leading us in our Divine Services and meeting with the Parish Council.



On March 28th, Father Theodore and Joachim were at the Georgia State Capitol, Georgia House of Representatives. We are grateful to our Greek American legislators, House Majority Leader Chuck Efstration, Rep. Mike Cheokas, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives Jon Burns for honoring modern Hellenism's milestone anniversary !!!



On Saturday, March 25th, a few parishioners accompanied Father Theodore and his family to the Annunciation Cathedral for Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos! Celebratory fish lunch in Midtown afterwards.



A few highlights from the Metropolis of Atlanta GOYA Lenten Retreat at the Diakonia Retreat Center! We enjoyed beautiful services, Fr. Theodore's sessions on hymns, meeting new friends, and opportunity for Holy Confession.

# A Note from the Parish Council President

Natalia Saratsiotis, president | natalia.saratsiotis@gmail.com

Fr. Theodore and Fellow Parishioners,

I hope everyone had a fruitful Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. I also pray that you were able to take advantage of the beautiful services that Father Theodore provided for all of us, whether in person or on LiveStream. Now that we are approaching Pentecost, continue to discover who you are in the church. When someone is a part of something, they feel a sense of belonging. I cannot thank everyone enough for all their help with the preparations that led to Pascha. As exhausting as it may be, it is truly rewarding and fulfilling. It really does take a "horio" (village). As a little girl, when Holy Cross was on Bloomfield, I remember walking in on Holy and Great Friday night seeing Nikitis Zoumberis sitting on the back pew with a box of candles with cups thinking to myself that those just "appeared". Now that I'm older and involved, I know that "things" do not just "appear". It took many hands to ensure that everything was as perfect as one could get and ready for each service. I especially loved seeing the children involved this year. Saturday of Lazarus was a special day, from the Lenten Pancakes to the activity that Presvytera Stacey had, to the folding of the palms, to the decorating of the church with the palms. It was one of the most attended Saturdays of Lazarus in quite some time. Again, thank you to everyone!

As a "Thea" (aunt) of three girls who attend Holy Cross, I am extremely happy for all the opportunities offered to our youth. Watching not only them, but all the children participate in the parish level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival was such a joy. I learned quite a bit from listening to their speeches. Congratulations to Panos Drakopoulos, Mary Katherine Saratsiotis, Isabelle Saratsiotis and Carter Zoumberis who were the top winners in their division and went on to the Metropolis level in Peachtree City. Holy Cross was well represented with all four participants! I would also like to give a special congratulations to Mary Katherine who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and advanced to the full Metropolis of Atlanta level festival. She attended the Oratorical Festival in Charlotte and represented Holy Cross well. In addition to the oratorical festival, Fr. Theodore led the GOYA Lenten Retreat at the Diakonia Center. Fr. Theodore, along with Presvytera Stacey, were able to take Mary Katherine along with them. It was her first time, and she thought the place was beautiful! We have had a few children sign up for St. Stephens Summer Camp. If you have not had a chance to sign your children up, please do so. I believe we have a few of our kids who have signed up for Week 4 and 5. The Parish Council approved to contribute \$200 for each of the youth members who are attending. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Father Theodore or myself. We want all our children going to camp and do not want financial reason to be the cause of our youth not going.

The Greek Spring Fling was the closure of Bright Week. I know many of us were tired; however, we pulled together to, once again, put on a successful event. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped or simply came to support the Greek Spring Fling. Make sure to mark your calendars for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Georgia Greek Festival: October 20-22, 2023. The chairmen have already started meeting on a regular basis. We will be reaching out to parishioners to ensure we have our chairmen ready to go!

While the Greek Spring Fling was going on, Jim Lekas took time to make some repairs around the church. I want to thank him for fixing the handrails next to the basement door and for installing the Reserved Parking Sign in the parking lot. We are very excited that the hospital agreed to let us have a parking spot. Although we asked for two spots, they graciously gave us one. The Parish Council is excited that Father doesn't have to park in the grass anymore! Hopefully, in the future, we can obtain another spot, but for now, one is better than none!

One last thank you goes to Sarah Drakopoulos. She has graciously agreed to take over this wonderful communication tool: the Quarterly Bulletin. It takes time and is a lot of work, and I truly appreciate her for doing this!

In closing, I would like to say that it is a blessing to gather at a church where everyone uses their gifts and talents to better the church. As I have stepped into this new role, I would like to humbly ask for your forgiveness when I make mistakes. Please let me know if I have done something to upset you so I can own up to my mistakes. We are better together! I want to give our Lord and Savior all the Glory. I pray that our next quarter at Holy Cross is just as fruitful as our last!

In Christ's love,  
Natalia Saratsiotis

Dear Holy Cross Parishioners,

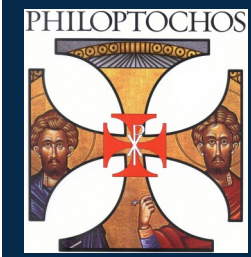
As we look forward to summer, we have many things to be grateful for in our lives. I am especially grateful for our church family and all the great things we will accomplish together.

Our Philoptochos Chapter recently held elections and we have a new board for the next two years.

We are saying goodbye to Christina Danforth and welcoming Denna Braford, Maria Bronisevsky, and Beth Zoumberis to our new board. Thank you all for your time and service to Philoptochos.

I am honored to be your Philoptochos president for the next two years. I look forward to working with our Holy Cross family, our local community and the surrounding areas. Thank you for all of your support!

Your Sister in Christ,  
Sarah Drakopoulos



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Our Board Members for 2023-2025 are as follows:

- President: Sarah Drakopoulos
- Vice – President: Cleo Bennette
- 2nd Vice – President: Emily Dermatas
- Treasurer: Maria Bronisevsky
- Secretary: Beth Zoumberis
- Corresponding Secretary: Rodica Cazacu
- Member at Large: Denna Bradford



### Pan-Orthodox Vespers and Lenten meal in Bolingbroke on March 5th.



We thank St. Innocent's clergy and laity for hosting us for the 1st annual Central Georgia Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers!



# Youth

Presvytera Stacey Ehmer  
 Youth Ministry Director  
[pres.stacey@holycrossga.org](mailto:pres.stacey@holycrossga.org)



I sincerely thank our Sunday School teachers Maria Murphy, Maria Spicer, and Gray Yates for a great year teaching the Gospel of St. Mark and for their beautiful commitment to our Holy Cross Youth! We congratulate our Highschool graduates Daniel Filimon and Luke Zoumberis, and our Higher Ed graduates, Theodore Drakopoulos, George Iakovidis, Elijah Schwartzkopf and Alexandra Stefanis on this exciting milestone in their lives and pray God lights and blesses their path always!

## SUMMER EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

**JUNE:** "Vacation Church CAMPOut" in Kathye's yard.  
 For all age youth & their parents.

**JULY:** \$5 Matinee movie and lunch.

**AUGUST:** Dormition of the Theotokos Activity

**SEPTEMBER:** Sunday School Starts

Love in Christ,  
 Presvytera Stacey



Last Day of  
 Sunday School  
 2023. Sweet  
 Smiles and Ice  
 Cream



HOLY CROSS  
 MACON, GEORGIA  
 Parish Oratorical Festival  
 Elementary Division

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE), GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA



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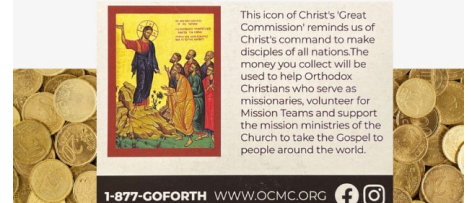
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Hi Stacey, thanks again to your church for the generous donation of so many food items to our pantry. Sorry I wasn't able to be here to greet y'all. Johnnie was thrilled to be here though and was impressed with your youth members. Please pass my thanks on to the youth group and to the church members for the wonderful gift to the Ministry.

Blessings,  
 Jacob "Jake" Ferro  
 Executive Director  
 Loaves and Fishes Ministry



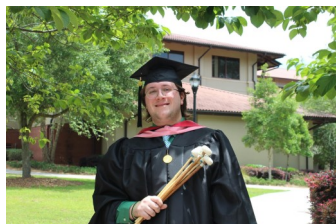
**THANK YOU** for participating  
 in our Lenten OCMC Coin Box  
 almsgiving opportunity!  
**\$319** was sent to the Orthodox Christian  
 Mission Center from Holy Cross



This icon of Christ's 'Great Commission' reminds us of Christ's command to make disciples of all nations. The money you collect will be used to help Orthodox Christians who serve as missionaries, volunteer for Mission Teams and support the mission ministries of the Church to take the Gospel to people around the world.

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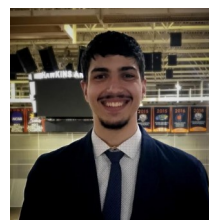
# Congratulations Graduates! May God keep you in all that you do!



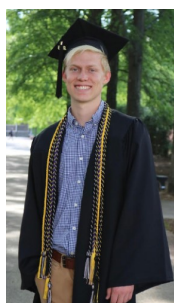
**Theodore Drakopoulos** (MMP 2023) graduated on May 5, 2023 with a Master's Degree in Percussion Performance from Valdosta State University. He will serve as an adjunct professor of percussion at Georgia Southwestern State University.



**Daniel Filimon** graduated from Baldwin High School and he will go to Georgia College in Milledgeville for Computer Science.



**George Iakovidis** will graduate from the Georgia Institute of Technology in August. He will complete his Master's Degree in Geographic Information Science and Technology. After graduation he will be looking to work as a geospatial data analyst or anything related to his degree.



**Elijah Schwartzkopf** graduated from Birmingham-Southern College with a Bachelor's in Psychology. He will attend graduate school at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts to study Rehabilitation Counseling.



**Alexandra Stefanis**, graduated from Wake Forest University, Suma Cum Laude with a Major in Biology and a Minor in Creative Writing. She will start Wake Forest School of Medicine in July 2023.



**Luke Zoumberis**, graduated from HCHS on Friday, May 26. He plans to continue working at Two Guys and a Pie in Bonaire for now.

2023 District Level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival at St. Christopher Orthodox Church in Peachtree City! We are so proud of our Holy Cross Parish Level finalists Panos Drakopoulos, Mary Katherine and Isabelle Saratsiotis, and Carter Zoumberis who represented our Holy Cross community and their Holy Orthodox Faith beautifully!

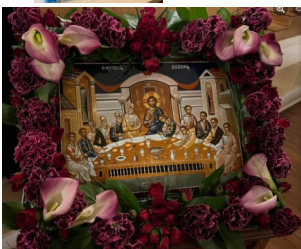


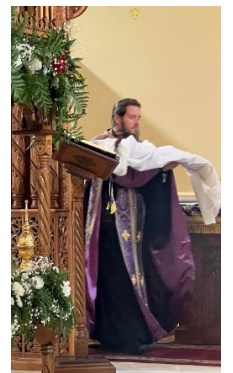
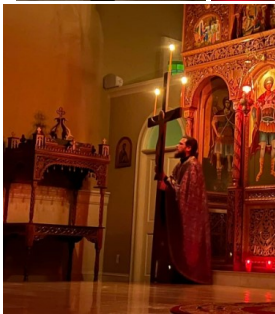
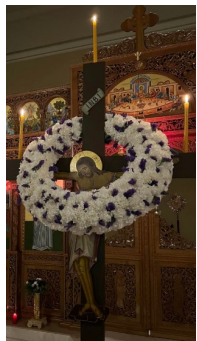


We are so proud of Mary Katherine Saratsiotis who participated in the Metropolis level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Charlotte on May 13th, 2023.



OUR JOURNEY  
THROUGH GREAT LENT  
AND PASCHA AT HOLY  
CROSS...







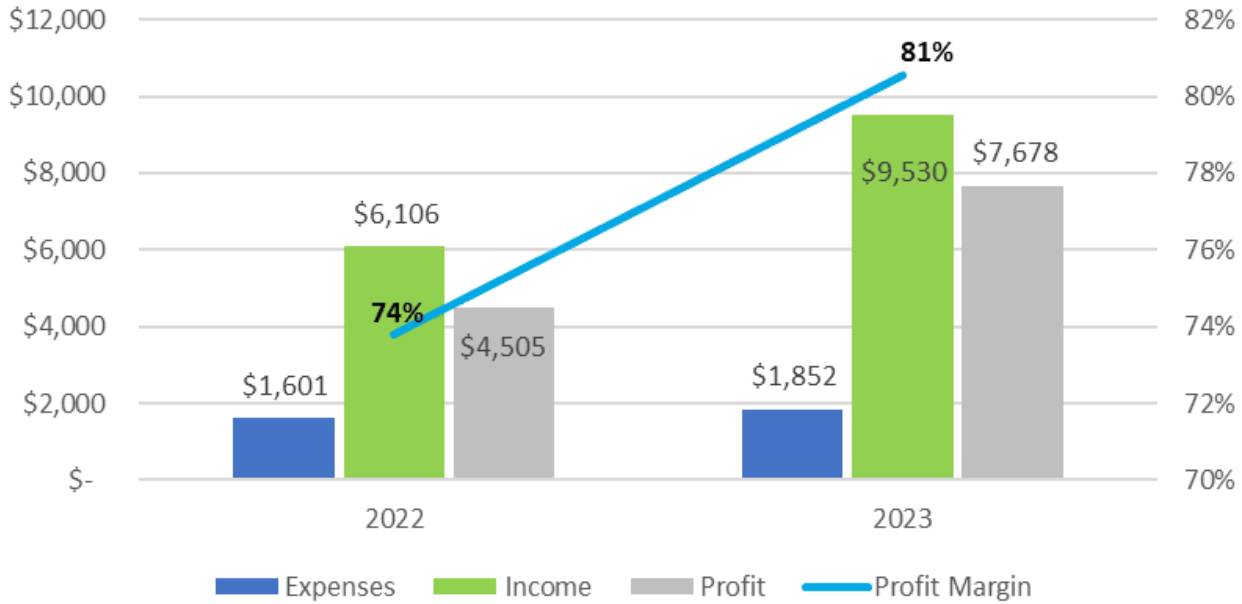
Agape Vespers, Easter Egg Hunt, and the Pascha Picnic hosted by the Parish Council



CHRIST IS RISEN!  
 CHRISTOS ANESTI!  
 KHRISHTI UNJAL!  
 CRISTOS A INVIAT!  
 CHRISTUS IS OPGESTAAN!  
 CRISTOS VASKRES!  
 CRISTO HA RESUCITADO!  
 Χριστός ἀνέστη!  
 TRULY, HE IS RISEN!



## Spring Fling Thru Profit Comparison



Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this year's Spring Fling a huge success!

### GREEK SPRING FLING

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**20's/30's**

Interested in organizing an outing, contact Fr. Theodore or Presvytera Stacey Ehmer



Yam gathering fun in downtown Macon at Parish and Reboot on May 30th.



**40's/50's**

Interested in organizing an outing, contact David or Beth Zoumberis



April 30th was a beautiful and breezy day for Mercer Baseball with the Not-So-Young-Adults! There was plenty of activity, as the Bears won 14-7!



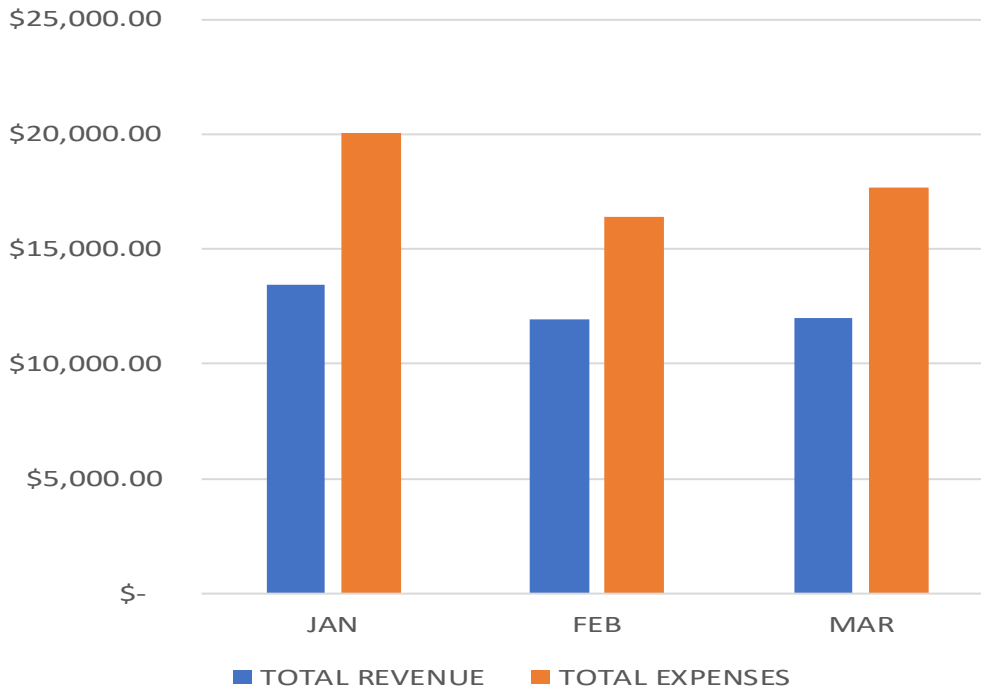
**Coming soon...SOCIAL 60s+ GROUP!**  
 Up Next:  
 Kathye Patras will be hosting a game night at her house with light snacks. More information to come!

A few of us Holy Cross Maconites field tripped to Marietta to visit our sister community, Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, for their Greek festival this weekend.. gets us excited for ours in October!



# QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL REPORT

Q1 Financial Report  
REVENUE VS EXPENSES



Thank you for all your contributions and continued support toward the growth and future of our Parish!

Please visit our web page at:  
[www.holycrossga.org](http://www.holycrossga.org)

The Offering link will give you all the options available for any financial giving.

Maria McCluskey  
2023 PC Treasurer

	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 13,466.19	\$ 11,940.39	\$ 11,980.69
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 20,028.92	\$ 16,404.55	\$ 17,645.33
NET/DEFICIT	\$ (6,562.73)	\$ (4,464.16)	\$ (5,664.64)

\*\*Please note these values do not include reserves from Festival Account\*\*



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# ~ HOLY SACRAMENTS & SERVICES ~

## Baptisms

*Congratulations and God Grant you many years!*



Theofanis John Evans  
Sponsors: Marianna & Justin Lane

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
April 29, 2023



Alexander Iordanov  
Sponsors: Viktoriya Dankova

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church  
May 16, 2023

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

CLEO BENNETTE, EMILY DERMATAS, ROZA HARRIS, CRISTINA LEKAS, KATHYE PATRAS, CHERYL STEFANIS & KIKI VASILOPOULOS

*Hristos Anesti! At the end of April, the Planning Committee received the iconography plans and proposal by Iconographer Ari Kovaci (Kovaci Iconography Studio). Review by the committee began under Father Theodore's guidance in May. Plans will then be presented to the Parish Council. Mr. Kovaci has offered to come to Holy Cross and explain the iconography at a special General Assembly at a later date. Exciting times for us at Holy Cross! All for the Glory of God!*

*Emily Dermatas*

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

JIM LEKAS, ALEX SARATSIOTIS & DAVID ZOUMBERIS

*Not much excitement on the building committee front. Other than some repairs here and there there's nothing to report at this time. Please inform us if you notice any issues.*

*Thank you, Jim Lekas*

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: 1ST QUARTER 2023

TASSIE CANTRELL, SPYROS DERMATAS, CHARLES GLOTZBACH & BETH ZOUMBERIS

*For the Quarter ending March 31, 2023, our Holy Cross Parish is blessed with 62 Family Units that have participated in our financial Stewardship Ministry, with 45 Pledged and 17 Contributing Non-Pledged.*

*Average Pledge Amount for the 47 Family Units: \$ 3,263*

*Total Family Units on our Stewardship Ministry contact list: 121*

*Total Family Units contributing and/or in good standing in 2022: 94*

*Yours in Christ,  
Stewardship Committee  
Spyros N Dermatas  
Tassie Cantrell  
Beth Zoumberis  
Charles Glotzbach*

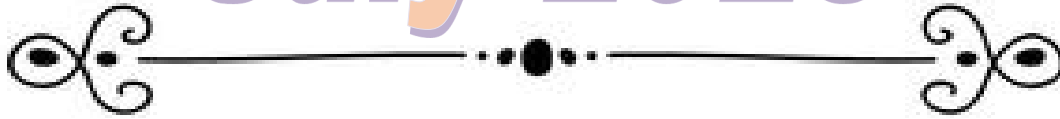




# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6:00pm Not-So-Young Adult Outing	3 <b>Saturday of Souls</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
4 <b>Holy Pentecost</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Kneeling Vespers	5	6	7 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	8	9 Holy Cross Youth Campout @ Kathye Patras House	10 Holy Cross Youth Campout @ Kathye Patras House 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
11 <b>Sunday of All Saints</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 1:00pm Cross Dive Committee Meeting	12 <b>Apostles Fast Begins</b>	13	14 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	15	16	17 3:00pm Active Shooter Training 5:00pm Great Vespers 7:00pm Family Outing (Macon Bacon)
18 <b>2nd Sunday of Matthew</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>CLERGY LAITY IN TARPON SPRINGS</b>						
25 <b>3rd Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	26	27	28 5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	29 <b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	30 <b>Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles</b>	
		<b>Fasting Guide as prescribed by the Church:</b>	<i>This color denotes a Strict Fast Day (basically, vegan/dry eating)</i>	<i>This color denotes an Oil+Wine permissible Fasting day, yet still vegan</i>	<i>This color denotes a Fish permissible Fasting Day, but without meat and dairy products</i>	<i>This color denotes a Cheese permissible Fasting Day, but without meat products</i>

# July 2023



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers	
2 <b>4th Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b> OFFICE CLOSED	5 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	6	7	8 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
9 <b>5th Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	10	11	12 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	13	14	15 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
16 <b>Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	17	18	19 3:00-7:00pm Blood Drive 6:00pm Great Vespers	20 <b>Prophet Elijah</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	21	22 <b>Mary Magdalene, the Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles</b> 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
23 <b>7th Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	24	25 <b>Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	26 <b>St. Paraskevi</b> 5:30pm Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Adult Study Class	27 <b>St. Panteleimon</b>	28	29 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
30 <b>8th Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Backpack Blessing for Kids following Divine Liturgy	31	<b>Fasting Guide as prescribed by the Church:</b>	<i>This color denotes a Strict Fast Day (basically, vegan/dry eating)</i>	<i>This color denotes an Oil+Wine permissible Fasting day, yet still vegan</i>	<i>This color denotes a Fish permissible Fasting Day, but without meat and dairy products</i>	<i>This color denotes a Cheese permissible Fasting Day, but without meat products</i>

# August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30pm Small Paraklesis	2 5:30pm Great Paraklesis 6:30pm Church Calendar Meeting with Ministries Chairmen	3 5:30pm Small Paraklesis	4	5 <b>Feast of Transfiguration</b> 6:30pm Great Vespers in Marietta at Holy Transfiguration
6 <b>Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	7	8 5:30pm Great Paraklesis	9 5:30pm Small Paraklesis 6:30pm Adult Study Class	10 5:30pm Great Paraklesis	11	12 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
13 <b>10th Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	14 6:00pm Great Vespers for the Dormition of Theotokos	15 <b>Dormition of Theotokos</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	16 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	17	18	19 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
20 <b>11th Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Panagiri sponsored by Philoptochos	21	22 5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	23 <b>Panagia Prousiotissa (Our Chapel's Name Day &amp; Our Philoptochos Chapter's Name Day)</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	24	25 6:00pm Divine Liturgy	26 <b>Sts. Adrian &amp; Natalia</b> 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
27 <b>12th Sunday of Matthew St. Phanourios</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Phanouropites	28	29 <b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	30 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	31		
		<b>Fasting Guide as prescribed by the Church:</b>	<i>This color denotes a Strict Fast Day (basically, vegan/dry eating)</i>	<i>This color denotes an Oil+Wine permissible Fasting day, yet still vegan</i>	<i>This color denotes a Fish permissible Fasting Day, but without meat and dairy products</i>	<i>This color denotes a Cheese permissible Fasting Day, but without meat products</i>

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