

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Natalia Saratsiotis, President
Jim Lekas, Vice-President
Sarah Drakopoulos, Secretary
Melanie Moye, Assistant Secretary
John Apostolou, Treasurer
Maria Spicer, Assistant Treasurer
Gray Yates, Member-at-Large

Father Theodore's Message

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

Thus says the Lord: "I will take you from among the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your land. I shall sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be cleansed from all your uncleanness, and I will also cleanse you from all your idols. I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I shall take the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I shall put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My requirements, and you will keep My judgments and do them. You will dwell in the land I gave to your fathers. You will be My people, and I shall be your God." - Exodus 36:24-28



As we begin the month of June, because of the later celebration of Pascha this year, we find ourselves still in the Paschal period! This means the celebration of Pentecost will be late this year - let's not lose sight of this beautiful celebration in the midst of our summertime activities! This important feast puts forth what we see Moses speaking of in the book of Exodus - he was writing and prophesying about us: we (who are from among the nations) will be His people and He will be our God. What beautiful and joy-giving words! Speaking of summertime, I thought it would be helpful to shine a little extra light upon our Christian journey in Christ through His Holy Church that we celebrate and participate in during these coming summer months: As I noted earlier, in June, we will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 23rd. Of course, on that day we will have the Kneeling Vespers at the end of the Divine Liturgy where we will all bend our knees before our Lord for the first time communally since Pascha, as one body and pray for that One Spirit to be renewed in each of us. The commemoration of Pentecost doesn't last only that Sunday, however. On the next day, the Monday of the Holy Spirit, we will have the Divine Liturgy once again and glorify the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy and Life-Giving Spirit. On the day before Pentecost, as per ancient tradition, we will have a Saturday of the Souls service where we gather and pray for all our departed brothers and sisters in Christ. Due to the very late occurrence of Pentecost this year, there is no Apostles' Fast... and we will celebrate the Holy Apostles in conjunction with the Sunday of All Saints!

In July, there are many beloved Saints celebrated - Marina, Elijah/Elias, Anna, Paraskevi, Panteleimon, and more. Having commemorated the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we see it lived out in the lives of these holy men and women who no longer lived themselves, but in and through and with Christ living in them. They have become His people, they faithfully walked in His commandments, and now they intercede for us as they dwell near Him in eternal life. When we hear the hymnography magnifying the Saints, we can't help but be inspired by their lives in Christ in whatever way of life they may have lived: as a soldier, a doctor, a mother, whatever vocation they had, they glorified God therein. Please see the calendar for the commemorations and weekday services of these Saints!

In August, we come to the month of Panagia, of the Theotokos, and ever-virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord. Of course, we celebrate her Dormition (Repose) on the 15th of this month. Before we get to the commemoration of her departure from this life, we honor her with a fast during the first two weeks of August. We have many celebrations of the Paraklesis service during those first two weeks of the month. At these services, we ask for the Panagia's motherly intercession for us and for our loved ones who we will remember by name during the services.

For many, summer is a time of vacation, relaxation, recharging, and renewal. Yet, in the Church, and in the life in Christ, it is also a beautiful time of celebration, commemoration, and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Just as Moses said so long ago, let us continue that journey of transfiguration in Christ and put off that heart of stone and foster that heart of flesh which is a gift of God and only comes through Christ our true God to whom belong all the glory along with His everlasting Father and the Holy and Life-giving Spirit now and forever. Amen!

With love in Christ's Service,

Handwritten signature of Fr. Theodore.

Fr. Theodore



Fr. Theodore gathered with many other clergy for a beautiful Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos at the Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta on March 25th for part of their parish name day celebrations. His Grace Neophytos Kong'ai, Bishop of Eldoret and Northern Kenya, was visiting the United States and presided.



Holy Cross hosted the 2nd annual Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers with our brothers and sisters in Christ from St. Innocent! It was a pleasure to concelebrate with Fr. Theophan and Fr. Thaddeus and to enjoy a Lenten meal uniting in fellowship together afterwards. Thank you to Cleo, Emily, and their Philoptochos team for preparing and serving the joyous meal.

A Note from the Parish Council President

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

Fr. Theodore and Fellow Parishioners,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! What an amazing past three months we have had here at Holy Cross. Pondering over the last few months, I feel a sense of pride knowing that our "little parish" is doing so much! Thank you to Fr. Theodore for guiding us through Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. I hope you all were able to benefit from the services and have a joyous Pascha. I would like to personally welcome Jace Johnson, CJ Newberry, Ethan Pellegrino & James Scarborough who were recently Baptized and/or Chrismated at Holy Cross...AXIOI (WORTHY)! Thank you to all those who attended the Pan-Orthodox Vespers we hosted for our brothers and sisters from St. Innocent. It was a great turnout and Philoptochos did a wonderful job with dinner.

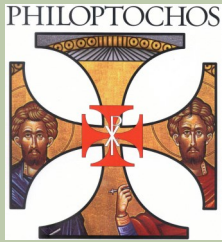
I am blessed to be part of a spiritual family where we not only worship together but laugh together. It is no secret that we work hard! That is why I felt it was important to have a Movie Night where we can kick back, enjoy time together and relax! For those that were able to come, I hope you enjoyed this evening. I plan to have more of these fellowship opportunities throughout the year. If you have any suggestions on movies, feel free to pass them along! Philoptochos also had a dinner outing where we were able to enjoy ourselves at Oliver's. It was a nice evening where we went "speed dating". We learned a lot about each other. I was amazed at what I learned from people that I have known all my life! Good times for sure! A huge thank you to Presvytera Stacey who organized a pilgrimage to St. Augustine, Florida, to visit the OCMC and St. Photios National Shrine. Not only was this a weekend where we laughed together and relaxed together, but it was a weekend to see the wonderful ministry work of both places. It is always good to see first hand the places we support. I look forward to our next pilgrimage!

As an educator, I am always looking for ways to differentiate learning to reach my students and ensure they are getting the education they need. I see the same teachings with our youth which is a beautiful thing. Many thanks to all the many people who assist with the youth. From Sunday School each Sunday to teaching the handmaidens to properly clean the communion cloths to spreading the word of our faith with the Oratorical Festival, our youth are letting the light of Jesus shine for all. How precious were our children reciting their poems in Greek! Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Oratorical Festival. I can still hear the sweet sounds of Joachim and Basil singing, "Τη Υπερμάχῳ" (O Champion General). The week after our parish level festival, I was able to go to Peachtree City where Isabelle, Mary Katherine and Carter went on to compete at the district level. Hearing them speak about their faith is what it is all about.

This past month, I decided to go on a mission trip to Kenya with my sister and her family later this year. Not 48 hours after telling people about this trip, I learned that Bishop Neophytos Kong'ai of Kenya was coming to the Cathedral in Atlanta for Vespers. Wow, I thought to myself, there was definitely a spiritual hand in this (as someone commented on my Facebook page). I thought it would be a good idea for me to introduce myself to him and let him know that I was coming this Thanksgiving. He immediately gave me his cell phone number and told me to call him. Things like this don't just happen out of the blue... there is a reason! He is the reason!

Naturally, I cannot end this letter without mentioning the Spring Fling. What an amazing way to come together and reach our community with some good food! We had some unfortunate things happen with our Facebook and Instagram account, but that did not stop the people from spreading the word about our festival. Please, please, please help us continue to get the word out. We had over 3K followers on our Greek Festival Facebook account. Since we had to create a new account, we lost many of our followers. If you need help on how to do this, just bring me your phone after church one day and I can show you how to invite your friends to like/follow our page. Have you marked the dates for the festival yet? If not, please do so now...October 25-27, 2024! Be sure to check the calendar for festival cooking dates.

In Christ's Love, Natalia Saratsiotis



Our Mission:

To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach; to preserve the sanctity of life and family; and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.

Dear Fr. Theodore and Holy Cross Parishioners,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen! The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society mission is to promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach; to preserve the sanctity of life and family; and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox Faith and Traditions. As an active organization in the Macon area we have had the opportunity to continue with our outreach programs, The Backpack Ministry, and reaching out to the elderly and shut-ins in our community, along with all of our supportive commitments to the National Philoptochos and the Metropolis. At this year's Spring Fling on March 9th, our Philoptochos had a pastries tent and our guests were given the opportunity to enjoy the Greek treats available. We are so grateful to Emily, Kathye and Katerina who worked to package and sell our offerings.

We are so thankful to Presvytera Stacey for organizing a lovely pre-Lenten dinner at Oliver's Corner Bistro as the "kick-off" social gathering for the year where 27 ladies from our church family gathered to enjoy fellowship and great food. We were thrilled to team up with the Youth to benefit the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia. We collected hygiene items, cleaning products, toilet paper and paper towels to benefit this mission.

Thank you to everyone that participated! Our chapter was also very busy this Lenten season hosting several luncheons and a dinner for our community to enjoy together. Many thanks to Eleni Adams and her committee for a lovely Lenten Luncheon, raising \$700.00, with all proceeds going to support Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, our wonderful Greek Orthodox College and Seminary.

We also thank Emily Dermatas and her committee for hosting the Lenten dinner following the Pan-Orthodox Vespers. This was a special evening, to pray and have fellowship alongside parishioners of our sister community of St. Innocent Orthodox Church in Bolingbroke. And lastly, many thanks to Cheryl Schwartzkopf and her committee for a delectable and joyous Palm Sunday Fried Fish Luncheon. We also are grateful for all of the dedicated ladies (and men!) who helped with the services and preparations during Lent and Holy Week, with a special thank you to Fr. Theodore and Presvytera Stacey for their spiritual guidance and continued support to every one of us.

Please accept my personal and genuine invitation to join the Philoptochos Society if you haven't already! Membership is "rolling," and we need as many women as we can to act as our Risen Lord's hands and feet, loving our neighbor and caring for the poor as Christ commands us to!

With sisterly love,
Cleo Bennette

2024-25 Philoptochos Board

President: Cleo Bennette
1st VP: Helen Vardy
2nd VP: Emily Dermatas
Treasurer: Maria Bronisevsky
Rec. Secretary: Beth Zoumeris
Corr. Secretary: Rodica Cazacu
Member at Large: Denna Bradford
Advisor: Sarah Drakopoulos



Several women of our Holy Cross family gathered together for a Philoptochos (ladies philanthropic group) pre-Lenten social dinner out at Oliver's Corner Bistro!

Youth

Erick and Cheryl Schwartzkopf
Youth Ministry Directors
schwartzecn@yahoo.com



JOIN US!
FRIDAY, JUNE 21
4-6PM

RSVP TO ERICK OR CHERYL BY JUNE 19!

FOR ALL HOLY CROSS YOUTH AND THEIR ADULTS! "TWILIGHT ADMISSION" (LAST 2 HRS OF DAY) IS \$20 PER PERSON 3 & OLDER. (ONLY \$10 EACH; CHURCH IS SPONSORING \$10 PER PERSON). 2 AND UNDER ALWAYS FREE. BRING A TOWEL AND CHANGE OF CLOTHES!

RIGBY'S WATERWORLD

Upcoming Holy Cross Youth Events:

- **June 21st: 4:00-6:00pm, Outing to Rigby's in Warner Robins**
- **July 20th: 11:30am, Baking with Joanna in the Parish House. (This follows the Divine Liturgy for the Prophet Elijah which begins at 10:30am.)**
- **August: Parents Night Out Fundraiser...details coming!**



On March 25th, our Greek School students commemorated Greek Independence Day with a short presentation of poems in traditional costume. Congratulations to Maria Bronisevsky on her students' hard work and to all those who assisted!



We thanked and honored our wonderful Greek School teacher Δασκάλα Maria for her efforts and leadership in teaching our youth and adult classes!



St. Photini Handmaidens worked on some important tasks. They decorated the icon of the Panagia with their handmade blue cloth flowers in preparation for the first Salutations of Lent, and then learned the special and careful way we wash the cloths used for Holy Communion. They also practiced the rhythm for ringing the bell. May St. Photini intercede for them and may their beautiful ministry continue to be blessed!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

THANK YOUS: We thank our fabulous teachers, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Maria, & Mrs. Helen for their dedication to the teaching ministry, and helping grow the students' understanding of Church History, this past year's curriculum theme!

NEEDS: Seeking 2 assistant/co-teachers. One to work with Helen Vardy in the youngest class and one to work with Maria Spicer in the middle class. This will provide consistency and also help cover the class for when there is teacher travel or scheduling conflicts some Sundays through the year. Contact Presvytera Stacey if you are willing to help. No experience necessary! Curriculum is provided!

CALENDAR NOTES: We'll be honoring our high school and college graduates on June 2nd & 9th. The First Day of 2024-2025 Sunday School year is penciled in for August 25th. Presv. Stacey will call to "register" your child.

Christ is Risen! Thank you again. Love, Presv. Stacey



On April 14th, following the Divine Liturgy, we had the blessing of hearing from several of our Holy Cross Youth at our Parish Level Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival! Each one of the “elementary,” Junior, and Senior Division participants shined in their unique ways as they courageously took to the solea to share a speech about a topic they chose and researched regarding their Orthodox Christian Faith.



Congratulations to the Junior Division (7-9th grade) finalists: Isabelle Saratsiotis (1st) and AnaMaria Filimon (2nd)! Congratulations to our Senior Division (10-12th grade) finalists: Mary Katherine Saratsiotis (1st), Carter Zoumberis (2nd), Panos Drakopoulos and Nadia Cazacu (both Honorable Mentions)! The next “round” of competition, the District level (featuring the finalists from the 10 churches in our conference), was the following Saturday in Peachtree City.

We thank our guest judges Jon & Ann Papastrat and Leslie Hansard, who all traveled from their home community of Holy Transfiguration in Marietta, GA to be with us. Thanks as well to John Apostolou for serving as timekeeper, and Natalia Saratsiotis for recording and editing a video of the event.



Three of our Holy Cross youth traveled to St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church in Peachtree City on April 20th to participate in the District level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical festival! Mary Katherine, Isabelle, and Carter witnessed their Orthodox faith and represented our community beautifully. They were amongst 20 of their peers from 8 of the 10 churches in our “Central” district. Isabelle and Carter received Honorable Mentions and Mary Katherine placed Second in the Senior Division, making her eligible to continue on to the Metropolis level of the Oratorical Festival, at St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in West Palm Beach in May. Well done, students!



Our youth along with our Philoptochos chapter joined forces for the betterment of our Macon Community. Members of Holy Cross brought in hygiene items for the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia. On Pascha, we loaded up the truck with the items collected. What a beautiful way to give back to our community!



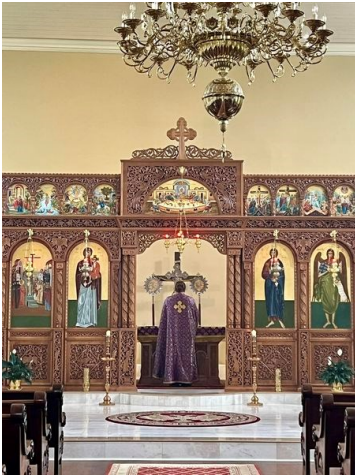
**Holy Cross
Mini-Pilgrimage
to OCMC &
St. Photios
National Shrine
St. Augustine, Florida
May 10-12**



"A Marriage Made in Heaven" Holy Cross Fellowship Movie Night (March 15th)



Journey to Great & Holy Pascha



Forgiveness Vespers



The Triumph of Orthodoxy



Sunday of the Holy Cross



Saturday of Lazarus & Preparations for Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday

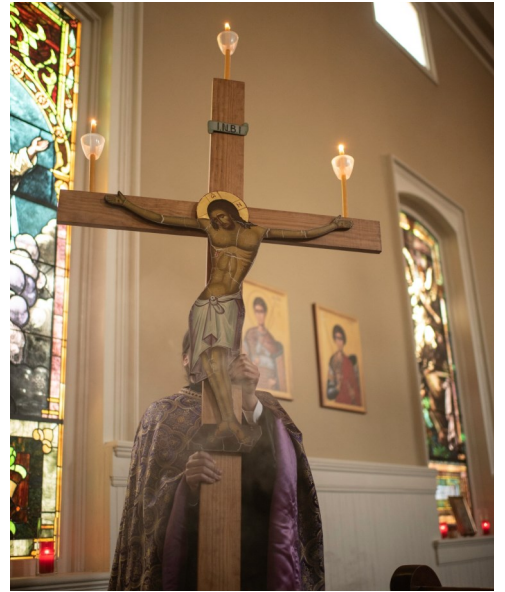




Bridegroom Service



Holy Wednesday



Holy Thursday



Holy Saturday



Holy Friday



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Pascha Luncheon & Egg Hunt



CHRIST IS RISEN!

Thank you René Esquivel for capturing these beautiful moments during Great Lent, Holy Week & Pascha!

20's/30's
Interested in
organizing
an outing?
Contact
Father
Theodore



HOLY CROSS
JOINT
FELLOWSHIP



40's/50's
Interested in
organizing
an outing?
Contact
Beth
Zoumeris



Several of our parishioners (including some not pictured) went to Society Garden to support Theo Drakopoulos' percussion debut with his band Parts and Labor. Fun company, incredible weather, and a soulful jammy show!



Annual Last Day of Sunday School
Ice Cream Sundaes!





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APPOINTMENT TODAY!
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SIGNING UP AND DONATING
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HOLY SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

40-Day Blessing

Emily & Vincent Rivers
March 14th



Husband/Father:
Will Rivers

Baptism

James Scarborough
March 15th



Sponsor:
Charles Glotzbach

Chrismations

Jace (George) Johnson
March 23rd



Sponsor:
René Esquivel

CJ (Longinus) Newberry
Ethan (Panteleimon) Pellegrino
April 7th



Sponsors:
CJ: René Esquivel
Ethan: Cheryl & Erick Schwartzkopf

Congratulations & God Grant You Many Years!

17TH ANNUAL
CENTRAL GEORGIA
GREEK FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 25-27
Greek Cuisine • Live Music • Dancing
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Panagiri/Celebration Feast honoring the Panagia & the Feast of her Dormition



Sunday,
August 18th

Please join us for a celebration after Divine Liturgy
in the Parish House & Courtyard on Sunday, August 18th

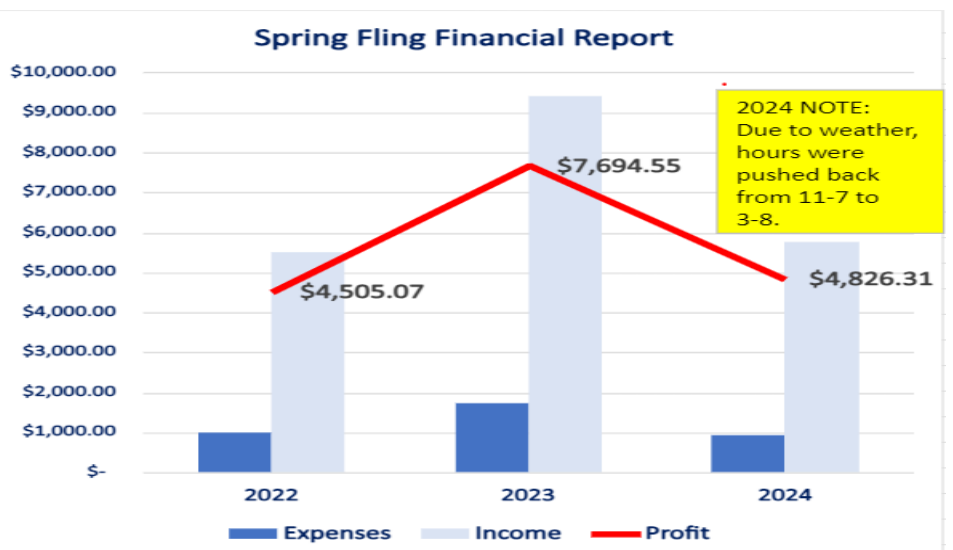
Orthros 9:15am
Divine Liturgy 10:30am

Food, Drinks, Dancing, Music, & Games for Everyone!
Hosted by Philoptochos; Donations appreciated

3RD ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX CROSS DIVE
HOSTED BY
HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF MACON
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATLANTA INTER-ORTHODOX PARISH ASSOCIATION (AIOPA)

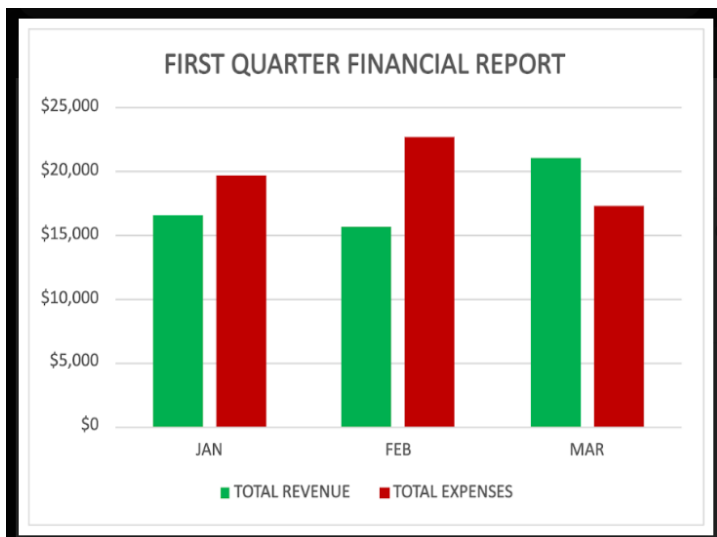
**MORE
INFORMATION
COMING
SOON!**





**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE & SPREAD THE WORD:
17th Annual Central Georgia Greek Festival
October 25-27, 2024**

FINANCIAL REPORT



	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 16,461.12	\$ 15,609.11	\$ 21,076.83
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,618.64	\$ 22,717.26	\$ 17,301.56
NET/DEFICIT	\$ (3,157.52)	\$ (7,108.15)	\$ 3,775.27

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

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

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John Apostolou & Maria Spicer, 2024 PC Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer

BUILDING COMMITTEE

JIM LEKAS, ALEX SARATSIOTIS & DAVID ZOUMBERIS

Christ is Risen!! We hope that everyone had a beautiful and enlightening Pascha! The building committee is excited about the study, which was approved by the Parish Council, to look into the water issues on the South wall. Hopefully it will give us an answer and we can solve this issue once and for all. This study will take some time to acquire the information we need, but we will keep everyone informed when we hear something. On a smaller note, the North side and West side of the Parish house were pressure washed along with the brick wall we frequently sit on in the courtyard. Much thanks to David for painting the ramp and railing on the entryway to the back door of the Parish House. It looks awesome!

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη! A new cross for the Stavromenos and base was completed by Holy Thursday under the supervision of Father Theodore. These items were designed and constructed to match the Anastasi Banner and base by contractor Steve Ard. The previous cross is now in the chapel behind the altar, and the chanter's stand and analogion (previously from Bloomfield location) has also been placed in the chapel. Iconographer Ari Kovaci has visited Macon for more measurements and has begun our iconography project in his studio. More information to follow in the coming months. All to the glory of God!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE 2ND QUARTER (ENDING MARCH 31ST) TASSIE CANTRELL, SPYROS DERMATAS, CHARLES GLOTZBACH & BETH ZOUMBERIS

Christ is Risen! Christos Anesti! To date, our Holy Cross Parish is blessed with 38 families who have sent in pledge cards. This is 38 families out of around 100 families who participate in one way or another in the life of the Church. Thanks to all of you who put your faith into action by submitting a pledge card.

GOAL: 100% PARTICIPATION

The Stewardship Committee would like to challenge ALL families to submit a pledge card.

Why should I submit a Stewardship Pledge? The act of submitting your pledge card does a couple of very important things: (And no amount is too small, when it is your best and done with joy in your heart).

Firstly, it allows our Holy Cross Church the ability to plan and budget for its many missions and functions. The financial stability of our Parish and the ability to have thriving ministries accomplishing the work of Christ comes through your Stewardship Pledge. What a blessing! So much of what we do requires planning and this is difficult to do effectively without knowing the resources available to accomplish our missions. Stewardship is a big part of how we fulfill our commitment to doing the work God wants us to do. You play an integral role in this—whether it is through your time, your talents or your treasures. Your written pledge card addresses all three of these.

Secondly, and on a more personal level, there is the forethought one must put into committing to the church with intention. Committing your time, talent and treasures can be challenging when we have so many responsibilities. That's why your commitment pledge is such a big part of YOUR faith journey! It is a wonderful way of showing God your gratitude for His blessings. It is your statement that you will commit a portion of your first fruits to God. This takes planning and for some, courage and faith, and should always be done with cheerful intent.

Did I already submit my pledge card? I don't remember! If you are not sure if you've submitted a pledge card, just ask our Treasurer, John Apostolou or Assistant Treasurer, Maria Spicer to check for you. It's easy to check and means so very much to our church. If you are new to Holy Cross, the Stewardship Pledges are a trifold pamphlet and are located in the Narthex of the church next to the bulletins you get for Sunday service.

May I give On-line? On-line giving is available through:

Venmo: @HolyCrossMacon
CashApp: \$HolyCrossMacon

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Committee

PC ON DUTY, EPISTLE READERS & FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

DATE	PC MEMBER ON DUTY	GREEK READER	ENGLISH READER	FELLOWSHIP HOST
June 2	Jim Lekas	Kostas Iakovidis	René Esquivel	Chad Ridley
June 9	John Apostolou	Aleca Hortman	Isabelle Saratsiotis	Patsy Zoumberis
June 16	Maria Spicer	George Saratsiotis	Panos Drakopoulos	Georgia Saratsiotis
June 23	Sarah Drakopoulos	Pete Tsamolias	James Scarborough	Cristina Lekas
June 30	Melanie Moye	Kostas Iakovidis	Nadia Cazacu	James Scarborough
July 7	Gray Yates	Aleca Hortman	Beth Zoumberis	Reserved
July 14	Natalia Saratsiotis	George Saratsiotis	Richard Stewart	Georgia Saratsiotis
July 21	Jim Lekas	Pete Tsamolias	Cheryl Schwartzkopf	Patsy Zoumberis
July 28	John Apostolou	Kostas Iakovidis	Charles Glotzbach	Marcela Chiorescu
August 4	Maria Spicer	Aleca Hortman	Diana Cazacu	Cheryl Schwartzkopf
August 11	Sarah Drakopoulos	George Saratsiotis	Caroline Saratsiotis	THIS DAY IS AVAILABLE
August 18	Melanie Moye	Pete Tsamolias	Cleo Bennette	Philoptochos Panagiri
August 25	Gray Yates	Kostas Iakovodis	Sarah Drakopoulos	Beth Zoumberis

BIRTHDAYS, NAME DAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like your birthday, Name Day, and/or anniversary listed in our weekly bulletins or if there is a correction that needs to be made, please email the office and we will add it to our master list. Please email office@holycrossga.org for any corrections.

June

6.01	*Alexandra Stefanis (B) *Justin Lane (N) *Erick & Cheryl Schwartzkopf (A)	7.10 *Amalia Emily Dermatas (N) 7.12 *Cyndi Douglas (B) 7.14 *Tassie Cantrell (B) *Bill Vasilopoulos (B)	8.13 *Presvytera Stacey Ehmer (B) 8.15 *Marcela Chiorescu (B) *Paula Cacavias (N) *Mary Hornbaker (N)
6.02	*Leo Economopoulos (B)	7.15 *René Esquivel (B)	*Maria Spicer (N)
6.04	*Mary Gordy (N)	7.17 *Marina Deskins (N)	*Panayiotis Drakopoulos (N)
6.05	*Isabelle Saratsiotis (B)	*Anthony Nicholas Odum (N)	*Despina Passias (N)
6.06	*Danai & René Equivel (A)	7.20 *Louis Bennette (N)	*Marianna Lane (N)
6.07	*Chloe Morris (B)	*Cleo Bennette (N)	*Paige Crouse (N)
6.08	*Presvytera Kaliope Vastakis (N) *Kalie Crouse (N)	*Paula and Jimmy Cacavias (A)	*Peter Tsamolias (N)
	*Elizabeth Zoumberis (B)	7.21 *Diane Berkner (B)	*Maria McCluskey (N)
	*Alexa Economopoulos (B)	7.22 *Holly & Tony Economopoulos (A)	*Mary Katherine Saratsiotis (N)
6.09	*James Bennette (B) *Erzebet & John Santon (A)	*Mary Monika Robinson (N)	*Chloe Morris (N)
6.11	*Jennifer and Adam Kangas (A)	*Marcela Chiorescu (N)	*Maria Murphy (N)
	*Sophia McDowell (B)	*Joan Cabral (N)	*Mariana Filimon (N)
6.12	*Matthew Deskins (B) *Elizabeth & Tony Zoumberis (A)	*René Esquivel, Jr. (B)	*Lisa Needham (N)
6.16	*Henry Goss (B)	*Milijana Hansee (N)	*Mary Klaire Zoumberis (N)
	*Georgios Tarasidis (B)	7.24 *Eleni Adams (B)	*Marie-Louise Saratsiotis (N)
	*Chrissy Holland (B)	*Christine Sprouse (N)	*Ron Sprouse (N)
6.19	*Danny "Jude" McBride (N)	7.26 *Vivi Iakovidis (N)	*Indie Day Morris (N)
6.24	*Chrissy and Guy Holland (A) *Jessica Holland (N)	7.27 *Pete Nicholas (N)	*Maria Mahoney (N)
	*Marissa Goss (B)	*Hazel Dunbar (N)	*Lisa Needham (B)
6.21	*Ethan Pellegrino (B)	*Ethan "Panteleimon" Pellegrino (N)	8.16 *Sofia Lekas (B)
6.25	*Lori Crouse (B) *George Drakopoulos (B) *Maria & Tim Murphy (A)	*Daniela Peterson (B)	8.17 *Nikitis Zoumberis (B)
6.26	*Chrissy and Tom Zdrakas (A)	7.30 *Emily and Spyros Dermatas (A)	8.19 *Despina & Arty Passias (A)
6.28	*Mina & Richard Stewart (A)	*Maria and Bob McCluskey (A)	8.20 *Fr. Mike & Presvytera Kalliopi Vastakis (A)
6.29	*Lee Hornbaker (N)	7.31 *Charlotte Douglas (B)	*Lincoln "Samuel" Wells (N)
6.30	*Isabelle Saratsiotis (N)		*Tommy "Samuel" Roden (N)

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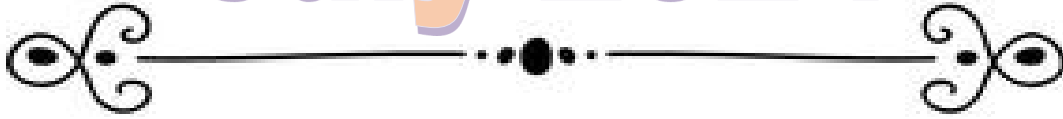
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7.04	*Tammy McDowell (B)	*Georgia Saratsiotis (B)	8.26 *Natalia Saratsiotis (N)
7.07	*Dominic Economopoulos (N)	8.03 *Dimitris Karras (B)	*Natalia Lane (N)
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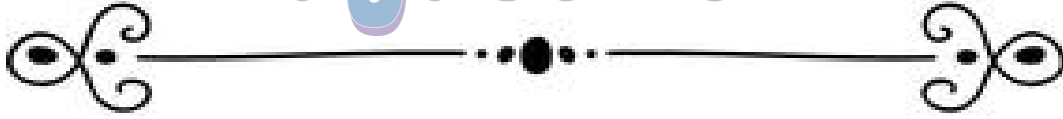
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2 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study	3	4	5	6 5:45pm Vespers 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	7	8 3:30pm Catechumen Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
9 Sunday of the Blind Man 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Honoring of Graduates following Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Greek Dance	10	11	12 Leave-taking of Pascha 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Great Vespers for Ascension	13 Ascension 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm Church Fellowship: Macon Bacon Baseball	14	15 5:00pm Great Vespers
16 Fathers of the 1st Council Father's Day 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study	17	18 5:30pm Parish Council Meeting	19 5:45pm Vespers 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	20	21 4:00-6:00pm Youth Outing to Rigby's	22 Saturday of Souls 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service 3:30pm Catechumen Class 5:00pm Great Vespers for Pentecost
23 Holy Pentecost 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Kneeling Vespers 1:00pm Fellowship	24 Monday of the Holy Spirit & Birth of St. John the Baptist 6:00pm Divine Liturgy	25	26 5:45pm Vespers 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	27	28	29 Sts. Peter & Paul 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy
St. Stephens Camp @ Diakonia Center ~ Week 1						
30 Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles All Saints Day 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study		Fasting Guide as prescribed by the Church:	<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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
CLERGY LAITY						
St. Stephens Camp @ Diakonia Center ~ Week 2						
7 2nd Sunday of Matthew 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Doxology for Independence Day 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Greek Dance	8	9	10 5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	11 St. Euphemia	12	13 3:30pm Catechumen Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
St. Stephens Camp @ Diakonia Center ~ Week 3						
14 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study	15	16	17 St. Marina 5:00pm Divine Liturgy 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	18 5:30pm Parish Council Meeting	19 8:00am Pastistio Prep for the Festival (continued on Saturday if not finished)	20 Prophet Elias 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 11:30am Youth Baking with Joanna
St. Stephens Camp @ Diakonia Center ~ Week 4						
21 4th Sunday of Matthew 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Greek Dance	22	23 3:00-7:00pm Blood Drive	24 5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	25 Dormition of St. Anna 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	26 St. Paraskevi 4:30pm Orthros 5:30pm Divine Liturgy	27 St. Panteleimon 3:30pm Catechumen Class 5:00pm Great Vespers 6:00pm Dinner and a Movie
St. Stephens Camp @ Diakonia Center ~ Week 5						
28 5th Sunday of Matthew 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Backpack Blessing for the Youth 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study	29	30	31 5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class			
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				1 Beginning of Dormition Fast 5:30pm Small Paraklesis	2 5:30pm Great Paraklesis	3 5:00pm Great Vespers
4 6th Sunday of Matthew 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Greek Dance	5 Great Vespers @ Holy Transfiguration in Marietta, GA	6 Transfiguration of Christ 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	7 5:30pm Small Paraklesis 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	8 5:30pm Great Paraklesis	9 5:30pm Small Paraklesis	10 8:00am Spanakopita Prep for Festival 3:30pm Catechumen Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
11 7th Sunday of Matthew 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study	12 5:30pm Small Paraklesis	13 5:30pm Great Paraklesis	14 5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	15 The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	16	17 5:00pm Great Vespers
18 8th Sunday of Matthew 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Panagiri sponsored by Philoptochos	19	20	21 5:45pm Vespers 6:30 Byzantine Chant Class	22 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	23 Panagia Prousiotissa 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	24 3:30pm Catechumen Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
25 9th Sunday of Matthew 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School begins today after Communion 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study	26 Sts. Adrian & Natalia 6:00pm Divine Liturgy	27	28 5:00pm Orthros 6:00pm Divine Liturgy honoring John the Baptist	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31 5:00pm Great Vespers
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