

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Forgiveness Sunday



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Joachim the Papoulakis, March 2

Joachim was born in Ithaca of pious and virtuous parents. When his mother died, his father remarried a woman who tormented Joachim. Still, he was patient and humble, finding refuge in prayer and the study of sacred books. During a certain trip, he went to Mt. Athos. When the Greek Revolution began, Joachim was sent to the Peloponnese to preach. He tirelessly taught, consoled and encouraged the weary people, and he arranged to have the women, children and elderly put on boats to save them from the raids. Afterward, he went back to Ithaca, and for 41 years he worked amidst the error, heresy, and sin of the world, always giving and not hesitating to beg for those in need. There were times when he was seen hovering above the ground while in prayer. Joachim wore lead weights tied to his waist, and he would carry sacks of stones uphill. He built churches and reawakened the religious feelings of the people with his sermons. He used his gift of clairvoyance to counsel and nurture. He died in 1868, and his relics were found fragrant and wonderworking when they were uncovered in

1992. The miracles continue to this day.

St. Winwaloe of Brittany, March 3

Winwaloe was from fifth and sixth century Brittany, which is now part of France. His father, who was a prince of Dumnonia, and mother fled from England to avoid the plague. They consecrated him to God at birth and placed him in a monastery at an early age, where he became a disciple of St. Budoc. Winwaloe wanted to follow in the steps of St. Patrick of Ireland and wished to visit the saint's holy relics. However, St. Patrick appeared to him in a dream and told him that it would be better for him to found a monastery in Brittany, which he did on the mouth of the body of water known as the Faou. But it was so inhospitable there that after three years he miraculously opened a passage through the sea, and founded another monastery on the opposite bank. Winwaloe died and was buried in his monastery. Four centuries later, Viking raids caused the monks to flee to Montreuil with the relics of St. Winwaloe, where they were often taken in procession through the town. His shrine was later destroyed during the French Revolution in the eighteenth century.

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Rev. Ekonomos Fr. Demetrios Kounavis - Parish Priest

The Epistle and Gospel readings for today can be found in your Divine Liturgy books in the pews on pages 134-135.

Lenten and Holy Week Needs 2020

Flowers for the Panagia Icon (4 Salutations Services) - \$225 each

1 Friday donated

Flowers for the Panagia Icon (Akathist Hymn) - \$225

Flowers for Sunday of the Holy Cross (Processional Icon) - \$225

~~Daffodils Sunday of the Holy Cross~~

Dikerotrikera Candles for the Holy Cross - \$50

Presentation Bouquet for Metropolitan - \$50

Flowers for Bishop's Throne - \$150

Lambathes Holy Cross Vespers - \$140

Palms and Bay Leaves for Palm Sunday - \$1300

Flowers for Palm Sunday Icon - \$200

Flowers for the Nymphios Icon - \$275

Flowers for Last Supper Icon - \$200

Wreath for Cross of Christ - \$250

Candles for the 12 Gospels

Flowers for the Crucifixion Icon - \$200

Flowers for the Kouvouklion (Christ's Tomb) - \$2350

\$500 donated so far

Rose Petals for Myrophores - \$150

~~Rose Water~~

Gardenias for the Epitaphion

Priest Paschal Candle

Flowers for the Lavaron - \$350

Easter Lilies - \$700

12 Altar Candles - \$125

Anastasi Icon - \$225

1000 white cups for Anastasi - \$300

1000 red cups for Good Friday - \$300

25 cases white candles - \$60 per case

Thank you for your support during this holy season.

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LENTEN SERVICES & REFLECTIONS

ALL SERVICES BEGIN at 6pm

Thursday, March 5th at Holy Cross Church
Reflection by: Fr. Sotirios

Thursday, March 12th at Assumption Church
Reflection by: Fr. Tilemahos

Thursday, March 19th at St. Spyridon Church
Reflection by: Fr. Athanasios

Thursday, March 26th at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church
Reflection by: Fr. Stephen

Thursday, April 2nd at St. Nicholas Church
Reflection by: Fr. Demetri

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR PARISH PRIEST

© Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of selfish dependence; let it for power and idle talk. But grant unto me, The servant, a spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see mine own faults and not to judge my brethren and sisters. For- kinsed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen

Holy Cross Church

Koulouma

Monday, March 2, 2020

Great Compline: 5:30 PM

Koulouma Dinner hosted by our
Philoprochos Society: 7:00 PM

Join us as we embark on the journey into Holy and
Great Lent as our parish family comes together for the
traditional *Koulouma* meal.

Cost: \$7



Join the Community of Holy Cross
for the

Service of Holy Unction

on
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
6:00 p.m.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
PRESENTS A LENTEN SERIES

Presanctified LITURGIES

March 4th



With the Eyes of the Soul:
St. Porphyrios

March 11th



St. Philoumenos:
A Guardian of Jacob's Well

March 18th



St. Cloud the Ascetic
from Paris

FOLLOWED BY A
LENTEN POTLUCK
AND MOVIE
PRESENTATION

SERVICE BEGINS AT 5:30pm

FOOD DRIVE



HOLY CROSS CHURCH
7560 S. Archer Rd., Justice, IL
*During this Lenten Season, let's support
the Summit and Bridgeview Food Pantries*

Items Needed:
cereal, pasta and sauce, cans of beans and corn,
mac and cheese, peanut butter and jelly,
cans of vegetables and tuna

Monetary donations are accepted as well
See Letta Kochalis for more information

Please drop off all items in the
Community Center by March 31st.



Thanks for your Donations!!!

Forgiveness First

Before we start fasting during Great Lent, we start forgiving. Why do we ask forgiveness from everyone, even people we may not know?

When I say Lent, what's the first word that comes to mind? You probably think fasting, and that's really important. But before we ever get to fasting, we get together and ask something really important. On Sunday night, before Lent starts on Clean Monday, we gather for Forgiveness Vespers. After the usual service, everybody in the parish gets together, forms a circle, and asks everybody else for forgiveness.

Forgiveness is important. Pain and anger distract us but if we want to focus on loving God and loving our neighbor, we have to put that distraction aside. We have to forgive. But Forgiveness Vespers asks us to do more than that. We're not just supposed to forgive others. We're supposed to ask others for their forgiveness. Ask everybody for their forgiveness. Why everyone? Why should we ask forgiveness of people that we haven't hurt? Why should we ask forgiveness of people that we haven't met before? Our instinct might be to say we didn't do anything wrong, to run without taking any of the blame. But Elder Sophrony, an amazing monk from the 20th century said "the spirit of Christian love speaks otherwise, seeing nothing strange but something rather natural in sharing the guilt

of those we love - even in assuming full responsibility for their wrong-doing."

When we truly love there is no room for judgment, no room for separation, love unites. God warned us not to judge because that divides us from each other, and from Him. It started in Paradise. When she sinned, Eve blamed the serpent. And when he sinned Adam, blamed Eve and God. Adam and Eve separated themselves from each other and from God by blaming.

Christ did the opposite. He didn't blame, and He didn't judge. He took our sins and made them His own. Instead of punishing us for our guilt, He humbled Himself, and took on our guilt. Christ didn't make the mistake of Adam and Eve; he didn't separate Himself by blaming or judging. He took on our sins and united us to Him so that we could be united with God. To truly love, we need to do the same. To truly unite ourselves we need to take on responsibility for our actions, and for those of others, to take on all sin as our own and ask forgiveness. Lent is our journey to the Cross and the Resurrection, to our salvation. But we won't find salvation if we're too busy pointing out the sins of others.

"There is only one salvation for you: take yourself up, and make yourself responsible for all the sins of men." So let's be the bee, and love one another by asking forgiveness. Brothers and sisters, forgive me, the sinner. Be the bee and live Orthodoxy.

Holy Cross Church
MARCH
H.O.P.E. Group

THEME: The Akathist Hymn **5th**
10:30am

12th
10:30am THEME: Liturgical items

Outing to the Dupage
Children's Museum, Naperville **14th**
10:00am

19th
10:30am THEME:
Veneration of the Holy Cross

THEME: **26th**
Feast of the Annunciation 10:30am

At each gathering, the children will sing songs, make a craft and have a snack. HOPE Group is open to all parents/caregivers with their children from ages 40 days & older.



The Parish Council would like to thank you in advance for all your support. We are pleased to announce that we will be displaying table-front banner ads and digital ads at the upcoming weekly fish fry. Please consider sponsoring our fish fry through one of these ads so that we can make it a resounding success!

ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

❖ HALF SIZE TABLE FRONT BANNER (28" x 48")= \$400 donation

Printed at 300dpi in full color on 13 oz. smooth vinyl
(Displayed during this year's seasonal fish fry)

❖ DIGITAL (TV) AD = \$250 donation
15-30 second revolving ad spots on tv placed next to register
(Displayed during this year's seasonal fish fry)

Advertiser: _____
Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Note: All Donations are tax deductible
Space is limited

For more info. or to reserve a spot, please contact Peter Dakuras at
(708) 280-4302 or pgd1586@live.com

SAVE THE DATE

March 8: Sunday of Orthodoxy chos Easter Bake Sale

March 14: Youth outing, Children's Museum, Naperville

March 21: Family Synaxis Lenten Retreat @ St. Athanasios Church

March 21: 7:00pm - Vespers for the Veneration of the Holy Cross

March 22: Veneration of the Holy Cross; Greek School Luncheon and Program

March 28: 4:30pm - Feed My Starving Children, Schaumburg

April 10-12: Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale

April 11: Saturday of Lazarus Children's Retreat

April 19: Holy Pascha, Children's Egg Hunt

April 24: Bright Friday Feast

May 1: Metropolis Leadership Awards at Cotillion Banquets

May 3: Greek Parade

June 14: Graduate Sunday

JUNE 26, 27, 28: GREEK FEST 2020

August 22: Parish Trip to the St. Iakovos Retreat Center

STEWARSHIP 2020

We ask that you prayerfully consider what you will offer to our beloved parish of Holy Cross in 2020. Stewardship pledge cards were recently mailed to your homes. They can also be picked up in the church office. Our beloved parish requires approximately \$915 per day to operate or an annual pledge average of \$1670 per family. As always, we remain appreciative for all that you lovingly give. Thank you!

Διδαχή Αγίου Κοσμά Αιτωλού

Το κερί, το λιβάνι, το λάδι συγκαταλέγονται και αυτά μαζί με τις προσευχές που βοηθούν τις ψυχές, όταν γίνονται με ευλάβεια, ελπίδα στην Ανάσταση και «ευσχημόνως», δηλαδή χωρίς υπερβολές σε θρήνους, χωρίς μάταια, εγωιστική και επιδεικτική επιμονή στα μαύρα ρούχα.

Κάνε αγάπη και πες μου πώς θα σωθώ;

Ερώτηση

Ένας αδελφός ρώτησε το μεγάλο Γέροντα, λέγοντας: Κάνε αγάπη και πες μου πώς θα σωθώ. Και να ξέρεις ό,τι είπα στο λογισμό μου πώς θα υποταχθώ σέ ό,τι μου υποδειξεί η επιστολή σου.

Άποκριση Βαρσανουφίου.

Αν αληθινά θέλεις να σωθείς, απόδειξε με την πράξη ό,τι ακούσεις όσα θα σου πω. Σήκωσε τα πόδια πάνω από τη γη και ανύψωσε το νου σου στον ουρανό και εκεί ας είναι η μελέτη σου νύκτα και ημέρα, παλεύοντας με όση δύναμη διαθέτεις να δεις τον εαυτό σου πιο αμαρτωλό, κάτω από κάθε άνθρωπο. Αυτή είναι η αληθινή οδός. Εκτός απ' αυτή δεν υπάρχει άλλη γι' αυτόν που θέλει να σωθεί, με τη δύναμη του Χριστού.

Ας τρέχει αυτός που θέλει, ας τρέχει αυτός που θέλει, για να προφθάσει. Εγώ γίνομαι μάρτυρας και βεβαιωτής ενώπιον του Θεού του ζώντος και του θέλοντος να χαρίσει ζωή αιώνια σ' όποιον το επιζητεί. Αν θέλεις, εργάσου, αδελφέ.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Today's luncheon and coffee fellowship is hosted in memory of Stavroula Georgopoulos. Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy fellowship. May her memory be eternal!

MEMORIALS

Stavroula Georgopoulos
40 days, Right 1 - 3

Anastasios Tsiganos
9 years

May their memory be eternal!



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Φεβρουάριος -
February

1 - Αγίου Τρύφωνος
St. Tryphon the
Martyr

2 - ~~Υπαπαντή του~~
~~Κυρίου *\$250*~~
~~larger size~~
Presentation of the
Lord into the Tem-
ple

3 - Αγίων Συμεών
Θεοδόχου και
Αννης Προφήτιδος
Sts. Symeon and
Anna the Prophet-
ess

6 - Αγίου Φωτίου
St. Photios the
Great

8 - Αγίου Θεοδώ-
ρου Στρατηλάτου
St. Theodore the
General

10 - ~~Αγίου Χαρά-~~
~~λάμπους~~
St. Haralambos
the Martyr

12 - Αγίου Με-
λετίου
St. Meletios,
Archbishop of
Antioch

14 - Αγίου Ουα-
λεντίνου
St. Valentine

17 - Αγίου Θεοδώ-
ρου Τύρωνος
St. Theodore the
Great Martyr of
Tyre

19 - Αγίας Φιλοθέ-
ης
St. Philothea the
Martyr of Athens

23 - Αγίου Πολυ-
κάρπου
St. Polycarp Bish-
op of Smyrna

27 - Αγίου Ραφαήλ
του Brooklyn
St. Raphael of
Brooklyn

28 - Αγίας Κυράν-
νας
St. Kyranna of
Thessaloniki

HELP MAKE A CHANGE!



Join Holy Cross Church on
Saturday, March 28th
to pack food at:

Feed My Starving Children
740 Wiley Farm Court
Schaumburg, IL

Our shift is from
4:30pm - 6:30pm

***ALL CHILDREN MUST BE 5 YEARS OF AGE
OR OLDER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.***

If you can't make it on that day, we are
accepting donations to supplement the
food that we will be packaging.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

For more information, please contact Kathleen Dakaras
after church or at (708) 362-9694

GREEK FEST 2020

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3

FOR A GREEK FEST PLANNING

MEETING AT 7:00P.M.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Please check out our website at
www.holycrossil.org and/or follow us on
Facebook and Instagram for all
upcoming events!



WEEKLY EVENTS

TODAY

Sunday School
Makaronada Luncheon
“Clean Monday Kite Flying” Event

Monday, March 2

Great Lent Begins
5:30pm - Great Compline
7:00pm - Koulouma

Tuesday, March 3

8:30am - South Side Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Church, Oak Lawn
6:00pm - Holy Unction
7:00pm - Greek Festival Planning Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

5:30pm - Presanctified Liturgy
7:00pm - Movie Presentation - *With the Eyes of the Soul: Saint Porphyrios* with a Lenten potluck

Thursday, March 5

10:30am - H.O.P.E. Group
6:00pm - South Side Lenten Service and Reflection at Holy Cross

Friday, March 6

9:00am - Finding of the Cross by St. Helen
6:30pm - 1st Salutations to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 7

8:30am - Divine Liturgy and Memorials
10:00am - Greek School
1:45pm - PTA Meeting

Sunday, March 8

Sunday of Orthodoxy/Procession of Icons
Philoptochos Meeting

ΗΜΕΡΟΛΟΓΙΟ

ΣΗΜΕΡΑ

Κατηχητικό Σχολείο
Γεύμα Κυριακή της Τυρινής
Πέταμα Χαρταετών Καθαράς Δευτέρας

Δευτέρα, 2 Μαρτίου

Αρχή Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής
5.30μ.μ. - Μέγα Απόδειπνον
7.00μ.μ. - Κούλουμα

Τρίτη, 3 Μαρτίου

8.30π.μ. - South Side Θεία Λειτουργία στον I.N. Αγ. Νικολάου, Oak Lawn
6.00μ.μ. - Άγιον Ευχέλαιον
7.00μ.μ. - Συνεδρίαση Φεστιβάλ 2020

Τετάρτη, 4 Μαρτίου

5.30μ.μ. - Προηγουσμένη Θεία Λειτουργία
7.00μ.μ. - Movie Presentation - *With the Eyes of the Soul: Saint Porphyrios* with a Lenten potluck

Πέμπτη, 5 Μαρτίου

10.30π.μ. - Συνεδρίαση H.O.P.E.
6.00μ.μ. - South Side Ακολουθία και Ομιλία στον I.N. Τιμίου Σταυρού

Παρασκευή, 6 Μαρτίου

9.00π.μ. - Μνήμη της Ευρέσεως του Σταυρού
6.30μ.μ. - Α' Χαιρετισμοί

Σάββατο, 7 Μαρτίου

8.30π.μ. - Θ. Λειτουργία με μνημόσυνα
10.00π.μ. - Ελληνικό Σχολείο
1.45μ.μ. - Συνεδρίαση PTA

Κυριακή, 8 Μαρτίου

Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας
Συνεδρίαση Φιλοπτώχου