

# *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church*

Sunday, October 3rd 2021

St. Dyonisios the Areopagitis



*We welcome all our Parishioners and Friends and Guests to our Holy Cross Community. Please join us in the gymnasium after Divine Liturgy for our Coffee/Social Hour.*

*Service Hours are as follows:*

*Sunday: Orthros 8:30am Liturgy 9:45am*

*Sunday School begins right after communion.*

*All Week Day Divine Liturgy Services are as follows: Orthros 9:00 am and Liturgy 10:00 am*



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2Κορ 4:6-15

2 Cor. 4:6-15

Λου Ϛ´ 31 - 36

Lk. 6:31-36

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς ὁ εἰπών, ἐκ σκότους φῶς λάμψαι, ὃ ἔλαμψεν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῳ Χριστοῦ. Ἔχομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτον ἐν ὄστρακίνοις σκεύεσιν, ἵνα ἡ ὑπερβολὴ τῆς δυνάμεως ἡ τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐν παντὶ θλιβόμενοι ἀλλ' οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι, ἀπορούμενοι ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐξαπορούμενοι, διωκόμενοι ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι, καταβαλλόμενοι ἀλλ' οὐκ ἀπολλύμενοι πάντοτε τὴν νέκρωσιν τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι περιφέροντες, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῇ. Αἰεὶ γὰρ ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον παραδιδόμεθα διὰ Ἰησοῦν, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῇ ἐν τῇ θνητῇ σαρκὶ ἡμῶν. Ὡστε ὁ θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ἡμῖν. Ἔχοντες δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως, κατὰ τὸ γεγραμμένον, Ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα, καὶ ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν, διὸ καὶ λαλοῦμεν, εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς σὺν Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ἡμῖν. Τὰ γὰρ πάντα δι' ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν πλειόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. [\[RSV\]](#)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιούντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστὶ; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε μηδὲν ἄπελπιζόντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστὶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστίν.

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

## ALTAR BOY SERVERS

## STEWARDSHIP QUOTE

Dear Parents. If you have children from the ages of 7 years and up please give us their names and give us their contact information in the office so we can create an altar boy list. Fr. John would like the altar boys to be in to serve between 9:30- 9:45 am.

Please sign your children up today.

*God Gave To Us The Best That He Had; "HIS SON". Since He Gave Us That, What Can We Give Back To Him In Return? Give The Best That You Can And Not The Least. God Loves A Cheerful Giver.*

## WELCOME

We welcome all visitors to our community.  
Please let us know how we can help you in anyway.

## MEMORIALS

Efstathia Kontopoulos 1 Year, Right Side Pews 1 & 2

Georgia Tagalos 15 Years

Athanasios Kontopoulos 35 Years

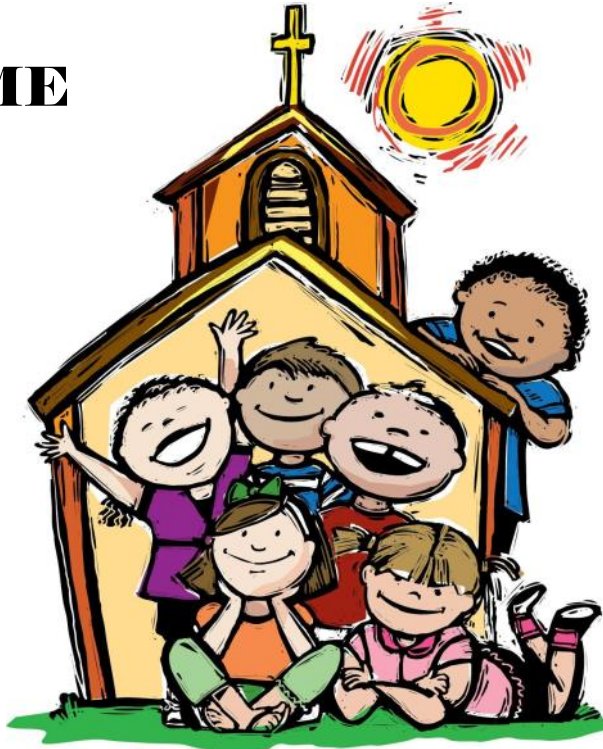
Today's coffee fellowship is hosted by Joann Proutsos in memory of her Mother, sister and brother. Everyone is invited to our community hall to enjoy fellowship. May their memory be eternal.



## **SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS**

Congratulations for the baptisms of Cristiano James Koritsaris the son of Eleftherios and Jenna Koritsaris on Saturday October 2nd; and to Panagiota Kottis daughter of Bill and Vanessa Kottis on Sunday October 3rd. **Να σας ζήσουν.**

**WELCOME**



**BACK**

We are excited to welcome back all our Sunday School Children. Sunday School takes place right after Holy Communion. Please see Chrissie Litsogiannis our Sunday School director, to sign up your children and for more information.

We also welcome back our Greek School Children every Saturday from 10am-2pm. Please see our Principal Maria Poulos to register your children and for more information.

# SAVE THE DATE

Oct 15th. Welcome Back Goya Gathering 6:30pm

Oct. 30th Family gatherings for BBQ Costume and  
Pumpkin Carving 3:30pm

November 19th: 1st Annual Boxing Fundraiser. 6pm-  
10:30pm

December TBD. Philoptochos Bake Sale

Please check out our website at  
[www.holycrossil.org](http://www.holycrossil.org) or follow us on Facebook  
and Instagram for all upcoming events!

**Save the date for 1st Annual  
Boxing Fundraiser Event. No-  
vember 19th 2021 in the Holy  
Cross Gymnasium. \$125 dona-  
tion adults. \$50 donation 18  
and under,. RSVP through the  
office.**





HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

7560 Archer Rd, Justice, IL 60458

**OCTOBER 23RD, 11AM**

Bring your pets to be blessed,  
big and small, scaly or furry.  
Animals must be leashed/caged at all times.  
We will meet outside of the church to do the  
blessing.



## **HARBRIDGE COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY Being established in the Fall of 2022:**

I recently met with Dr. Michael Bakalis, an educator who is a member of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. Mr. Bakalis presented to me information regarding a new innovative model high school he hopes to open in September 2022. The goal of this new high school, which is called the Harbridge College Prep Academy, is to prepare students to be admitted and succeed in the nations very top-tier colleges and universities. The location is not far from our church area. The school has many excellent components which he described to me. Among a few are:

Very high- quality teaching staff composed of regular qualified teachers as well as instructors from various professional fields such as law, medicine, business, science, technology etc.

The school schedule, environment, and philosophy are based on a university model with great flexibility. It is an independent, non-denominational school which will educate students from every racial ethnic and religious background.

The academic stress is on the kinds of skills and knowledge required by the best universities in the country, and he assures me that it will be a safe school with no tolerance for gangs, drugs, harassment, bullying of students. Michael assures me that this school will not be one to attempt the indoctrination of students to influence them on current social issues which are more properly addressed by parents and their religion.

The school, he said, will have an international focus with language options for students in Greek, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Chinese, and Arabic. For our community, Michael said, there will be courses in Greek language, history, and even emphasis on Greek philosophy and the works of the great ancient playwrights. By year three, the school will recruit students from Europe as well, including young people from Greece. And, in a very unusual element for any school, after the third year, students may choose to go to a foreign country for summer study, including Greece, and the school will pay for the airfare

The school also has a very unique, “Work-For Tuition” component whereby students can do work in the school and in the community which helps families reduce part or all of the tuition costs.

Michael has asked if he might have the opportunity to meet with interested parents to give a more complete overview of the school, and I told him that if there was some interest in our church community, I would schedule such a meeting sometime in October. Please let me know if you have such an interest and would like me to schedule such a meeting with Dr. Bakalis. I also suggest you visit the school web-site at [www.harbridgercollegeprep.org](http://www.harbridgercollegeprep.org).

If anyone is interested please contact Fr. John or email [harbridge@aq.s.org](mailto:harbridge@aq.s.org) or call 312-226-0707