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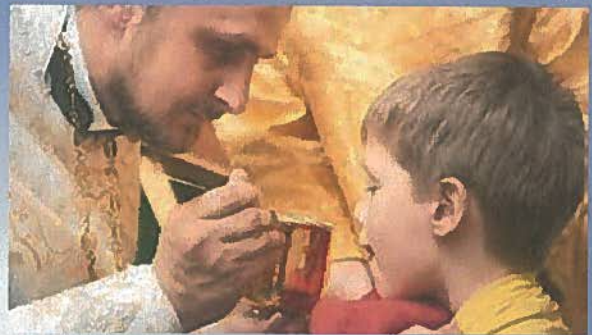
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our mission is to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through our words and actions according to the Holy Traditions and sacred teachings of our Orthodox Christian faith.

WELCOME TO THOSE WHO ARE VISITING



It is a joy for us to share our Worship with you today! Holy Communion is a Sacrament of our Faith and thus only Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians who are in Good Standing and have spiritually prepared to receive are invited to come forward from the middle aisle of the Nave with reverence and humility, row by row, in a QUIET and ORDERLY fashion, and depart as directed. Please remain seated in your pews until invited forward by a Council Member. If you are standing in the back of the Nave, please wait until all who are seated have gone forward and a Council Member invites you forward. In receiving Holy Communion, you should place the Cloth under your chin, recite your CHRISTIAN NAME, then wipe your mouth after receiving. Women: please remove any lipstick prior to Communing. Non Orthodox Christians are welcome to receive the Blessed Bread offered at the end of the Liturgy.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 - Sunday before Holy Cross. Today we commemorate Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora the Martyrs; Poulcheria the Empress; and the Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. *Plagal of the First Tone, Third Orthros Gospel.*

MEMORIAL & TRISAGION PRAYER SERVICE: (page 93 in the new Liturgy Book) Today's Memorial Prayer Service is for the departed servant of God, **Rose Sculuca (6 yrs.)** by the Sculuca Family. We will also remember the departed Servants of God, **Evrediki Karafilis (9 yrs.)** and **Klyo Karafilis (42 yrs.)** offered by the Karafilis and Velisaris Families. May their memory be eternal.

ARTOKLASIA: Today's Blessing of the Five Loaves Service is lovingly offered by Harriet Matthews in thanksgiving for the health and well-being of her daughter, **Stacy Romanias**, and all Stavros, Stephen, Stephanie and others who celebrate their name day on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. May God grant you many healthy years.

SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY IN THE LITURGY

At the Small/First Entrance

CLERGY: ENTRANCE HYMN TONE 2

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead...

CHANTERS:

We Sing to You, Alleluia

CLERGY: RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE FIRST TONE

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His glorious Resurrection.

CHANTERS: APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

ALL: APOLYTIKION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE 4TH TONE

Your Church having adorned herself, * with the blood of all your Martyrs in the world, * as with the finest linen and purple robe, * through them cries out to you O Christ our God. * Send down your compassion upon your people, * grant peace to your Commonwealth, * and to our souls Your great mercy.

CLERGY: SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE FOURTH TONE

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Today's Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

BRETHREN, be see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading

Sunday before Holy Cross
The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

SERVICES & EVENTS

TODAY:

- Beginning of Church School Classes & Blessing of Classrooms
- POYA Orthodoxy on Tap (Shadyside) - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Viewing of Mary Selevos (here) - 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
with Trisagion at 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY:

- Funeral of Mary Selevos at Holy Trinity G.O. Church, Pittsburgh, PA. 11:00 a.m. Viewing at 10:00 a.m.
- Paraklesis/Supplication Service for those suffering - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- W&J OCF Kickoff - 8:30 p.m.

- TUESDAY:**
- **House Blessings (McMurray, Venetia, Bethel Park, & USC) - Noon - 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Metropolis Youth Commission - 6:00 p.m.**
- WEDNESDAY:**
- **Outreach Cooking and Meal - 8:00 a.m.**
 - **Holy Cross Great Vespers (Holy Cross G.O. Church, Pittsburgh) - 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Daughters of Penelope Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**
- THURSDAY:**
- **Orthros & Hierarchical Liturgy (Holy Cross G.O. Church, Pittsburgh) - 8:30 a.m.**

PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for God's protection, and the renewed health and healing of His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos, His Beatitude Met, Theodosius (O.C.A.), Tammy Mantalis Achille, Eleanor Elizabeth Gray, James W. Gregorakis, Norma Jones, George Kontos, Valanti Mahramas, Victor Mikush & Family, Rita Paris, our Parish Shut-ins, the Armed Forces, those in Prison, who have lost a loved one, who are ill, suffering or in need, the leaders of our Church and country, and for mission ministries.

COFFEE HOUR: Today's breakfast is lovingly offered by the Sculuca Family, with thanksgiving for the departed servant of God, **Rose Sculuca**. May her memory be eternal.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: There are 7 positions available for the 2018/2019 Parish Council. If you would like to nominate someone, please use the form included with this Bulletin. **To be eligible to Nominate and Vote, you must be a Steward in good standing and have made payment(s) on your Pledge by September 3, 2017.** Any new Stewards after this date will not be eligible to Nominate & Vote. The members of the Nominating Committee are Becky Loutsion, Lea Tselepis, Amy Pankas, Renie Pihou, and Helen Bardos.

2018 STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE PACK: We have noticed over the past few years that our Stewardship envelopes are being used less and less. In an effort to cut down on the costs of envelopes, please let the office know if you would like to continue to receive your Stewardship envelopes. If we do not hear from you by **OCTOBER 2, 2017**, we will not order envelopes for you. You may respond by contacting the Church Office by telephone, email, or by using the form included with this Bulletin. Thank you!

SCHEDULING COFFEE HOUR & USE OF KITCHEN: If you wish to host a Coffee Hour and/or use the Hall Kitchen **YOU MUST EXCLUSIVELY CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE/DAWN** and make those arrangements. This will prevent us from having misunderstandings and conflicts in the future.

VETERANS DAY DINNER: Our Parish and AHEPA 156 will co-host a Veterans Day Banquet this year on Saturday, November 4 to honor all our past and present Veterans who belong to both/either group. Widows (ers) of our Veterans will also be honored as well. Spouses, guest of honorees, and the

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The date for Parish Council Elections has always been the first Sunday in December. This year the date will be December 3, 2017. In order for you to vote in this upcoming election you must fulfill the following requirements set forth in our Parish Bylaws:

You must be a Steward in Good Standing: a) You must have a 2017 Stewardship Card on file in the Parish Office (Last Sunday was the deadline to do this); b) You must have made at least one monetary contribution toward your 2017 Pledge and it was recorded in the Parish Stewards records; and c) You must be eighteen years of age or over, Baptized according to the Rites of the Church, or was received into the Church through Chrismation, who lives according to the Faith and Canons of the Church.

We want to give every Steward the opportunity to become in Good Standing with our Parish. If you have any questions, please refer them to Fr. George, James Toras (Stewardship Chairman) or Peter Moniodes (Parish Council President).

general public are welcomed to attend this affair. A simple yet meaningful program will be offered in addition to a very delicious dinner. A nominal cost will be set for those other than our Veterans and Widows (ers) of our Veterans. More details will follow soon! Please contact Alex Soulakis (724-941-9459) or Nick Scouloukas (724-873-5752) for details.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Please see the collection schedule for the All Saints Missions and Outreach Ministry for Operation Christmas Child. The Collection Box is located in the Parish Hall near the office.

ICONOGRAPHY: We would like to thank all of you who generously donated to the All Saints Iconography Project and to remind you that the second year of the three-year payment period is due at this time. Please make checks payable to the All Saints Iconography Fund.

PHILOPTOCHOS FASHION SHOW: Models are need for the All Saints Ladies' Philoptochos Fashion Show on Sunday, October 29th. Any adults and children who are interested in modeling for the show should contact Becky Loutsion at (412) 217-7183. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS: We are resuming collecting non-perishable food items in the Church Hall for the Food Bank. Please help this cause by placing the items in the box designated in the hall. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE: The Food Festival Committee has scheduled our Mini Food Festival for October 12th and 13th. Please notify the church office or the Festival Committee if you are available to help in any areas. As always, everyone's help is needed in all areas of the Festival. Thank you!

PHILOPTOCHOS OUTREACH: The All Saints Philoptochos Society would like to thank John and Carole Pankas for generously sponsoring their September Food Outreach for 150 people. Should anyone wish to sponsor future meals, please contact Rosemary Nikas at (724) 263-9843. The donation for this Outreach is \$125.00.

KEEP OUR PILLARS CLEAN: Please note that our pillars outside have been freshly painted. Therefore, please refrain from stepping on these pillars. Thank you!

FAITH IN ACTION: Faith in Action is asking for volunteers for opportunities throughout Washington County. Four seniors need assistance in caregiving, rides to grocery stores, getting to appointments, luncheons, and running errands. More details are on the flyer posted in the Church Hall bulletin board. Your assistance can make a big difference for someone remaining independent. Thank you!

St Porphyrios: Spiritual Sensitivity



“Certain people often become overwhelmingly distressed about the state of the world. They are vexed when they see that the will of God is not done today by others and by themselves and they suffer with the physical and psychological pain of others.

This sensitivity is a gift of God. We find it more frequently among women. Souls with this sensitivity are especially receptive to the will of God. These sensitive souls have the ability to advance greatly in the life in Christ, because they love God and do not wish to cause Him vexation.

They do, however, run a danger. If they do not entrust their life fully to Christ, it is possible for the evil spirit to exploit their sensitivity and to lead them to depression and despair. Sensitivity cannot be corrected. It can only be transformed, altered and transfigured so as to become love, joy and worship. How? By turning upwards. By turning every sorrow into knowledge of Christ, love of Christ and worship of Christ.

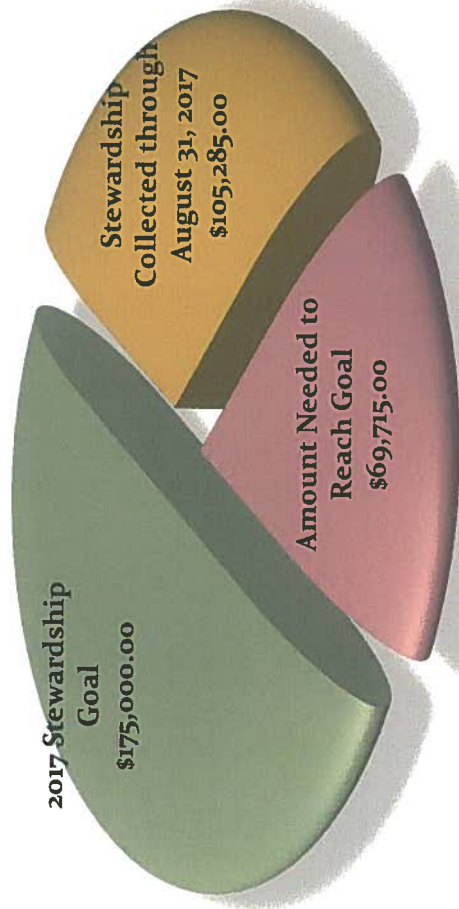
And Christ, who constantly waits with eagerness to help us, will give you His grace and His strength to transform sorrow into joy, into love for our fellows and worship of Him. Thus darkness will flee. Remember St Paul. What did he say? “Now I rejoice in my sufferings.”

– St Porphyrios

(Wounded by Love: the Life and Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios, pp 145).

Asset Type	Amount
2017 Stewardship Goal	\$175,000
Stewardship Collected through August 31, 2017	\$105,285
Amount Needed to Reach Goal	\$69,715

ALL SAINTS STEWARDSHIP UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 2017



All Saints needs your help to meet our Stewardship goal. Please make a pledge and payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

If you have not fulfilled your 2017 Pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

All Saints Ladies
Philoptochos Society

**IN MEMORY OF
ELAINE VELISARIS MANNINA**

Presents...

Trending into Fashion

Luncheon & Fashion Show

SUN. OCTOBER 29 AT NOON

Hilton Garden Inn - Southpointe

Guest Mistress of Ceremonies WPXI's Melanie Gillespie

Fashions by Trendy Trousseau
Children's fashions by Chic Chateau
Jewelry by Chloe's Adornments

Ticket Price: \$40

**For information & tickets please contact Renie Pihou
724-746-2646 or Becky Loutsion 412-217-7183**

**Proceeds benefit local families in need &
Neuroendocrine Cancer Foundation**