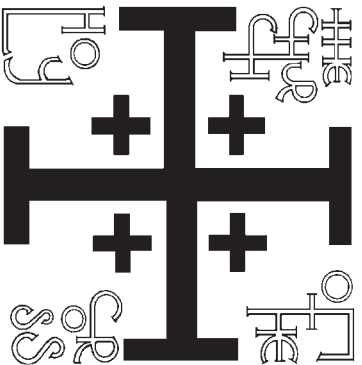


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Articles and ads for *Cross Currents*
are due on the **26th** of the month
prior to the month of desired publication.

IF THE TRUTH BE KNOWN

by *Father Peter Salmas, Pastor*

If the truth be known, all of us are sinners...each of us is a sinner and we are very good actors...for what others see is, for the most part, very different from the reality that we know to be our lives.

Because it is easier for us, most of us view sin as a global affair. That is to say, we view our sinfulness in the context of others. How often I have heard, “Father, we are all sinners, we all make mistakes.” Yes, we are all sinners and we all make mistakes, but rarely do I hear anyone admit his or her sinfulness other than in confession. Yes, we all make mistakes. But how often do we hear someone say, “I made a mistake, or I cheated on my taxes, or I have committed adultery, or I have shoplifted, or I have told untruths about others,” etc., etc., etc.

It is also very easy for us to condemn one person for a wrongdoing and not connect it to the human frailty which we all experience. It is as though other people do wrong because they are different than we are. The ease with which we condemn others falls short when we submit ourselves to self-evaluation. In a world that looks for and demands perfection, truth, and righteousness, none of us wishes to be found lacking, and so it is that the other guy makes the mistakes, commits the crimes and is in general imperfect.

The month of August is a time we remember the great love of our Lord and the dedicated and sacrificial life of His Mother the Theotokos, the Ever-Virgin Mary. Both with the Transfiguration of our Lord celebrated on August 6th and the *Koimisis* or Falling Asleep of the Theotokos celebrated on August 15th, we find an additional opportunity to be honest with ourselves before God. The question I pose is, “will we be honest?”

The importance of being honest before God is not only admitting our wrongdoing and imperfections to Him; He is well aware of our sinfulness. Honesty before God IS the recognition of our sin, AND, most importantly, the admission that we cannot change without His help. Our submission to His will and the transformation that will follow our confession reveals the honesty of our intent.

As a community, as individuals who make up the community, I pray that we are up to the task. We all seek God’s forgiveness of our sins, yet we must first forgive one another of the trespasses we commit against each other. Our discussions must focus on how we can better serve one another and our community, which is the church. We must let go of our egotistic pride, and act upon the admonition of Saint John Chrysostom “to embrace one another”. Love, honesty, and compassion are virtues we all admire and seek. To become expressed actions in our daily existence, which should be our goal, we must understand what LOVE is, what HONESTY is, and what COMPASSION is, knowing that we all fall short and are in need of the indwelling of the authentic love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the strength of our Lord’s love for us be the power by which we forgive one another and experience the transformation that

gives witness to our Lord's Transfiguration, putting aside our petty differences and destructive criticisms and allowing the humble but confident example of the Theotokos, who is the "champion of Christians" guide our every action. Let our supplications to her, who intercedes on our behalf to her Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, be reflected in our actions and collectively reflect our unity of faith, thereby thwarting the attempts of the evil one to gain a foothold in our lives.

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW TO VISIT UNITED STATES IN JANUARY 2006



New York - His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America has announced that His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will visit the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and specifically the Metropolis of Atlanta, headed by Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, on **January 4-8, 2006**.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who is the spiritual leader of over 250 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, will preside over the centennial Epiphany celebration in Tarpon Springs, FL, and will also commemorate the centennial of the St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs during a Patriarchal Divine Liturgy. This is the first time that an Ecumenical Patriarch visits the Tarpon Springs area for the festivities associated with the celebration of Epiphany.

Epiphany commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by Saint John the Baptist. The annual service in Tarpon Springs is recognized as one of the largest Epiphany Celebrations and attracts tens of thousands of people on the Bayou for the Blessing of the Water

and the dive for the recovery of the precious Cross by the young men of the community.

Following his stay in Tarpon Springs, His All Holiness will visit the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New Orleans, LA, the first Greek Orthodox Community in America established during the Civil War in 1864.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

by *Jenny Cladis, Parish Council President*



As we go forward into the summer months, anticipating all the joys of special events, ranging from summer camps to family vacations, we should not neglect going to church wherever we may be. We all need quiet moments to communicate with our Counselor when we are away from home. As the Lord said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18, vs 20). We are so grateful that our Lord does not take a vacation from us!

During the Religious Education graduation services, **Father Peter** reminded us that the church doors do not close on Sundays or other Feast Days, as do the public schools. God is always there waiting to see us, hear from us and to praise Him. We should never close the door on Him even when we are away from our familiar surroundings.

As we travel to our various destinations this summer, let us "Send around the world the news of God's saving power and His eternal plan for all of mankind" (Psalms 67).

I wish you a safe and wonderful summer!

50 YEARS!!!

Holy Cross will commemorate our 50th Anniversary on the Peninsula with Services in celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — Vespers, **Tuesday, September 13** at 7 PM; Divine Liturgy,

Wednesday, September 14 at 9 AM; and a Luncheon following Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 18** at 10 AM. If you are interested in volunteering and attending, please contact Dr. Tanya Spirtos at 368-3691

SUNRISE, SON RISE

by *Chris Canellos*

A beautiful sunny morning beckoned me into my garden the other day. In the midst of the roses, a bright reflection caught my eye. It was a beautiful crystal in the shape of an apple. I picked it up and dusted it off and much to my surprise, I found the words “Holy Cross School” inscribed on it. I looked a little deeper into the crystal apple and here’s what I saw . . .

After one last hug and kiss from Mom and Dad, a child begins his school day at his Church with a prayer and the daily blessing and inspiration of his priest. He runs to his classroom, where he is greeted by a loving teacher and surrounded by his friends. Many of them are his buddies from Church that he met at Sunday School or Greek School.

But he also has many new friends at this school, who have come from outside the Holy Cross community. Their parents also bring them to this school, because it is recognized as one of the highest academic achieving schools on the Peninsula. For it is the optimal environment for learning — small class size, excellent teachers, volunteers and facilities, surrounded by a community family that is committed to the success of all of the children, to launch their school years in the best possible way.

School is fun and demanding at the same time. Children are constantly challenged and tend to read well above their grade level. Extra attention is given to those who need help, but all receive what they need to be their very best. Science is an exploration of God’s world.



“How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom, you have wrought them all.”

Mathematics is taught in a setting reminiscent of the great Ancient Greek mathematicians, and a special accelerated math program, created by a local university, gives the truly gifted child the opportunity to explore concepts of Algebra and Geometry at a remarkably early age. The newly-built classrooms are outfitted with the technology of the 21st century, and learning resources from around the globe are available to the students.

The Arts are featured. The Amphitheater is busy all day as children spend time on stage, having fun and growing in self-confidence. Choral and instrumental music are offered. On major weekday feasts, many of the students become the choir for morning liturgy. Chorus and orchestra performances are highlights of the community calendar. Children go on field trips to the Symphony, the Opera and musical theatre. The students engage in visual arts of many media. Each class takes on a project to adorn the church grounds with their God-given talents.

Greek and Spanish languages are offered to the children, and most will become fluent in them as this early exposure to language is so important. Cultural heritage and current events add additional context.

And each grade level will offer religious instruction from an Orthodox perspective. The children will become familiar with the Bible and its teachings. St. George, the young David and Joshua become heroes and role models for them. They will come to a profound understanding of God’s eternal love for them and the elements of a Godly life. They will develop a foundation for good ethical conduct and responsible adult life. They will learn about compassion, patience, perseverance and faith. They will learn to work together. The Orthodox witness is so great that some of the non-Orthodox students and their families join our Church.

Children have fun in the gym and the spacious playground area during recess. They learn important principles to keep their bodies sound as well as their minds.

These special kids go on to excel in their middle schools and high schools. They attend the best universities and become successful

entrepreneurs and professionals, as well as wonderful witnesses of their Orthodox faith. As important, the bonds they forged in the classrooms and playgrounds at Holy Cross last a lifetime, and each takes his rightful and productive place in the Holy Cross community, soon raising the next generation of Orthodox Christians.

The entire community benefits from the new and renovated buildings. Sunday School and Greek School finally have enough classrooms for their programs. There is adequate drama and dance rehearsal space. Plenty of room for all of our volunteer organizations to meet and do their great work in God's vineyard. Vastly improved facilities make an already popular Holy Cross Preschool an even more beneficial experience for the children who attend.

The time has come for all of us to renew this vision that we wholeheartedly supported at the beginning of this new century. As our fiftieth anniversary approaches, I pray that God will provide our community with the wisdom, leadership, generosity and foresight to make this vision a reality. If we all do our very best, we can realize this beautiful vision.

Our parish history is replete with examples of generosity, hard work and vision. Today, we all benefit from the labors of those who have gone before us. Isn't it time we thanked them by doing the same for the next generation.

If you can help in any way, please let us know.

Have a great summer! Let's all get together and really work hard toward this year's Belmont Greek Festival. Call the Church office or **Bob Nemchik** for your assignment.

FOCUS ON PHILOPTOCHOS

As the last business year ends, and a new one is about to begin, let us take a moment and review a few of the many commitments our Philoptochos has continued to support. One of the most emotional commitments is the Kids 'n Cancer program. In our metropolis there are several camps which host this program. Children with cancer, many of

whom are terminally ill, come to the camp for one week with their families and caregivers, if necessary. The week is filled with fun - no scans, no probes, just friends and laughter. For many children this week may be one of their last weeks. **Valerie Roumeliotes**, Diocesan President, recently visited and saw only one returning camper. Our organization sponsors a reception in February to fund this commitment to Kids 'n Cancer. Perhaps we will think of ways to increase our support.

As part of a National Philoptochos challenge, our chapter is beginning "The Circle of Friends." This is a network of people who can help those in immediate need. We are in the process of creating a communication system to fill requests as they come in. These requests may be anything from a ride to a doctor to help finding a referral to a social service. The Circle may send a welcome basket to a new family to our Church or a basket to a new mother. It will hopefully grow to meet our needs.

As you probably have noticed, the Philoptochos has re-opened the Agora for our Festival. With the generous help from the experienced ladies of the Agora, we are opening the market doors once again to make our festival even more successful. Festival profits are so critically needed to enable the Church to do all of its good works.

Finally, a new Philoptochos Board has been elected. They are: **Kathy Craighead, Arleen Brenner, Cathy Zamenes, Erma Najjar, Mary Davlantes, Sonia Risting, Helene Nemchik, Theo Hegis, Dee Sperow, Janice Conomos, Eleni Metaxas, Roxanne Koston, Theodora Kounalakis, Alexandra Nemchik, Alicia Frangos, Annette Vlahos, Yvonne Sarles, and Mary Peros.**

Help us to help others. Become a member by sending in your pledge if you have not done so. There is no need to worry about a lapse in membership. Become a member **now** and join us as we move into the new year. We are planning to have two general meetings this year where we welcome all members, not only the Board, to discover what this organization is doing and to help us envision what it can do. We look forward to seeing you at our Coffee Hour.

Sincerely, Mary Peros, President

FROM THE JANITOR'S CLOSET

by *Tyke Stamates*

I am sure some of you know that **Hector Rivas** is no longer with us. He has moved to Santa Cruz to be near his family, we wish Hector the best of life. While Hector was here he found and returned over \$6000 dollars of cash and jewelry to parishioners. Thank You Hector!



We are not replacing Hector but are off loading some of his responsibility to Bay Area Maintenance Company owned and managed by **Sam Dafnis** in Redwood City. I have worked with Sam before and his people are very reliable. Sam is cleaning all the windows in the Main Hall as a donation to the Church. Thank you, Sam. Bay Area Maintenance does all types of cleaning from commercial to residential so if you need help in this area give Sam a call.

By off loading some of the maintenance duties we are saving money but we lose the night custodian, therefore we as parishioners, who use the church facilities after 4:30 PM must become more responsible in making sure all doors are locked when leaving. The lights are off. Garbage is taken care of. In other words treat these facilities as you would your home. This also means we must look out for strangers on our property, we must see that our young people behave properly and that they respect church property. We must also put things back the way they were before we used them.

This is our Church and as a Church community we must take responsibility for the safety of everyone and the preservation of these facilities.

"ORA" cle NEWS

After years of meeting the first Tuesday of each month luncheon meeting we are going to expand our activities to the **THIRD Tuesday** as

well. All members and their friends are invited to an informal fun activity outing in The Oaks, etc. from noon till 3 PM. Bring your toys, games, cards, crafts, walking shoes and whatever it takes to enjoy each others friendship and company while exercising our brains and bodies. See you all there. Any questions, call **Theo Peter** at 327-1429.

SEND US YOUR FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS

To save money on printing and postage on *some* church mailings (like *Cross Currents*), we would like to e-mail such mailings to our parishioners instead of going the expensive, and old-fashioned paper, ink and envelope and stamp way.

If you would like to help us with this expense, please tell us the e-mail address where you receive *family* e-mail. These e-mailings will be infrequent but, in the long run, will save us a lot of money. We *will not give* your e-mail address to anyone else and will *only* use it for this church mailing purpose. Your e-mail address will not appear on these e-mailings (as we will "blind copy" you) and we will identify these with "Church Mailing" in the subject line.

If you can lend a hand, just e-mail your address to OFFICE@GOHOLYCROSS.ORG. Thank you!

GREEK SCHOOL BEGINS!!!

For NEW and Returning Students – please return a registration form by **August 26** (available on-line). For NEW Students only, please join us on "evaluation day" either **September 7,8 or 12** depending on your age/program. ALL Students will meet on **Thursday, September 15** at 4:15 PM for *Agiasmos* Services. Adult Class starts in October. Registration forms are available at our website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS!!!

...with registration on **Sunday, September 11**. Join us and meet the teachers and your fellow students! Registration forms are available at our website.

MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS



26th of the Month, 4 PM - Articles and ads due for *Cross Currents* and *Youth Currents* (church office)

First **Tuesday** of the month, 11 AM – ORA (Oaks)

Wednesdays, 7:30 PM - Volleyball (Gym)

First **Thursdays** of the month, 6:30 PM - Technology Committee (Contos Library)

Third **Tuesdays** of the month, Noon-3 PM - ORA gathering - for fun and games (The Oaks)

Third **Tuesdays** of the month, 7:30 PM – Parish Council (Contos Library)

Religious Education, Youth Groups, Philoptochos, etc. will start up soon. Each of those church ministries will be sending you specific info on starting up again for the new ecclesiastical year - if you do not get anything in the mail by the beginning of September, please call the church office to get on a specific mailing list. Also, please check your Sunday Bulletins for the dates and times of all meetings in the Ecclesiastical New Year.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS AT CHURCH

Every meeting, every use of the church facilities, every use of church equipment must be arranged for through the church office. The form “**FACILITIES RESERVATION REQUEST FOR CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS**” is available for this purpose. Organization leaders are asked to fill out ONE form for their regular meetings during the year. For example, Philoptochos would fill one out for their board meetings : “First Tuesdays of the month, September through June, 7:30 PM in the Contos Library”. Information for the other “events” of your organization (ie, the Fashion Show, New Year’s Eve, etc.) must also be submitted on this form, one event per form.

There is a list of a dozen or so guidelines on the back of the “**FACILITIES**” form which must be followed so that the church facilities remain open and available for all parishioners. ***Principal among these rules is that*** no meeting of any kind may take place while a church service is occurring. Also, please remember, that since we do not have a night custodian, ALL meetings scheduled for the evenings, MUST be on the church calendar -- otherwise, we will not have the room(s) available or the door(s) open for your group.

The forms are available from the church office or at the “**DOWNLOADS**” link on our website; or contact the church office and we will send you one.

SPOTLIGHT

HOLY CROSS PARISHIONER RECEIVES 2005 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR



excerpted from The Los Altos Town Crier, 8/3/2005

The National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) presented former Los Altos Mayor and United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS) President **Theodore A. Laliotis** the Ellis Island Medal of Honor May 14 during a ceremony at the island in New York.

He was one of approximately 100 honorees chosen among 2,000 nominations.

The Ellis Island Medals of Honor are awarded to Americans of diverse origins in recognition of outstanding contributions to their own ethnic groups and to American society.

"I felt extremely humbled and honored by being selected, but the actual experience of being in the halls of Ellis Island and receiving the award right where our original immigrant relatives came through was a very emotional experience," Laliotis said last week. "Also, being among such distinguished fellow recipients was a unique and uplifting experience."

Fellow alumni include six U.S. presidents, national leaders **Henry Kissinger**, Gen. **Norman Schwarzkopf**, former Secretary of State **Colin Powell** and one-time New York Mayor **Rudolf Giuliani**; and civic leaders **Elie Wiesel**, **Muhammad Ali** and **Rosa Parks**.

Other recipients of the 2005 medals included U.S. Secretary of Labor **Elaine L. Chao**, actor/director/producer **Penny Marshall** of "Laverne & Shirley" TV fame, HIV co-discoverer **Robert Gallo** and football legend and broadcaster **Nick Buoniconti**.

Laliotis, who came to the United States in 1959 as a foreign student from Epidavros, Greece, was recognized for his community service as former mayor and city councilman of Los Altos, for his pioneering and successful professional/business career and for his extensive service in his own ethnic community. Laliotis was Los Altos mayor in 1991 and 1992.



*Ted and Vangie Laliotis
and sons Ari and Tony.*

A 1964 graduate of UC Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, he received a master's degree in electrical engineering and computer science from San Jose State University in 1966.

Laliotis is a lifetime fellow of the Institute of Electronic Engineers. From 1977 to 1996, Laliotis held a variety of positions at Hewlett-Packard Laboratories, including new business development, director of emerging technologies and manager of personal computing.

His contributions at HP Labs include: initiating and managing the early projects that led to the transition from handheld calculators to Palm and laptop computers; and purchasing the first UNIX license at HP. Laliotis retired from HP in 1996.

Laliotis has served as president of the Hellenic Federation of Northern California since 1998; was a member of SAE (World Council of Hellenes Abroad) America Coordinating Council 2001 to 2003; is a board member of the Hellenic Journal; is vice president of Dynamis, a political action organization in defense of Hellenism; and is vice president of Elios, an organization for Hellenic culture and heritage.

In 1962 he met **Evangelia** Cochila, a fellow student from Rhodes; they married in 1966. They have two grown sons, **Ari** and **Tony**, and three granddaughters.

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*Ted is the second Holy Cross parishioner to receive this honor --
Dr. Pan Yotopoulos is also an Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient.*

YOUTH CURRENTS

July / August 2005 edition

Grow in the Grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18



SUMMERTIME IS HERE!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Indeed summertime is here, the warm weather has arrived and everybody is thinking now about vacation. Summer is the time for rest and relaxation, time for vacations and barbecues. But we don't take a break from everything in our lives. God's love and care for us extends year round, and our response to that love should continue all year long. We wouldn't want God to take a vacation from us, so why would we think it is OK to take a vacation from Him? During the summer, while all our other activities are on hold, make an effort to concentrate a little more on God, now that we have the time to do so.

And because I am speaking about vacation and about God, I would like to share with you a beautiful prayer that I found in a recent edited book by Fr. Anthony Coniaris :

A Vacation Prayer

Dear Lord, how I've waited for this vacation, and now it's finally here. Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to take a break from my daily routine and to replenish my mind, body, and soul so that I may better serve You. Sometimes my expectations for vacations are unrealistic, and I find myself disappointed when things don't go my way. Help me not to worry about having the "perfect" vacation but to relax and

enjoy every moment, whatever it may bring. I am grateful for the joys that await me – whether they be the beauty of your creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace and solitude. Watch over me and protect me as I travel, and bring me safely home again – refreshed and renewed. Amen.

Since my last article in *Cross Currents*, in May, after Pascha, we have had wonderful activities with our GOYAn's.

The first one was the traditional "End of the School Year trip to Disneyland in Southern California" June 20-22.

This year the GOYA from Holy Cross in Belmont met up with the GOYA from Saint Anna's in Roseville at Bolsa Chica Beach in Huntington Beach and spent the afternoon of June 20 on the beach enjoying the ocean and the sun. There were 14 in all from Belmont, and a total of 25 people in our group that visited Disneyland in Anaheim.



In the evening of the same day we checked in at the Holiday Inn on Harbor Boulevard in Anaheim. We had a delicious dinner at the residence of **Father Chris Flesoras'** parents-in-law, this being in a way the official opening for the fun in Disneyland . . .

Everybody went to sleep dreaming about the next day in "the land of happiness."

Next morning, we got up for Disneyland, but not before going out for a delicious breakfast at "Spires" again a tradition of Disneyland's trips. And after that . . . let the fun begin . . . We spent the whole day at Disneyland and left about 11:30 PM.

Next morning we got up for another great breakfast at "Spires" and took off for Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, in Los Angeles. We were shown the beautiful church and we had a chance to ask **Father John Bakas** questions about the church building and iconography. Then, we headed for home. We made one more stop for food and gas before parting ways. It was a great three days of fun and fellowship. We all look forward to doing it again next year and visiting another parish. See you all in September for another great year.

The second important event is the Summer Camp at Saint Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, CA.

A day at the ranch begins at 7:00 AM with the wake-up bell. Campers, in their dorm rooms, dress for the morning service at the chapel. Following the service (Orthros at 7:30), a hearty breakfast is



served, kids go onto their first activity. Throughout the day the campers follow a rotating schedule filled with activities like arts and crafts, archery, canoeing, horseback riding, nature hikes, Orthodox Life sessions, cowboy roping, athletics, and the ever-popular swimming in the Ranch's pool (where life-guards are on duty)!

At midday, lunch and siesta, more activities and then at 5:30 PM, Vespers are held, followed by dinner. Speaking of food, campers rave every year about the food the chefs lovingly prepare: barbecued chicken, hamburgers, spaghetti, apple pie . . . and healthy vegetables.

After dinner begins the evening activity, which includes things like a Hawaiian luau, the obstacle course, or a volleyball or basketball tournament. Every night a campfire is held, where energetic songs are sung, wacky skits are performed, and devotionals bring a peaceful end to a busy day.

I wish everyone a healthy, safe and enjoyable summer - *KALO KALOKAIRI!*

Fr. Silviu

REFLECTIONS ON SAINT NICHOLAS SUMMER CAMP

Some brief comments from our campers regarding their Summer Camp experiences.

You can talk to almost anyone from the youngest camper, to a counselor or even a priest and find that the camp works as a place where one can recharge the battery of their faith and internal happiness.

I personally have found that Saint Nicholas Camp not only recharges my spirit in terms of my faith to the fullest, but the indescribable friendships made and continued there constantly remind me of the kinship, and love that the Lord gave to us when we were put on this earth.

One of the many things I learned from our daily session of "God Talk" was that we are all saints. And it is our duty to maintain that

saintly status in the eyes of God by becoming closer to him. But we cannot do this alone. That is where the social atmosphere of my church life comes in, and more specifically the God given relationships that grow at Saint Nicholas Ranch helping me become one with out Lord.

Miriam Zouzounis

After many years of hearing about Saint Nicholas Ranch, I finally got a chance to go, and it was amazing. There were so many activities, from archery to swimming, but horseback riding and arts and crafts were my personal favorites. A luau was held on the last night, where we shared both pictures and dance moves. The main thing that made camp so wonderful, however, was the people there. Each of the counselors had a unique personality that made them role models to every camper. On top of that, we campers became more than just friends. With the combination of spending a week together and common beliefs and faith, we became like brothers and sisters. I would not trade those memories or friendships for anything. I can't wait to go back next year, but I hope that more people from Belmont are planning on going.

Alexandra Spirtos



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The Holy Cross Philoptochos Society

is looking for VOLUNTEERS!!
to be part of the



Circle of Friends is a service group that supports
the Holy Cross community in times of need(s):

- FOOD EXPRESS • SENIORCARE • GIFT BASKETS
- SOCIAL SERVICE SUPPORT • HOLY CROSS SHUTTLE

Look for more information about
"Circle of Friends" coming soon!

UPCOMING SERVICES

subject to change - please check your Sunday Bulletins

Saturday, August 27 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, August 28 – 10th Sunday of Matthew
Monday, August 29 – Beheading of Saint John the Forerunner, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Thursday, September 1 - **Day of Indiction**, 9 AM Divine Liturgy
Sunday, September 4 – 11th Sunday of Matthew
Saturday, September 10 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

RETURN TO REGULAR LITURGY SCHEDULE **Orthros at 8:45 AM, Divine Liturgy at 10 AM**

Sunday, September 11 – Sunday before Holy Cross
Tuesday, September 13 – 7 PM, Vespers of the Holy Cross
Wednesday, September 14 – **Feast of the Holy Cross**, 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 17 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, September 18 – Sunday after Holy Cross
Saturday, September 24 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, September 25 – 1st Sunday of Luke

Saturday, October 1 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, October 2 – 2nd Sunday of Luke
Saturday, October 8 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, October 9 – 3rd Sunday of Luke
Saturday, October 15 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, October 16 – Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Saturday, October 22 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, October 23 – 6th Sunday of Luke
Saturday, October 29 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, October 30 – 5th Sunday of Luke

Saturday, November 5 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, November 6 – Sunday
Saturday, November 12 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, November 13 – Sunday
Saturday, November 19 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, November 20 – Sunday
Wednesday, November 23 – Thanksgiving (tentative)
Saturday, November 26 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, November 27 – Sunday
Saturday, December 3 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, December 4 – Saint Barbara, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
Monday, December 5 – Saint Savas, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas, 9 AM Divine Liturgy
Friday, December 9 – Saint Anna, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 10 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, December 11 – Sunday
Monday, December 12 – Saint Spyridon, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
Thursday, December 15 – Saint Eleftherios, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 17 – Saint Dionysios, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 17 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, December 18 – Sunday before Nativity
Saturday, December 24 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers (tentative)
Sunday, December 25 – Holy Nativity
Tuesday, December 27 – Saint Stephen, 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 31 – 7 PM, Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil