



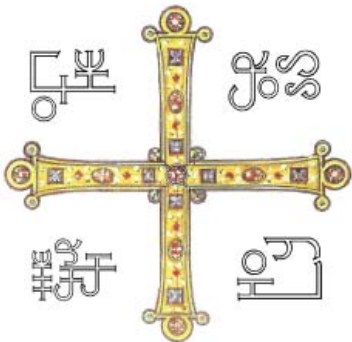
# Cross CURRENTS

Church Newsletter  
Fall 2011

## FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Please join us in The Oaks following services for this important parish meeting. The proposed agenda is printed below and is available on-line. Supporting documents will be available in the Narthex.

1. Call to order & Opening Prayer
2. Selection of GA chair
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
4. Pastor's report – Fr. Peter
5. President's report – Jim Smith
6. Treasurer's report – Chris Canellos
7. Committee Reports
  - A. Stewardship – Dimitrios Sogas
  - B. Festival – Gary Brenner & Mark Simon
  - C. Audit –
  - D. Technology – Nick Peros
8. Old Business
9. New Business
  - A. 2012 Budget – Chris Canellos
  - B. Nomination Committee
  - C. Election Committee
  - D. Selection of Auditors
10. Adjournment & Closing Prayer



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## REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

### RUNNING ARGUMENT

by *Konstantine Salmas, Lay Assistant*

I am glad I didn't learn how to speak from National Public Radio. I am reading this book about this man who is agnostic. If all the agnostics out there think like this man, then I feel very badly for your confusion. I have no similes. I have nothing clever. I feel bad because some person spent time on the front book cover. Then, there is the photo of the author on the back. The pages and words are trapped between these two things.

I am glad I didn't learn how to speak from National Public Radio and more specifically I am glad that I am not in running conversation with the author of, *Spiritual Envy*. He does not have any room, anyway, for conversation with me. He has been busy with all the compassion



he has been giving out – and telling us about it - all his life, in between all the reading he has done about God and god.

I could have learned to speak from National Public Radio because I definitely would have learned better how to make kindergarten truths sound like verbal nuggets. His running argument with himself is a very academic and intellectual sounding argument. I could have gotten really good at dismissing the boring and tired things of the West. Then I could have sounded like **Michael Krazny**, who wants me to think that he really really tried, but things did not work out for him and the Christian God.

But I don't speak like him and none of my running arguments sound at all like his conversations about how somehow because other cultures have ideas and thought about things without Christ and God, that means that they aren't incomplete in how they think. His running argument wants to me to shake in my boots because the Buddhists talk about selflessness and love and things that the Church also speaks. Then, there is the Church he talks about. I do not recognize much about the Church he engages. This is the Church of his own making.

He sounds like a man who has fashioned himself to be marketable to everyone. He sounds like a man who wants people to listen to him on the radio. I wonder if his mind sounded like this: Make sure you talk about what Indians might believe, the ones who aren't Christian. Make sure you talk about what Chinese think about, the ones who aren't Christian. Make sure you talk about what the Japanese think, the ones who aren't Christian. And so on. Running and running in a direction that never really puts in any sort of argument with Gospel narratives, Paul's epistles, the writings, or lives of saints.

He seems to engage a lot of traditions and philosophies in conversation. He speaks really nice. His fancy sounding kindergarten truths, though, sound like someone who is running from a real argument with himself.

But he also sounds like a person who, if he keeps running, might end up where he least expects to end up.

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

## THE XC-GENE

by *Fr. Pete Sotiras, Assistant Priest*



Not too long ago, the fourth installment of the “X-Men” movie franchise came out called X-men: First Class. It’s hard to believe that since their 1963 comic book debut, this band of mutants are still wildly popular. The X-men are considered mutants because they possess the “X-gene,” a gene which gives them their special powers and which makes them different from normal humans. In the third installment of the franchise, “X-men: The Last Stand”, there is a pharmaceutical corporation headed up by Warren Worthington II that develops “The Cure”, a drug that suppresses the “X-gene” and which would make mutants like regular humans. Worthington’s desire to create the drug is fueled by the horror and anger he feels over his son being a mutant.

Like the X-men, we too as Orthodox Christians, are different than other humans. At our baptism, we were clothed with Christ—”as many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ”. Our DNA is different—not in a physical sense but in a spiritual sense. You might say that we now have what is the XC gene, (XC is Greek shorthand for Christ). Our baptism alone is not sufficient to keep us different though. The X-men were born different. We too, are born different through our spiritual rebirth at baptism. However, just as the X-men are in danger of becoming normal through “The Cure”, we too are in danger of becoming normal.

We can prevent ourselves from becoming normal by going to Church every Sunday and receiving Communion, by praying morning and evening, by fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, by participating in the sacrament of Confession.

We also can prevent ourselves from becoming normal by having a certain kind of love. In the Gospel of Luke 6:27-36, Jesus tells us that

if we love, do good and lend only to those who love, do good and give to us, then we are no different than anyone else. For us to be truly His people, we need to love, do good and lend to those who don’t like us and even our enemies. If we don’t have this kind of love, we become normal, just like the X-men become normal through “The Cure”.

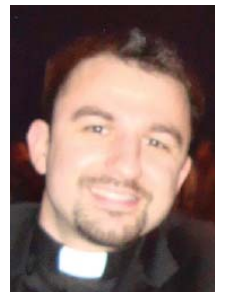
We have to remember that we are different (in a good way); we are special (in a good way) and we are unique (in a good way). Sometimes we think that it’s what we wear, or who we date or what we drive or who are friends are that makes us unique. Well, these things do make us unique but they’re not the things that really count. If we have all these things and yet do not have the kind of love that Christ speaks about, then nothing we’re wearing or no one we’re dating or no one we’re friends with can make us truly unique and truly different in what really counts.

As Orthodox Christians, we are called “a new creation”, and the term Church in Greek means “to be called out” of the world. As Orthodox, we are different. We are called out of the world to change the world, to make it better. We are called to love with the same kind of love that Jesus had for us. Don’t become like everyone else just to fit in—stay different in what really counts.

## LIKE A MOM TO ME

by *Rev. Deacon Niko Bekris,*

*Since writing this article as Metropolis Youth Director, Deacon Niko was ordained as a priest and is now the assistant priest at Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco. Axios, Father Niko!*



When I was a kid, I used to go to Greece with my family for the entire summer every two years to visit my grandparents and other relatives. And when I say all summer I really mean ALL summer- June to August (sometimes May/September). I’m not sure how many of you reading this have been to Greece, or

ever spent time in another country, but I happen to think it's a great experience in order to get a different perspective on how we live in the USA. One of the things I really... *disliked* about visiting Greece was driving through the mainland to see relatives. Don't get me wrong, I loved seeing my relatives, but have you ever driven a car in Greece? The country roads aren't very easy on passengers, let's just put it that way. But simultaneously, driving through Greece (the Peloponnesus, to be exact) was one of the most mind-blowing experiences of my life that I will always be thankful for. Again, NOT because of swervy mountain roads, but because no matter where we went, my parents would point out a church or some monument, saying "This is where this or that miracle happened," or "This is where a saint was martyred by the Turks," or any number of amazing miracles. It was almost as if, after nearly 2000 years of Christianity in the same country, a huge miracle of some kind had taken place every few miles!

This is certainly something we don't find in the States (yet!), and a shock to my young mind that made me understand that God was real. A very common thread through many of these miracles was the appearance of the Theotokos. There are so many powerful stories of the Panagia appearing, assisting, guiding, speaking, loving Christians who call upon her! Stories of her saving travellers, appearing to people in their sleep, or while awake, to give a message or some kind of instruction, a miraculous healing, and many, many more kinds of assistance. In many parts of Greece- indeed, the world- Mary is revered very strongly for everything that she has done for the history of salvation, from giving birth to God, to being a constant intercessor, protector, and guide to all who call upon her. She is viewed as a mother to all believers, and rightfully so.

Later this month, we will celebrate the feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos, or the Assumption, as it is most often referred to in this country. You probably know this already, but the day a holy person dies, or is *translated into the Kingdom*, is the day that we celebrate their memory. We will celebrate Mary's memory on August 15, one of the greatest feast days of the Church, and a day when we remember just how much Panagia loves us, and how she, too, wants to

have a relationship with us, and lead us towards God, towards heaven. Anything we ask of God we should also ask of His Mother, because she wants us to be protected, to be loved, and to be saved. Let's remember this.

Because like any Greek child knows, mom has dad's ear in a way no one else does.

## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

by *Demetra Sperow and Mary Peros, Advisors*

Congratulations to the 2011-2013 Executive Board of our Holy Cross Philoptochos:

President: Marian Peris

Vice President: Theodora Kounalakis

Recording Secretary: Marilyn Habeeb

Treasurer: Laura Jadelrab

Assistant Treasurer: Cathy Zamenes

Advisor: Demetra Sperow

We are planning a busy and productive year which started in September with Vespers Dinner for our Holy Cross Name Day.

In November we will be planning our Metropolis Christmas Holiday Brunch to be held on **December 10** and hosted by the Ascension Cathedral Philoptochos in Oakland (see below). We also will be planning our Christmas Tea and Charity Drawing to be held on **December 4** in our church. In January we will have our Vasilopita Luncheon. More information, dates and events will be following.

This past year I have been honored to be your Philoptochos President and I thank you for your membership and support. Because of your participation and support we were able to pay all our San Francisco Metropolis Philoptochos Commitments as well as our National Commitments and many local charities. We also awarded Church and Community Service Awards to three well deserving high school

graduates who will be attending college: **Christopher Keilo, Alex Simon** and **Andrew Vavuris**.

Thank you again and, remember, we need everyone to become a member of this wonderful ministry of our church. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

*By your good works...glorify God. 1 Peter 2:12*

## SLEIGH BELLS ARE RINGING

... and Santa is dusting off his suit!

Our Philoptochos Annual Christmas Tea will be on **Sunday, December 11** immediately following Liturgy in our Main Hall. We promise to treat you to a sumptuous brunch and dessert buffet and tables decorated by many of the ladies in our Parish. There will be a delicious bake sale and a Christmas boutique for gift ideas. Christmas music will fill the room. There will be a drawing for a \$500 gift certificate to Patronik Designs, a wonderful jewelry store in Burlingame, a beautifully decorated tree, and cash prizes. We are requesting a suggested minimum donation of \$5 per person. Seating is open and available at the door. Your invitation will soon be on its way. If you have any questions or would like to help with the event, including decorating a table, please call **Theodora Kounalakis** (594-9585) or **Eleni Metaxas** (573-1815).

## LIGHT THE PATH - ANNUAL METROPOLIS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year the luncheon will be held at the Ascension Cathedral in Oakland on **Saturday, December 10** beginning at 11:00 AM. A delicious Lenten luncheon including cocktails will be served. There will be a drawing for beautifully decorated Christmas trees, entertainment and a Christmas collectibles boutique. Invitations are in the mail. Gather

a group of your friends and reserve your seating. The proceeds of this event go directly to the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund, offering tuition support to seminarians at Holy Cross Seminary who commit to serve in our Metropolis. More information to follow. For information, please contact **Mary Peros**, 347-6910.

## HOLY CROSS ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS TEA

Sunday,  
December 11

Join us after Liturgy

❖ Charity Drawing

❖ Greek Pastries Sale

❖ Holiday Shopping Boutique

❖ \$5.00 minimum donation per person

❖ Benefiting the Family Sharing Program

❖ Tickets available at the door

❖ Open  
Seating

For information, call **Theodora Kounalakis** (594-9585) or **Eleni Metaxas** (573-1815).

# NEWS

## REMINDER : STEWARDSHIP 2012

By now Holy Cross families should have received the 2012 Stewardship packets with the theme

ABIDE IN ME,  
CHRIST THE TRUE VINE.

Please check your mail.

If you haven't received the packet, let the church office know so that a new packet may be sent. It is an important time of decision when making your pledge for the new year.

## BIBLE STUDY

A new year has begun and Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM, finds new members returning students eager to study even more fascinating facts about Orthodoxy.

Being very social people, we actually start gathering at 10 AM to visit with each other. Included in our studies, without fail, are snacks to energize our brains in order to help us grasp the wonderful teachings of **Konstantine Salmas**. He is most knowledgeable about Orthodox dogmas and traditions and an excellent guide in bringing us to a greater understanding of our faith. He's also traveled through many parts of Greece visiting the great centers of Orthodoxy and offers those experiences to the class. In fact, the time passes so quickly, suddenly it is Noon and time to go. All are welcome to join us through the journey in which the Bible takes us.

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR FRIENDS @ O.R.A.

by *Virginia Coppock, Vice President*

Attention all Holy Cross Seniors (age 55+)! You're invited to come and join O.R.A., the Organization of Respected Adults. We are a social group that meets once a month for companionship, fellowship, and just fun socializing. Meetings are held in The Oaks at 11 AM on the first **Tuesday** of each month; and always at Noon, we serve a wonderful hot lunch catered by Nob Hill. The yearly dues are \$15.00 per person or \$30 per couple.

O.R.A. is one of the most popular clubs at Holy Cross and largest Greek Orthodox Seniors group in the Bay Area. The O.R.A. group is very happy, active, and energetic. Each month we have raffles, sing-alongs, guest speakers, and go on many day trips. At our January meetings, we cut the Vasilopita that some of our members bake for us. It is always great fun to see who wins the coins. At our annual Christmas party, O.R.A. members made a very generous donation of \$1,025 to Family Sharing. You can always see O.R.A. members working at our Festival, Outreach, Samaritan House, and wherever we are needed.

O.R.A. just celebrated its 30-year anniversary. In 1979, twenty Holy Cross members started this wonderful organization; and throughout the years, it has grown to over 200 members. We are extremely proud of our O.R.A. So, on behalf of our President, **Peter Economus**; Vice President, **Virginia Coppock**; Secretary, **Daisy Fernando**; and Treasurer, **John Dracopoulos**, we invite you to come join us and be a part of this wonderful organization!

## HOLY CROSS CHOIR

The choir, under director and composer **Steve Cardiasmenos**, loves participating in the worship services on Sundays and other special days. We also enjoy other activities.

Did you know that during the Belmont Greek Festival each year, the choir and **Father Peter** present a special program during the first church tour on Sunday about the history of Orthodox church music? We loosely refer to it as, “Two Thousand Years of Orthodox Music in 20 Minutes!” This year, the performance included Steve Cardiasmenos’ “Praise the Lord” for adult and youth choirs. The youth did a beautiful job! In addition, several choir members took part in the Festival Chorus singing Greek folk songs.

We also take part in activities organized by the San Francisco Metropolis Church Music Federation. Recently, the Federation held a Church Music Institute at Ascension Cathedral in Oakland, conducted by our own Steve Cardiasmenos. It was a fantastic educational and musical day focusing on the feastday of Pentecost.

We have recently begun singing several new hymns written by Steve Cardiasmenos, including a beautiful new Trisagion (English and Greek), Cherubic Hymn (English), and Great Litany (English), all of which will be included in Steve’s upcoming English liturgy. He hopes to have the liturgy completed at the end of 2012. Meanwhile, Steve has just received the ASCAP composer’s award for the 18th straight year! Congratulations, Steve!

Alto **Helen Valavanis** retired from the choir after more than 25 years of singing. We miss you, Helen! Her retirement was the impetus for a Choir Reunion Party held recently. It was a lot of fun to get together with current and former choir singers.

Welcome to new altos **Lisa Veizades** and **Kristen Azar**! We’re so happy to have them! We’re also pleased that “choir kids” **Jonna Hohenthal** and **Christian Canellos** sing with us every Sunday!

Finally, hot out of the oven... alto **Leslie Cardiasmenos** keeps us happy at rehearsals by bringing delicious desserts from the restaurant where she works as a pastry chef. The tasty treats work wonders for our singing!

## THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

Even though our Holy Cross Three Hierarchs Bookstore is located in the Narthex of our church, easily accessible to all who enter for worship, the bookstore staff very often sees a surprised person standing at the door, amazed at the treasure trove within. Very often we hear, “I had no idea this was here!” Upon entering, one may encounter a lively discussion as assistance is offered to find that most appropriate gift for adult or child, or an icon or other gift for a wedding, baptism, or birthday gift. There is always an effort to find for ones personal spiritual edification a book most suited for the need of the day.

We are fortunate to be able to offer what we feel is the best of publications for our children. Potamitis Publishing offers to our young people resources which will teach them the Orthodox faith through story and coloring books. Illustrations are beautiful, and all the information contained in the books are theologically correct, based always on the teachings of our Holy Orthodox Church. These make excellent birthday or Feastday gifts and we highly recommend them for everyday personal use by our youngest faithful.

We encourage you to become familiar with the newest publication compiled and edited by **Johanna Manley**, *Genesis : Then and Now*. This hardcover book includes highlights from 67 homilies by Saint John Chrysostom on the book of Genesis. “Developing the theme of THEN and NOW, the homilies are followed by relevant Christian commentaries.” This book is the newest in the Treasury of Blessings Series which is designed to provide a better understanding of both the Bible and its connection with the richness of our Orthodox liturgical services. Johanna’s God-given ability to convey to us the basic precepts of our Orthodox faith is evident in this and all of her many publications, each of which is available in the bookstore.

Do feel free to call the church office if you would like to visit the bookstore during the week. As we prepare for the fast approaching Nativity Season, do consider setting up a time to peruse without rushing and with gift-giving list in hand. Some of our Nativity offerings are already displayed with more to come in the upcoming weeks.

## FAMILY SHARING AT CHRISTMAS

Family Sharing at Christmas is a long standing tradition at Holy Cross. It is a wonderful outreach program that engages our community in many ways to help families and others in need receive food and gifts with which to celebrate the holidays. Families in need apply through the county and must be eligible to participate in this program. We, in turn, connect with the Samaritan House and receive information about each family we will be helping.

Gifts for the children are provided when our parishioners pick a name or names from the giving tree and purchase gifts for the individual children. Two cards for each child are placed there so that the child receives 2 gifts. In addition, enough food is collected so that each family has enough to make a complete holiday dinner plus more. Included in the gift boxes are turkeys, eggs, canned and packaged foods, gift certificates for food along with other foods items. Another part of the program includes 100 Backpacks filled for homeless men and women and include scarves and hats made by the ladies of our community. Blankets, toiletries and treats fill out the remaining items. Deliveries are made to assigned families on the Monday before Christmas by parishioners who have signed-up. Pizza and soup for our volunteer families is enjoyed before they make their deliveries.

On November 1, this outreach program begins with the collection of monetary gifts and nonperishable food items. By Thanksgiving weekend the Christmas tree is set-up with children's names from which parishioners may choose. On the weekend before delivery, all items are set put together for each family.

Family Sharing is chaired once again by **Anastacia Stamates**, whose tireless efforts are greatly appreciated. Everyone's help is needed; so please contact her through the church office.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM JINGLING IN DECEMBER 11

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us on **Sunday, December 11**, at 6:30 PM, for our annual Holy Cross Christmas Program, featuring delightful musical and theatrical celebrations of the birth of Christ! It'll be a wonderful show that you won't want to miss! Santa Claus will be there, too!

Bring your musical instruments to play along!

Sunday School students should attend the rehearsal on **Sat., Dec. 10**, 10 AM. For more information, contact **Eva Canellos**, [cecanellos@aol.com](mailto:cecanellos@aol.com), or 529-0180.

## SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK DRIVE

by *Sophia Fonti*, Coordinator

1 out of 6 Americans does not have enough food to eat every day they are going through difficult times. 15 million children in the US live in poverty. Some children only eat one meal a day at school. Families are struggling -losing their jobs and homes. Our seniors are also struggling . People are going to the food banks for food. The shelves are empty because the need is so great.

We are so blessed and can help. When you shop for your groceries buy a can of food and donate. Go through your pantry. You can also donate funds. Have your families donate. You can bring it to church and place the bag of food in the Second Harvest Food Bank barrel. Maybe every Sunday bring a can to place in the barrel. Have your grandchildren bring something and place it in the barrel.

Last Sunday, **Fr. Costa Efstathiou**'s homily was on the rich man and Lazarus. How the rich man never took time for God and he lived for himself and the things he wanted. Outside the rich man's fence was a man called Lazarus. He didn't have much and was ill. He was so

hungry that he wanted the crumbs that fell off of the rich man's table. Lazarus loved God and knew He would help him. Lazarus believed in God and had faith in Him. The rich man died and went to hades and Lazarus went to heaven. Fr. Costa reminded us to help our fellow man. That is what I am asking all of you. Please remember the people in our community who are hungry and help them.

Thank you for reading.

# THANK YOU

My thanks and appreciation to all my friends who called me and send cards during my recent illness. Your words of comfort and prayers were most helpful. I hope to see you all soon. - Clara Nickolas



*please let the church office know if we are missing your sacrament or have incorrect information as presented below*

## BAPTISMS

### 2010

- June 19, John Angelos, son of Angelos & Patricia Dassios, William Boosalis and Phoebe Boosalis, sponsors
- July 17, Marina, daughter of Joseph and Loetta Saali, Konstantine Salmas, sponsor
- July 18, Olivia Grace, daughter of Gregory and Gabrielle Karampelas, Basil E. Karampelas, sponsor
- July 24, Jaymie Georgeanna, daughter of Angelo & Lauren Matheou, Sophie Lambert, sponsor

- June 27, Natalie Michelle, daughter of Constantine Zachos and Zahira Cortes, Virginia Papan and Diane Papan, sponsors
- June 27, Aedan James, son of Constantine Zachos and Zahira Cortes, Virginia Papan and Diane Papan, sponsors
- Aug 21, Adele Katherine, daughter of Mitchell & Diane Craighead, Mary & Nick Peros, sponsors
- Aug 28, George Peter, son of Panagiotis & Christina Kolotouros, James Kolotouros, sponsor
- Oct 23, Eleftherios Mihalidis, son of Michael & Nicole Eliopoulos, Stavros & Christine Klouvidakis, sponsors
- Dec 22, Nicholas John, son of James and Christina O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Ann Hawrylo, sponsor
- Dec 30, Alessia Sophia, daughter of Konstantinos & Christina Alataris, Nikolaos Anagnostopoulos, sponsor

### 2011

- Feb. 26, Tiana, daughter of Lance and Tina Bolin, Tom & June Minaidis, sponsors
- Feb. 26, Athena, daughter of Lance and Tina Bolin, Tom & June Minaidis, sponsors
- April 16, Nicole Renee, daughter of Donald & Marilyn Scoles, Tina Manis-Tsagos, sponsor
- April 30, Connor James, son of Michael & Irene Leavy, Irini Kehagias, sponsor
- May 7, George Gregory, son of Nickolas & Jacquelyn Giobres, Danae Doukas, sponsor
- May 7, Gracie Lee, daughter of Adam & Julie Philipopoulos, Jason Philipopoulos, sponsor
- June 4, Georgia Maye, daughter of Jon & Nicole Contos, Nora Contos, sponsor
- June 4, Kirsten Mireille, daughter of Robert & Kathleen McNelly, Manuel Adrian Tsingaris, sponsor
- June 16, Anja Mura, daughter of Hans & Mari Nijessen, Maria & Philip Perakis, sponsors
- June 18, Quincey Kase, daughter of Josh & Elaine Buffum, Thomas Maneatis, sponsor
- July 3, Katherine Jane, daughter of Mark & Jennifer Gedymin, Eleni Prontzos & Matthew Leckey, sponsors

July 9, Dino, son of Chris & Rose-Ann Papalias, Maria & Michael Sage, sponsors  
July 30, Alexia, daughter of Michael & Annemarie Malekos, Maria Farantos, sponsor  
July 30, Grace, daughter of Courtney & Elizabeth Stuart, Grace Elizabeth, sponsor  
July 30, John, son of Courtney & Elizabeth Stuart, John Turner, sponsor  
July 30, Henry, son of Courtney & Elizabeth Stuart, James Maletis, sponsor  
Aug 20, Anna, daughter of Christopher & Katherine Richards, Elia Karagiannis, sponsor  
Aug 21, Justin Paraskevas, son of Fr. Panagiotis & Angela Sotiras, Giorgis P. Sotiras, Christine N. Whitton, sponsors  
Sept 10, Sevasti, daughter of Christofer & Julie Christoforidis, Yeoryia Christoforides, sponsor  
Oct 15, Alexander Theodore, son of Thomas and Maria Angelidou, Eleni Angelidou, sponsor

## **WEDDINGS**

### **2010**

July 17, Samuel Francis Salmas and Loretta Ruth Saali, Konstantine Salmas, sponsor  
Aug 28, Panagiotis Vlasakakis and Hannah Anna Wages, Kosta Vlasakakis, sponsor  
Oct 2, Gus Anagnostou & Vanessa Aguilar, Sam Anagnostou, sponsor  
Oct 9, John Tragas and Agatha Stathakopoulos, George Tragas, sponsor  
Dec 22, James O. Sullivan and Christina E. Howrylo, Elizabeth Ann Hawrylo, sponsor

### **2011**

Jan 15, Steven Lee Bynum & Stephanie Marie Simotas, Sevasti Simotas, sponsor  
Jan 15, John Clark Mason and Marina Maniatis Mason, Dena Mitropoulos, sponsor  
June 18, Spyros D. Papas & Nicole R. Scoles, Constandin E. Papas, sponsor

June 25, Gregory Bibbes & Kirsten M. McNelly, Diane J. D'Angelo, sponsor  
July 3, Mark Gedymin and Jennifer Jane Pagnini, Maria Prontzos and Matthew Leckey, sponsors  
Sept 18, David J. Simon and Jeanette R. O'Donoghue, Alexander Simon, sponsor  
Sept 24, Christopher J. Decker and Nikki M. Allen, Kate H. Alevizos, sponsor

## **FUNERALS**

### **2010**

Sami Onay, who fell asleep in the Lord, July 22  
Pete Polychroniou, who fell asleep in the Lord, September 9  
Anastasia Metropoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord, August 31  
Frances C. Schneider, who fell asleep in the Lord, Dec 26

### **2011**

Bernice Audrey Dracopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord, Feb 17  
Peter V. Stambollis, who fell asleep in the Lord, Feb 23  
Grace G. Zompolis, who fell asleep in the Lord, March 1  
Peter Michael Kanalakis, who fell asleep in the Lord, March 20  
Rena Minaidis, who fell asleep in the Lord, March 28  
Artemis Curusis, who fell asleep in the Lord, April 4  
Labrine Petros, who fell asleep in the Lord, June 12  
George Joseph Deppen, who fell asleep in the Lord, August 14  
Sophia E. Pappageorge, who fell asleep in the Lord, Sept 1  
Georgia Diamond, who fell asleep in the Lord, Sept 8  
Aphrodite Moore, who fell asleep in the Lord, Sept 26  
Wilma "Willie" Geranios, who fell asleep in the Lord, Sept 29  
Tom Panagoulas, who fell asleep in the Lord, Oct 21

# SERVICES

## Sunday Services are :

(regular schedule) 8:30 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy;  
(summer schedule) 8:15 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy;  
Saturday Vespers are at 5:30 PM

**Sunday, November 6** - 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy  
- Seventh Sunday of Luke

**Tuesday, November 8** - 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy -  
Holy Archangels

**Wednesday, November 9** - 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy  
- Saint Nektarios

**Saturday, November 12** - 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, November 14** - 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy  
- Eighth Sunday of Luke / Saint John Chrysostom

**Tuesday, November 15** - NATIVITY FAST BEGINS

**Wednesday, November 16** - 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy  
- Saint Matthew

**Thursday, November 17** - 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy  
- Saint Gregory

**Saturday, November 19** - 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, November 20** - 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy  
- Ninth Sunday of Luke

**Monday, November 21** - 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy -  
Entrance of the Theotokos

**Wednesday, November 23** - 6 PM, Matins; 7 PM, Liturgy

**Friday, November 25** - 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy - Saint  
Katherine / Nativity of Saint John the Forerunner

**Saturday, November 26** - 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, November 27** - 8:30 AM, Orthros; 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy  
- Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

**Tuesday, November 29** - 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy -  
Saints Peter & Paul

**Wednesday, November 30** - 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy  
- Holy Apostles / Saint Andrew

*subject to change* - please check your Sunday Bulletins

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

Please check the Sunday Bulletin for the dates/times of all meetings :

second Monday of the month - 7:30 PM, Executive Council

first Tuesdays of the month - 11 AM, ORA

first Tuesdays of the month - 7 PM, Philoptochos Board

third Tuesdays of the month - 7:30 PM, Parish Council

Tuesdays - Bible Study, 10 AM - Contos Library or Fireside

Tuesdays - Dance

first three Wednesdays - Choir

Wednesdays - Studies in the Faith, 7 PM - Contos Library

Wednesdays - BLAST, 7 PM

second and fourth Thursdays of the month - Hope/Joy



Nov 9 Annual Piecemeal, 6 PM, The Oaks

Nov 14 Fall General Assembly, following  
Liturgy, The Oaks

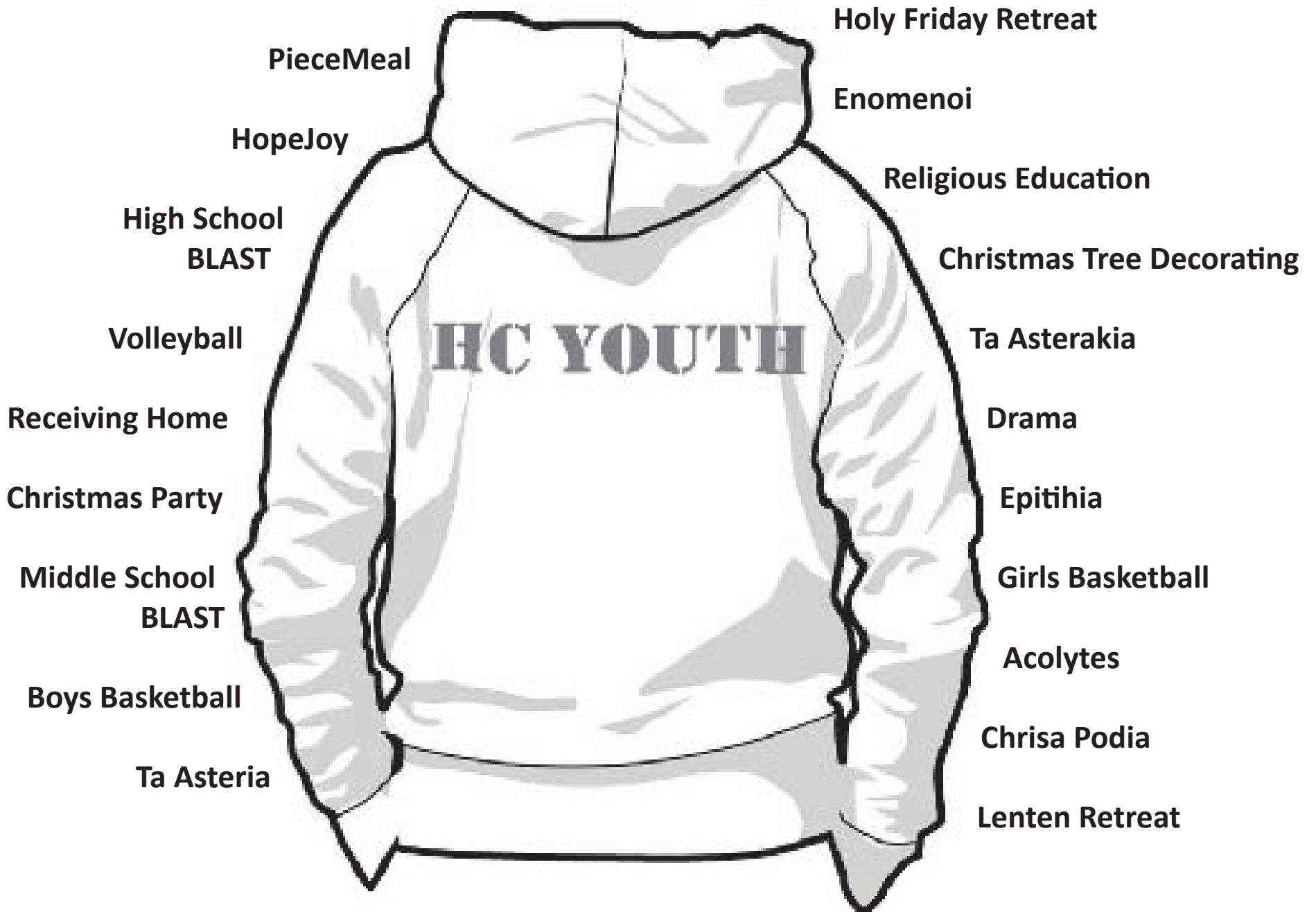
Dec 31 A great and affordable New Year's  
Eve Dinner/Dance here at Holy  
Cross!

Jan 8 Annual Vasilopita Luncheon

Jan 21 Annual Crab Feed



More information to come.



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