



# Crossroads

The Monthly Newsletter of the Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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*“Yes”*

by William Stafford

It could happen any time, tornado,  
earthquake, Armageddon. It could happen.  
Or sunshine, love, salvation.

It could, you know. That's why we wake  
and look out – no guarantees  
in this life.

But some bonuses, like morning,  
like right now, like noon,  
like evening.

### *On the Way to Emmaus Icon Project*

Our iconographer, Seraphim O'Keefe, plans to come and work on our Icon during the week of August 12.



**DORMITION FAST — ALMSGIVING PROJECT** (August 1-15) to benefit **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** once again. This time gift card donations are being sought. For every \$25 gift card given, a tree bud will “bloom.” Gift cards can be from: ACME, Shoprite, Wegmans, Target, Dollar Store, Wawa, Visa or MasterCard. **COLLECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAYS AUGUST 4 & 11.**

**CHURCH PICNIC – SUNDAY AUGUST 18** – Our Annual Church Picnic is scheduled at Chartwell Swim Club located at 136 Paragon Ave, Marlton, NJ 08053 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. We will have a BBQ lunch offering up Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Pasta, salad, Lemonade and Water.

We are asking for anyone who is willing to please sign up using the link below to bring some other side items and dessert OR email Jessica Siragusa at [jessicasiragusa@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicasiragusa@hotmail.com) if you are attending and/or would like to bring something.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4EACA923A46-annual3>

Cost: **Senior Citizens (65 and older): \$15.00** / Children 18 and younger FREE / Adults: \$25.95

**ST. HELENA’S GUILD: SAVE THE DATES FOR FALL FESTIVAL FOOD PREPARATION:**

**Pierogie Sessions** - Aug 16 and 17 (Meeting following)

**Stuffed Cabbage**- Sept 13 & 14 / Borscht Session - Sept 17

Baked goods -(contact person Liz Gibbons)- Single items are requested- brownies, cookies and bars. Pies and cakes. Slice in half (they sell quicker) See Liz Gibbons for containers.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** June 27, 2019 by Trudy Ellmore

Account Balances are “as of July 31, 2019 unless otherwise noted

General Fund .....	\$13,081.55	
Memorial Fund .....	\$17,136.57	
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$3,168.58	
Food Coupon Fund .....	\$8,053.86	
Choir Fund.....	\$4,261.76	
Father’s Supplemental Checking.....	\$289.54	
Fundraising Account .....	\$280.94	
Mortgage Balance.....	\$54,867.05	
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$30,575.92	(as of 06-30-19)
Memorial Fund .....	\$20,384.13	(as of 06-30-19)

A discussion regarding a decline in membership and issues related to fellowship and retention of members and visitors took place.

1. **Open Action Items (aka Old Business)** *See attached chart for other updates.*
  - A. Iconography over Entranceway: Seraphim O’Keefe will begin the week of August 12.
  - B. Air Conditioning: The a/c is fixed, but there still remain some questions.
  - C. Parish Appreciation Day with be held on Sunday September 8 —details were reviewed.
  - D. Adult Education: Ed Siecienski will lead three sessions on the Divine Liturgy this fall: September 19, 26, October 3 (all Thursdays). Ed’s new book, “*Orthodox Christianity: A Very Short Introduction,*” has just been published by Oxford University Press. Copies will hopefully be available soon and for the Fall Festival.
  - E. CPR: Training is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. A small donation collect by attendees will be given to the teacher.

## 2. New Business

- A. Council Positions: Michelle Zissimos is stepping down as Assistant Treasurer. Trudy will step in as Assistant Treasurer. Michelle Wash will step in as Secretary.
- B. Memorial Gift for Anastasia Holowiak: a motion was made to send a \$250 gift from our parish to St. Mary's Church, Stamford, CT.
- C. Philadelphia Orthodox Golf Outing: There are three Orthodox Churches that participate in the outing. OCHC will sponsor a hole for \$100.
- D. Upcoming parish events are presented throughout the Crossroads.
- E. **Next Meeting: Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 pm.**

### **AMAZON SMILE:**

*AmazonSmile* is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our parish. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

#### **How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

#### **Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?**

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

#### **Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?**

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

#### **How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?**

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, search for and select "Church of the Holy Cross." (link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3505878>) The selection will be remembered, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

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**AUGUST 2019 COFFEE HOUR will be coordinated around purchased bagels.**

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## **CHURCH CALENDAR:**

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday September 1: Divine Liturgy – 9 AM

Friday Saturday September 6: Stuffed Cabbage Session —9 AM

Saturday September 7: Stuffed Cabbage Session —9 AM

Saturday September 7: Great Vespers —5 PM

Sunday September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos – Divine Liturgy —10 AM / Appreciation Luncheon

Monday September 9: W2W Meeting

Friday September 13: Vesperal Liturgy for the Elevation of the Cross —7 PM

Saturday September 14: Great Vespers —5 PM

Sunday September 15: Divine Liturgy — 10 AM

Tuesday September 17: Borscht Session —10 AM

Wednesday September 18: W2W Luncheon @ Blue Fig, Moorestown – Noon

Thursday September 19: Professor Ed Siecienski on the Liturgy, First Class

Friday September 20: Fall Festival Set Up

Saturday September 21: Fall Festival

Sunday September 22: Divine Liturgy — 10 AM

Thursday September 26: Professor Ed Siecienski on the Liturgy, Second Class

Saturday September 28: Marriage Celebration of Christopher Shimchick & Cynthia Nguyen — 3:30

Sunday September 29: Divine Liturgy — 10 AM

## OCTOBER

Thursday October 3: Professor Ed Siecienski on the Liturgy, Third Class

Saturday October 5: Great Vespers — 5 PM

Sunday October 6: St. Helena's Meeting —9:15 / DIVINE LITURGY — 10 AM  
Church School "Kick Off" / Opening Prayers / St. Helena's Meeting — 9:15

October 7: W2W Meeting

Saturday October 12: Great Vespers — 5 PM

Sunday October 13: Divine Liturgy — 10 AM / Church School Classes Begin

Thursday October 17: W2W Luncheon @ Short Hills Deli, Cherry Hill — Noon

Saturday October 19: St Helena's Guild: 2-4 PM / Great Vespers — 5 PM

Sunday October 20: Divine Liturgy — 10 AM

Saturday October 26: Great Vespers — 5 PM

Sunday October 27: Divine Liturgy — 10 AM

**Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross – AUGUST, 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3  <i>NO Great Vespers</i>
4 <i>DIVINE LITURGY—9:00 Inreach/Outreach Meeting</i>	5 <i>Vesperal Liturgy for the Transfiguration 7 PM</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Herman — 9 AM</i>	10  <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>
11 <i>DIVINE LITURGY—9:00</i>	12 <b>W2W Regular Support Meeting, Church</b>	13	14  <i>Vesperal Liturgy for the Dormition 7 PM</i>	15	16 <b>Pirohi Session 9:00</b>	17 <i>Pirohi Session 9:00</i>  <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>
18 <i>DIVINE LITURGY -- 9:00 Inreach/Outreach Meeting Church Picnic</i>	19	20 <b>W2W Ladies Luncheon, Adelphia</b>	21	22	23	24  <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>
25 <i>DIVINE LITURGY –9:00</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist — 9 AM Parish Council Meeting — 7 PM</i>	30	31  <i>Great Vespers: 5</i>

