

CROSSROADS

Sunday's Scriptures

Epistle:

Acts 6:1-7

Gospel:

Mark 15:43-16:8

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**Mother's Day Coffee Hour
SUNDAY, MAY 11**

The men in our parish will be organizing a special Coffee Hour for our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers.

Please contact Larry Skvir, if you would like to help:

cell (609) 220-6176

lskvir@aol.com

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARING WOMEN



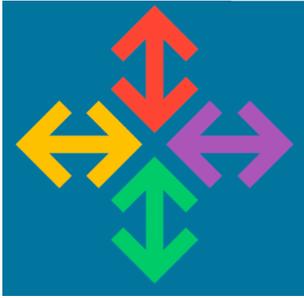
Troparion- Tone 2 (*Pentecostarion*)

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: “Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: ‘The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.’”

Only if we truly give ourselves to Christ to labor with zeal, desire, and love for his body – only then will we find that that which we thought as impossible has been accomplished, that the stone which lies over each of our hearts, weighing us down, making us unable to see or feel God, that that stone will have been rolled away, and then we will no longer have merely a glimpse of what lies ahead, but be invited into the tomb, our heart, the bridal-chamber.

Only God can remove the stone; but let us remember that we have to walk to the tomb! They had no idea how they were going to remove it; yet they went. So, too must we walk to the tomb, prepared to roll away the stone without any clue about how we might do it, however futile we might think it to be to go to the tomb, weighed down by the heavy weight of our sin – the rock blocking our heart. [Fr. John Behr]

DIAPER DRIVE: THIS SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY



We have an opportunity to minister to expectant moms by donating various kinds of diapers to benefit *Options for Her* pregnancy crisis center in Cherry Hill!!!

While any kind of diaper would be welcomed, they like to have larger sizes on hand to accommodate older babies who are accompanying their moms while using **Options'** services.

Sizes 4-6 and pull-ups are particularly helpful.

Please bring your donations and place them in the bins provided in the vestibule.

Your Inreach/Outreach Ministry thanks you! Any questions, see **Genie Skuby**.

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SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

Year to date, our parishioners have purchased a total of \$3,475 of Shop-Rite cards which have earned Holy Cross \$173.75.

Cards are available in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25, and \$20.

If you're doing your grocery shopping at Shop Rite, please consider purchasing a Shop Rite gift card from Holy Cross. We receive a 5% discount for cards we purchase in bulk, which benefits the parish.

Please see **Larry Skvir** on Sundays after liturgy if you're interested.

You can purchase the cards by check or cash.

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IN MEMORY OF... EASTERFLOWER PROJECT

Thanks to everyone who donated to our "**In Memory of... Easter Flower Project.**"

Plants that are not claimed will be planted around the church in the next week or so.

Thank you, **Nadine Schmidt and Connie Skvir**

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PHILLIES BASEBALL THIS SUMMER

Deadline For Ticket Purchase: Sunday, May 11

See: Judy Clyde

Phillies Fireworks Game – Tuesday, July 1 at 6:30 PM

against the San Diego Padres \$43.00

**Mother's Day Plant Sale
Online Order Form**

**All plants \$8.00 – Deadline for ordering: *Tuesday, May 7*
Pick-up *Sunday, May 11 after Liturgy***

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| Geraniums |  | # of plants _____ |
| Begonias |  | # of plants _____ |
| Impatiens |  | # of plants _____ |
| Dahlias |  | # of plants _____ |
| Snapdragons |  | # of plants _____ |

Email dbisinger1@verizon.net to place your order or for more information. Colors dependent on what's available at the grower. Orders must include the following information:

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: (required for any order) _____

Number of each plant species: (for example, 3 geraniums, etc.)

2025 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

As we approach the end of 2024 and prepare for 2025, it is that time of year to prayerfully review your financial commitment to our parish and renew your proportional giving commitment.

See the chart below and consider the following guidelines in your financial review:

1. Where are you currently in your giving practices? (what percentage of household income are you currently contributing?)
2. Are you able to increase your giving to at least the next percentage level?
3. Consider reviewing and communicating your financial commitment to Fr. John or the church Treasurer (Dan Dowiak), as this will be helpful in finalizing our operating budget for 2025.

Those of you using the envelopes will continue to see the following options in 2025:

1. Weekly general fund envelopes. You can use all or just one, depending on your giving frequency (weekly or monthly).
2. Monthly charity envelopes will continue to be part of the envelope packet to support the identified charity for that particular month.
3. Pascha and Christmas envelopes will continue to be included

As you review this information, please contact Fr. John, Dan Dowiak or Mark Skuby for further information or questions.



ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
Stewardship Pledge Card



Giving thanks to God for all my blessings and desiring to be a steward of His ministry, and committing to support His Holy Church, I/We pledge:

Select One: \$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Annually

Name _____ Env. # _____ Date: _____

*Please return completed pledge card to Father John or the parish treasurer as soon as possible. Thank you.
(See other side for giving guide.)*

Annual Income	Percentage of Annual Income Contributed Weekly				
	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$10,000	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$16	\$20
\$20,000	\$8	\$16	\$24	\$32	\$40
\$30,000	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60
\$40,000	\$16	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80
\$50,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100
\$60,000	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120
\$70,000	\$28	\$56	\$84	\$112	\$140
\$80,000	\$32	\$64	\$96	\$128	\$160
\$90,000	\$36	\$72	\$108	\$144	\$180
\$100,000	\$40	\$80	\$120	\$160	\$200

You Are a Valued and Essential Part of Holy Cross

Without your support, our vibrant church community would suffer. We truly appreciate your offerings and donations made to our church in the true spirit of giving. That is, giving to the praise, worship and work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ways to Give Include:

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ONLINE Giving! 2 Ways:

Scan the QR Code below.

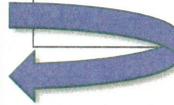
The QR Code is also provided on the table in the vestibule, the kitchen service window in the social hall, and in the restrooms.



Use your phone camera to scan the QR code above!



Follow the easy prompts, guided by the app Tithely!*



OR, Go to holycrossmedford.com, scroll and click DONATE using the Tithely app.*

*There is a 3% Tithely processing fee that can be added or subtracted from the donation, per decision of the donor.

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Give CASH or CHECKS

Place your tithe in the donation basket. For an annual record of your cash donations, place inside an envelope with your name on it. Or see Fr. John if you would like Personalized Monthly Envelopes.



Place checks in the donation basket, or mail. You can also have your bank mail checks directly to the church. Address the check to: Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, Box 805, Medford, NJ 08055.

COMING SOON: Text to Give. More details will be provided.

For ways on how to make the most impact with your giving, please talk to Father John. Thank you for giving!

Cemetery Plots at Park View Cemetery



Dear Parishioners,

Holy Cross is offering 15 graves for sale at Park View Cemetery at Kirby's Mill in Medford.

- ❖ **\$600 per grave**, with a limited purchase of two. Each grave allows for one interment right.
- ❖ **A second interment right can be acquired within the same grave from Park View directly at a cost determined by Park View and their price list at the time of acquisition.**
- ❖ **Interment fees – opening and closing at the time of burial – are not included in the purchase and will be the responsibility of the grave buyer.**

Please speak with Father John or send an email to mwash5760@icloud.com.

Please note that your interest in this opportunity must be confirmed with the submission of your \$600 check.