

CROSSROADS

Sunday's Scriptures

Epistle:

1 Cor. 1:18-24

Gospel:

Matthew 22:1-14
John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28,
30-35

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**Our Fall-Winter
Schedule begins THIS
Sunday:**

Divine Liturgy at 10:00

***This Sunday: The Elevation of the Life-Giving Cross:
Our Parish Feastday***



Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross:
invincible triumph of godliness,
gate of Paradise, and protection of the faithful!
The Cross is the might of the Church,
through which corruption is abolished,
through which the power of death is crushed.
and we are raised from earth to heaven.
O invincible weapon, the adversary of demons,
the glory of martyrs, the true adornment of ven'rable
saints,
and the haven of salvation, //
which grants the world great mercy.

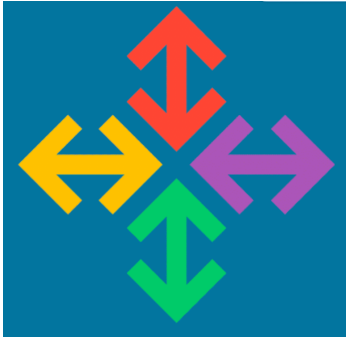
September 14, 2025



Walk To The Finish

October 12, 2025

Now is the time to sign up for the Walk To The Finish, where you could win one of many fabulous prizes! All you need to do is provide a photo for our Crop Walk board in the vestibule, and your fellow parishioners will take it from there. They'll "vote" for their favorite walker(s) by making a donation in an envelope marked with the walker(s) name. Each week, we'll tally the results, and you'll be able to see the progress on the Crop Walk board. Last year, we had two winners whose donations were tied. Each received a gift certificate, one to Femina Italian Grill in Medford, the other to Iliana Cucina in Marlton! Nice prizes, right? Results will be announced on CROP Walk Day, October 12. All donations, check or cash, will go to the Crop Walk. Please make checks out to CWS and put OCHC in the memo line. See the information board in the vestibule to sign up.



20% OFF GIFT CARD SALE

Need a gift card for someone or just for yourself?

Take advantage of our 20% off sale starting this Sunday.

All proceeds go toward our **CROP Walk**.

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Amoriello Hair Salon: \$100 for \$80

Chicken or the Egg: \$25 for \$20

Chickie's & Pete's: \$25 for \$20 (plus shirt & glass)

Del Buono's Bakery: \$25 for \$20

Femina Italian Grill: \$20 for \$16

Ginger Restaurant: \$30 for \$24

Kettle & Grill: \$30 for \$24

Medford Lanes Bowling: \$25 (25 free games) for \$20

Medford Seafood: \$25 for \$20

Ott's: \$50 for \$40

Reily's Candy: \$25 for \$20

Richardson's Flowers: \$25 for \$20

Rita's Water Ice: \$20 for \$16

Tip Top Nails: \$30 for \$24

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Available In The Vestibule After Liturgy



On the Mother of Life Collection

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who donated to our Mother of Life collection during the month of August.

A total of **\$550 in cards, checks, and cash was collected.** As small as a gift card may seem, it may help a pregnant mom choose life over abortion, knowing she has support.

Thank you again, from your Inreach/Outreach Ministry and the staff at the **Helpers of God's Precious Infants/NJ.**

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"God's Amazing Earth:" Our Church School Collaboration in the Celebration of Creation

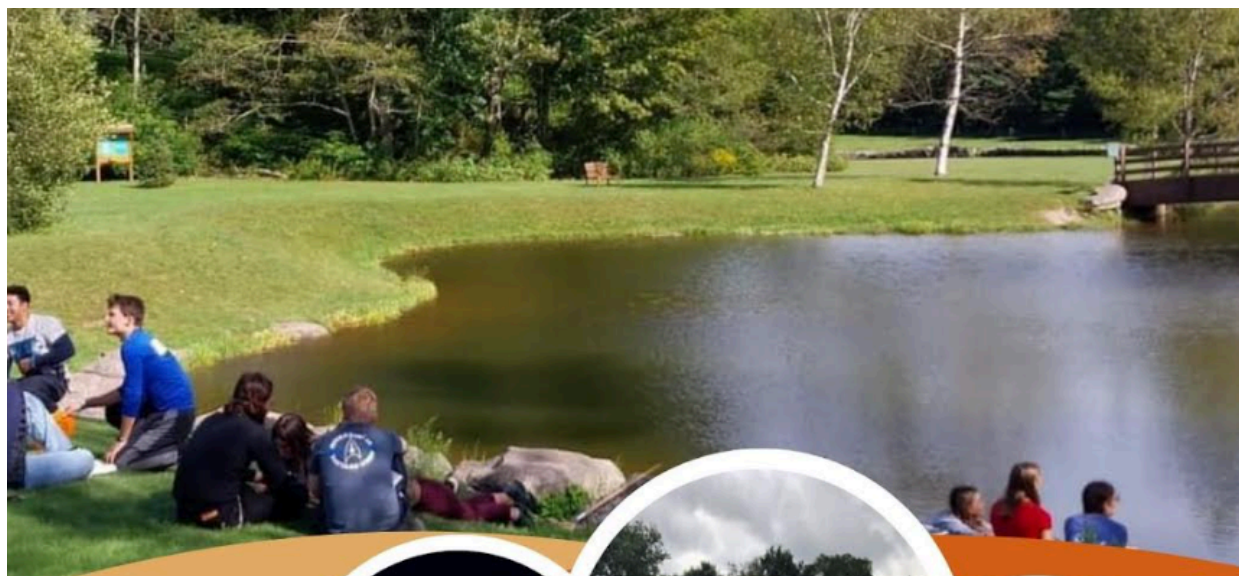
Students of the teen and older group invite everyone to please view the painting display in the vestibule and/or Social Hall. The class was guided in creating a work on "What reminds me of God as our Creator." This resulted in a varied collection of individual drawings and paintings, which were then constructed into a collage.



The painting was then reproduced into a fun poster. Posters are on sale and sales benefit the Icon project inside the Church.

Please see Sunday school teachers – Michelle Wash or Julia Gotowchikov, or someone from Saint Helena's Guild to buy a poster at \$30 for large and \$20 for small.

Checks are payable to: **St. Helena's Guild**



Fall Teen (13-17yo) & Young Adult (18-24yo) Retreat

**FROST VALLEY YMCA - CLARYVILLE, NY
OCTOBER 17-19, 2025**

*Join us for a weekend of fun, prayer, and fellowship!
Open to all dioceses and jurisdictions!
No fee to attend!*



**REGISTER BY
October 5**



Sponsored by the OCA Diocese of New York and New Jersey's Department of Youth Ministry
Questions? Email admin@nynjocayouth.org

FANTASY AUCTION - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Dear Parish,

We are excited to announce that our Fantasy Auction is back this year!

We invite all parishioners who are willing to help to consider supporting this event.

There are several ways you can get involved:

1. ****Collect Items for the Auction****: If you have business connections, please ask them to donate a basket, gift card, or any item for the auction. (Please see Phyllis to obtain a letter for this.)
2. ****Create a Basket or Make a Donation****: Your contributions would be greatly appreciated.
3. ****Help with the Food****: There will be a sign-up sheet in the social hall for anyone interested in assisting with food preparation sometime in September.

Tickets for the auction are available for \$20.

If you would like to buy tickets, please see Carol Ann Curry, Barbara Mosser, or Phyllis Pritchard

If you have any questions, please contact phyllis.pritchard@gmail.com or call/text 609-315-1258.

Most importantly, we encourage you to join us for a night filled with fun, laughter, good food, and fellowship. All proceeds will go to our church.

"Many hands make light work."

In Christ,

Phyllis and St. Helena's Guild

Please join us for our
Seventh Annual

FANTASY AUCTION

Great variety of Gift Baskets & Gift Cards
Includes Live Auction and 50/50

Saturday, October 18th, from 5-8 pm

Items preview at 5 pm, Live auction begins at 5:30 pm

\$20 ADMISSION FEE entitles you to:

- Auction Program listing the items you can bid on LIVE
- Food and Beverages
- Evening of fun and fellowship

Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross
11 Wilkins Station Road, Medford, NJ 08055
(609) 654-4865
www.holycrossmedford.org

Located .3 mile north of Junction Rt 70 & Rt 541
(Medford-Mt Holly Rd)

Please contact Phyllis with any questions
phyllis.pritchard@gmail.com
Or text 609-315-1258

Church Dome Project:
Iconography – \$50,000.00

Dmitri Shkolnik (Iconographer)

Here are Dmitri's sketches of the five sections within the dome. The areas around the windows will include two of the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) and three Prophets.

Each section is similar in size and has a "value" of \$10,000.00. We welcome donations towards any of the sections and they can be donated in memory of individuals or families.

The iconographic work will be prepared on canvases and Dmitri hopes to complete and install them by the end of the year.

However, this will require additional expenses: travel and housing for him and any staff, and the installation of scaffolding. See Fr. John for more information.



Some Ways to Support our Parish

As we enter the summer months with vacations and time away from church, we are grateful to everyone who is able to maintain their regular financial commitments to our parish.

Here are some ways that this can be done:

- 1) **Cash** (If an annual record of this donation is desired then it should be put in an envelope with your name on it, so that a record can be kept and a receipt eventually will be prepared and available).
- 2) **Monthly Envelopes** can be sent to your home (see Fr. John if you would like to donate this way)
- 3) **A Check** can be made out to the church and given in the donation basket or left in the church office
- 4) **Having a check sent directly from your bank account to the church** (in the same way that bills can be paid on your computer through your bank).

Address the check to:

Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross
Box 805
Medford, NJ 08055

- 5) **Using our online app, tithe.ly** – Please note that there is a 3% processing fee - this can be added to the donation or it will be subtracted from the donation):

- 1) You can use the **QR Code to the left:**
- 2) Go to: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1197928
- 3) TEXT the word, **“Give” to: 1-833-854-9049**

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SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

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 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.