

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Newsletter

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SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES (For Sunday)

4:00 pm	Polish: <i>Every 1st Saturday of the month</i>
4:00 pm	Spanish: <i>Every 2nd Saturday of the month</i>
4:00pm	English (Children/Families) <i>Every 3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday</i>
6:30 pm	English

SUNDAY MASSES

8:00 am	English
9:30 am	Greek
10:30 am	English
12:00 nn	French: <i>Every 1st Sunday of the month</i>
12:00 nn	Tagalog: <i>Every 2nd Sunday of the month</i>
12:00 nn	Indian: <i>Every 3rd Sunday of the month</i>
12:00 nn	Sinhala: <i>Every 4th Sunday of the month</i>
6:30 pm	English

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:30 am	Monday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday, Saturday - English
7:30 am	Tuesday - Greek <i>St. Anthony Devotion</i>
6:30 pm	Every day - English

MASSES IN NORTH CYPRUS

10:30 am	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Kyrenia - <i>Every Sunday</i> - English
12:00 nn	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Kyrenia - <i>Every Sunday</i> - English
5:00 pm	Famagusta - <i>Every Sunday</i> - English

The Official Announcement

Let us Pray for the Success of the visit of the Holy Father

The Holy Father Pope Francis having the pastoral solicitude towards all the communities, especially those in the peripheries, has long considered Cyprus, the land of the Apostle Barnabas, as the place of his next visit.

His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Excellency Selim Sfeir, Maronite Archbishop of Cyprus and the Most Reverend Father Francesco Patton, Custos of the Holy Land, with great joy announce that His Holiness Pope Francis, having accepted the invitation addressed to Him by His Excellency Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus, by His Beatitude Chrysostomos II, Archbishop of Nea Justiniana and All Cyprus and of the Hierarchy of the local Churches, will make his Apostolic Journey to Cyprus from the 2nd to 4th of December 2021.

The details of the Holy Father's Visit will be published in due course.

The motto of this pastoral visit is "Comforting each other in faith". Please see the attachment for details.

Nicosia, 5 November 2021
Fr. Andrew Arhin ofm
Parish Priest

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: PLENARY INDULGENCE (TEMPORAL REMISSION OF SINS), from 1 to 8 November

A **PLENARY INDULGENCE** can be gained for visiting the Church or the Cemetery and praying for the Faithful Departed. It is applicable *only to the Souls in Purgatory*.

CONDITIONS TO OBTAIN THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

1) SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION within one week before or after gained indulgence; 2) HOLY COMMUNION on or near the day of the INDULGENCE; 3) Recitation of the CREED, one OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, GLORY BE TO THE FATHER for the intentions of the Pope; 4) PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. Parishioners who are unable to go to the Church or the Cemetery (due to illness, age, etc.) may also gain the plenary indulgence under the same conditions, at home.

How shining and splendid are your gifts, O Lord, which you give us for our eternal well-being

November Calendar

CELEBRATIONS

Monday 1 November

**All Saints
Solemnity**



Tuesday 2 November

**All Souls
Feast**



Tuesday 9 November

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Feast**

Wednesday 17 November

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Memorial**



Sunday 21 November

**Christ the King
Solemnity**



**Sunday 28 November
1st Sunday of Advent**

Tuesday 30 November

**St Andrew, Apostle
Feast**



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2021

Universal Intention: – People Who Suffer From Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

"...I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and with palms in their hands" (Rev. 7:9). This feast celebrates all the unknown saints who are now in Heaven. Sanctity is within everyone's reach; through the Communion of Saints each part of the Mystical Body of Christ helps every other to grow in holiness. All holy men and women, pray for us!

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

In the 4th century, the Lateran palace in Rome (which belonged to the emperor) became the residence of the Pope. The basilica built nearby, dedicated to the Saviour, was his cathedral. And it is still. Later on it was also dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

St Elizabeth (1207-1231) was the daughter of Andrew, king of Hungary. While still a young girl she was married to Louis of Thuringia. After her husband's death, under the guidance of the Friars Minor, she embraced a life of poverty and charity. She erected a hospital in which she herself served the sick. She is the patroness of the Secular Franciscans.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (CHRIST THE KING)

The feast instituted by Pope Pius XI is intended to proclaim Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations (Encyclical *Quas Primas*). *"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths ... He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things... He must reign in our bodies ...which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls. (Quas Primas § 33)*

28 NOVEMBER: BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT (Readings: Sundays: Year C; Weekdays: Cycle II)

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.' Pope Benedict XVI, *Celebration of First Vespers of Advent*.

ST ANDREW

St. Andrew was from Bethsaida in Galilee, a fisherman by trade. He was the one who introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus, saying "We have found the Messiah." After Pentecost, Andrew preached the Gospel in many lands, and is said to have been martyred at Patras in Greece on a cross which was in the form of an "X".

Happy birthday and happy name day to our brother and friend

Fr. Andrew Arhin ofm

Thank you, Father, for your devoted, silent and faithful service in the Nicosia and Kyrenia parishes. God bless you always.

Your glory shines radiantly in your saints, O God, in the honour and noble victory of the martyrs.

PARISH NEWS

**The Holy Mass on Sunday 31st of Oct 10.30 am presided by Nuncio.
After the Mass HE visited all the prayer groups of the parish.**



2nd November All souls Day- Visit of Nicosia Buffer zone old cemetery.

This year's Holy Mass at the old cemetery in Nicosia (Buffer Zone) was presided by the Apostolic Nuncio to Israel and to Cyprus HE Adolfo Tito Yllana with the concelebrants Monsignor George Panamthundil and Franciscan Fathers, Fr. Jerzy Kraj- Vicar General and Fr. Zacheusz Dulniok. At the end of the Eucharist the priests blessed the graves and prayed for the souls of the faithful buried there. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine unto them. May they rest in peace".



***"Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved"
(Ps. 80:3)***

**PARISH ADVENT RECOLLECTION AND CONFESSION DAY
ON SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021**

**BEGINNING OF ADVENT
WE ARE ALL INVITED TO PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD WHO IS
COMING INTO OUR HEART
(From 12:00 noon until the last penitent)**

HOLY CROSS LITURGY MINISTRY

On Sunday 28 of November the volunteers of our parish who dedicate themselves to the service of God and man as readers, psalmists, altar servants and collectors will celebrate the 11th anniversary of their ministry during the 10:30 am Mass. Our meetings take place every 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:30pm. Come and join us!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS & MESSAGES

It is with great joy that we received the news of the official announcement for the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to Cyprus, confirmed now to take place from Thursday 2nd December to Saturday 4th December 2021. That Pope Francis, like previously in 2010 Pope Benedict XVI, will be staying at our Parish of the Holy Cross during his visit to Cyprus is also a great honour for us.

Everyone is encouraged to pray for this visit of the Pope to Cyprus and to personally, actively participate especially at the Holy Eucharist Pope Francis will celebrate at the New GSP stadium in Nicosia on Friday 3 December 2021 at 10 am for us in Cyprus.

Members of the Parish Council will be helping as appropriate in the preparations for the visit, along with many volunteers and the Parish Council is strongly calling all the faithful and groups of our Parish, with their families and friends to participate at the Holy Eucharist to be celebrated by Pope Francis at the New GSP stadium, together with all the Catholic faithful, other Christians and all people of goodwill - to unite in prayer and to listen to Pope Francis personally and his message for us in Cyprus.

No one should be missing from the GSP stadium for this historic event, young and old, adults and children, everyone is welcome and special arrangements will also be made for the handicapped. So we encourage everyone to pray and to make plans early, to ask for the time off if necessary and to register now (at the Holy Cross sacristy) to secure a seat at the New GSP stadium (with transport if needed) for this unique event of a lifetime in Cyprus!

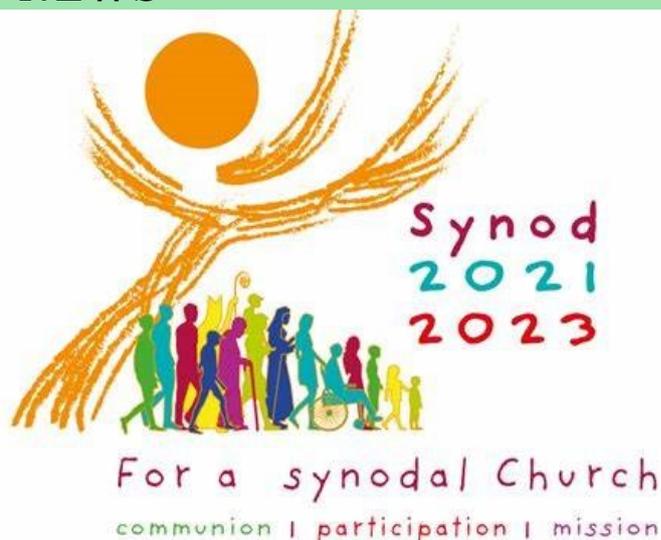
News and information about the visit of Pope Francis to Cyprus you can find at the Holy Cross website at www.holy-cross-nicosia.com and you can also refer to the dedicated website and Facebook page created for the visit of the Pope Francis. The address of the website is www.cypruspapalvisit.info and the Facebook page is called "Pope Francis' Visit to Cyprus".

May the Lord guide, strengthen, bless and protect of us, our Parish, all the faithful and our priests and religious especially at this time, preparing for the historic event of the visit of the Pope Francis to Cyprus. May we taste the Lord's endless Mercy, be filled with His Holy Spirit, its fruits and its gifts and be able to serve Him faithfully and praise Him eternally!

Akis Hjiiossif (Chairman of the Parish Council – email: holcrossparishcouncil@yahoo.com)

The white-robed company follow you, bright with their abundant faith. [...] Endowed with your everlasting grace,

Journeying Together: Communion, Participation, Mission



In September 2021, Pope Francis invited Catholics worldwide to take part the Synod on Synodality, a two-year process of discussion and reflection in preparation for a meeting of the Synod of Bishops to take place in October 2023. This process begins with a diocesan phase followed by a national phase, regional phase concluding with the meeting in Rome.

The holy father started officially the Synod in Rome, last 9 and 10 of October. In the Diocese of Jerusalem, the Synod has begun on Saturday, October 30 initiated by Patriarch of Jerusalem, HB Pierbattista Pizzaballa.

At the same day and hour the Synod has begun in Cyprus with the holy mass presided in the Maronite cathedral in Nicosia, by Nunzio to Jerusalem and Cyprus, HE Archbp. Adolfo Tito Yllana.

The theme of the Synod is: **"Journeying Together: Communion, Participation and Mission."**

The Greek word "Synod" is for "walking together on the same path." A synod is a process in which the Church discerns a particular issue. Since becoming Pontiff, Pope Francis has held synods on the family (2014), youth (2018) and the Pan-Amazon region (2019).

HE Nunzio during the homily of the opening of Synod in Cyprus explained the three touchstones of the process:

* **Communion** — unity amid diversity, which finds its deepest roots in the love and unity of the Blessed Trinity.

* **Participation** — builds on communion and seeks the involvement of everyone in this process of deep, respectful listening to each other.

* **Mission** — Then once we have a shared sense of direction, the Holy Spirit leads us forth to share the love of God with the whole human family, and especially "those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical and existential peripheries of our world."

SUNDAY READINGS

32nd Sun OT
Year B (7 Nov)

1 Kgs 17:10-16
Ps 146:7-10
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12: 38-44

33rd Sun of OT
Year B (14 Nov)

Dn 12:1-3
Ps 16:5-11
Heb 10:11-14 18
Mk 13:24-32

CHRIST THE KING
SOLEMNITY
Year B (21 Nov)

Dn 7:13-14
Ps 93:1 1 -2 5
Rev 1:5-8
Jn 18:33-37

1st SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
Year B (28Nov)

Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5 8-10 14
1Thes 3:12 4:2
Lk 21:25-28 34-36

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Notices, Contributions, etc. for Parish Newsletter

Please send your notices and other contributions for the next newsletter to Berna (bernadette@cytanet.com.cy) and/or to the Parish priest (holcross@logos.cy.net), or leave them in an envelope in the Church Library.

Deadline for submissions: 21 November

Coffee Morning in the Library

**ATTENTION!!!
DURING THE TIME OF PANDEMIC THE MORNING COFFEE IS SUSPENDED!!!**

may we rejoice forever with the martyrs and the saints in our bright fatherland. (from a 10thC prayer in honour of the saints)