



SkyZone Park Great Fun | Campus Activities Board Event

On Monday, February 17, the Campus Activities Board sponsored an event for students at the Boston SkyZone Park, an indoor trampoline park located in town. On the van ride there, there was a collective excitement amongst the group, as some of us were looking forward to reliving our childhood. Upon arrival at the park, it was amusing to realize that we were the only participants over the age of fifteen, which only added to the excitement. The day started with us simply jumping around on the main floor. Some were jumping on a trampoline for the first time, while others were being creative with doing backflips and such.



Eventually we discovered the dodgeball court, which made for an amazing rest of the afternoon. Since there were ten of us, we separated ourselves into two groups, and spent about half-an-hour jumping around and throwing the foam balls at each other. Although it indeed made us really tired quickly, it was perfect that we ended our day with that. I encourage others to join us for the next C.A.B. event!

-Gregory Gounardes
Assistant C.A.B. Director
Holy Cross Seminarian

Poet Scott Cairns headlined at the Saint Photios the Great Faith & Learning Symposium Feb. 8th sponsored by the Office of Vocation & Ministry at HCHC



HCHC Parenting Workshop

A Parenting Workshop was offered by Dr. and Mrs. Mamalakis on Feb 9 here on campus. Questions were answered in some simple quotes as Mrs. Mamalakis reminded us that icons tell us so much. The icon of the Theotokos with Christ, confirms to us that she is the protector of infants. "Panagia shows us that motherhood is the biggest

blessing." Although there is not a perfect way to raise children, "Normal is what children are used to," Dr. Mamalakis said. "The most effective way to teach our children the joy of the liturgical life of the Church is to embrace it in our own lives. The more we live as the church of the home, the more we feel at home in church."

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Mission's Committee

Friends,

The spring semester is well under way, and the Missions Committee is in full swing. Not long ago we welcomed Dr. Maria Khoury back to our campus for a documentary film screening and discussion about Palestine, the family brewery, and their town's annual Oktoberfest. We had a great turnout for this informative and inspiring event.

This semester we will continue to promote mission conscientiousness on our campus through discussion, presentation, and action. Witnessing Christ locally, nationally, but also internationally is essential for the life of the Church. We engage locally with events like the "Breakfast Search"; the next one will be organized in the coming weeks, so stay tuned.

In March, HCHC will be hosting the BTI's annual Costas Consultation. This year the keynote speaker is an Orthodox Bishop from Syria speaking about Christianity in the Middle East. You will not want to miss this one day event, so again, please stay tuned.

The Missions Committee meets every other Monday at 7pm in Room 110. Whether or not you have checked us out before, we encourage you to join us now! Our next meeting is this upcoming Monday, February 24th.

Good strength to all of you during midterms.

Love in Christ,
Steve Sarigianis
Missions Committee
President

HCHC Community Announcements



Congratulations to Greg and Tara Tsikerdanos on the baptism of their daughter Eleni!

Congratulations to Zachary Swanson and Sophia Hailer on their engagement!



God bless you all!

Holy Cross Chapel | A Message from the Ecclesiarch

Dear classmates,

As we draw near to Great Lent, allow me to remind you of the liturgical highlights of the first, more intense week of the fast. On Sunday March 2nd at 7:00 pm we will celebrate Forgiveness Vespers, an event that the entire community is highly encouraged to attend.

Seminarian participation in the Clean Monday retreat is mandatory (details will be published shortly), but the entire campus is invited to participate in the enriching services and lectures available throughout the day. Finally, Monday through Thursday of the first week at 9:00 pm we will have Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

It is my sincere hope that these services contribute to an enriching Great Lent

Kali Sarakosti,

Tasso Theodoropoulos
Ecclesiarch

Spiritual Life Committee

Imagine yourself handing a hot meal to an old man who doesn't have a home. Imagine yourself also giving blankets to a young woman to keep her warm in the snow. Imagine the joy you would feel in genuinely helping your neighbor—and imagine the smile on the face of *your* guardian angel!

The S.L.C. would like to remind everyone that the "Open Door" Free Meal ministry continues every Monday evening at 5:00 p.m. Transportation is provided. If you'd like to sign up, please contact John Miller (jmiller@hchc.edu). What a way that would be to begin your Lenten adventure!

The S.L.C. is also happy to report that Synaxis Book Club and P.R.O.S.C.H.O.M.E.N. Bible Study are both continuing to edify the student body. As always, our goal remains the same: to facilitate sainthood.

Cheers,
The SLC



Fundraising is a Ministry | OVM Highlights Essential Vocation

On the snowy evening of Thursday, February 13th, the OVM hosted a dinner and presentation on the Ministry of Fundraising. Fundraising is a subject we rarely consider as an essential ministry of our church. Instead we consider it the necessary but awkward task that nobody wants to take on. What we fail to realize is that fundraising is a profound opportunity to invite others into the vision and mission of our churches and organizations. Fundraising is a ministry.

“Fundraising is as spiritual as giving a sermon, entering a time of prayer, visiting the sick, or feeding the hungry.” -Henri Nouwen

In 2012, Director of the Office of Vocation & Ministry, Dr. Ann Bezzerides, initiated a yearlong development internship funded by the Virginia H. Farah and Cottonwood Foundations. The internship is open to Holy Cross School of Theology students and graduates. The intern takes courses in professional fundraising at Boston University and works for the development efforts of the OVM. I was the pilot intern and Niko Tzetzis is the current intern.

At the dinner, both Niko and I shared

our experiences and what we have learned about fundraising during our time as interns. I explained how my own vocational exploration led me to this field as a good match as I explored lay ministry opportunities in the church; Niko discussed how his training will be a huge asset to him as he begins parish ministry. Participants stayed for well over an hour after the event was supposed to end to further discuss the topic. Most articulated that they hope for more such training.

For more information on the Development Internship, please contact Dr. Ann Bezzerides at abezzerides@hchc.edu.

-Anna Kallis
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Pictured: Niko Tzetzis, Ann Bezzerides and Anna Kallis