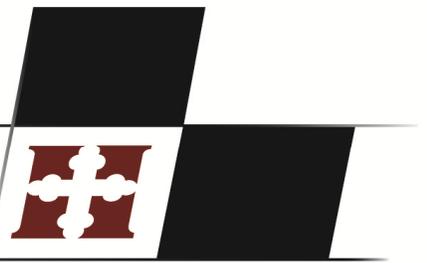


# The Hellenic College Holy Cross CROSSWORD



November 8, 2013

Brookline, Massachusetts

## Ambassadors Offer Retreat at Saint Basil Academy

On Columbus Day weekend, the Sonia Belcher HCHC Ambassadors spent the weekend with almost 100 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from parishes in New York and New Jersey. The 53rd Annual Northeast Region Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting Boy & Girl Scout Religious Retreat was held again this year at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York. This retreat is geared towards the scouts and



Beautiful weather accompanied the weekend making it an enjoyable and spiritual retreat for the scouts, their parents and the Ambassadors as well. The weekend concluded with Divine Liturgy and a closing ceremony where scouts and Ambassadors received badges.

-Cassandra Garibaldi  
Holy Cross M.Div. Candidate



combines aspects of scouting and the Orthodox Faith.

Life of Saint George (the Patron Saint of scouting), confession, Serving God and Country, fun and games.

There was also a session for parents and troop leaders. Following the sessions was Vespers, a camp fire and a question and answer session with the older scouts.

Four sessions were put

together by the Ambassadors, including: the

## Marriage Enrichment Workshop

### Married Student Association & the Center for Family Care

The Married Student Association and the Center for Family Care hosted the Marriage Enrichment Workshop with presenters Fr. Michael and Khouryee Laila Elliason Friday evening, October 25 here on campus. The event was especially designed for future clergy couples.

Father and Khouryee began by introducing each other, sharing stories and giving personal background information. Father mentioned that Khouryee's grandfather and great grandfather were priests. She has a Masters in speech

pathology and is working in New York helping special education students with learning disabilities.

They began by asking about concerns so as to get to know and coordinate the group for discussion. A recommendation was the book: *You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation*, by Deborah Tannen, Ph. D. Then they spoke about the importance of communication and the Orthodox pre-marital counseling.

Many subjects were discussed,

such as ethnicities of the couples, understanding king and queen roles in households, and establishing boundaries within marriages. Also discussed

HCHC's Metropolis of Detroit students and their families gathered together for a BBQ Potluck on November 2, 2013. It was a beautiful Fall day filled with wonderful fellowship.

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were expectations, which incorporated many subject areas.

Family issues were a big topic. Fr. Michael told us that 90% of families are dysfunctional and the other 10% lie about it. And everyone wants to be loved. Believe in what we are doing. "The life of the clergy is not glamorous, but glorious!"

-Diaconissa Vicki Cassis  
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## Mission's Committee

Dear friends,

This year the HCHC Missions Committee is off to fresh start as we move in a direction based on service and action. We have continued our tradition of presenting on current missionaries in the field and about Orthodox organizations involved in mission. Examples include IOCC, OCMC, FOCUS, YOCAMA, the Hawaiian language revitalization and Hawaiian mission efforts, and Fr. Themis Adamopoulos' mission in Sierra Leone. These continue to inspire and inform us all. We held a Missions Movie Night featuring "The End of the Spear" and had great discussion and reflection afterward.

This year we are taking steps to connect with Orthodox missionaries in the field through correspondence. Short updates by our correspondents on the current events and struggles of our Orthodox missionaries worldwide are part of each meeting. Fr. Theodosios Ichimura of Japan, the Ritsi family of Albania, Fr. Yohanes Bambang of Indonesia and Fr. Andres of Guatemala are a few missionaries we are in contact with. Our hope is to raise awareness and interest in their work on campus and beyond through a personal and prayerful relationship.

We are also looking forward to the annual HCHC Missions Week (Nov. 18th through 22nd) featuring OCMC Mission Specialist Dr. Michael Colburn and Missionary Christine Semon. There will be different languages spoken in Chapel throughout the week, so if you are able and willing to read a psalm or an Epistle in a foreign language, please contact us!

This coming Saturday, November 16th, we will be co-hosting a Breakfast Search with the Hellenic College Class of 2017. Come with us as we spread the light and warmth of Christ to our homeless brethren downtown by means of conversation and the breaking of bread with them.

Our bi-monthly meetings are on Monday nights at 7:30pm in room 110. Come check us out! Hoping you all increase steadily in faith and love.

In Christ,

Steve Sarigianis  
Missions Committee  
President

**Happy  
Autumn!**

## HCHC Intramurals | Flag Football Season

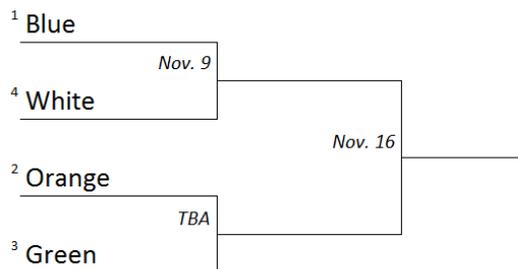
The Flag Football Season is coming to an exciting end. The top four men's teams have qualified for the Men's Playoffs. Blue will play White, while Orange plays Green for the right to play in the championship game. In the Women's League, Team B will host Team C in their repeat of last weekend's match up, but this time it counts for more. The majority of the first round of the playoffs should be played on Saturday November 9th. Times have not yet been listed. The championship games should take place on November 16th. Come out and root on your friends and fellow classmates. More information to come soon.

-Andrew Athanasiou  
Holy Cross Seminarian

### MEN'S LEAGUE

#### Semi-Finals

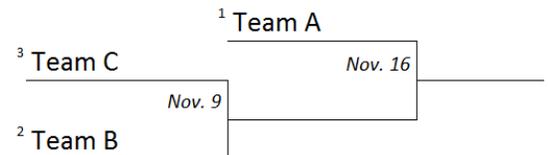
#### Championship



### WOMEN'S LEAGUE

#### Semi-Final

#### Championship



## Holy Cross Chapel | A Message from the Ecclesiarch

Dear Students of HCHC,

As always I thank you all for your effort and unique contributions to our liturgical life here on campus. While we all participate in our own way, this month I would like to draw our attention to one particular ministry, the *Typicon* Planners. In the past, the responsibility of putting together the daily services from the many liturgical books of our church often fell to one student. This past year, however, thanks largely to the hard work and dedication of alumnus Dn. Peter Kostakis, we have expanded this ministry to three groups of five or so students. Once or twice a month they come together and compose outlines of the appropriate hymns to be sung for the week according to the *typicon*. We are hoping in the next semester to expand this ministry to four groups, so if anyone is interested in learning how services are put together, please contact me by email to become one of our *Typicon* Planners next semester!

-Tasso Theodoropoulos  
Ecclesiarch  
Holy Cross Chapel

## Spiritual Life Committee | Edifying the Student Body



The ministries of the Spiritual Life Committee have continued to edify the student body and facilitate sainthood. The Synaxis book club remains our "flagship" ministry. The group is currently looking over and praying over some texts of St. Basil regarding evil and suffering. We are also analyzing texts from St. Dionysios the Aeropagite dealing with the same themes.

The P.R.O.S.C.H.O.M.E.N. Bible study group is also doing quite well. Our last meeting was a huge success with a record turnout. We have now completed reading the prophecy of Joel, the book of Tobit, and we will be starting the so-called "Elijah cycle" (1 Kings 17 - 2 Kings 2) next week. The book of Tobit greatly inspired us with its tale of angelic intervention, true love, and the importance of bringing dogs on a pilgrimage.

-Ted Cherpas  
Holy Cross Seminarian

