The holiday season is a great time to visit the History Center with family and out-of-town guests. During the holidays, the Great Hall and the historic buildings in the "Points in Time" exhibit will be festooned with seasonal decorations, and over 100 Teddy Bears will gather for their annual reunion. The bears are actually on loan from famous Pittsburghers including Mayor Tom Murphy, Arnold Palmer, Bobby Vinton, and Sally Wiggin.

Children love going on bear hunts through the museum while the adults attempt to match the bears with their celebrity owners.

The Byzantine Catholic Church, celebrating its 75th anniversary in Pittsburgh, is the subject of another holiday-season exhibit, The Byzantine Catholic Expression. Richly detailed icons, colorful eggs (pysanky), artifacts, vestments, and videos tell the story of eastern European cultures and traditions.

Visitors will also be treated to a new addition in the great hall—an American-LaFrance fire engine. When the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire purchased the pumper in 1919, it was state-of-the-art. Its bright red paint and gold pin-striping has been meticulously restored, and all of its accessories are in place—hand-cranked siren, safety net, and hard rubber tires.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

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* If you would like to know more about having your own family, school, or business reunion at the History Center, please call Senior Vice President Betty Arenth at 412-454-6320.
EXHIBITS AT THE HISTORY CENTER

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EXPRESSION THROUGH JANUARY 16, 2000

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GLASS: SHATTERING NOTIONS ONGOING

POINTS IN TIME: BUILDING A LIFE IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ONGOING

DISCOVERY PLACE ONGOING

GENERAL INFORMATION

1212 SMALLMAN STREET, IN THE STRIP DISTRICT (412) 454-6000
www.pghhistory.org

PARKING
$3 in the lot at 11th and Smallman with History Center validation.

HOURS
Museum Shop: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.
Library & Archives: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.
Center closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

ADMISSION
Members: free; Adults: $6; Students/Seniors: $4.50; Ages 6-18: $3;
Under 6: Free. Wheelchair accessible. Café on site. Discovery Place
for children.

GROUP SALES

MUSEUM SHOP
History-related gifts and souvenirs. Members receive a 10% discount.

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