

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please submit your name(s) and donations by 5 PM **TODAY** for inclusion in this year's Community Christmas Card.

USHERS NEEDED

Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer to serve as an usher for church services. Please contact Bob Nemchik bobsubstd@aol.com if you are interested.

Dec 25&26 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** in celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior. Please call the church number, 650-591-4447 in case of church emergencies.

Tue Jan 8 **BIBLE STUDY** continues at 10 AM. Join us in the Contos Library for in-depth discussions on the Holy Scriptures and the Writings of the Holy Fathers. We will resume after the holidays.

Wed Jan 9 **STUDIES IN THE FAITH** Join us at 7 PM in the Contos Library for in-depth discussions on the Holy Scriptures, the Writings of the Holy Fathers, and the theological teachings of our Church. We will resume after the holidays.

Th Jan 24 **BYZANTINE MUSIC INTRODUCTION CLASSES** - 6:30 PM in the Contos Library. Chanting is at the heart of all of our worship in the Orthodox Church. This class is for anyone interested in developing a deeper knowledge of the services of our Church and to learn how we chant them. Please contact Ross Ritterman

(ross.ritterman@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending! Classes will resume January 24.

Sat Feb 9 **KRITIKI VRATHIA** – Our Dance Ministry presents *Kritiki Vrathia* / FDF Preview Glendi featuring live musicians from Rethymno, Crete (Manolis Skoutelis, Lyra/Askomandura; and Spyros Skouradakis, Laouto) and preview of FDF performances from all Holy Cross groups. 6:30 PM appetizers (no-host bar) and 7:30 PM dinner. \$55 for adults and \$25 children, 12 and under. RSVP to cretanglendi2019@gmail.com or call Evangelia Daskalakis 650-921-2948; or Kathy Flocas 650-862-2610. Pay online at <https://www.churchyard.org/events/cretanglendi/> All proceeds will benefit our Dance Program.

Sat Mar 2 **ANNUAL CRAB FEED** – Save the date!



- ❖ **HOUSE BLESSINGS BEGIN** – Look for the form in the Narthex, OR send us an email with your name, address, complete driving directions, and your desired date (after Jan 6) and time (between 10 and 5). Someone from the office will contact you to confirm.
- ❖ **SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR ON SUNDAYS** - We have the wonderful opportunity to visit with our friends after liturgy -- please join us. Remember, all donations collected help support the many charities of Philoptochos. We would like to invite you, (man or woman) to come help us. If interested or you have suggestions

on improving the coffee hour, call Irene Pappas 650-591-6976 or email sunlover488-m@yahoo.com.

❖ **THE NEW HOLY CROSS APP** – is available for download. Stay current with the Church of the Holy Cross with our mobile app. Look for “GO Holy Cross” in your iPad / iPhone App store or in your Android Google Play Store.

HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

There are still Nativity items available for you in our Holy Cross Bookstore...ornaments, candles, Christmas books, and a large selection of icons and books. Do join us to complete your giving list!



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

If you are visiting us for the first time, we invite you to sign a guest card in the Narthex. **Only those who have been baptized and/or confirmed in the Greek Orthodox Church are in good standing in the Eastern Orthodox faith** and have recently been to confession may participate in the Holy Sacraments of the Church, including the Holy Eucharist. May God bless and keep you well.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

**Sunday Before the Nativity
- December 23, 2018**

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SERVICES

Sunday, December 23 – Sunday Before the Nativity - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Morning – 8 AM, Royal Hours /
Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 8 PM, Christmas Matins; 9 PM,
Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 25 – Holy Nativity - 8:45 AM, Matins; 10 AM, Divine
Liturgy

Thursday, December 27 – Saint Stephen – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 29 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 30 – Sunday Following the Nativity - 8:45 AM, Orthros,
10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 1 – Saint Basil – 8:45 AM, Matins; 10 AM, Divine Liturgy