

Today **FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – All members in good standing are encouraged to attend our Fall General Assembly immediately following Divine Liturgy. The proposed agenda has been posted at our website.

Today **SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIANOS COLLECTION**

– Our Ladies Philoptochos will collect your generous donations for the Ecumenical Patriarchate Fund. This Fund supports the hospitals, nursing homes, and philanthropic agencies of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, and in turn the people who comprise the venerable Greek Orthodox community of Constantinople. [The Outreach First-Sunday-of-the-Month Collection will take place **November 11**]



Tuesday **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.

Wednesday **STUDIES IN THE FAITH** Classes continues at 7 PM. Join us 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.

Thursday **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!

Sun Nov 11 **SINGING SUNDAY** - The Sunday School students will sing hymns during Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, so please bring them to the far right section of the church so they can be together as they praise God with their angelic voices!

Sun Nov 11 **BENEFIT DINNER** - Gerontissa Markella and her Sisterhood invite you to join us for our annual Benefit Dinner for the Life Giving Spring Monastery, 5 PM, at Saint Nicholas Community Center in San Jose. Adults \$65, children (as & under) \$35. See link at our website. For info call Evagelia at 408-499-3939.

Mon Nov 12 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** in observance of Veterans Day. Please call the church office number (650-591-4447) in case of church emergencies.

Tue Nov 13 **PIECEMEAL** - Our youth families will again celebrate Thanksgiving as a community in The Oaks. Hot apple cider at 6, dinner at 6:45. Turkeys and stuffing will be cooked in our kitchen. Get ready to bring your piece! RSVP and food assignments **NOW** at our website. Donate a turkey first! Email konstantineS@goholycross.org



Sun Nov 18 **THE GREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** of the SF Bay Area will be sponsoring coffee hour. The organization is dedicated to the preservation of Greek culture and history in our area and will be displaying historical photographs and memorabilia. A sampling of their photographs can be found here: <http://www.sanfranciscogreeks.com/gallery/>. If you have any questions you can contact the group by sending an email to sfghs@sanfranciscogreeks.com.

Fri Nov 23 **CHRISTMAS TREES** - Holy Cross Trees sales begin. This year we are looking to sell at least 500 trees. We stock Silver Tips, Noble Fir, Nordmann Fir, Frasier Fir, and Douglas Firs up to 12 feet. Volunteer sign-ups will be posted Sunday night. If you would like to get more involved with managing our Tree Lot, please email office@goholycross.org.

Sat Dec 1 **"LIGHT THE PATH" LUNCHEON** - Please mark your calendars and join the Philoptochos as we celebrate the glory of Christmas and continue to offer financial assistance to our seminarians at Holy Cross Seminary and School of Theology. We will once again host *Light the Path* Northern California, at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This event has a long history here in Belmont. Details and invitations to follow shortly.

Sun Dec 9 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!** The Sunday School kids are learning their carols, and we're gearing up to deck the hall for our annual Community Christmas Program! Please let us know if your children want to be in the "big play" with lines, the "Nativity Scene" with no lines, or both! We need kids to be Joseph, Mary, the angel Gabriel, Wise Men, shepherds, etc. One rehearsal for the Nativity and singing on **Sat, Dec. 8**, 10:00 AM. Only six rehearsals for those in the big play. Contact Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610 or cecanellos@aol.com, or Helene Nemchik, 650-224-4809 or hrnemchik@aol.com.



- ❖ **HOPE (K-2) and JOY (3rd-5th)** are the youth group designations for Greek Orthodox youth between K and 5th Grade. If you have a child in K through 5th Grade, please contact Father Tom at frtom@goholycross.org and let us start the groups.
- ❖ **HOLY CROSS COFFEE HOUR** - 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.
- ❖ **HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL now enrolling** - Are you looking for a high quality, nurturing, ½ day, faith-based program for your preschool child? Then Holy Cross Preschool is the place for you! We have caring teachers, flexible programming options, and a supportive family-centered environment. We offer a curriculum grounded in faith and designed to prepare your child for kindergarten and the world beyond. Email our director Chris Shreve at preschool@goholycross.org to schedule a tour and reserve your child or grandchild's space today! For details about our programs, please see our website: www.holycrossbelmont.com Instagram, or Facebook page. LIC 414000251.
- ❖ **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

Now available in our Holy Cross Bookstore are simply beautiful beeswax column candles. Handmade by the sisters of the Monastery of the Life-giving Spring, they are the backdrop for our Holy Cross mosaic icons. Thus far, we have candles with icons of the Nativity of Christ, Saint Nicholas, Archangels Michael and Gabriel and the Deisis. Also, new Holy Cross icons have arrived. Do feel free to come to browse, chat, and read through books.



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 Fifth Sunday of Luke - November 4, 2018

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SERVICES

Sunday, November 4 – Fifth Sunday of Luke - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 8 – Synaxis of the Archangels – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 9 – Saint Nektarios – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 10 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, November 11 – Eighth Sunday of Luke - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy / We are honored to welcome His Grace Bishop Apostolos and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. Following the Divine Services our Philoptochos will offer a reception in The Oaks. All are welcome to join His Grace in our farewell celebration. We extend our prayers, gratitude, and good wishes to His Grace as he continues his distinguished service in the Lord's Vineyard.

Tuesday, November 13 – Saint John Chrysostom – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 16 – Saint Matthew – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 17 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, November 18 – Ninth Sunday of Luke - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy / We are honored to welcome, His Grace Bishop Neofitos of Mount Nyeri, Kenya, who visited us in January of 2017. He will share with us the missionary work and ministry taking place in Kenya and the growth of the Greek Orthodox church under the Patriarchate of Alexandria, Egypt.