

TODAY - KIDS n CANCER / GREEK LETTERS

Please join the Philoptochos **TODAY** after Liturgy in The Oaks for our annual Kids'n'Cancer Coffee Hour Reception. We will have a delicious coffee hour buffet and lots of surprises, including a raffle, balloons and fun centerpieces for purchase. Please consider making a donation to this Philoptochos ministry. Our goal is to meet or exceed last year's collection of \$7,000! For children who are battling life-threatening cancers, this ministry provides a few days of total fun and makes a permanent connection with these children which continues on after their participation in one of our five camps. They become part of our Philoptochos family. We pray for their health and sometimes, sadly, mourn their loss with their family. Please be generous and *give your heart to a child!* **ALSO-THREE HIERARCHS-GREEK LETTERS CELEBRATION AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**-His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will join us for Divine Services and a special Three Hierarchs Presentation immediately following in Church. In addition, Certificates will be presented to finalists of our Metropolis Greek Education Ministry contest. A cutting of the Vasilopita for our Holy Cross Greek School Staff will also be celebrated.



- Today **CHEER ON OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS** - Boys Elementary plays Saint Gregory at Ascension (4:30); Girls Elementary plays Saint Nicholas at Resurrection (4:30 PM). The next games are scheduled for **Sunday, February 24** – Boys Elementary plays at and vs Annunciation at 3:30 PM; Girls Elementary plays at and vs Ascension at 2:30 PM, Boys Middle plays at and vs Ascension at 4:30 PM.
- 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. We will resume after the holidays.
- Wednesday **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.
- 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!
- Sat March 2 **ANNUAL CRAB FEED** – Presented by our Hostess with the Mostest, Mrs. Jenny Hatzopoulos. Hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6:00 PM and the crab will be marched in at 7:30 PM. Menu : Greek salad, Greek-style pasta, fresh crab, dessert. Greek music. There will be a no-host Full Bar with drinks and soft drinks. \$65 for adults; \$30 for kids ages 4-11; children 3 and under, free. To RSVP,

visit <https://www.churchyard.org/Events/CrabFeed/> or email office@goholycross.org (with name, #of guests, contact phone number). We are accepting both individual and full table of 10 reservations. Seating will be open with the exception of full tables. Make your reservations early! Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers! Reserve a place today! Seating is limited!

- Sat Mar 9 **THE PHILOPTOCHOS INVITES YOU** to our *Membership and Women's Health Tea*. All members of Philoptochos and those interested in joining this powerful movement are invited. Join this “movement” to help those in need. At the same time, learn how to be the best **you** possible to support your family and loved ones. / This year we are honored to have Dr. Tanya Spirtos speak on “Sleep.” How can we get the sleep we need to keep us healthy? There will be time for questions and a delicious light luncheon served. / Laura Jadelrab will host the tea in her home at 1285 Hillcrest Boulevard in Millbrae from 11-3. RSVP by email, text or phone to 650-678-0336, laura.jadelrab@gmail.com. / Hope to see you there!
- Sun Mar 10 **PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** - Calling all young people in grades 4-12! The Holy Cross Parish Oratorical Festival will be held following Divine Liturgy. This Archdiocese-wide, faith-based speech festival gives our young people an opportunity to write and deliver an oral presentation about a topic in Orthodoxy. This experience will give participants valuable public speaking experience and it will strengthen and deepen their faith. This year, Athena Koutsonikolas has offered to serve as a mentor/coach to any participant who would like to work with her. Athena is a marketing, communications and public relations professional and has extensive experience in content curation. Athena can be contacted at athena.koutsonikolas@gmail.com / Detailed festival information along with the list of topics and participant registration link can be found at <http://www.goarch.org/oratorical>. Please contact Allison Virsik with questions and to register at ali_virsik@yahoo.com
- Sun Mar 10 **ORATORICAL FESTIVAL JUDGES NEEDED** - We are in need of judges for the Parish Festival on **March 10** and for the District Festival (hosted by Holy Cross) on **April 14**. You will be moved when you hear the wonderful speeches! If you are Orthodox and willing to serve this capacity, please contact Allison Virsik at ali_virsik@yahoo.com.
- Sat Mar 23 **BENEFIT CHORAL CONCERT** – A concert of Greek Orthodox hymns and Greek folk songs will be presented at 4:00 PM, directed by Dr. Tikey Zes, accompanied by our own Karen Hutchinson, and featuring choir members from Bay Area parishes including several from Holy Cross. Proceeds benefit the building fund of Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco. Info: Eva Canellos, cecanellos@aol.com, 650-400-1610.

Apr 5-7

SPECIAL EIKONA VISIT – Eikona, the world-renowned 3-sister ensemble who sing Orthodox hymns and Christian songs, will visit Holy Cross and the Bay Area, presenting a musical concert and spiritual retreat with PAOI faculty on **Saturday, April 6**, here at Holy Cross. They will also sing During Liturgy on **Sunday, April 7**, at Holy Cross. PLUS, all young people, including those returning from the Bay Area youth retreat, will have the opportunity to enjoy working with Eikona in a special Sunday youth music workshop and jam session following Liturgy. Info and register: paoi-eikona.eventbrite.com. Or contact paoi@ses.gtu.edu or 510-649-3450.



- ❖ **USHERS NEEDED** Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer to serve as an usher for church services. Please contact Bob Nemchik bobsbstd@aol.com if you are interested.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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

Our Holy Cross Bookstore is happy to share with you the news of the addition of newly arrived Gerochristo crosses. Do come to browse, chat, and see the new crosses books, icons and all items Orthodox.



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

Saint Haralambos / Sunday of the Canaanite February 10, 2019

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SERVICES

- Sunday, February 10** – Saint Haralambos / Sunday of the Canaanite - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, February 16 – no Great Vespers today
- Sunday, February 17** – Triodion Begins / Sunday Publican and Pharisee - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, February 23 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, February 24** – Sunday of the Prodigal Son - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 2 – Saturday of Souls – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 2 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, March 3** – Meat Fare / Judgement Sunday - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 9 – Saturday of Souls – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 9 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, March 10** – Sunday of Forgiveness - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy