

Congratulations to all our Holy Cross Dance Groups for their recognized achievements this year at FDF in Ontario, CA. After several months of dedicated work through practice, practice, and more practice, all our groups this year, for the first time, received an award. Our Dance Groups under the capable leadership of Paul Flocas, our Dance Program Director, and our Directors and Dancers will present their awards and Trophies in Church at the conclusion of Divine Services **Today**. A special gathering will take place this evening, at 6 PM, in our Fellowship Hall for all our Dance Groups, including Directors, Dancers, Parents, Grandparents and families. Please let Paul Flocas and/or your Dance Group Director know if you will be attending this potluck dinner and recognition evening of thanks.

Today **CHEER ON OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS** - Boys Elementary School 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. The next games are: **Sunday, March 3**, both at 2:30 PM: Boys Middle plays Saint Gregory 1 at Annunciation, and Boys Elementary plays at and vs Ascension.

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!

Saturday **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 PM. 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 - NOW OPEN TO GRADES 3-12! Grades 3-6 comprise the Elementary Division and participants can deliver a speech on any Orthodox topic of their choice with no time minimum or maximum. Grades 7-12 must choose a topic from the link below and follow timing guidelines. This experience will give participants valuable public speaking experience and will strengthen and deepen their faith. 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 can be found at <https://www.goarch.org/-/2019-st-john-chrysostom-oratorical-festival-topics>. Please contact Allison Virsik with questions and to register at ali_virsik@yahoo.com



Sun Mar 10 &

Sun Apr 14

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL JUDGES NEEDED - We need one more judge on March 10. You won’t regret being a part of this moving ministry. Please contact Allison Virsik at ali_virsik@yahoo.com if you can serve!

Sat Mar 23

BENEFIT CHORAL CONCERT IN SAN FRANCISCO – A benefit choral concert of beloved Greek Orthodox hymns and Greek folk songs will be presented at 4:00 PM, in the Chapel at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 245 Valencia St. Proceeds benefit the Building Fund of Annunciation Cathedral. Info/tickets/sponsorships: 415-864-8000 or nick@tarlson.com. Online tickets: <https://annunciationfundraiser.bpt.me>

Apr 5-7
(Mar 22)

BAY AREA GOYA LENTEN RETREAT - All youth from grades 6-12 are strongly encouraged to participate in the Lenten Retreat at the Marin Headlands. This wonderful retreat is an amazing balance of beautiful landscape, wonderful friendships, all while growing stronger in the Faith. Please visit the Holy Cross website for info and to print out forms! Contact Father Tom at frtom@goholycross.org if you have questions. Registration deadline is **March 22!**



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. They will also sing during the Salutations service at Holy Trinity on Apr. 5. 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 bobsubstd@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

Holy Cross Bookstore - Browse with us and find a bounty of Orthodox items for your personal use and for gift-giving. One of our newest books, "Words of the Heart", reflects the life of Gerondissa Marina, "a rare flower in the garden of modern women's monasticism." / "Food Faith and Fasting, a Sacred Journey to Better Health" is another book on our recommendation list. Gerochristo crosses are now available as are many books, icons, CD's and other gift items.



**GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Sunday of the Prodigal Son - February 24, 2019

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SERVICES

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

Monday, March 11 – Lent Begins – Great Compline, 7 PM

Tuesday, March 12 – Great Compline, 7 PM

Wednesday, March 13 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM

Thursday, March 14 – Great Compline, 7 PM

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.