

HOUSE BLESSINGS

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 20**) and time (between 10 and 5). Someone from the office will contact you to confirm.



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.

Today **OUTREACH SUNDAY** – The first Sunday of each month is Outreach Sunday. Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers. Your kind donations will be distributed to the needy of San Mateo County.

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.

Saturday **BLESSING OF THE WATERS** – 4th Annual Service of the Blessing of the Waters. This is a small pan-Orthodox event in the Central Coast/Bay Area. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos is going to be with us this year! The Service will begin at Rio Del Mar State Beach in Aptos at 11:00 AM – rain or shine. Luncheon to follow at The Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church in Santa Cruz. For info, call 831-429-6500.

Sun Jan 20 **ANNUAL VASILOPETA LUNCHEON** – following Divine Liturgy. Please join us for great food and good cheer as we cut our

Annual Vasilopeta. Luncheon prepared by our Philoptochos. Adults, \$15; children 6-12, \$10; children 5 and under, free.

Th Jan 24 **SOLEMN VESPERS** – to pray for Christian unity and those suffering persecution for their faith. 7 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1040 Alameda, Belmont. Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone will preside and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will be the homilist. Dessert Reception to follow.

Th Jan 31 **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 31.

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!



❖ **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

The new year provides many opportunities for gift giving, including weddings, baptisms, birthdays. Our Holy Cross Bookstore is well-stocked with items for personal use and for gift-giving for younger and older alike. Our Holy Cross mosaic icons are now reproduced and mounted by the sisters of the Monastery of the Life-Giving Spring.

SERVICES

Sunday, January 6 – Holy Theophany - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM,
Divine Liturgy / Blessing of the Waters

Monday, January 7 – Saint John the Forerunner – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM,
Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 12 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 13 – Sunday Following Holy Theophany - 8:45 AM,
Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 17 – Saint Anthony – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine
Liturgy

Friday, January 18 – Saint Athanasios & Cyril – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM,
Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 19 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 20 – Twelfth Sunday of Luke - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00
AM, Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 24 – Solemn Vespers, 7 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary
Church



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

**Holy Theophany
January 6, 2019**

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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.