

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

Today & Saturday – CHEER ON OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS

Boys Middle plays against Resurrection at Ascension (3:30); and, Boys Elementary plays Holy Trinity at Annunciation (3:30). **On Saturday**, Boys Middle plays Annunciation at Holy Trinity (10:30 AM); Boys Elementary (1:30 PM) and Girls Elementary (2:30 PM) play the Ascension teams at 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! Classes will resume January 31.

Sat Feb 2 **THE HELLENIC AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA** invites all friends, members of our Greek community and Philhellenes to the 42nd Annual Greek Letters Day Dinner Dance at Ascension Cathedral, 5:30 to 11:30 PM (dinner at 6:15 PM). Only \$45 for Adults; Children to Young Teens up to 18 yrs. for \$30. No Host Bar - Music by Stamatis - Silent Auction. Call James Vorrises 650-464-1616 or Nicholas Stamatakis 510-715-2710 or email haps1821@gmail.com.

Tue Feb 5 **TO ORA MEMBERS** – Reminder to please send in your reservation to our **February 5th 40th Year Celebration**. An early count will be helpful in our planning. Thank you -- we look forward to seeing you.

Sat Feb 9 **KRITIKI VRATHIA** – Our Dance Ministry presents *Kritiki Vrathia* / FDF Preview Glendi featuring live musicians from Crete 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. Pay

online at <https://www.churchyard.org/events/cretanglendi/> All proceeds will benefit our Dance Program.

Sun Feb 10

KIDS n CANCER - Please join the Philoptochos on **February 10** 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.



Sat Mar 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!

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 can be found in the most recent edition of *Cross Currents* at <http://www.goholycross.org/Files/CrossCurrents/cc%2018fall.pdf>. 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.



- ❖ **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

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.

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

Fifteenth Sunday of Luke January 27, 2019

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SERVICES

Sunday, January 27 – Fifteenth Sunday of Luke - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 30 – Three Hierarchs – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 2 – Presentation of the Lord – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 2 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, February 3 – Sixteenth Sunday of Luke - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 9 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

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