

Today **PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** - Today, immediately following Divine Liturgy! Please join us for lunch and for the festival - everyone is welcome! You will be inspired when you hear the speeches written by our youth about their Orthodox faith. Any questions, please email Allison Virsik ([ali\\_virsik@yahoo.com](mailto:ali_virsik@yahoo.com)).



Today **CHEER ON OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS** - Games are both at Annunciation: Boys Middle vs Saint Gregory 2 at 3:30 PM, and Boys Elementary vs Annunciation at 4:30. Playoffs are on **Saturday, March 16** at Saint Nicholas; Championships are at Ascension the following Sunday.



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** 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.

Friday **LENTEN POTLUCKS BEGIN** – Our ever-popular Lenten Potlucks follow Salutations to the Theotokos (which start at 7 PM). Please join us in The Oaks following services and bring your favorite Lenten (no meat or dairy) dish and your Orthodox friends.

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](mailto:nick@tarlson.com). Online tickets: <https://annunciationfundraiser.bpt.me>

Apr 5-7  
(Fri 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](mailto: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 **Friday, April 5**. Info and register: [paoi-eikona.eventbrite.com](http://paoi-eikona.eventbrite.com). Or contact [paoi@ses.gtu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sunlover488-m@yahoo.com).
- ❖ **COFFEE HOUR NEWS** - Someone wanted to know if she could donate to the Coffee Hour expenses but pointed out that many people do not carry cash any more. You can now donate online! – go to <http://www.goholycross.org>, click the “Stewardship 2019” button at the top, and donate to the “Coffee Hour” fund. It's so easy. Keep the great ideas coming!
- ❖ **PHILOPTOCHOS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS** – High school seniors are encouraged to apply for these service awards offered by the Philoptochos. Applications for 2019 awards are available **NOW** *by emailing the church office*. A typed application is required -- No handwritten applications will be accepted. If you are college-bound or are planning to enter a training program, if you have participated in Church and Community service, and if your family is a member of our parish, then you may qualify. Deadline is **Monday, April 29, 2019**.
- ❖ **BYZANTINE MUSIC INTRODUCTION CLASSES** – will continue after Pascha. Please contact Ross Ritterman ([ross.ritterman@gmail.com](mailto:ross.ritterman@gmail.com)) if you are interested in attending when we resume in **May!**
- ❖ **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**

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 the Akathist Hymn service book, Lenten Liturgies, and Holy Week, and many other books, icons, CD’s and other gift items.

## **SERVICES**

**Sunday, March 10** – Sunday of Forgiveness - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, March 10** – Forgiveness Vespers – 6:00 PM

Monday, March 11 – Lent Begins – Great Compline and the Great Canon of Saint Andrew, 7 PM

Tuesday, March 12 – Great Compline / The Great Canon, 7 PM

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

Thursday, March 14 – Great Compline / The Great Canon, 7 PM

Friday, March 15 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 8:30 AM

Friday, March 15 – First Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 PM

Saturday, March 16 – Saturday of Souls – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, March 16 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

**Sunday, March 17** – Sunday of Orthodoxy - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 18 – Great Compline, 7 PM

Wednesday, March 20 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM

Friday, March 22 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 8:30 AM

Friday, March 22 – Second Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 PM

Saturday, March 23 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

**Sunday, March 24** – Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, March 24** – Annunciation (Vespers in San Francisco or Modesto)

Monday, March 25 – Annunciation – 8 AM, Orthros; 9 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 25 – Great Compline, 7 PM

Wednesday, March 27 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM

Friday, March 29 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 8:30 AM

Friday, March 29 – Third Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 PM

Saturday, March 30 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

**Sunday, March 31** – Sunday of the Holy Cross - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy



## **GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Sunday of  
Forgiveness  
*March 10, 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.