

Today **CHEER ON OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS** - Our Girls Elementary and Boys Middle made the playoffs! (which were held yesterday, after this Bulletin item was printed) And since we KNOW they made it to the Championships **today**, root them on at Ascension, Oakland [Girls at 2:15 PM, Boys at 6 PM]. Cheers to our Boys Elementary and all our teams for their hard work and a great season!



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 following the Presanctified Liturgy 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 CONTINUE** – 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.

Friday **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR THE LENTEN RETREAT!** – see the news item on the right.

Saturday **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>

Next Sunday **GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AND THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY** - Holy Cross Greek School invites you to celebrate this special day of Hellenism! After Divine Liturgy, join us for a Lenten Luncheon followed by our Greek School program presented by our students.

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.

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(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!**



Sat May 18 **I LOVE PARIS** – especially when it comes to our Philoptochos Fashion Show! Will you fall for our fashionable French-themed *fête*? *Oui!* Save the date! *Merci beaucoup.*



- ❖ **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. Newly added: Lenten prayers, readings, and the service schedule. Look for “GO Holy Cross” in your iPad / iPhone App store or in your Android Google Play Store.

### **HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE**

The Lenten Journey has begun. Our Holy Cross Bookstore offers those books which are invaluable guides through the many services, including The Akathist Hymn and CD, The Lenten Liturgies, The Liturgies of Saint Basil and the Services for Holy Week and Easter. / We are pleased to recommend for personal reading two new books, “Becoming a Healing Presence” and “Romans, an Orthodox Commentary.”

### **SERVICES**

**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, 7 PM; or Modesto, 6 PM)

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  
Orthodoxy  
March 17, 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.