

TODAY

Today **JOIN US FOR THE BLESSING OF OUR MOSAIC ICONOGRAPHY** – His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will lead us in prayer and celebration.

Today **PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** – Our Parish Oratorical Festival will be held following Divine Liturgy in The Oaks. This Archdiocese-wide, faith-based speech festival provides our young people, grades 3-12, with an opportunity to write and deliver an oral presentation about a topic in Orthodoxy. This experience will give youth participants valuable public speaking experience and will deepen and strengthen their faith! Join us!



❖ **JUDGES NEEDED** – We are in need of judges for the District Festival (hosted by Holy Cross) on **April 26**. 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

Today **OYAA JV BBALL** – Our final games (before playoffs/championship) will be at HOME TODAY, Boys Elementary versus Saint Gregory at 2 PM; and, Boys Middle versus Ascension at 3 PM. Come cheer on our teams!



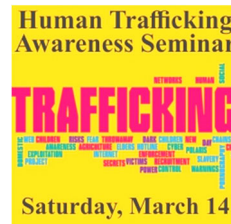
Tuesday **BIBLE STUDY** in the Contos Library at 10 AM.

Wednesday **STUDIES IN THE FAITH CLASSES** in the Contos Library at 7 PM.

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.

This wknd **BAY AREA LENTEN YOUTH RETREAT** – at the Marin Headlands. Students grades 6-12 are encouraged to join us. Click on the banner at our website for details or email Father Tom at frtom@goholycross.org.

Saturday **HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR** - The Philoptochos will present a Women's Wellness and Awareness Seminar on the topic of Human Trafficking. Please join us on from 11 AM to 3 PM in the Fellowship

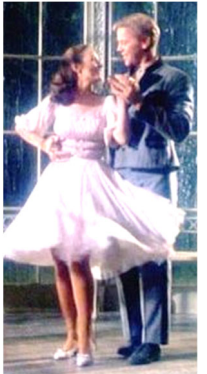


Hall. Dr. Tanya Spirtos is gathering a group of experts on this topic. We need to be armed with the information we can use to keep our families, coworkers, and friends safe. A light Lenten luncheon will be served. Entrance by donation to a rehabilitation shelter is requested at the door. Please RSVP to office@goholycross.org or 650-591-4447.

Sun Mar 22 **CHORAL RECITAL OF SACRED MUSIC** – 1:30 PM, featuring works sung at our Great Lent and Passion Week Services. You will hear both familiar and new selections that are sung at our Great Lent and Passion Week services. Church of All Russian Saints Parish Choir - 744 El Camino Real, Burlingame. There will be an “All You Can Eat Pasta Buffet” hosted by our Sisterhood before our concert, and a reception hosted by parents of our Parish Russian School after the concert. All are invited. Admission free; donations to benefit our Parish Stewardship Program gratefully accepted.

Sun Apr 5 **SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – Save the date and join us for our Spring Assembly immediately following Divine Liturgy. The proposed agenda, and minutes from the previous Assembly will be available online or in the Narthex.

Sat May 2 **THE HILLS ARE ALIVE** - Mark your calendar for our fabulous Holy Cross Fashion Show and Luncheon, presented by our amazing ladies of Philoptochos. Inspired by The Sound of Music, you'll feel like you're 16 Going on 17 when you join us for the gorgeous fashions, beautiful models, delightful entertainment, and five-star lunch prepared by Chris Tsardoulis and his team of Master Chefs. Climb Every Mountain to get there! Proceeds benefit scholarships and charities.



❖ **PHILOPTOCHOS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS** – High school seniors are encouraged to apply for these service awards offered by the Philoptochos. Applications for 2020 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 27, 2020**.

❖ **MAIDS OF ATHENA BOOK DRIVE** - Donate new or gently used children's books for underprivileged children. Please bring your books and drop them off in the Narthex or The Oaks. Donations will also be accepted



to purchase new books. Please contact Raisa Gagas at readingbug29@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

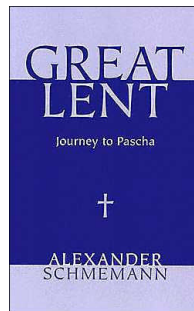
- ❖ **Greek American Professional Women's Society - Scholarship Award** - GAPWS is proud to support and mentor young women who work towards advancing their education and becoming successful members of their communities. The scholarship is offered to two female college students of Hellenic heritage in 2020. Recipients will receive \$1,000 each. Deadline is **March 31, 2020**. For info, including eligibility requirements, and to apply visit www.gapws.org
- ❖ **WE INVITE** parishioners to join our ushering teams and volunteer to serve as an usher for church services. Please contact Bob Nemchik bobsbstd@aol.com if you are interested.
- ❖ **CARE CLOSET FOR CHILDREN** – The Care Closet is currently seeking more donations of LICE KITS, along with full-size shampoo, conditioner, body soap, and toothpaste. There are containers in the lobby of The Oaks to place donations, or if online shopping is easier, check out the Amazon Wish-List here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxqhx5yk>. Thank you for supporting needy families in San Mateo!
- ❖ **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 THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE



We have begun the Lenten Journey and our Holy Cross Bookstore is here to assist us in our understanding of each of the several services offered during the Great Lent - Saint Basil Liturgy for the Sundays of Great Lent, The Lenten Liturgies (which includes the services of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy offered each Wednesday and Friday), the Akathist Hymn and the Holy Week Book for all of the services of Holy Week. Many other books for our spiritual growth are also available, as are icons, CD's, games for our young people and Pascha Candles for adults and children.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS Sunday of Orthodoxy March 8, 2020

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SERVICES

Sunday, March 8 – Sunday of Orthodoxy - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Monday, March 9 – Great Compline, 7 PM
Wednesday, March 11 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM
Friday, March 13 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 8:30 AM
Friday, March 13 – Second Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 PM
Saturday, March 14 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
Sunday, March 15 – Sunday of Gregory Palamas - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Monday, March 16 – Great Compline, 7 PM
Wednesday, March 18 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 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.