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ARCADIANS – The San Francisco Arcadians #35 are sponsoring today's Coffee Hour. SF Arcadians are happy to be part of all the Greek Orthodox communities for over 92 years! www.SFArcadians.org

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – All members in good standing are urged to vote for candidates for our 2025-26 Parish Council. **VOTE!** today at Coffee Hour until 1 PM!

FESTIVAL BLACK FRIDAY SALE CONTINUES – Last chance at these bargain prices!! Just in time for the holidays!! Our famous youvetsi (8 lamb shanks for \$90, including chicken broth and orzo) Gyro (\$25 for 5 pound package), Greek wines (\$20 per bottle) and Pita (\$3 for 10 pack or 2 packs for \$5) are also available for purchase. Quantities are very limited!! Please see Chris Canellos after church today or order the youvetsi at belmontgreekfestival.com!

FAMILY TO FAMILY SHARING! As is our custom at Holy Cross we are sponsoring many families from our surrounding community - San Mateo, San Carlos and Redwood City. Our commitment is to provide gifts for each child in the family and food gift cards for each family. To participate, please consider donating towards the purchase of gift cards -- please use this QR code to link to our Online-Giving. Please see Anastacia Stamates after church or contact at anastaciams68@gmail.com or 650-868-2569 for more information!



OUR CHRISTMAS TREE LOT celebrates eleven years this year. In that time, we have attracted more and more customers. / Though our shift volunteers help to cover for the work load this growth requires, we are now also looking for energetic people who can and would want to help oversee the different parts of this operation over a week or over the Christmas season. If you like being outside, enjoy Christmas, are task oriented, and enjoy exercise and interacting with our customers, send an email to me at konstantines@goholycross.org or call me at 650-483-2995. / **CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS OPEN** – Please use the links at the church website to sign up to help at the Lot. Email konstantine at k.konstantine@gmail.com or a relevant youth group ministry head with any questions. Thank you!

Saturday **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL** for all our young people, 10 AM to 1 PM in The Oaks. Info: Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610.

NEXT Sun **ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS TEA – December 15** – Check your mail for details AND fantastic raffle opportunities for some great holiday prizes!

NEXT Sun **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – December 15** – Join us for a beautiful & fun celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, from 5-6 PM in The Oaks. Featuring performances by our choir, Sunday School, Greek School, & drama program, plus a sing-along & a visitor from the North Pole! Info: Eva, 650-400-1610.

CALLING YOUNG CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ACTORS!

Casting has started for the Holy Cross Christmas Program on **Sun., Dec. 15, 5-6 pm**, and we need lots of young people to play Shepherds, Stable Animals, Wise Men, Angels, Prophets, Mary & Joseph! We want YOUR CHILD in the beautiful Nativity Scene. There are Speaking and Non-Speaking roles. Please specify. Contact Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610, Helene Nemchik, 650-224-4809, or Irene Fotinos, 650-888-3047. Everyone must attend the big rehearsal on **Sat, Dec. 14, 10 AM - 1 PM**, and students with speaking roles must also attend two additional rehearsals on **Thur & Fri, Dec. 12 & 13, 6:45-8 PM**.



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PERSONALIZED CALL FROM SANTA! Sign up for a personalized virtual call from Santa for your children. Don't miss this opportunity to share the Spirit of Christmas with your family! **NOW thru December 24**. Signup by visiting: www.stnicholas-tele-santa.com

STEWARDSHIP 2024 – Look for your 2025 Stewardship packet in the mail and make your pledge Today! Becoming a pledging steward of Holy Cross gives the necessary financial support to our church. Your monthly monetary gift, which is part of your stewardship, helps our parish meet her financial responsibilities ...in simple terms, pay the bills. Please make every effort to make your pledge in the next few weeks. Members of our Parish Council, Stewardship Committee and Sunday Ushers will be happy to help you with additional information and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your support and joining our Parish Community. Please visit our church website.

CLASSES CONTINUE - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – A new series of Studies in the Faith and Bible Studies. Join us in great informed discussions as we discover the enlightened wisdom and understanding of the Holy Fathers of our Orthodox Tradition. All are welcome to join and learn. Contact k.konstantine@gmail.com for info

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN We have begun enrollment for the 25-26 school year -- please email Director Chris Shreve to schedule a visit for you and your child today! Preschool@goholycross.org Visit our Preschool website: www.holycrossbelmont.com Follow us on Instagram: @holycrosspreschool [<https://www.instagram.com/holycrosspreschool/>]. Like and follow us on Facebook: [<https://www.facebook.com/holycrossbelmont/>].

CARE CLOSET NEEDS YOU! – Donate basic hygiene and daily care items to children of San Mateo Park Elementary School. Deposit items in collection box in our Fellowship Hall or go to: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR?ref=wl_share and order on-line shipping directly to school. Philoptochos appreciates your support. Email here if you have questions: cphopkins322@gmail.com

OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

As we strive to offer a reflection of our Orthodox faith and the significance of each liturgical season, our shelves now include items which convey the Season of Christ's Nativity...icons, books, ornaments for personal and gift-giving purposes. Our always available books, icons, puzzles, games, prayer ropes, crosses and more await your perusal.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Tenth Sunday of Luke - December 8, 2024

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❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

Sunday, December 8 – Tenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 9 – Conception of the Theotokos – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 12 – Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 14 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 15 – Saint Eleftherios / Eleventh Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, Dec 17 – Saint Dionysios – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 21 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 22 – Sunday Before the Nativity – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 23 – Vespertal Liturgy of Saint Basil – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24 – Great Hours of the Nativity – 8:30 AM

Tuesday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity of Christ – 7:00 PM, Matins, 8:00 PM, Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 25 – Nativity of Christ – 9 AM, Matins, 10 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 27 – Saint Stephen the First Martyr – 8:30 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

If you are visiting us for the first time, send us an email and share your thoughts and suggestions. May God bless and keep you well.