

TODAY

Please join us! Daughters of Penelope is sponsoring **COFFEE HOUR**, offering delicious treats lovingly prepared for our Holy Cross community. We look forward to seeing you for fellowship and fun in The Oaks!

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER – LAST DAY IS TODAY! We are taking *PRE-ORDERS ONLY* for our DELICIOUS homemade Pecan tarts! See the link at our church website. / Tarts will be approximately 11 inches in length and 1 inch deep. Made with caramelized pecans, maple syrup and flaky homemade crust, cutting into this tart will be like eating Autumn. / Pick up will be only ONE DAY, **NEXT SUNDAY** after church. All proceeds go towards our Dance Program. If you have any questions, please reach out to: Effie Zaharioudakis at 650-483-4899 or effiezaxari@gmail.com

PHILOTOCHOS THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE - Pick up some delicious homemade pastries for your holiday meals! The Philoptochos is baking melomakarouna, diples and kourabiedes for you. We will be selling them **TODAY** and **next Sunday**. Please call Othonia Makris to place your order at 650-593-2537 or 650-759-0573.

FESTIVAL HOLIDAY CLEARANCE SALE - Check out these bargains, just in time for the holidays. Our famous youvetsi (4 lamb shanks for \$50, including chicken broth and orzo) Our incredible baklava (2 piece gift box \$10, 6 piece gift box \$25) Limited quantities of Locanico (\$30 for 4 pound package), Gyro (\$25 for 5 pound package), Greek wines (\$25 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!

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 a couple 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.

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 choosing a child or two from the Giving Tree (found in The Oaks lobby) and providing them with gifts (total value of \$50 to 75) or making a monetary donation. Please see Anastacia Stamates after church or contact at anastaciams68@gmail.com or 650-868-2569 for more information.

Tues Nov 26 **CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPENS** – on a **Tuesday!** 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!

Sun Dec 8 **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** – for 2025-2026 positions. All members in good standing are encouraged to VOTE! Join us following Divine Liturgy at Coffee Hour.

Sat Dec 14 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL** for all our young people, 10 AM to 1 PM in The Oaks. Info: Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610.

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

Sun Dec 15 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – 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 Canellos, 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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“NEW KICKS FOR KIDS” SHOE DRIVE – now thru **November 30** - Presented by our Philoptochos. This will be our 5th annual shoe drive which is becoming eagerly anticipated by many needy kids. We've signed up for **100 Kids** this year. Donate a NEW Pair of Sneakers for a Child in Need in San Mateo School District. Only new kids shoes in-the-box please- not wrapped. Please include a tag with the child's name. To Donate New Soles for Young Souls Visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home> or contact Nina Azar 650-863-7780 for more information and to be assigned a child's name.

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! **December 6 thru 24**. Signup by visiting: www.stnicholas-tele-santa.com

STEWARDSHIP 2024 - Make your 2024 Stewardship 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/) [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

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

Sunday, Nov. 17 – Ninth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Thursday, November 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 23 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
Sunday, November 24 – Thirteenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Monday, November 25 – Saint Katherine – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve – 6 PM, Matins; 7 PM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 30 – Saint Andrew the First-Called – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 30 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 1 – Fourteenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, December 4 – Saint Barbara – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Thursday, December 5 – Saint Savas the Sanctified – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Ninth Sunday of Luke
- November 17, 2024*

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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

As we strive to offer a reflection of our Orthodox faith, among our new arrivals is '365 Mornings with Mother Siluana'. A paragraph designated for each day of the year gives the reader a 'reality check' from which to be guided through the day. All that is Orthodox, including books, icons, puzzles, games, prayer ropes, crosses and more are beyond our entry door.



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.