

Today - VASILOPETA LUNCHEON - Following Divine Liturgy. Join us for great food and good cheer as we cut our Annual Vasilopeta. Luncheon prepared by our Holy Cross Philoptochos Ladies. Adults, \$20; children 6-12, \$10; children 5 and under, free.



Saturday - CRETAN GLENDI - Please join us at 6:00 pm for our Annual Cretan Glendi here at Church of the Holy Cross. Tickets are \$85.00 per person and include dinner and dancing with Live Musicians directly from Crete! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Holy Cross Beautification project. For more information please contact Kathy Roque-Albert at kathyroquealbert@gmail.com or Diane Kounalakis at kounalakis@comcast.net.

January – HOUSE BLESSINGS - Please click on the link at our church website or pick up a form in the Narthex if you would like to have your house blessed for the new year. You will receive a call from Father to confirm.

Saturday, January 25 - CRAB FEED - You are cordially invited to our annual Crab Feed. Come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a scrumptious crab dinner! The main menu will be luscious crab along with salad, Greek-style pasta, olive-oil garlic bread and dessert. A complimentary bottle of wine will be provided with the meal for each table of 10 guests. There will be a no-host full bar with wine, water, coffee and soft drinks along with Greek music and a raffle. Hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6:00 PM; Dinner starts at 7:30 PM. \$85 for adults, \$35 for children ages 4-11, and children 3 and under are free. Bring your family, neighbors, and co-workers. Visit the link at our church website or use the QR code on the right. Reserve a place today! Seating is limited!



Saturday, February 1 – MESSINIANS DINNER DANCE – Join the Society of Navarino Messinians for their Annual Dinner Dance. Live music by Mythos Band at Brotherhood Masonic Center. Cocktails at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM. RSVP by **January 23**. More info at our church website!

Sunday, February 9 – KIDS N CANCER COFFEE HOUR - Kids'n'Cancer Fundraising Begins! Coffee Hour Reception. It is that time once again to “give your heart to a child with cancer.” The Holy Cross Philoptochos invites the entire parish to a delicious hosted coffee hour reception following Liturgy in the Oaks to share Food, Fellowship and Fun! There will be an amazing drawing with fantastic prizes. Last year we exceeded our goal of \$15,000. Our hope is to reach \$20,000 this year, God willing. / Please join us! Look for our upcoming flyer with details about how to donate. / With our Love, Holy Cross Philoptochos

Sunday, March 30 – HOLY CROSS PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL - The Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held on **Sunday, March 30**. This Archdiocese-wide, faith-based speech festival provides our young people with an opportunity to write and deliver an oral presentation about a topic in Orthodoxy. The Festival is open to grades 3-12. Children in grades 3-6 can write a speech on the topic of their choice and those in grades 7-12 must write on a topic in their age category. Public speaking is important throughout life and this festival offers a way for our youth to learn these important skills while exploring their faith. Please encourage the young people in your life to participate. Contact Allison Virsik (ali_virsik@yahoo.com) with questions and to register. Topics can be found at: www.goarch.org/oratorical

- **CALL FOR ORATORICAL FESTIVAL JUDGES** - We are in need of judges for the Parish Festival on **Sunday, March 30** and for the District Festival which will be hosted by Holy Cross on April 6. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Allison Virsik (ali_virsik@yahoo.com). There are no longer restrictions on serving multiple years in a row, so you can serve as a judge even if you have served in this capacity last year!



STEWARDSHIP 2025 – 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.

FESTIVAL POST CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE – Check out these unbeatable prices while they last!! Gyro (\$20 for 5 pound package), Greek wines (\$20 per bottle) and Pita (\$2 for 10 pack or 3 packs for \$5) are also available for purchase. Quantities are very limited!! Please see Chris Canellos after church today!

CLASSES RESUME! - 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 are continuing 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

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Sunday, January 12 – Sunday Following Holy Theophany – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 17 – Saint Anthony – 8:30 AM Orthros, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Saturday, January 18 – Saints Athanasios and Cyril – 8:30 AM Orthros, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Saturday, January 18 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 19 – Twelfth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 23 – Solemn Vespers, 7:00 PM @ Saint Pius in Redwood City

Saturday, January 25 – Saint Gregory the Theologian – 8:30 AM Orthros, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

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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.



**GREEK ORTHODOX
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*Sunday Following
Holy Theophany
January 12, 2025*

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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

...looks forward to offering throughout each day of 2025 icons, books, prayer ropes, honey, and other 'all that is Orthodox' items...including the best of all ways for our young Orthodox Christians to begin anew the 'Journey From Pride to Humility'. Whoosh! ' This 'modern day fairytale will delight...' our young people 'while teaching them very important life lessons'.

