FAMILY TO FAMILY SHARING 2026

We are once again sponsoring 45 families with 98 children in Redwood City and San Mateo for the Christmas season. Be part of this ministry by 1) providing a gift or gift card for a child, the Angel Tree is located in the lobby of The Oaks 2) donate money to go towards the purchase of food gift cards and 3) sign up to make deliveries to the schools the morning of **Monday, December 14**th. Contact Anastacia Stamates at anastaciams68@gmail.com or 650-868-2569.

Today — **SAVE THE DATE & SIGN UP!** The very popular annual XMas Tea is scheduled for **Sunday, December 13** following Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. Philoptochos welcomes ladies of the parish to contribute a simple appetizer or salad. Look for sign up sheet in The Oaks at Coffee Hour **TODAY**.

Saturday — **CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSAL** for all Sunday School students (actors & singers), 11am-12:30pm in the church. Contact Eva Canellos, cecanellos@aol.com.

Next Sunday — **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY!** Our amazing Sunday School students will perform a beautiful 12-minute play about the birth of Jesus, immediately after liturgy in the church (replacing the evening program). Also join us for Breakfast with Santa in The Oaks, sponsored by our Dance Groups/Youth Council.



Sun Dec 13 — **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** - The Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross will hold a **PARISH COUNCIL SEMINAR** on **Tuesday, December 8, 2026**, at 7 PM in the Contos Library. All potential Parish Council candidates, including incumbents seeking re-election, must attend the Seminar. Candidates must complete the Application for candidacy form and return it to the Parish Office by **Tuesday, December 8, 2026** at 7 PM. If an Application has not been turned in by the designated date and time, the person will be ineligible. Elections will be held following Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall Lobby, **Sunday, December 13, 2026.**

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COOKIES! For Thanksgiving and Christmas gifting (and nomming!). Call 650-593-2537 if you would like to purchase freshly-baked & beautifully-packaged melomakarona & kourambiedes.

INTERESTED IN MAKING PROSPHORA? We are looking for volunteers to make prosphora regularly for our church as a meaningful way to offer your time, work, and talents to the life of the Church. For years, a few faithful members of our parish have generously offered this service, and we hope to encourage new people to participate and follow in their footsteps. If you are interested in learning how to prepare and make prosphora for divine services, please contact Father Peter at frpeter@goholycross.org or Father Manoli at frmanoli@goholycross.org.



ARE YOU A MEMBER of the CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS? IF NOT, MAKE YOUR STEWARDSHIP 2026 COMMITMENT TODAY! – Let's make this the "Year of Stewardship"! We thank you for your support and for joining our Parish Community. If you haven't already donated, please visit our church website and make your monthly donation for our minimal ask of $175 today!

HOLY CROSS TREES - We began selling Christmas Trees to the local area in 2014. We will continue again this year, with the lot opening the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We are looking for adults and young people to help manage more of the operations. Email Fr. Peter or konstantines@goholycross.org.

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN We are still enrolling students in our pre-Kindergarten class for the 2026-27 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

STUDIES AND BIBLE CLASSES! – Classes continue! Contact konstantines@goholycross.org for schedule.

2026/27 PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - Exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent are invited to apply. Eligible Greek American college students can share a total of $250,000 over forty scholarship awards based on academic achievement, financial need, and/or Hellenic engagement. Specifics, application, and requirements at www.panhellenicsf.org/apply. Deadline is **Jan. 15, 2027**. Questions? email scholarships@panhellenicsf.org or call 312-357-6432.

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Sunday, November 29 – Thirteenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Monday, November 30 – Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Friday, December 4 – Saint Barbara the Great Martyr – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 5 – Saint Savas the Sanctified – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 5 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, December 9 – Conception of Saint Anna – 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.



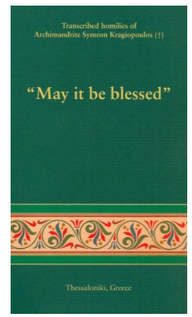
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Thirteenth Sunday of Luke
November 29, 2026

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For personal use or gift-giving, our shelves are filled with all that is Orthodox for adults and for children. '***May it be blessed***', a book of few pages and much wisdom, shares with the readers homilies by Elder Symeon Kragiopoulos on saying the prayer, "May it be Blessed", as a means to advance in the spiritual life and subject one's will to God.