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**TODAY** at HOME = 2 PM, Boys Elementary School vs St. Gregory; 3 PM, Boys Middle School vs St. Gregory 1; 4 PM, Girls Middle School vs Ascension; and 5 PM, Boys High School vs St. George SF

**Saturday, March 25** at St Gregory Gym (699 Serramonte Blvd, Daly City) = 11 AM, BES, vs Ascension 1

**Sunday, March 26** at Ascension (Oakland) = 2:30, BES vs Ascension 2

**Sunday, March 26** at Annunciation (SF) = 5:30, BMS vs St. Gregory 2; 6:30, BHS vs St. Gregory

Tuesday **BIBLE STUDY** – Hybrid class resumes at 10:30 AM. (Due to ORA lunches on the first Tuesdays of each month, Bible Study will begin at 10 AM, instead of 10:30 AM.) Go to the church website for instructions on how to connect or send an email to [konstantines@goholycross.org](mailto:konstantines@goholycross.org).

Wednesday **STUDIES IN THE FAITH CLASSES** – Hybrid class resumes at 7 PM. Go to the church website for instructions on how to connect, or send an email to [konstantines@goholycross.org](mailto:konstantines@goholycross.org).

Thursday **PATRISTIC WORKS** – We will resume hybrid class on **Thursday, March 23** at 7 PM. Please email [konstantines@goholycross.org](mailto:konstantines@goholycross.org) for details.

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. A Q&A session will also be conducted. This is a good opportunity for our younger families to get to know one another and to meet also those who have for many years been enjoying our Lenten Potluck after the services.

Sat Apr 1 **PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** - The Saint John Chrysostom Parish Oratorical Festival will be held on **Saturday, April 1** at 10:30 AM in Church. **Everyone is welcome to attend!** 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. Public speaking is

important throughout life and the festival offers a way for our youth to learn this important skill while exploring their faith. Please encourage the young people in your life to participate and contact Allison Virsik ([ali\\_virsik@yahoo.com](mailto:ali_virsik@yahoo.com)) for details and to register your child.

Mon Apr 24 **PHILOPTOCHOS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**AWARDS** – High school seniors are encouraged to apply for these service awards offered by the Philoptochos. Applications for the 2023 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 24, 2023, 5 PM.**

❖ **STEWARDSHIP 2023** – Please send in your 2023 Pledge Card. The Cards help us greatly in planning for the new year. Let us know if you need a pledge packet, or please visit the church website and download/print a Pledge Card yourself. Everyone is asked to commit to ***\$140*** per month in 2023.

❖ **KIDS N CANCER** - Dear Holy Cross Family, Your Philoptochos set a goal for Kids'n'Cancer this year of \$15,000. We are almost there! As of today, our total is \$11,800 and we thank all who have "given from their heart to a child." Perhaps you missed our coffee hour reception, or just let it slip your mind. It's not too late to make a donation. / Could you please help us get to \$15,000? Our deadline for submitting our proceeds to the Kids'n'Cancer Ministry is the end of April. Please help us get there! / We appreciate all you do. / With our continued love, *The Philoptochos*

❖ **CAMPER SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR IV 2023** -- Spots still remain in Session One and Session Two for this summer! As you know, Ionian Village provides campers and staff with a life-transforming summer experience by bringing them closer to our Orthodox faith and exploring our rich Hellenic culture and history. Since 1970, more than 18,000 teens and young adults have experienced the miracle of this program over 50 years. / Both sessions are open to campers who are currently in 9th grade through those who will complete the 12th grade in the spring of 2023. For more information, and to register, visit [www.ionianvillage.org](http://www.ionianvillage.org). ***To inquire about scholarships***, please contact our office at [ionianvillage@goarch.org](mailto:ionianvillage@goarch.org) or 212-570-3536.

- ❖ **HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL** is now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year. Please email Director Chris Shreve to schedule a visit for you and your child today! [Preschool@goholycross.org](mailto:Preschool@goholycross.org) Check out our website: [www.holycrossbelmont.com](http://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/].
- ❖ **HOLY CROSS PHILOPTOCHOS FASHION SHOW NEWS!!! Saturday, May 20** – We are so excited to get rolling on our annual “FUN”D raising events. We are looking for additional ideas for silent auction, appetizers, signature drinks, décor and much more! Please send them to [Ninaazar13@gmail.com](mailto:Ninaazar13@gmail.com).

## SERVICES

- Sunday, March 19** – Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross – 8:45 AM,  
Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Monday, March 20 – Great Compline, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 22 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM
- Friday, March 24 – Annunciation Vespers and the Salutations to the Theotokis, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, March 25 – Annunciation of the Theotokos – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 25 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, March 26** – Sunday of Saint John Climacus – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Monday, March 27 – Great Compline, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 29 – Ninth Hour / Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM
- Friday, March 31 – Akathist Hymn, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, April 1 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

**CONFESSION** is heard as usual following Great Vespers on Saturdays. Additional dates for Lent include: **Thursday, March 30** – 3-5 PM; 7-9 PM; **Friday, March 31** – 3-5 PM; **Thursday, April 6** – 3-5 PM; and **Friday, April 7** – 3-5 PM; 7-9 PM

**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 CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Sunday of the Veneration  
of the Holy Cross  
March 19, 2023*

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## OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

With Great Lent now upon us, our Holy Cross/Three Hierarchs Bookstore has many offerings to assist us in understanding this effort. Highly recommended books abound, one of which is *The Song of Tears*, ‘an essay on repentance based on the great canon of St. Andrew of Crete’ referenced now in our Studies in the Faith and Patristic Works classes. As an assist to the fast of the Church, *The Festive Fast*, the best of Lenten cookbooks, is more than a cookbook, as it serves as a guide to olive oil and vegetarian cuisine based on the dietary guidelines of the Eastern Orthodox liturgical fasts. Our youngest stewards will find many books and games from which to choose.

