

**TODAY!** Daughters of Penelope joyfully sponsors **Coffee Hour and Rummage Sale**. Lots of treasures, including a SF Giants signed baseball! All proceeds go to student scholarships. Join us for fun and fellowship! Thank you for your support!

**TODAY IS OUTREACH SUNDAY** – the first Sunday of the month! – please give generously to our Outreach Volunteers for distribution to the needy.

**Belmont Greek Festival Cash Card Pre-Sale for Parishioners!**  
\$7.50 bonus per \$50 purchase / \$15 bonus per \$100  
Available **TODAY** after Liturgy, and **Sundays, Aug. 10, 17 & 24 ONLY!**

**STEWARDSHIP 2025** – Let's make this August the “Summer 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 \$150 today!



**STUDIES AND BIBLE CLASSES!** – Check your email or the church website for this week’s schedule.

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

**FATHER LEON CONTOS FELLOWSHIP** - In support of educational endeavors, the Philoptochos established the Very Reverend Dr. Leonidas C. Contos Fellowship. This monetary award is presented to a graduate student(s) pursuing graduate studies and has displayed Orthodox Christian values working within our church community. The award is possible through an endowment established by our Philoptochos in Father Leon’s memory. If you are a graduate student and are pursuing continuing education and with your family have been a contributing member of the Holy Cross community, please email the Church office for an application. Deadline is **September 1, 2025**.

**BELMONT GREEK FESTIVAL – Sat. & Sun., August 30 & 31**

- ❖ Planning continues for the 2025 Belmont Greek Festival. Summer's here and we're excited to kick off planning and preparation for our 53rd annual Belmont Greek Festival! The 2025 Festival will be 2 days and 2 nights, the weekend immediately prior to Labor Day. If you chaired an area last year, or are interested in chairing something this year, please reach out to our 2025 Belmont Greek Festival Chair, *Kathy Flocas*, to confirm so we can begin our summer: [kathyflocas@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyflocas@yahoo.com) or 650-862-2610
- ❖ Preparations are underway to make our 53rd Belmont Greek Festival the very best ever! Please make a financial gift today to help defray our many expenses. Buy an ad in our program; sponsor your favorite food item or booth; become a Grand Sponsor. Any donations will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged. Call or email Chris Canellos (650-867-2019 or [cecanellos@aol.com](mailto:cecanellos@aol.com)) for details.
- ❖ **COOKING SCHEDULE** - Please add these dates to your schedule. Contact the chairs to offer to help bake/cook. Just come by any time as these events will be running from 8:00 am to when we finish.

Date	Item	Chair/Contact
TODAY	Spanakopita, Tiropita	Othonia Makris (650) 759-0573, Roula Tonas (650) 504-3334
8/11-8/13	Pastisio	Rita Zaharioudakis (650) 574-4913
8/17; 8/21	Melomakarona	Marietta Asimakopoulou and Othonia Makris (650) 759-0573
8/18-8/20	Galaktoboureko	Rita Zaharioudakis (650) 574-4913
8/21	Syrups	Kaliopi Haramis (650) 304-1028
8/23	Skordolia	Afrodite Loubakos (650) 933-7047
8/22-8/23	Tzatziki	Stephanie Denton (650) 868-2438
8/24	Fasolakia Sauce, Stifado	Thomy Iuppa (650) 906-7404
8/25	Baklava baking	Emmy Denton (415) 987-3130
8/26	Taramosalata	Othonia Makris (650) 759-0573/26
	Karidopita	Polixeni Kalaitzidis (650) 302-8564
8/26	Indokarido	Polixeni Kalaitzidis (650) 302-8564

8/26	Loukoumades prep	Eleni Hulman (650) 576-3956
8/27	Leg of Lamb prep	John Fanourgiakis (650) 222-9830
8/27	Lamb Chop prep	Mark Wentley (813) 784-6428
8/27-8/28	Portokalopita	Emmy Denton (415) 987-3130
8/28	Dip Packaging	Kathy Flocas (650) 862-2610
8/29	Fasolatha, Gigandes	Thomy Iuppa (650) 906-7404
TBA	Kataifi	Polixeni Kalaitzidis (650) 302-8564 & Emmy Denton (415) 987-3130

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

**Sunday, August 3** – Eighth Sunday of Matthew – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM,  
Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, August 3** – 6:30, Paraclesis

Monday, August 4 – 6:30, Paraclesis

Tuesday, August 5 – Vespers of the Transfiguration of our Lord, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 6 - Transfiguration of our Lord – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30  
AM, Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 6 – 6:30, Paraclesis

Thursday, August 7 – 6:30, Paraclesis

Friday, August 8 – 6:30, Paraclesis

Saturday, August 9 - 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

**Sunday, August 10** – Ninth Sunday of Matthew – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM,  
Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, August 10** – 6:30, Paraclesis

Monday, August 11 – 6:30, Paraclesis

Tuesday, August 12 – 6:30, Paraclesis

Wednesday, August 13 – 6:30, Paraclesis

Thursday, August 14 – 6:30 PM, Vespers of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Friday, August 15 – Dormition of the Theotokos – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM,  
Divine Liturgy



**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
*Eighth Sunday of Matthew – August 3, 2025*

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**OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE**

... offers all that is Orthodox for personal use and gift-giving .....icons, prayer ropes, honey and books, including ***The Mystery of Marriage: A Fellowship of Love by Hieromonk*** Gregorios, which 'examines, on the basis of Holy Scripture and the writing of the Holy Fathers of the Church, the Orthodox understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage ..explaining the sacrament itself, the spousal relationship, both prior to and after the marriage, with a view to helping couples understand how to establish a strong and lasting bond of love under the lordship of Jesus Christ.'



**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.