

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

LAST DAY! TODAY AFTER LITURGY!
FESTIVAL CASH CARD PRE-SALE FOR PARISHIONERS!
\$7.50 bonus per \$50 purchase / \$15 bonus per \$100

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER LINKS AVAILABLE NOW!
at the CHURCH website. Look for a desired location, and a desired time block, (or MANY locations and MANY time blocks!) and sign up to volunteer!

Help make our 53rd Belmont Greek Festival the very best ever!

- ❖ If you chaired an area last year, or are interested in chairing something this year, please reach out to our Belmont Greek Festival Chair, *Kathy Flocas*, to confirm so we can begin our summer: kathyflocas@yahoo.com or 650-862-2610
- ❖ Please make a financial gift today to help defray our many expenses. 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) for details.
- ❖ **FLYERS!** Festival flyers and posters are available at Coffee Hour today. Please pick up a few to distribute to coworkers – or email them the PDF that’s available at our Festival website!
- ❖ **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. Thank you to our cooking/baking chairs and all who lent a hand over the recent weeks!

Date	Item	Chair/Contact
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
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

Sun Sep 7 **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN** – Join us for a new and exciting year of Sunday School.

Sun Sep 7 **DANCE TO START UP AGAIN!** At Holy Cross the tradition continues! **Sept 7** - Dance Kick-off meeting - Parent Meeting - After Coffee Hour in the Oaks; **Sept 14** - First Official Dance Practice; **Oct 24** - Last day of Dance Registration. Holy Cross has 5 dance groups ranging in age from Kindergarten to Adult. If you are interested in Greek dance please attend the Dance Kick-off meeting on **Sunday, Sept 7!** Come meet our fabulous dance directors. New dancers welcome! For more information on the Holy Cross Dance Program please contact Paul Flocas at PFlocas@gmail.com

Sun Sep 14 **FR. PETER'S 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY SEPT. 14** - Join us for a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Fr. Peter's ordination on **Sun, Sept 14**, following liturgy, in conjunction with our parish Feastday, the Elevation of the Holy Cross. During the service, we will venerate the holy relic, a piece of Christ's true Cross, and after services, we will gather for a special luncheon to congratulate Fr. Peter and Pres. Nikki on 50 years of ministry to the Church.

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! – Classes will meet this week.

Please see the church website for NEW Zoom info.

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 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/>].

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**.

YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE (YAL). To stay in the loop, contact Fr. Manoli at frmanoli@goholycross.org and keep your eye out for future announcements. The Young Adult League (YAL) is for ages 18-35. This effort is focused on keeping young adults engaged in their faith and creating a forum for positive interaction with others who share their same faith and commitment to Christ.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Eleventh Sunday
of Matthew
August 24, 2025*

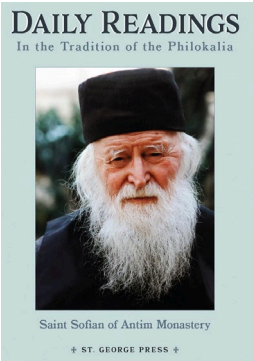
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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

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.

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ SERVICES ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

Sunday, August 24 – Eleventh Sunday of Matthew - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, August 29 – Beheading of John the Forerunner – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 30 – no Great Vespers

Sunday, August 31 – Twelfth Sunday of Matthew - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 1 – Day of Indiction – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 6 - 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

===== **RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE** =====

Sunday, September 7 – Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 8 – Nativity of the Theotokos – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 13 – Vespers for the Elevation of the Holy Cross, 6 PM

Sunday, September 14 – Elevation of the Holy Cross – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy