

OUTREACH SUNDAY

The First Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday. As is our tradition, this month's collection will go to our Family-to-Family Sharing Program. Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers!



❖ ❖ ❖ FAMILY TO FAMILY SHARING 2025 ❖ ❖ ❖

As we have done at Holy Cross for 35+ years we will be providing grocery gift cards and presents for the children to 45 families in our wider community. You can support this effort by purchasing gifts for the children of the families from their wish lists or making a monetary donation. Contact Anastacia Stamates at anastaciams68@gmail.com or 650-868-2569. / On the morning of **Monday, December 15**, help is needed to deliver the family packages to the 2 sites in Redwood City and 1 site in San Mateo. We will begin our work at the church following Divine Liturgy (~10 AM) and be out to sites by 11 AM. Please contact Anastacia Stamates at 650-868-2569 or email anastaciams68@gmail.com for more information."

TODAY OYAA LEAGUE BASKETBALL, ADULT MEN – the last game before Playoffs, at Annunciation (San Francisco), 4 PM *versus* Saint George RP. Come cheer on our team. And visit <https://oyaasportscentral.com/> for the Playoffs/Championship schedule.



NEXT SUNDAY – December 14

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – for the 2026 through 2027 terms. All members in good standing are encouraged to vote, immediately after Divine Liturgy, in the Hall Lobby until 1 PM.



Join us for the annual Church of the Holy Cross PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS TEA, following Divine Liturgy. Enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, sweet treats, and traditional Greek pastries for sale. Browse the charming Gift Boutique, sing Christmas carols, and take part in the raffle. A \$15 donation is suggested (children under 12 are free). All proceeds benefit Family Sharing, supporting families in need throughout San Mateo County. / Donations may be made online or at the door. <https://goholycross.org/Philoptochos/Donation.aspx>



HO-HO-HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US at the Holy Cross Christmas Program next **Sunday, December 14**, 5-6 PM in The Oaks. Featuring Christmas music from our choir, Sunday School, and Greek School, plus the beautiful Christmas pageant and a visit from Santa.

Thur Dec 17 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD – Please submit your names and donation to the Office for the annual Community Card by 6 PM.

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LAST CHANCE to sign up your kids for our annual Christmas Program on **Sun., Dec. 14**, 5-6 PM in The Oaks. Rehearsal for all participants this **Sat., Dec. 13**, 10 am-12 noon. Additional rehearsals for speaking roles this **Thur. & Fri., Dec. 11-12**, 7:15-8:30 PM.

Contact Eva Canellos, cecanellos@aol.com, or 650-400-1610.

GREEK COURSE FOR BEGINNERS - Our Adult course offers personalized lessons, interactive sessions, and practical exercises designed to ensure the best possible learning experience for you. Every Monday or Tuesday 5:30-7:30. \$420 for Spring Semester. See our church website for the flyer, or email info@belmontgreeksschool.org



TREE LOT SIGNUP LINKS - Our Tree Lot is open! Visit our church website for the sign-up links and the flyer!

TAKE N BAKE FALL SALE CONTINUES We are offering Spanakopita (6 entrée size pieces) for \$40, Gyro (5lb package) with Pita (10 pieces) for \$20 and Moussaka Meat Sauce (32 oz with a package of Orzo) for \$15. Just right for a quick meal or perfect addition to your holiday table. Buy now before we sell out!! Go to belmontgreekfestival@goholycross.org or contact Chris Canellos at 650-867-2019.

STEWARDSHIP 2026 – The NEW 2026 Stewardship packets should be in your mailbox NOW! 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!

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES – We lost our electronic file that was collecting changes to the mailing list for Stewardship envelopes (the ones with the red border). If you requested a change over the past year, please email office@goholycross.org and remind us of the correction.



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 26-27 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

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

Sunday, December 7 – Tenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 9 – Conception of the Theotokos / Anna the Prophetess – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 12 – Saint Spyridon – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 13 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, December 14 – Eleventh Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 15 – Saint Eleftherios – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 17 – Saint Dionysios – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 20 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, December 21 – Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 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.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Tenth Sunday of Luke
December 7, 2025*

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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

As we approach the Nativity of our Lord, please keep in mind that our bookstore offers many books which enrich our understanding of this great Feast. For the younger and older among us, 'Nicholas the Saintly' "takes families through the life of this popular saint who is especially beloved by children. The rhyming text is adapted from an 11th century hymn, and children and families can learn about the miracles of St. Nicholas that occurred both in his life and after his death." 'Come and See' books, icons and ornaments and all that is Orthodox for personal use and for gift-giving.

