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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. \$15 donation, 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 **TONIGHT**, 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.

TODAY & TOMORROW

FAMILY TO FAMILY SHARING 2025



We still need support with monetary donations to give 45 families, a blessed and wonderful Christmas. We are nearly done with gathering all the gifts and gift cards and still have more to do. Please use the QR code to make a donation or contact anastaciams68@gmail.com or 650-868-2569 with questions. Thank you! / **MONDAY morning**, 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 – Playoff/Championship games are at Ascension Cathedral in Oakland. Come cheer on our team. Visit <https://oyaasportscentral.com/> for the schedule.



Thursday **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD** – Please submit your names and donation to the Office for the annual Community Card -- by 6 PM.

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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 almost sold out! 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 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

Wednesday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity of Christ – 8:30 AM, Great Hours of the Nativity

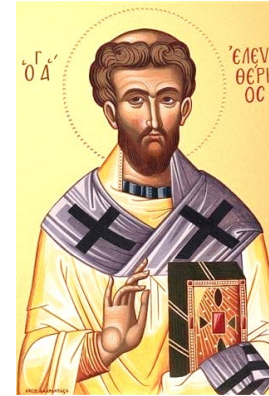
Wednesday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity of Christ – 6:00 PM, Vespersal Liturgy of Saint Basil

Thursday, December 25 – The Nativity of Christ – 9:00 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 27 – Saint Stephen – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 27 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, December 28 – Sunday Following the Nativity of Christ – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Eleventh Sunday of Luke December 14, 2025

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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

Just a few weeks away from the big day! If you're searching for the perfect Christmas gift, look no further: "Why did God Make Beasts & Bugs?" is here! This hardcover book is filled with an exciting adventure, a fun drawing page, and an Orthodox faith-centered story that our little learners will love and parents will appreciate. You can get your copy today at Narthexpress.com or pick up at the Holy Cross bookstore after Divine Liturgy ♡

NEW Christmas ornaments are now available



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.