

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

STEWARDSHIP 2025 – It’s almost July! and we are still waiting for your Stewardship Pledge to Holy Cross. We thank you for your support and for joining our Parish Community. Please visit our church website and make your monthly pledge of \$150 today!



CLASSES CONTINUE! – **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** – Our continuing series of Studies in the Faith and Bible Studies. Join us in great informed discussions as we discover the enlightened wisdom and understanding of the Holy Fathers of our Orthodox Tradition. All Bible Studies will continue thru mid-July. All are welcome to join and learn. Info? k.konstantine@gmail.com.

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/>]. 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
Saturday and Sunday, 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 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) for details.
- ❖ **COOKING SCHEDULE** - Please add these dates to your schedule. Contact the chairs (all area codes are 650 unless otherwise noted) 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
7/12-7/13....	Moussaka.....	Thomy Iuppa (650) 906-7404
7/17	Kourambiedes.....	Terry Smith (650) 595-4363
7/18-7/20....	Baklava.....	Emmy Denton (415) 987-3130
7/23-7/25....	Koulourakia.....	Thalia Hohenthal (650) 576-8032
7/26	Youvetsi	Chris Canellos (650) 867-2019
7/30	Paximadia	Thalia Hohenthal (650) 576-8032
8/1-8/3.....	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

8/22-8/23TzatzikiStephanie Denton (650) 868-2438
 8/24Fasolakia Sauce, StifadoThomy Iuppa (650) 906-7404
 8/25Baklava bakingEmmy Denton (415) 987-3130
 8/26TaramosalataOthonia Makris (650) 759-0573
 8/26Karidopita.....Polixeni Kalaitzidis (650) 302-8564
 8/26IndokaridoPolixeni Kalaitzidis (650) 302-8564
 8/26Loukoumades prepEleni Hulman (650) 576-3956
 8/27Leg of Lamb prepJohn Fanourgiakis (650) 222-9830
 8/27Lamb Chop prep.....Mark Wentley (813) 784-6428
 8/27-8/28PortokalopitaEmmy Denton (415) 987-3130
 8/28Dip PackagingKathy Flocas (650) 862-2610
 8/29Fasolatha, GigandesThomy Iuppa (650) 906-7404
 TBAKataifiPolixeni Kalaitzidis (650) 302-8564 & Emmy
 Denton (415) 987-3130

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

Sunday, July 6 – Fourth Sunday of Matthew – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 12 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, July 13 – Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 19 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, July 20 – Prophet Elias / Sixth Sunday of Matthew – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 25 – Dormition of Saint Anna – 8:00 AM Orthros; 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy at Saint Anna in Roseville

Saturday, July 26 – Saint Paraskevi – 8:30 AM Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 26 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, July 27 – Panteleimon the Great Martyr / Seventh Sunday of Matthew – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 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

*Fourth Sunday
of Matthew
July 6, 2025*

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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

... offers all that is Orthodox for personal use and gift-giving including icons, prayer ropes, honey and books for all ages. The beautifully illustrated book, “Venerable Ascetic David of Evia,” will introduce children and parents to a great Saint of our Orthodox Church who, from an early age, experienced the wondrous grace of God. At just three years old, little David went missing from his family home and set off a frantic search that involved his entire village—and resulted in a great miracle with Saint John the Forerunner. Years later, David became a monk and a renowned ascetic, and many more miracles would follow.

