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Join Us! **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE JOYFULLY SPONSORS COFFEE HOUR** for our Holy Cross community with tasty treats lovingly prepared by our sisterhood! We will have beautiful and fresh poinsettias to decorate your home for Christmas and for gift-giving! Just \$15! Proceeds will help provide mental health services to those in need in San Mateo County. Thank you for your love and support!

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Our Fall General Assembly meeting will start after Divine Liturgy (around 12:30 PM) in The Oaks. The agenda and minutes from the previous Assembly are available at the church website, and printed copies are available at the meeting. All parishioners in good standing are asked to attend this important part of the life of the parish.

OYAA LEAGUE BASKETBALL, ADULT MEN – **TODAY** at HOME, 4 PM, *versus* Saint George 2. Next game, the last before Playoffs, is **Sunday, December 2** at Annunciation (San Francisco), 4 PM *versus* Saint George RP. Come cheer on our team.

❖ ❖ ❖ 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.

Tuesday **TREE LOT SIGNUP LINKS** - Our Tree Lot will open **Tuesday, November 25**. Visit our church website for the sign-up links and the flyer!

Tuesday The Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross will hold a **PARISH COUNCIL SEMINAR** on **Tuesday, November 25 at 7 PM** in the Contos Library. All potential Parish Council members, including those seeking re-election, must attend the Seminar. To be placed on the ballot, one must complete the Application for candidacy form and return it to the Parish Office by **Tuesday, November 25 at 7 PM**. If an Application has not been turned in by the designated date and time, the person will be ineligible.

Sat Nov 29 **YOUNG ADULT GATHERING** - We'll start with Great Vespers at 5:30 PM, then Discussion & Social at 6:30 PM at The Oaks. The subject is "Tech & Orthodox Christianity - Faith & Technology in Conversation." How does our Orthodox faith speak to the age of technology? What does it mean to live and work as an Orthodox Christian in a field shaping the future? Join us for an

evening of reflection, dialogue, and community with Orthodox professionals working in technology. Hear how their faith shapes their work—and how their work challenges and deepens their faith. Ages 18–35 | Food & Fellowship provided. Come for Vespers. Stay for conversation, insight, and connection. For info, frmanoli@goholycross.org. See our church website for the event flyer.

until Nov 30 **NEW KICKS FOR KIDS SHOE DRIVE** – Presented by Holy Cross Belmont Philoptochos! Donate a NEW Pair of Shoes for a Child in Need in San Mateo School District. **NOW to November 30**. Only new kids shoes in-the-box please- not wrapped. Please include a tag with the child's name. To Donate New Soles for Young Souls visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home> or contact Nina Azar 650-863-7780 for more info.



Tue Dec 2 **REVMA DANCE GROUP COSTUME FUNDRAISER** Please help Revma's dancers purchase authentic costumes for FDF. On **Tuesday, December 2**, order online from any Panda Express nationwide and put **9010294** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App. 28% of Sales will come back directly to our group. You can help by sharing this on your social media page and letting family and friends know they can help at any location in the country. Panda Express has vegetarian and shrimp options for those who are fasting.

Sat Dec 6 **HOPE/JOY CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Kindergarten through 5th graders- Wear your Christmas pajamas or sweaters and join us on **Saturday, Dec 6** from 6:30-8:30 in the gym for pizza, cocoa, ornament making, mini-gingerbread houses, and Christmas stories! RSVP at the link at our church website.

Sun Dec 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.

Sun Dec 14 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>

Sun Dec 14 **ANNUAL FABULOUS HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**
Everyone is invited to attend, 5-6 PM in The Oaks. Featuring beautiful Christmas music from our choir, Sunday School, and Greek School, plus the traditional and joyful Christmas pageant about the birth of Jesus.

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **NEWS** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖
WANTED: SHEPHERDS, WISE MEN, ANGELS & MORE! Sign up your kids today for a special role in our annual Christmas Program on **Sun., Dec. 14**, 5-6 PM in The Oaks. Tell us their first and last name, age, and whether they want a speaking or non-speaking role. Rehearsal for all roles on **Sat., Dec. 13**, 10 am-12 noon. Additional rehearsals for speaking roles on **Thur & Fri, Dec. 11-12**, 6:30-8pm. We also welcome your child to sing or play a solo Christmas song. Contact Eva Canellos, cecanellos@aol.com or 650-400-1610.

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 2025 – Let's make this the “Autumn 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!

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

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 *Ninth Sunday of Luke - November 23, 2025*

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❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖
Sunday, November 23 – Ninth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, November 25 – Saint Katherine – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, November 26 – Eve of Thanksgiving – 6 PM, Orthros; 7 PM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 29 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers
Sunday, November 30 – Andrew the First-Called Apostle – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Thursday, December 4 – Saint Barbara – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Friday, December 5 – Saint Savas – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Friday, December 5 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker -- Vespers in San Jose ____
Saturday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

... offers all that is Orthodox to the younger and older among us. Icons, prayer ropes, honey, and books which reflect that 'No Faith is More Beautiful Than The Christian Faith', as presented in the newly published by Ostrog Monastery, 'Orthodox Christian Catechism'.

