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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.

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

Tuesday **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.

Saturday **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 7 **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.

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.

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

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ 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 2026 – The NEW 2026 Stewardship packets will reach your mailbox SOON! 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, 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, 7 PM

Saturday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 6 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

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



**GREEK ORTHODOX
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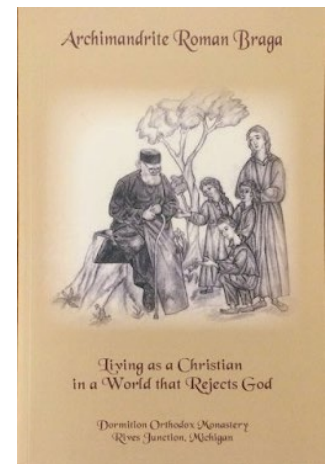
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... offers all that is Orthodox to the younger and older among us. Icons, prayer ropes, honey, and books whose intent it is to teach and keep us on the narrow path. ‘**Living as a Christian in a World that Rejects God**’, by Archimandrite Roman Braga, offers a ‘through understanding of ..Orthodoxy, and how it transforms us..and heals our souls.’



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.