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OYAA LEAGUE BASKETBALL, ADULT MEN – TODAY at Ascension-Oakland, 3:30 PM, *versus* Resurrection. **Sunday, November 2** at HOME, 4 PM *versus* Saint James. And a BYE on **Sunday, November 9**.

Sun Nov 2 **ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE FUND** - Philoptochos will be collecting donations in the Narthex after church in support of the ongoing work and ministries of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the spiritual center of our Orthodox faith. It helps preserve our sacred traditions, maintain historic holy sites, and support the leadership that guides Orthodox Christians around the world. We invite all to be generous with your contributions in support of the Patriarchate and in outreach and care to the hospital and senior care facilities in Istanbul.

Sun Nov 2 **OUTREACH SUNDAY** – Usually the first Sunday of the month, will move to **Sunday, November 9**. Give generously to the needy.

Tue Nov 4 **PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING** - All are welcome! Please join us in The Oaks. 6:30 PM Social, and 7:00 PM Meeting. As our Philoptochos continues to grow, your participation and fellowship are deeply valued.

Sat Nov 8 **HOPE/JOY NOVEMBER GATHERING!** Join us for a joyful afternoon of faith and friendship as we explore gratitude, create a fun craft, and enjoy a tasty snack-tivity together! Let's celebrate thankfulness and fellowship in Christ. / RSVP so we have the correct amount of supplies! Join us 4:00-5:30 in The Contos Library **RSVP: bit.ly/3LpeKbZ** All Kinder–5th graders welcome!

Sun Nov 9 **GODPARENTS SUNDAY** - Join us as we honor our Godparents for their love and guidance. Following Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. \$35 adults. \$20 dancers and children 6 to 18. Free for 5 and under. For seating requests, email **by Tuesday, November 4** to Kathy at kathyflocas@yahoo.com or 650-862-2610. Use the link at our church website (the event flyer is also there) or scan the QR code here for reservations.



Thu Nov 13 **PIECEMEAL** will take place at 6:30 PM. If your “piece” will be a turkey, please bring to the church kitchen **by Sunday, November 10**. Youth Council will be providing the dessert pieces. Please email Kathy Roque at

kathyroquealbert@gmail.com to let us know which Piece you will be bringing. If you would like to help with set up, please let Presvytera Nikki (psalmas@aol.com) know.

Sun Nov 16 **LIGHT THE PATH 2025** – Join us at this fabulous Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos holiday event at the San Francisco Olympic Club beginning at 2 PM. The event supports our seminarians and religious studies students at Holy Cross Seminary and School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. / Enjoy a delicious luncheon, bid on amazing tabletop trees filled with beautiful gifts, listen to holiday performances and share in fellowship with our Spiritual Fathers and Philoptochos sisters from throughout our Metropolis. To register, go to www.sfphiloptochos.org.

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.



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.

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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.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: THANKSGIVING PECAN TARTS! - In fundraising efforts for our program, PRE ORDERS are NOW OPEN for pecan tart sales. Not only will this be a beautiful addition to your Thanksgiving table, but your taste buds will thank you! Online PRE ORDERS will be open from **now** until

November 9. You may directly [purchase via this link here](#), or by scanning this QR code ***If you decide last minute to order a tart and it is PASSED the online pre order date, please contact Effie Zaharioudakis directly at 650.483.4899 or effiezaxari@gmail.com, to place your order. Order pickup will be ONE DAY ONLY on **Sunday, November 23** outside of gym after Divine Liturgy. ***We cannot promise that there will be extra tarts available for purchase on the day of pick up*** *Thank you for your continued support for our youth programs.*



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.



FROM OUR FREEZER TO YOURS IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS - Delicious frozen entrees are available at fantastic prices. Delicious spanakopita, pastitsio (limited quantities), fasolatha soup, pastitsio meat sauce, moussaka meat sauce, baklava, melomakarona and galactobouriko are waiting for a place in your freezer. Ready for holiday celebrations, warm fall and winter meals and those needed nights off from the kitchen. See Chris Canellos after church today, or contact him at cecanellos@aol.com.

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

Sixth Sunday of Luke
October 26, 2025

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Sunday, October 26 – Sixth Sunday of Luke / Saint Demetrios – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Nov 1 – Saints Cosmas & Damianos – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 1 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, November 2 – Fifth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Nov 8 – Synaxis of the Archangels – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 8 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, November 9 – Seventh Sunday of Luke / Saint Nektarios – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy / Godparents Sunday Luncheon will follow.

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 the teaching of our holy Orthodox Church. The story of Saint Mary of Paris, *Stubborn Love* shares with our teen-agers that being “stubborn enough to outshine evil even when confronted with it face to face” brought Mother Maria to sainthood as she saved Jewish children from the German concentration camps by hiding them in garbage cans.

