

EPITAPHIO COLLECTION

The Philoptochos will be collecting after Liturgy **TODAY** to cover the cost of the flowers for our Epitaphio. The donation basket will also be in the Narthex during Holy Week. Please be generous so we can once again with love decorate this most important part of our faith.

TODAY **PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON** - Join us for our annual Palm Sunday luncheon in The Oaks immediately following Divine Liturgy. Seating is LIMITED! \$25 – Adults; \$15 – Children (3-9); Children 2 and under are free. Thank you to all who have placed reservations!

Thursday **COMMUNITY EASTER CARDS** – Names and donations are due **Holy Thursday** by 5 PM in the church office. Please email/donate online, drop off, or USPS to us for inclusion in this year's card!

Friday **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY YOUTH RETREAT** – our youth will again have the opportunity to gather between the morning and afternoon services to learn, be inspired, and to serve the Church as part of the observance of Holy Friday. There will be activities by age group for all Sunday School classes, as well as a lunch and snacks provided. All our youth are encouraged to make this popular and meaningful annual activity a priority by attending. The Church can provide a letter for each student to authorize their absence from school to participate in this important day of fellowship. Contact religioused@goholycross.org for details.

Sun Apr 12 **EGG HUNT & EASTER PICNIC** - Join us for our Holy Cross Easter Agape picnic in the church parking lot immediately following Agape Vespers (which begin at 11:30 AM) on **Sunday, April 12**. More information will be on our church website, and Father's Daily Consideration.

Sun Apr 19 **OUTREACH SUNDAY** – The first Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday, however, **THIS MONTH**, we are moving to the Sunday of Thomas. Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers for distribution to the needy!

Sun Apr 19 **LEAGUE BASKETBALL RESUMES**. No games **today** or **Sunday, April 12**.

Sat Apr 25 **HOPE & JOY** - Join us after Vespers -7:30 in the kitchen. We'll **bake koulourakia**, make a **craft**, and enjoy a **pizza dinner**—plus our homemade cookies for dessert! **Kinder-5th graders, we can't wait to see you there!** **RSVP** so we can ensure enough ingredients for a great time!

Sat May 2 **FASHION SHOW** - Reserve today for "Breakfast at Tiffany's," the Holy Cross Philoptochos Fashion Show & Lunch! Enjoy a fun afternoon with your friends, a spectacular lunch, and fabulous entertainment, as we raise funds for scholarships and charities. Contact Laura, 650-678-0336 or laura.jadelrab@gmail.com, or reserve online: <https://goholycross.org/events/fashion/>

TSOUREKI SALES 2026 - Tsourekia will be *available for pick up* after church outside the gym, **today**. Please come by to pick up, or have someone pick up for you. The dance program thanks you all for your continued support. Questions? please contact Toni at Aztaptelis@me.com or 650-483-0499



PHILOPTOCHOS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS – High school seniors are encouraged to apply for these service awards offered by the Philoptochos. Applications for the 2026 awards are available *by emailing the church office*. If you are college-bound or are planning to enter a training program, if you have participated in Church and Community service, and if your family is a member of our parish, then you may qualify. Deadline is **Monday, April 27, 2026, 5 PM**.

3 CHURCH MUSIC ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH! (1) St. Romanos Music Festival, similar to Oratorical Festival, but hymns instead of speeches, **Sunday, Apr. 26**, on Zoom, grades 7-12. (2) Concert of Greek Orthodox hymns featuring Bay Area youth, grades 2 & up, & adult singers, **Saturday, May 23**, 2 pm, at Holy Trinity in SF. (3) Now is a great time for youth (&adults) to join the Holy Cross Choir & sing praises to God! Info: Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610, or cecanellos@aol.com.

STEWARDSHIP 2026 – The NEW 2026 Stewardship packets are in your homes!

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!

STUDIES AND BIBLE CLASSES! – Classes will resume next 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, April 5 – Palm Sunday – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy / Palm Sunday Luncheon to follow

Sunday, April 5 – Service of the Bridegroom, 7:00 PM

Monday, April 6 – Holy Monday – Service of the Bridegroom, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 7 – Holy Tuesday – Presanctified Liturgy, 8:30 AM

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Wednesday, April 8 – Holy Wednesday – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 3:00 PM

Wednesday, April 8 – Holy Wednesday – Matins of Holy Thursday / Sacrament of Holy Unction, 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday – Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, 8:30 AM

Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday – Service of the Holy Passion, 7:00 PM

Friday, April 10 – Holy Friday – Vigil of the Royal Hours, 8:00 AM

Friday, April 10 – Holy Friday – Vespers of the Descent from the Cross, 3:00 PM

Friday, April 10 – Holy Friday – Service of the Lamentations, 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 11 – Holy Saturday, Divine Liturgy, 8:30 AM

Saturday, April 11 – *no Great Vespers*

Saturday, April 11 – Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy, 11:00 PM

Sunday, April 12 – Great and Holy Pascha – Agape Vespers, 11:30 AM


Friday, April 17 – Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy



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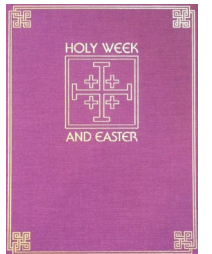
Palm Sunday
April 5, 2026

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Our bookstore is grateful to make available all that is Orthodox for personal use or gift-giving for the older and younger among us. Due to demand throughout the country, the hard-cover and reprinted HOLY WEEK AND EASTER service book is now available ONLY in our bookstore.



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.