

XRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!
Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!
CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

AGAPE 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). We anticipate the blessing and **picnic will begin at 1:00 PM**. The picnic will be outside this year (weather permitting). The church will provide tables and chairs. Parishioners are responsible for everything else: food, drinks, utensils, and anything else you would like to bring. As with every year, there will be some food that is prepared which is shared with the entire community (for example, the whole lamb) but there are no formalities in the menu. **Please bring what you wish, share what you wish, and take what you wish.** By the grace of God there is always an abundance. Additional grills will be available for grilling meats and our kitchen staff will be available to help with heating and baking your dishes. Reservations are required. Please reserve your spot now by visiting our church website. **Seating is limited so reserve now!** If you have any questions please contact events@goholycross.org.

Saturday **ARE YOU 18-25 YEARS OLD AND PART OF** the new generation of the Greek Diaspora? The General Secretariat for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy invites you to participate in the 3rd Greek Youth Diaspora Symposium - "Building the future of Global Hellenism" in Athens, June 18-25. Send your CV and preferred thematic area of interest (by **April 18**) to info@belmontgreeksschool.org. More info, and flyer, at our church website.

Sat & Sun **LEAGUE BASKETBALL RESUMES.** at Ascension Cathedral, Girls Middle vs Saint Nicholas, 10 AM; **Sunday, April 19** at HOME, Boys Middle 2 vs Saint Nicholas, 2 PM; Boys Elementary vs Saint Nicholas, 3 PM; Girls Elementary vs Saint Nicholas SF, 4 PM; Girls Middle vs Ascension, 5 PM; Boys Middle 1 vs Saint Gregory, 6 PM; AND at Resurrection, Boys High School vs Annunciation, 3 PM. **Sunday, April 26** at HOME, Girls Elementary vs Saint Nicholas, 2

PM; Girls Middle vs Saint Nicholas, 3 PM; Boys Elementary vs Saint Nicholas SF, 4 PM; Boys High School vs Saint George, 5 PM; AND at and vs Ascension, Boys Middle 1, 3 PM, Boys Middle 2, 4 PM

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!

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/>

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **NEWS** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

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 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

Saturday, April 18 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 19 – Sunday of Saint Thomas – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Thursday, April 23 – Saint George – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 25 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 26 – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 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.



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*Great and Holy
Pascha
April 12, 2026*

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THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE**

Christ is Risen! Our bookstore is grateful to make available all that is Orthodox for personal use or gift-giving for the older and younger among us. As we begin life 'anew' after the Resurrection of Christ, it will be important to rid ourselves of 'The Idol of Self', as described in this newest book on our shelves.

