

Today

OUTREACH SUNDAY – The first Sunday of the Month is Outreach Sunday! Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers for distribution to the needy.

DISCOUNTED FESTIVAL FOOD CARDS - Greek Festival food cards go on sale starting today in The Oaks immediately following Divine Liturgy! Purchase yours early and enjoy a special discount while getting ready for a delicious weekend at this year's Festival.

Sat Aug 15 **ANNUAL PANIGYRI LUNCHEON** – Join us following Divine Services for the Dormition of the Theotokos - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Sun Aug 23 **HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL SUNDAY** - All current and former Holy Cross Preschool students, families, and alumni are warmly invited to join us for Preschool Sunday on **Sunday, August 23**. Come worship with us, then stay for fellowship and light refreshments in The Oaks. You are also welcome to head down to the classrooms for an open house in the Preschool. Come back to the place that holds so many special memories for both children and parents alike. Reconnect with former classmates, families, and teachers, and enjoy seeing the classrooms where a lifelong love of learning began. We look forward to welcoming you home!

FESTIVAL 2026 - Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Excitement is building as we prepare for our **September 5–6** Greek Festival! Our **volunteer sign-up is now live**—scan the QR code or use the link below to find a shift and be part of this wonderful parish tradition. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jonna Hohenthal or Christian Canellos at jonnahohenthal@gmail.com or christianctc@gmail.com.



CAN YOU HELP UNDERWRITE THE \$120,000 FOOD BILL FOR OUR FESTIVAL?

Buy an ad in our Festival program. **Sponsor an area** of the Festival or a major expense. **Make a donation** of \$10 or more. See the Sponsorship Packet at BelmontGreekFestival.com or contact Chris Canellos (cecanellos@aol.com or 650-867-2019) for further details.

HERE IS AN IMPORTANT WAY YOU CAN HELP THE BELMONT GREEK FESTIVAL

Sponsor an ad in our Festival Program (\$600 full page, \$350 half page) sponsor a booth, other area of the Festival or a major expense of the Festival (\$500 - \$1000) **or donate the cost of any ingredient** in the Festival kitchen (any amount is appreciated and welcomed). Contact Chris Canellos 650-867-2019 or canellos@stanford.edu for further details.

FESTIVAL PAREA NIGHTS

Three Thursdays • One Community • One Incredible Festival

- 🍷 **Soft Serve Social: Thursday August 20 @ 6 PM** - Try our new soft serve machine and sign up to volunteer.
- 📋 **Festival Rally Night: Thursday August 27 @ 6 PM** - Get the latest festival updates, meet booth leaders, and find your place to serve.
- 🍷 **Dips & Brews: Thursday September 3 @ 6 PM** - Help package our famous Greek dips while enjoying pizza, beer, and great company.



We need YOUR help to cook and bake. Call any one of the chairs to offer your help on preparing your FAVORITE food item. OR if you want to learn a NEW recipe, call THAT chair! (all area codes are 650 except as indicated)

Date(s)	Food / Task	Chair(s)	Phone
Aug. 7, 8 & 9	Spanakopita	Othonia Makris / Roula Tonas	504-3334
Aug. 7, 8 & 9	Tiropita	Othonia Makris / Roula Tonas	504-3334
Aug. 19 & 21	Syrups	Kaliopi Haramis	304-1028
August 20	Kourambiedes	Terry Smith / Emmy Denton	595-4363
August 22	Melomakarona	Marietta Asimakopoulou & Othonia Makris	476-5576 (MA) 759-0573 (OM)
Aug. 28 & 30	Tzatziki prep	Stephanie Denton / Ryan Delaplaine	868-2438
August 29	Fasolakia	Thomy Iuppa	906-7404
August 29	Stifado	Thomy Iuppa	906-7404
August 30	Skordalia	Afrodite Loubakos	933-7047
August 30	Tzatziki mixing	Stephanie Denton / Ryan Delaplaine	868-2438
August 31	Baklava baking	Emmy Denton	(415) 987-3130
September 1	Taramosalata	Othonia Makris	759-0573

September 1	Loukoumades	Eleni Hulman	576-3956
September 2	Portokalopita (orange)	Emmy Denton	(415) 987-3130
September 2	Lamb chop prep	Mark Wentley	(813) 784-6428
September 3	Chicken prep	Mark Rowen	892-4197
September 4	Fasolatha	Thomy Iuppa	906-7404
September 4	Gigandes	Thomy Iuppa	906-7404
September 4	Gryo + Kalamari + Souvlaki Prep	Bill Danigelis / Leo Maheras / John Adraktas	867-3152 525-2635 678-6780

Thank you to our chefs and bakers and assistants for your hard work!

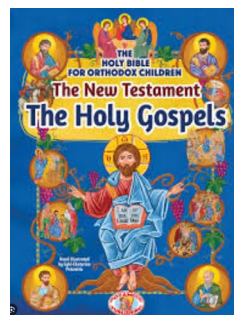
STEWARDSHIP 2026 – The 2026 Stewardship packets are in your homes! Let's make this the “Year of Stewardship”! We thank you for your support and for joining our Parish Community. If you haven't already donated, please visit our church website and make your monthly donation for our minimal ask of \$175 today!

CAUTION: SIDE EFFECTS! Singers, join the choir and help us sing our beautiful hymns. Warning: continued singing may cause increased joy both during and after liturgy. Smiles lasting longer than four hours, consult your doctor. Contact Chris or Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610, cecanellos@aol.com.

STUDIES AND BIBLE CLASSES! – Classes continue! Contact konstantines@goholycross.org for schedule.

OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

For personal use or gift-giving purposes, our shelves are filled with all that is Orthodox for adults, young adults and children. "The Holy Bible for Orthodox Children..The New Testament..the Holy Gospels", is useful for daily reading of the Holy Bible for the Orthodox family. because, “a child’s spiritual development and growth are not complete if we do not teach them the Holy Bible...each text is based on an actual excerpt from the Holy Bible and conveys the message without watering it down..’ ...



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 Matthew - August 2, 2026

The Reverend Father Peter G. Salmas - e-mail: frpeter@goholycross.org

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Sunday, August 2 – Ninth Sunday of Matthew - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 2 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

Monday, August 3 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

Tuesday, August 4 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

Wednesday, August 5 – Vespers of the Transfiguration of our Lord, 6:30 PM

Thursday, August 6 – Holy Transfiguration – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, August 7 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

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

Sunday, August 9 – Tenth Sunday of Matthew - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 9 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

Monday, August 10 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

Tuesday, August 11 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

Wednesday, August 12 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

Thursday, August 13 – 6:30 PM, Paraclesis

Friday, August 14 – 6:30 PM, Vespers of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Sat, August 15 – Dormition of the Theotokos – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 15 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, August 16 – Eleventh Sunday of Matthew - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy