

TODAY

DISCOUNTED FESTIVAL FOOD CARDS - Greek Festival food cards are on sale 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.

PASS OUT OUR BEAUTIFUL FLYER - Help us publicize the Festival by posting our beautiful new Festival flyer at restaurants, shops and libraries. Thank you to Willa Dietzen for her beautiful art and flyer design!

Thursday!!! See **FESTIVAL PAREA NIGHTS** news on the right
NEXT Sunday **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!

Sun Sep 13 **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!** We've missed you and hope to see you on our first day of the school year – **Sunday, September 13**. Details (including registration info) soon.

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 visit:

<https://signup.com/go/ruRLutE>

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.



CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY REDESIGNED FESTIVAL WEBSITE

Within the next few days, the current Belmont Greek Festival Website will have a new look as we launch our redesigned website. Keep checking to see when it will come online. It will still be at the same URL: <https://www.belmontgreekfestival.com/> Thank you - This would not have been possible without Aria Frangos who dedicated her time to the redesign of the website. We

would also like to thank Eva Canellos, Angelo Matheou, and Jim Smith for all they have done to support this transition.

AN IMPORTANT WAY YOU CAN HELP

A big thank you to all of you who have purchased an ad or contributed to sponsoring the Belmont Greek Festival. Your generosity will help make our Festival a great success. While we can accept no further ads at this time, any amount you wish to contribute toward deferring the many expenses of the Festival is still welcome. Please make your contribution today at Coffee Hour!!! Contact Chris Canellos at 650-867-2019 if you have any questions.

FESTIVAL PAREA NIGHTS

STARTING THIS THURSDAY WITH OUR SOFT SERVE SOCIAL AT 6 PM

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. 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 Adractas	867-3152 525-2635 678-6780

Thank you to team Pastisio, Kataifi, & Yuvetsi!

STEWARDSHIP 2026 – 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!

THE 2026-2027 DANCE YEAR WILL BEGIN in mid-September. The goal of our dance program is to bring people together through Orthodox Christian fellowship while celebrating and promoting our Greek heritage and culture. Our program currently offers six dance groups for a variety of ages: Kindergarten – 2nd Grade / 3rd – 5th Grade / 6th – 7th Grade / 8th – 9th Grade / 10th – 12th Grade / College / Adult. If you are interested in joining the program or would like additional information, please contact: Paul Flocas pflocas@gmail.com



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.

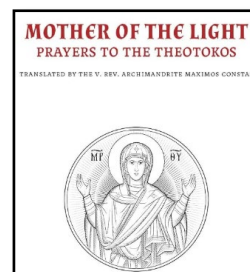
STUDIES AND BIBLE CLASSES! – Classes continue! Contact konstantines@goholycross.org for schedule.

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.

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 Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos guides us to the Reality of the love which the Mother of God has for each of us. The Mother of Light: Prayers to the Theotokos ‘is a collection of 13 prayers and 3 canons to the Mother of God. ‘A brief, but powerful, introduction accompanies the translation that addresses the place of the Theotokos within the Orthodox Church, and the spiritual and historical importance of the translated prayers and canons.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Eleventh Sunday
of Matthew
Aug. 16, 2026*

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

Saturday, August 22 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, August 23 – Twelfth Sunday of Matthew - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 29 – Beheading of Saint John the Baptist - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 29 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

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

Tuesday, September 1 – Day of Indiction / Ecclesiastical New Year - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 5 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, September 6 - Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 8 – Nativity of the Theotokos - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 12 – 5:30 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, September 13 – Sunday before Holy Cross - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 13 – Vespers of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 6:30 PM

Monday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy