

Thursday

SOLEMN VESPERS – at Saint Pius Catholic Church in Redwood City at 7:00 PM. In observance of the Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will preside and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos will be the Homilist.

Sat Feb 21

CRAB FEED! Come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a scrumptious crab dinner! 6:00 PM - Hors d'oeuvres will be served. 7:30 PM - Dinner starts. \$90 for adults, \$35 for children ages 4-11, and children 3 and under are free. Luscious crab along with salad, Greek-style pasta, olive-oil garlic bread and dessert. A complimentary bottle of wine will be provided with the meal for each table of 10 guests. There will be a no-host full bar with wine, water, coffee and soft drinks along with Greek music and a raffle. Bring your family, neighbors, and co-workers. Reserve a place today! Seating is limited! Crabby personality not required.

Sun Mar 15

HOLY CROSS PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL - This faith-based speech festival provides our young people with an opportunity to write and deliver a speech about a topic in Orthodoxy. Our Parish's Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is open to grades 3-12. Children in grades 3-6 can write a speech on the topic of their choice and those in grades 7-12 must write on a topic in their age category. Public speaking is important throughout life and this festival offers a way for our youth to learn these important skills while exploring their faith. Please encourage the young people in your life to participate. Contact Allison Virsik (ali_virsik@yahoo.com) with questions and to register. Topics can be found at: www.goarch.org/oratorical

HOUSE BLESSINGS THROUGH JANUARY – Please visit the link at our church website or pick up a form in the Narthex if you would like to have your house blessed for the new year. You will receive a call from Father to confirm.

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **NEWS** ❖ ❖ ❖

CALL FOR ORATORICAL FESTIVAL JUDGES - We are in need of judges for the Parish Festival on **March 15** and for the District Festival which will be hosted



by Holy Cross on April 19. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Allison Virsik (ali_virsik@yahoo.com). There are no longer restrictions on serving multiple years in a row, so you can serve as a judge even if you have served in this capacity in recent years!

YOUTH SINGERS WANTED! Talented young people who love to sing are invited to perform in a beautiful concert of Greek Orthodox hymns, joining with singers from several local churches, on **Sat., May 23**, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco. Students in 2nd grade through high school will sing the youth choir parts along with other youth and adult singers. A wonderful opportunity to learn and perform the beautiful music of our church! Three Sunday rehearsals. Contact Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610 or cecanellos@aol.com.



ENROLL TODAY! Weekly, in-person, Adult Greek Language Classes offered at Holy Cross starting the week of **January 26th**. Everyday Conversations, Practical Exercises, Personalized Instruction. All interested adults are invited to enroll! Two Levels: Mondays—Intermediates and Tuesdays—Beginners. Time: 5:30–7:30 pm. Spring Semester classes until **end of May**. Cost \$420. Kindly contact instructor Katerina Chiotis, Director of Holy Cross Greek School, by **January 21**, to register. info@belmontgreekschool.org. Enroll today to reserve your seat! Efharisto!

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 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.

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖

Sunday, January 18 – Saints Athanasios and Cyril – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 21 - Saint Maximos the Confessor – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 22 – Solemn Vespers, 7 PM – Saint Pius Church, Redwood City

Saturday, January 24 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 25 – Saint Gregory the Theologian – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 30 – The Three Hierarchs – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 31 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, February 1 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Triodion begins – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord – 8:30 AM Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 7 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, February 8 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 10 – Saint Haralambos – 8:30 AM Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Saturday, February 14 – *no services today*

Sunday, February 15 – Sunday of Meatfare (Judgment Sunday) – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy



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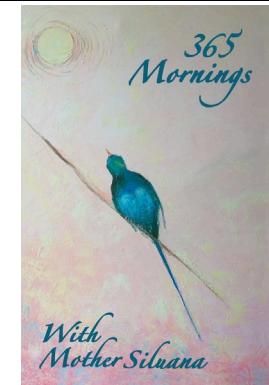
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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

The blessing of a new year is ours and our Holy Cross/Three Hierarchs Bookstore offers several titles which offer daily Orthodox readings to encourage and guide us through each new day. The Bible and the Holy Fathers, Timeless Truths, 365 Mornings with Mother Siluana, Daily Readings in the Tradition of the Philokalia, are among the offerings available.



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In the Tradition of the Philokalia



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