

**OUTREACH SUNDAY TODAY**

The first Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday. Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers for distribution to the needy.

**BELMONT GREEK FESTIVAL 2026**  
**Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6**

We are looking forward to hosting the 54<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Belmont Greek Festival! We are looking for a volunteer to serve as the lead chairperson for this year’s Festival. We already have many of the chairs of individual areas identified and have started working on summer Festival tasks. If you would like to volunteer to chair the Festival this year or know somebody who might be interested, please contact Kathy Flocas (650) 862-2610 or Jim Smith (650) 269-7430

**FESTIVAL COOKING AND BAKING!**

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)

<b><i>THIS Saturday!!!</i></b>	Yuvetsi	Chris Canellos	867-2019
July 16 & 17	Koulourakia	Thalia Hohenthal	576-8032
July 18 & 19	Moussaka	Thomy lupp	906-7404
July 22	Paximadia	Thalia Hohenthal	576-8032
Aug 7, 8 & 9 (note correction)	Spanakopita	Othonia Makris/Roula Tonas	504-3334
Aug 7, 8 & 9 (note correction)	Tiropita	Othonia Makris/Roula Tonas	504-3334
Aug 11 & 12	Pastitsio	Rita Zaharioudakis	574-4913
Aug 17 & 18	Galaktoboureko	Rita Zaharioudakis	574-4913
Aug 19 & 21	syrups	Kaliopi Haramis	304-1028
August 20	Kourambiedes	Terry Smith/Emmy Denton	595-4363
August 22	Melomakarona	Marietta Asimakopoulou	476-5576
Aug 28 & 29	Tzatziki	Stephanie Denton	868-2438
August 29	Fasolakia	Thomy lupp	906-7404
August 29	Stifado	Thomy lupp	906-7404
August 30	Skordalia	Afrodite Loubakos	933-7047

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 4	Fasolatha	Thomy lupp	906-7404
September 4	Gigandes	Thomy lupp	906-7404

*Thank you to Team Baklava for your wonderful work!*

**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](mailto: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](mailto:canellos@stanford.edu) for further details.

**YOUNG STARS OF THE STAGE**

Youth ages 6 and up, if you want to perform in the fabulous Greek mythology play during the Belmont Greek Festival, contact Director Helene Nemchik NOW, 650-224-4809, or [hrnemchik@aol.com](mailto:hrnemchik@aol.com). Auditions will be in **early July**. Rehearsals **Aug. 17-Sept. 4**. Performances twice a day on **Sat/Sun, Sept. 5-6**.

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR PARISH . . .**  
 . . . become a member and join our Stewardship rolls!

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **NEWS** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

**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](mailto:cecanellos@aol.com).

**A HUGE THANK YOU!** Daughters of Penelope thanks you for supporting our recent Rummage Sale! Together, with your purchases and donations, we raised an amazing \$1,000.00 for NAMI (Northern Alliance on Mental Illness) in San Mateo County. Our donation will help to provide mental health resources for those in need. Thank you for your love and generosity and God bless you all!

**STUDIES AND BIBLE CLASSES!** – Classes continue! Contact [konstantines@goholycross.org](mailto:konstantines@goholycross.org) for schedule.

**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](mailto:Preschool@goholycross.org) Visit our Preschool website: [www.holycrossbelmont.com](http://www.holycrossbelmont.com)

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

**Sunday, July 5** – Fifth Sunday of Matthew – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Saturday, July 11 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

**Sunday, July 12** – Sixth Sunday of Matthew – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

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

**Sunday, July 19** – Sunday of the Holy Fathers – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

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

**Sunday, July 26** – Eighth Sunday of Matthew – 8:30 AM, Orthros, 9:30 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.



# GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

## *Fifth Sunday of Matthew July 5, 2026*

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### **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. With the Feast of Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco now celebrated, it is a privilege to offer ‘Man of God’..words written about the life of “Archpriest, apostolic, ascetic, miracle-worker, theologian, man of prayer...”..Also available are icons, Akathist and other writings of St. John of San Francisco..

