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

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.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Our Greek Festival is more than a weekend event—it's an opportunity to share the hospitality, fellowship, and spirit of our parish with thousands of visitors. Every volunteer plays an important role in making that happen, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Volunteer sign-ups will be available soon, so start thinking about where your talents would best be multiplied, and get ready to join us **September 5-6**!

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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
July 18 & 19	Moussaka	Thomy Iuppa	906-7404
July 23 & 24 (note change)	Koulourakia	Thalia Hohenthal	576-8032
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 Lourbakos	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

Thank you to Teams Paximadia and Moussaka for your wonderful work!

NEXT Sunday **PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY** - The Hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops have blessed the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Silas (the patron of prison ministry) in all US Orthodox parishes. As the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) supports the unique spiritual needs of people in prison through longterm case management and provides resources and training to parishes and clergy, enabling them to offer local solutions and fulfill Christ's command to visit Him in prison. Please help us fulfill the commandment of our Lord to visit Him in prison (Matthew 25:36) by participating in this vital day of awareness.

Mon July 20 **PROPHET ELIAS FEAST DAY** - His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and His Grace Bishop Ioannis will be in Santa Cruz to

observe Prophet Elias Day. Luncheon to follow. Orthros and Divine Liturgy starting at 9 AM. For information: 831-429-6500; propheteliassc.org

Sat Aug 22 **SAINT SOPHIA CAMP REUNION** - Come celebrate 65 years of Saint Sophia Camp and the directors who guided us. Dinner/Dancing/Memorials. At Saint Sophia Cathedral, Los Angeles**.** Visit SaintSophiaCamp.org to RSVP. Email SaintSophiaCampReunion@gmail.com for questions. See you there!

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!

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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.

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

Sunday of the Holy Fathers
July 19, 2026

The Reverend Father Peter G. Salmas
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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

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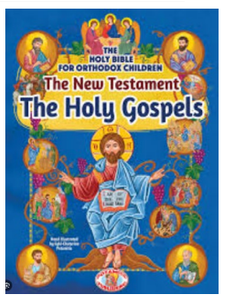
For personal use or gift-giving purposes, our shelves are filled with all that is Orthodox for adults, young adults and children. "The Holy Bible for Orthodox Children..The New Testament..the Holy Gospels", is useful for daily reading of the Holy Bible for the Orthodox family. because, "a child's spiritual 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.." ...