

TODAY **OUTREACH SUNDAY – March 1** The first Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday! Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers for distribution to the needy.

TODAY **SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY – March 1** – immediately following Divine Liturgy in The Oaks. All Holy Cross members in good standing are encouraged to attend this important meeting in the life of your parish. The agenda and minutes of the previous Assembly are available at our church website (with a few printed copies at the Assembly).

Friday **LENTEN POTLUCKS CONTINUE** – Our ever-popular Lenten Potlucks follow Salutations to the Theotokos (which start at 7 PM). Please join us in The Oaks following services and bring your favorite Lenten (no meat or dairy) dish and your Orthodox friends. A Q&A session will also be conducted. This is a good opportunity for our younger families to get to know one another and to meet also those who have for many years been enjoying our Lenten Potluck after the services.

Fri-Sat-Sun **THE BAY AREA LENTEN YOUTH RETREAT** – Thank you for all the registrations! If you have any questions, please email Father Manoli.

Saturday **BEE WELL – March 7** - Holy Cross Philoptochos invites you to a special wellness membership event master gardener Anita Galeana will speak on the benefits of pollinator gardens. 11-1 PM The Oaks. Lunch will be served. Honey tasting and planting workshop admission is \$20. Sign up today at the link at our church website.



Sun Mar 8 **LEAGUE BASKETBALL STARTS!** The games AT HOME are 2 PM, Girls Elementary vs Ascension; 3 PM, Boys Elementary vs St. Nicholas SF; 4 PM, Boys High School vs St. George SF. AND AWAY at & vs ASCENSION Cathedral, 2 PM Boys Middle School 1; 3 PM, Boys Middle School 2. Girls Middle School have a bye. On **Sunday, March 15**, AT HOME are: 2 PM, Girls Elementary vs St. Nicholas SF; 3 PM, Girls Middle School vs



Ascension; 4 PM, Boys Middle School 1 vs Ascension; 5 PM, Boys Elementary vs St. Gregory; 6 PM, Boys Middle School 2 vs St. Gregory. AND AWAY at & vs ASCENSION Cathedral, 3 PM, Boys High School

Sun Mar 15 **HOLY CROSS PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** - Now is the time to encourage the young people in your life (grades 3-12) to participate in the Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival! This faith-based speech festival offers public speaking experience in the context of our loving and supportive parish. 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 found here www.goarch.org/oratorical. Contact Allison Virsik (ali_virsik@yahoo.com) with questions and to register.



❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **NEWS** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

WE NEED YOU! We are in need of additional Church Ushers. At present we are down to a bare minimum. If you are new to our Church, please volunteer. It's a great way to meet all our Parishioners. This also is a way of contributing to our spiritual stewardship. Please join! For info, please email office@goholycross.org or christofrangos@gmail.com

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.

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

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

Sunday, March 1 – Sunday of Orthodoxy – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM,
Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 2 – Great Compline, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 4 – Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM

Friday, March 6 – Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 PM

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

Sunday, March 8 – Saint Gregory Palamas – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM,
Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 9 – Great Compline, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 11 – Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM

Friday, March 13 – Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 PM

Saturday, March 14 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 15 – Sunday of the Holy Cross – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM,
Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 16 – Great Compline, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 18 – Presanctified Liturgy, 5:30 PM

Friday, March 20 – Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 PM

Saturday, March 21 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 22 – Sunday of Saint John Climacus – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM,
Divine Liturgy



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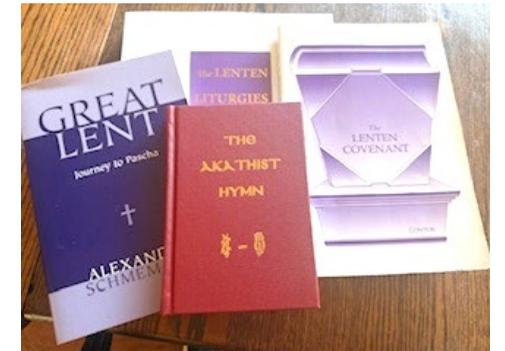
**GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF THE
HOLY CROSS**
Sunday of Orthodoxy
March 1, 2026

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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

Our bookstore is grateful to make available all that is Orthodox for personal use or gift-giving, including books for the youngest and older among us, games, icons, and prayer ropes. As we journey through Great Lent, books which help us to follow and understand the services and work of the Church are on our shelves.



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.