

Today **HOLY CROSS PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** - Join us in The Oaks following Divine Liturgy! The Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a faith-based speech festival which offers public speaking experience in the context of our loving and supportive parish. Children in grades 3-6 can speak on the topic of their choice and those in grades 7-12 must speak on a topic found here www.goarch.org/oratorical. Contact Allison Virsik (ali_virsik@yahoo.com) with questions.



Today **LEAGUE BASKETBALL CONTINUES! AT HOME = 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.



Next week, **March 22, ALL AWAY GAMES**. At Saint Nicholas San Jose = 5:30 PM, Girls Elementary vs StNicholas; 6:30 PM, Girls Middle vs StNicholas. At Resurrection Castro Valley = 4 PM, Boys High School vs StNicholas; 5 PM, Boys Middle 1 vs StNicholas; Boys Middle 2 vs Ascension. At & vs Ascension Oakland = 4 PM, Boys Elementary

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.

Next Sunday **GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM** – Join us **March 22** following Divine Liturgy, in celebration of Greek Independence Day – a special day for Hellenism! Luncheon (12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall) followed by our Student’s program. Reserve (and see the event flyer) at the link at the church website or use this QR code.



Mon, Mar 30 **REJOICE, O CROSS GUARDIAN OF THE WORLD** The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco invites you to an Ecumenical Service of Salutations to the Holy Cross at 7 PM. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos welcomes His Excellency Archbishop Cordileone, Roman

Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco, as the homilist. This very special service commemorates the 20th year anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross and the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary joining together in Salutations and Veneration of the relic of the Holy Cross of our Lord. A reception will follow in The Oaks, sponsored by our Ladies Philoptochos Society.

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **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

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, 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 – with His Eminence
Metropolitan Gerasimos

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

Monday, March 23 – Great Compline, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 24 – Vespers of the Annunciation of the Theotokos – 6 PM, at
Cathedral of the Annunciation, San Francisco

Wednesday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Theotokos – 8:30 AM, Orthros;
9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 27 – The Akathist Hymn, 7 PM

Saturday, March 28 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 29 – Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00
AM, Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 30 – Salutations to the Life Giving Cross – 7 PM (with His
Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore
Cordileone of San Francisco as guest homilist)

Saturday, April 4 – Saturday of Lazarus – 8:30 AM Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine
Liturgy / Communion Breakfast and Palm-Folding to follow

Saturday, April 4 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy /
Palm Sunday Luncheon to follow

Sunday, April 5 – Service of the Bridegroom, 7:00 PM

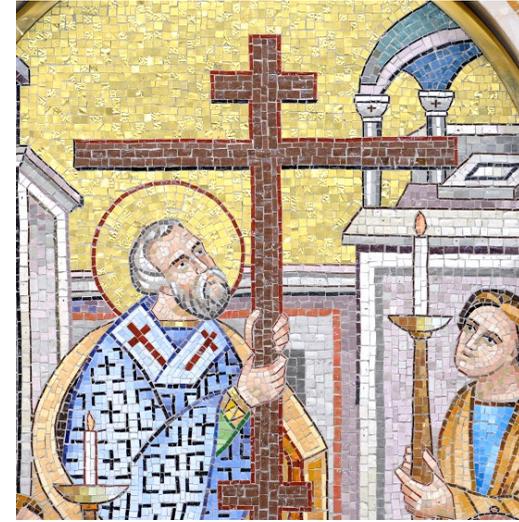
Monday, April 6 – Holy Monday – Service of the Bridegroom, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 7 – Holy Tuesday – Presanctified Liturgy, 8:30 AM

Tuesday, April 7 – Holy Tuesday – Service of the Bridegroom, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 8 – Holy Wednesday – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 3:00 PM

Wednesday, April 8 – Holy Wednesday – Matins of Holy Thursday / Sacrament of
Holy Unction, 7:00 PM



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March 15, 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. 'The Voyage of St. Brendan', a new graphic novel, takes the reader on a journey back to the 6th century to join St. Brendan the Navigator, known as one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland, and his crew on their seven-year seafaring adventure! Our newest board book, 'Let's Build Our Church', invites toddlers to join a group of trucks and their team as they construct an Orthodox church from start to finish, ending as the community celebrates their first Liturgy in the new building!

