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The ladies of Philoptochos are taking a collection to help with purchase of daily hygiene and care items for the children and their families of the San Mateo Park Elementary School. Your donation is much appreciated helping to supply these items to needy families.

Today **GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM** – Join us **TODAY** 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.



Today **LEAGUE BASKETBALL CONTINUES! 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. **NEXT WEEK – ALL HOME GAMES.** 2 PM, Girls Elementary vs Ascension; 3 PM, Boys Middle 1 vs Boys Middle 2; 4 PM, Boys High School vs StGregory. Girls Middle and Boys Elementary **BYE.**



Now-Apr 4 **TSOUREKI SALES 2026** - The dance program will sell Tsourekia for your Pascha table. Saving you time as super delicious and made fresh, so you can have it in time for Easter! Pre orders are open



from **NOW** until **April 4**. Tsourekia will be *available for pick up* after church outside the gym, **Palm Sunday, April 5** - on this day **ONLY**. Ensure you are able to pick up, or have someone pick up for you. The dance program thanks you all for your continued support. Wishing you a blessed Lent! Questions? please contact Toni at Aztaptelis@me.com or 650-483-0499

Now **PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER BAKE SALE** – Place your orders **NOW** for freshly baked koulourakia and diples for your Easter giving (and personal enjoyment!). Call Othonia at 650-593-2537 or 650-759-0573.



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.

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.

Sun Apr 5 **PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON** - Join us for our annual Palm Sunday luncheon in The Oaks immediately following Divine Liturgy. Enjoy delicious fried cod, mezze, skordalia, salad, roasted potatoes, fresh sautéed green beans, fruit and melomakarona. Seating is **LIMITED** to 180! \$25 – Adults; \$15 – Children (3-9); Children 2 and under are free. Visit our church website (or to see the event flyer) or use this QR code to reserve your place(s). Please email anastaciams68@gmail.com if you have questions.



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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 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

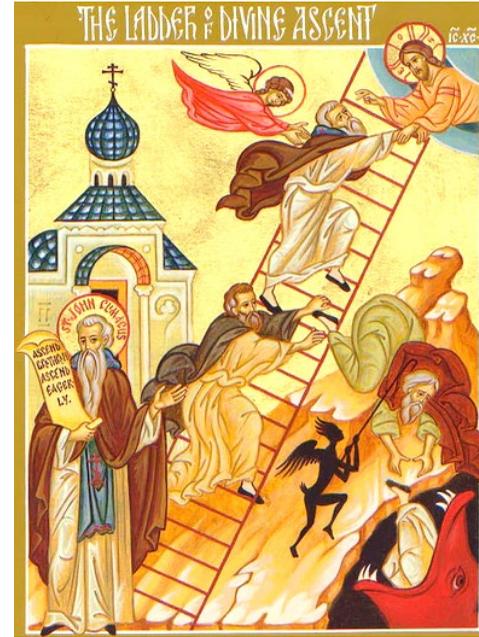
Monday, April 6 – Holy Monday – Service of the Bridegroom, 7:00 PM

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

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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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*Sunday of Saint John Climacus
March 22, 2026*

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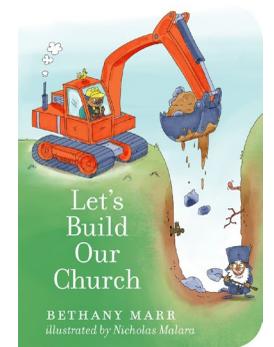
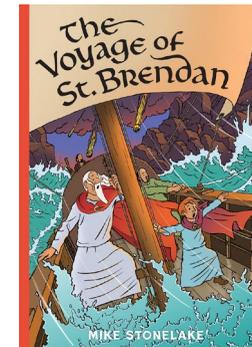
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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

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!



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.