

Today **LEAGUE BASKETBALL CONTINUES! 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. **NO GAMES on Sundays, April 5 and 12.** The season will resume **Sun., April 19.**

Monday **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.

Saturday **SATURDAY OF LAZARUS** Immediately following Divine Liturgy we encourage all our youth and families to come to the gym and participate in the **FOLDING OF PALM CROSSES.** This annual tradition is a great opportunity for our youth to come together at the outset of Holy Week and contribute to our community's celebration of Palm Sunday. **A LIGHT BREAKFAST** will be provided for all those participating. Please contact religioused@goholycross.org for details and with questions

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.

Thur Apr 9 **COMMUNITY EASTER CARDS** – Names and donations are due **Holy Thursday** by 5 PM in the church office. Please email/donate online, drop off, or USPS to us for inclusion in this year's card!

Fri Apr 10 **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY YOUTH RETREAT** – at church, all youth, Pre-K thru Grade 12. Register at religioused@goholycross.org

Sun Apr 12 **EGG HUNT & EASTER PICNIC** - Join us for our Holy Cross Easter Agape picnic in the church parking lot immediately following Agape Vespers (which begin at 11:30 AM) on **Sunday, April 12.** More information on our church website, the Sunday Bulletins, and Father's Daily Consideration.

Sun Apr 19 **OUTREACH SUNDAY** – The first Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday, however, **THIS MONTH,** we are moving to the Sunday of Thomas. Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers for distribution to the needy!

Sat Apr 25 **HOPE & JOY** - Join us after Vespers -7:30 in the kitchen. We'll **bake koulourakia**, make a **craft**, and enjoy a **pizza dinner**—plus our homemade cookies for dessert! **Kinder-5th graders, we can't wait to see you there! RSVP** so we can ensure enough ingredients for a great time!

ORDER NOW!

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

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.



LENTEN POTLUCKS – Thank you to all who participated in our ever-popular Lenten Potlucks. Thank you for your extra-creative dishes and your excellent questions at our Q&A sessions!

PHILOPTOCHOS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS – High school seniors are encouraged to apply for these service awards offered by the Philoptochos. Applications for the 2026 awards are available *by emailing the church office.* If you are college-bound or are planning to enter a training program, if you have participated in Church and Community service, and if your family is a member of our parish, then you may qualify. Deadline is **Monday, April 27, 2026, 5 PM.**

3 CHURCH MUSIC ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH! (1) St. Romanos Music Festival, similar to Oratorical Festival, but hymns instead of speeches, **Sunday, Apr. 26,** on Zoom, grades 7-12. (2) Concert of Greek Orthodox hymns featuring Bay Area youth, grades 2 & up, & adult singers, **Saturday, May 23,** 2 pm, at Holy Trinity in SF. (3) Now is a great time for youth (&adults) to join the Holy Cross Choir & sing praises to God! Info: 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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFESSION

Confession will be held Thurs, April 2 from 3:30-5; and Fri, April 3 from 3:30-5 and 7-9.

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

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

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Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday – Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, 8:30 AM

Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday – Service of the Holy Passion, 7:00 PM

Friday, April 10 – Holy Friday – Vigil of the Royal Hours, 8:00 AM

Friday, April 10 – Holy Friday – Vespers of the Descent from the Cross, 3:00 PM

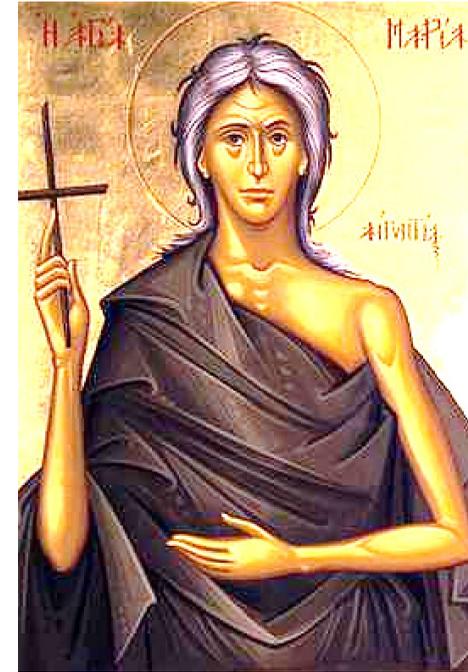
Friday, April 10 – Holy Friday – Service of the Lamentations, 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 11 – Holy Saturday, Divine Liturgy, 8:30 AM

Saturday, April 11 – no Great Vespers

Saturday, April 11 – Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy, 11:00 PM

Sunday, April 12 – Great and Holy Pascha – Agape Vespers, 11:30 AM



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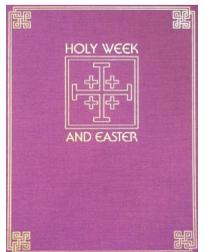
*Sunday of
Saint Mary of Egypt
March 29, 2026*

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Our bookstore is grateful to make available all that is Orthodox for personal use or gift-giving for the older and younger among us. Due to demand throughout the country, the hard-cover and reprinted HOLY WEEK AND EASTER service book is now available ONLY in our bookstore.



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.