

By God's Grace through the Holy Spirit, our church is open for Services. No reservations are necessary, but parishioners must wear face coverings.

We continue to webcast our services. Access the webcast:

1. On your smart phone or tablet, download the "GO Holy Cross" app (available in Apple App store and Google Play Store)
2. On your computer by going to the church's website: [www.goholycross.org](http://www.goholycross.org)
3. On your Apple TV, by downloading the "GOARCH" app

May our Lord bless us through the intercessions of the Theotokos and all His Saints.

### HOLY CROSS TREES

Our Christmas tree lot is OPEN!!! Lend a hand! A sign up sheet has been posted and emailed. Also, look for our on-line store at the church website. Our on-site operation will continue as in previous years. This includes selection of open trees that are placed in water, fresh cuts, contactless purchase, and loading or tying to car.

### NEW THIS YEAR

PAY IN ADVANCE Many items, including your Christmas tree, can be ordered and paid for in advance. This means you can drive up and pick up your order without getting out of your car. The church website has the link to the online store. DELIVERY Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, between 9 AM and 1 PM are our designated delivery slots. You can request delivery at the tree lot or indicate this at the online storefront. If you would like delivery, please remember that these are the designated slots when we will be doing deliveries. See our parish homepage for more details and a link to the online storefront. The delivery option for Belmont, San Carlos, and some San Mateo.

by TODAY READERS WANTED for the Lessons & Carols Service on **Sunday, December 12, 5 PM** - Young people, teens, & adults, please sign-up by **November 28** to read a Bible passage about the birth of Jesus during this beautiful one-hour service in the church, featuring scripture readings and Christmas carols. Contact Eva Canellos, [cecanellos@aol.com](mailto:cecanellos@aol.com), or 650-400-1610.

Tuesday BIBLE STUDY continues on Zoom Video. Go to our website for instructions on how to connect, or send an email to [konstantines@goholycross.org](mailto:konstantines@goholycross.org)

Wednesday STUDIES IN THE FAITH CLASSES Please join us at 7 PM on Zoom Video – go to our website for instructions on how to connect, or send an email to [konstantines@goholycross.org](mailto:konstantines@goholycross.org)

Thursday THE WORKS OF SAINT MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR will resume at 7 PM. Please email [frpeter@goholycross.org](mailto:frpeter@goholycross.org) or [konstantines@goholycross.org](mailto:konstantines@goholycross.org) for details.

### CHRISTMAS FAMILY TO FAMILY SHARING

We will be adopting at least 60 families this year. We are asking for monetary donations to provide gifts and gift cards to families in San Mateo and Redwood City. If you would like to adopt a child/family, please contact Anastacia Stamates, 650-868-2569 or [anastaciams68@gmail.com](mailto:anastaciams68@gmail.com) or find me at church and a match will be made. All gifts should be wrapped. As our local schools are still being very cautious we will not be delivering to families this year, however help will be needed the week of 12/13 to bring gifts to the schools. Families will pick up their Christmas packages from contacts at the school. Everything will need to be at church by **Sunday, December 12**. Thank you.

Sun Dec 12 ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS TEA - Following Divine Liturgy, in The Oaks. Delicious food, Christmas punch, prizes, Christmas gift boutique, bake sale, and more! Suggested donation at the door: \$10 per person. Special drawing: \$200, \$100 and \$50, and many other fun prizes. Tickets available after church, and at Coffee Hour. Winner need NOT be present to win. All proceeds go to our Family Sharing Program.

Sun Dec 12 LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE, 5 PM - Celebrate the Christmas season at this special one-hour presentation featuring scripture readings about the birth of Jesus and beloved Christmas carols sung by all in attendance. Refreshments afterward in The Oaks AND a special visit from Old Saint Nicholas! See the church website.

by Wed Dec 15 BAKE SALE - Pre-Order sweets for Christmas: baklava, koulourakia, kourambiedes, paximadia, melomakarona. Pick up **December 19**, after Church from 12:30–2 PM in The Oaks. See the church website. Philoptochos appreciates your support for our Christmas Family-to-Family Sharing Program. Visit the Christmas Tea Bake Sale page for a variety of delicious sweets! <https://www.goholycross.org/events/preordersweets/>



❖ HOLIDAY GREEK FOOD SALE - *Opa!* We have lowered our prices just in time for your special holiday meals. Youvetsi – 4 incredibly delicious lamb

shanks with chicken broth and orzo \$50; ***Roast Leg of Lamb*** – 6-8 generous servings, pre-sliced, seasoned, natural juices preserved \$50; ***Fasolatha Vegan Soup*** \$12 per quart. But hurry, all other items have sold out and these will, too!! Contact Chris Canellos at [cecanellos@aol.com](mailto:cecanellos@aol.com) to place your order before we sell out.

- ❖ **NEW KICKS FOR KIDS SHOE DRIVE – NOW to November 30** - Presented by our Philoptochos. Donate a NEW pair of shoes for a child in need in the San Mateo School District. To donate new soles for young souls, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home> (link is at our website). Contact Nina Azar 650-863-7780 or Hana Keilo 650-867-4837 for info and to be assigned a child's name. Only new kids shoes in-the-box, please (i.e., not gift-wrapped). Please include a tag with the child's name.



### **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, November 28** – Thirteenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday, November 30 – Saint Andrew the First Called – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, December 4 – Saint Barbara – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, December 4 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, December 5** – Saint Savas – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Monday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Thursday, December 9 – Conception of Saint Anna – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, December 11 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, December 12** – Saint Spyridon – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy



## **GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Thirteenth Sunday of Luke**  
*November 28, 2021*

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## **OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE**

All that is Orthodox abounds in our Holy Cross/Three Hierarchs Bookstore. In addition to newly arrived *101 Orthodox Saints*, a visual encyclopedia which will “enhance your family’s understanding and celebration of the saints of the Church”, we have a large selection of new children’s books and very relevant books for the faithful of all ages. Our Prayer Pillows, with icons on the front and prayers on the back, are simply wonderful. We look forward to your coming to see them and all that is offered.

