

CHRISTMAS TREES ARE HERE!

Visit the church website and click on the links to order your tree / Help us with another great season of beautiful fresh Christmas trees from the Oregon forests along with wreaths, garland, and those cute little critters. Visit the church website and click on the links to volunteer. Ho Ho Ho!

FINAL DAYS! DANCE FUNDRAISER with SEE'S CANDIES!

See's Candies YUM-raiser for our *Levendia* and *Nea Zoi* Dance groups. Thank you for supporting the Holy Cross Dance Fundraiser! We'll receive all profits from any items you purchase. Order MORE to help us reach our fundraising goal! Order by **THIS Thursday!** Click on the link at the church website.

Tue Dec 6 **BIBLE STUDY** Hybrid classes at 10:30 AM! (Due to ORA lunches on the first Tuesdays of each month, Bible Study will begin at 10 AM.) Go to the church website for instructions on how to connect or send an email to konstantines@goholycross.org.

Wed Dec 7 **STUDIES IN THE FAITH CLASSES** Hybrid classes at 7 PM! Go to the church website for instructions on how to connect, or send an email to konstantines@goholycross.org.

Thur Dec 8 **PATRISTIC WORKS** We will meet with a hybrid class at 7 PM. Please email konstantines@goholycross.org for details.

Sat Dec 10 **10 AM-12:30 PM - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL IN THE OAKS** - All Sunday School students in PreK-8th grade are encouraged to participate in the Christmas Program and attend this rehearsal for the music and Nativity play about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Info: Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610, or cecanellos@aol.com.

Sun Dec 11 **5 PM – CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IN THE OAKS** – Ho-ho-hope you'll join in the celebration of the birth of Jesus with our "Crossing Into Christmas" program featuring carols by our Sunday School, Greek School, and choir, the traditional Nativity play about Christ's birth in Bethlehem, and a visit from Santa Claus! Info: Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610, or cecanellos@aol.com.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Join us following Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Philoptochos hosted Christmas Tea! Save the date! You should have received details (Luncheon! Raffle! Christmas Shopping Boutique!) in your mail! Help support our Family Sharing Program.

FAMILY TO FAMILY SHARING

This year we're committing to sponsor 60 families in our greater community this Christmas. This year we will be providing \$50 to \$75 gift cards for each child and gift cards for food for the families. Gift cards from Target, Ross, Marshalls, TJ Maxx and Old Navy or a monetary donation would be appreciated. All gifts will need to be at church by **Sunday, December 11**. Please contact Anastacia Stamates at anastaciams68@gmail.com or 650-868-2569.

PRE-ORDER CHRISTMAS SWEETS NOW!

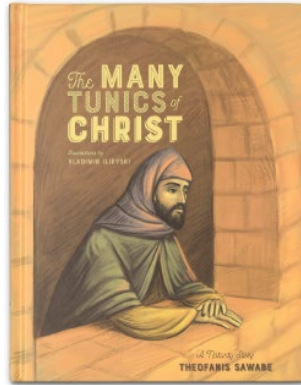
In conjunction with our Annual Christmas Tea fundraiser, we will be taking pre-orders for Greek sweets (link at church website) with a "Pick-up" date on **Sunday, December 18**, 12:30 – 2 PM in The Oaks. ***Or*** you can help by clicking "DONATIONS" at the church website (upper right of homepage) and make a general donation to Philoptochos. We are so grateful for your help and know we can make Christmas special again this year for those in need. Remember, no amount is too little! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

- ❖ **TAKE N BAKE** -- A very small number of half-trays of Pastitsio, Moussaka and Gigantes and quarts of Fasolatha soup are still available for your holiday enjoyment. Please contact Chris Canellos in person today or at cecanellos@aol.com or 650-867-2019 to order. Do not hesitate! These items will sell out quickly!
- ❖ **CARE CLOSET** -- Presented by our Philoptochos. Donate personal basic hygiene items for children aged 5-12 to the San Mateo Park Elementary School. To donate simply visit:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR?ref_=wl_share
or contact Christine Hopkins (650-766-7553) for more information. See the flyer at the church website.

OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

Holy Cross/Three Hierarchs Bookstore is a joyful place in which to explore icons and books that are good for our souls. Reading these two books are excellent support for this endeavor. **THE MANY TUNICS OF CHRIST** is a wonderfully illustrated book which tells the story of Thomas the Monk and his spiritual transformation through the virtuous example of St. John the Merciful. *"What might happen if each one of us were to give willingly and joyfully to our brothers and sisters instead of thinking only of ourselves?"*



SERVICES

Sunday, November 27 – Thirteenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, November 30 – Andrew the First-Called Apostle – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 3 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 4 – Tenth Sunday of Luke / Barbara the Great Martyr – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Monday, December 5 – Saint Savas the Sanctified – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Monday, December 5 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker – Vespers, 7 PM (Saint Nicholas Church, San Jose)
Tuesday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker – 8:00 AM, Orthros; 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy (note change in times)



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Thirteenth Sunday
of Luke
November 27, 2022*

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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.