

OPENS FRIDAY! - CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

Christmas is approaching which means that it is time for our Church of the Holy Cross Christmas Tree Lot. Please click on the links at the Church website to sign up to help us out – one link is for weekdays and one is for Day 1 + weekends – use both! Email konstantines@goholycross.org or call (650-483-2995) Konstantine with any questions, suggestions, or advice!



Thurs & Friday **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** – Please call the church office number in case of church emergencies, 650-591-4447

by Thur Nov 30 **NEW KICKS FOR KIDS SHOE DRIVE** – Now thru Nov 30 -- New Kicks for Kids Shoe Drive. Presented by Holy Cross Belmont Philoptochos. Donate a NEW pair of shoes for a child in need in San Mateo School District. Only new kids shoes in-the-box please - not wrapped. Please include a tag with the child's name. To donate New Soles for Young Souls visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/hcnewkicksforkids/home> or contact Nina Azar 650-863-7780 for more info and to be assigned a child's name.



by Sun Dec 3 **DANCE MINISTRY HOLIDAY PASTITSIO SALE** - Pre-orders only. Pickup available on **Sunday, December 3**. \$60. Frozen half-size aluminum tray (12 servings). Email your order to eve@acesancarlos.com. See the flyer at our church website.

Sun Dec 10 **CHRISTMAS TEA** - Sponsored by our Holy Cross Philoptochos. Come join us after Divine Liturgy for a holiday luncheon + desserts + punch. There will be a shopping bazaar, baked goodies for purchase, and a special drawing. AND a Christmas carol sing-along! Donation of \$20 (or \$60 for a family with children) at the door. All are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Family Sharing program, a Holy Cross annual event to help the needy of our San Mateo community. Yummy Greek pastries will be available for purchase - great for Holiday gifting; and look for special drawing tickets, available in your mail and throughout the next few weeks at Church for a chance to win monetary and other prizes. Please visit our church website to give a donation, or to see the event flyer!

Sun Dec 10 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - We ho-ho-hope all our young people will sing, act, and shine in our beautiful Community Christmas Program, 5-6 pm in the Oaks, featuring Christmas music, the traditional Nativity play about the birth of Jesus, and a visit from Santa! Nonspeaking parts: angels, shepherds, animals-- one rehearsal on **Sat., Dec. 9**, at 10am-12:30pm.

Speaking parts: Prophets, Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Innkeeper, Wisemen-- only 3 rehearsals on **Dec 7 & Dec 8** at 6:45-7:45pm, and **Sat., Dec. 9**, at 10am-12:30pm. One tiny crying part: Baby Jesus. Contact Eva Canellos 650-400-1610 or cecanellos@aol.com, or Irene Fotinos ijfotinos@gmail.com.

CLASSES CONTINUE

- Evening Bible Study – first and third **Mondays**, 7 to 8:30 PM (Zoom only)
- Morning Bible Study - **Tuesdays**, 10:30 to Noon (in-person + on Zoom)
- Studies in the Faith – **Wednesdays**, 7 to 8:30 PM 650-344-9233 (in-person + on Zoom)
- Enhanced Studies - **Thursdays**, 7 to 8:30 PM (in-person + on Zoom)

See details at our Church website, or send an email to konstantines@goholycross.org



- ❖ **STEWARDSHIP 2024** – As we look forward to the New Year, we thank all those who have sent in their 2023 Stewardship Pledge (or made their Pledges on-line)! You will have *JUST* received the 2024 Stewardship Packet. Your pledge is the main financial support of our parish. Everyone is encouraged to make a pledge of at least ***\$150*** per month, with no limit to your time, talent or treasure. Please confirm your pledge today and join the over 600 families that call Holy Cross their spiritual home.
- ❖ **THE CARE CLOSET NEEDS YOUR HELP** - Donate basic hygiene and daily care items to children of San Mateo Park Elementary School. Deposit items in collection box in our Fellowship Hall or go to: www.Amazon.com/hz/wishlist/La/WS5GGCPZ6YBR?ref=wl_share (this link is clickable at our Church website) and order online shipping directly to school. Philoptochos appreciates your support. Email here if you have questions: cphopkins322@gmail.com
- ❖ **SUPPORT OUR DANCE MINISTRY!** - See's YUM-Raising We'll receive a portion from any items you purchase at our special See's website. Order MORE to help us reach our fundraising goal! Candy will be delivered to your home and Holy Cross Dance gets a nice donation in return which will help us with all director/musician expenses this year. Pass this on to your Family and Friends, too! Follow this link https://www.yumraising.com/secure/churchoth_holy_cross_dance_ministry_fundraise88/Katkat1494/candy or visit our Church website and click on the link there.

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- ❖ **FAMILY TO FAMILY SHARING** - Our Holy Cross Community will once again be sponsoring local families for the Christmas season. There are many ways to help:
 - 1) Monetary donations which will go towards the purchase of food cards or gift cards.
 - 2) Sponsoring all the children in a family to provide them with Christmas gifts. Email anastaciams68@gmail.com to let me know the number of children you would like to sponsor.
 - 3) Choosing a gift to buy for a child. Look in The Oaks lobby starting the week after Thanksgiving.Please contact Anastacia Stamates at anastaciams68@gmail.com or (650) 868-2569.
- ❖ **HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL** is now enrolling. 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 Follow us on Instagram: [@holycrosspreschool](https://www.instagram.com/holycrosspreschool/) [<https://www.instagram.com/holycrosspreschool/>]. Like and follow us on Facebook: [<https://www.facebook.com/holycrossbelmont/>].

SERVICES

Sunday, November 19 – Ninth Sunday of Luke -- 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, November 21 – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, November 22 – Eve of Thanksgiving / Afterfeast of the Presentation – 6 PM, Matins; 7 PM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 25 – Saint Katherine – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 25 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
Sunday, November 26 – Thirteenth Sunday of Luke -- Divine Liturgy - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
Thursday, November 30 – Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 2 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 3 – Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew – Divine Liturgy - 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

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.



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
Ninth Sunday of Luke - November 19, 2023

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OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

New to our Holy Cross/Three Hierarchs Bookstore is 'Goodnight, Child of God', a bedtime (or anytime) book teaching the presence of the Kingdom of Heaven all around us. "The poetic text surrounds children as they drift to sleep, cradled in the peace and love of God." Within the walls of our welcoming corner, you will also find shelves filled with books for readers and seekers of all ages, icons, fresh honey, Byzantine crosses, prayer ropes and more...

