

## TODAY

**OUTREACH SUNDAY** – The first Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday! Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers -- the December collection goes to our Holy Cross Family Sharing Program.

**FESTIVAL BLACK FRIDAY SALE** - Check out these bargains, just in time for the holidays. Our famous youvetsi (4 lamb shanks for \$50 or 8 lamb shanks for \$90, including chicken broth and orzo) Gyro (\$25 for 5 pound package), Greek wines (\$20 per bottle) and Pita (\$3 for 10 pack or 2 packs for \$5) are also available for purchase. Quantities are very limited!! Please see Chris Canellos after church today or order the youvetsi at [belmontgreekfestival.com](http://belmontgreekfestival.com)!

**FAMILY TO FAMILY SHARING!** As is our custom at Holy Cross we are sponsoring many families from our surrounding community - San Mateo, San Carlos and Redwood City. Our commitment is to provide gifts for each child in the family and food gift cards for each family. To participate, please consider choosing a child or two from the Giving Tree (found in The Oaks lobby) and providing them with gifts (total value of \$50 to \$75) or making a monetary donation. Please see Anastacia Stamates after church or contact at [anastaciams68@gmail.com](mailto:anastaciams68@gmail.com) or 650-868-2569 for more information.

**OUR CHRISTMAS TREE LOT** celebrates eleven years this year. In that time, we have attracted more and more customers. / Though our shift volunteers help to cover for the work load this growth requires, we are now also looking for energetic people who can and would want to help oversee the different parts of this operation over a week or over the Christmas season. If you like being outside, enjoy Christmas, are task oriented, and enjoy exercise and interacting with our customers, send an email to me at [konstantines@goholycross.org](mailto:konstantines@goholycross.org) or call me at 650-483-2995.

Tuesday **CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS OPEN** – Please use the links at the church website to sign up to help at the Lot. Email konstantine at [k.konstantine@gmail.com](mailto:k.konstantine@gmail.com) or a relevant youth group ministry head with any questions. Thank you!

Sat Dec 14 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL** for all our young people, 10 AM to 1 PM in The Oaks. Info: Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610.

Sun Dec 15 **ANNUAL PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS TEA** – Check your mail for details AND fantastic raffle opportunities for some great holiday prizes!

Sun Dec 15 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – Join us for a beautiful & fun celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, from 5-6 PM in The Oaks. Featuring performances by our choir, Sunday School, Greek School, & drama program, plus a sing-along & a visitor from the North Pole! Info: Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610.

**CALLING YOUNG CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ACTORS!** Casting has started for the Holy Cross Christmas Program on **Sun., Dec. 15**, 5-6 pm, and we need lots of young people to play Shepherds, Stable Animals, Wise Men, Angels, Prophets, Mary & Joseph! We want YOUR CHILD in the beautiful Nativity Scene. There are Speaking and Non-Speaking roles. Please specify. Contact Eva Canellos, 650-400-1610, Helene Nemchik, 650-224-4809, or Irene Fotinos, 650-888-3047. Everyone must attend the big rehearsal on **Sat, Dec. 14**, 10 AM - 1 PM, and students with speaking roles must also attend two additional rehearsals on **Thur & Fri, Dec. 12 & 13**, 6:45-8 PM.

## ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ NEWS ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

**PERSONALIZED CALL FROM SANTA!** Sign up for a personalized virtual call from Santa for your children. Don't miss this opportunity to share the Spirit of Christmas with your family! **December 6 thru 24**. Signup by visiting: [www.stnicholas-tele-santa.com](http://www.stnicholas-tele-santa.com)

**STEWARDSHIP 2024** - Make your 2024 Stewardship pledge Today! Becoming a pledging steward of Holy Cross gives the necessary financial support to our church. Your monthly monetary gift, which is part of your stewardship, helps our parish meet her financial responsibilities ...in simple terms, pay the bills. Please make every effort to make your pledge in the next few weeks. Members of our Parish Council, Stewardship Committee and Sunday Ushers will be happy to help you with additional information and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your support and joining our Parish Community. Please visit our church website.

**CLASSES CONTINUE - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday** - A new series of Studies in the Faith and Bible Studies. Join us in great informed discussions as we discover the enlightened wisdom and understanding of the Holy Fathers of our Orthodox Tradition. All are welcome to join and learn. Contact [k.konstantine@gmail.com](mailto:k.konstantine@gmail.com) for info

**HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN** We have begun enrollment for the 25-26 school year -- please email Director Chris Shreve to schedule a visit for you and your child today! [Preschool@goholycross.org](mailto:Preschool@goholycross.org) Visit our Preschool website: [www.holycrossbelmont.com](http://www.holycrossbelmont.com) Follow us on Instagram: @holycrosspreschool [<https://www.instagram.com/holycrosspreschool/>]. Like and follow us on Facebook: [<https://www.facebook.com/holycrossbelmont/>].

**CARE CLOSET NEEDS YOU!** - 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: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR?ref=wl_share) and order on-line shipping directly to school. Philoptochos appreciates your support. Email here if you have questions: [cphopkins322@gmail.com](mailto:cphopkins322@gmail.com)

❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **SERVICES** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

**Sunday, December 1** – Fourteenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Wednesday, Dec. 4 – Saint Barbara – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Thursday, December 5 – Saint Savas the Sanctified – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Thursday, Dec. 5 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker -- Vespers in San Jose, 7 PM  
Friday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Saturday, December 7 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM  
**Sunday, Dec. 8** – Tenth Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Monday, December 9 – Conception of the Theotokos – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Thursday, December 12 – Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Saturday, December 14 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM  
**Sunday, December 15** – Saint Eleftherios / Eleventh Sunday of Luke – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Tuesday, Dec 17 – Saint Dionysios – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Saturday, December 21 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM  
**Sunday, December 22** – Sunday Before the Nativity – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy



# GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Fourteenth Sunday of Luke -  
December 1, 2024*

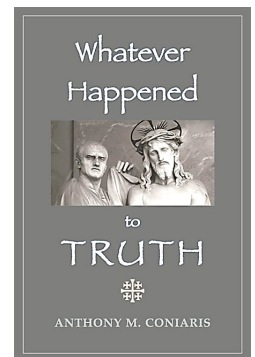
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### **OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE**

As we strive to offer a reflection of our Orthodox faith, among our newer arrivals is 'Whatever Happened to Truth', a book from which the reader learns, "Orthodoxy stands for truth in faith. Objective, absolute truth in today's secular society is nonexistent..." All that is Orthodox, including books, icons, puzzles, games, prayer ropes, crosses and more are beyond our entry door.



### **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.