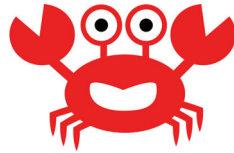


TODAY

KIDS 'N' CANCER - Please join us after Liturgy in The Oaks for a delicious coffee hour reception, festive décor and an amazing drawing. Our special featured drawing items are a \$500 gift card to Steve Padis Jewelry, a \$300 gift card to Vivace Ristorante, a dazzling Chanel logo pin valued at \$550 and a Boisset Wine Picnic basket with wine and utensils valued at over \$200. Choose which of these items you would like to try to win -- ticket prices are: 5/\$20, 12/\$40 and 1/\$10. Many more drawing prizes and surprises will be available – come upstairs and see! Plan to give your heart to a child with cancer! ❤️❤️❤️

TODAY - LAST DAY TO PLACE RESERVATIONS! - HOLY CROSS CRAB FEED

Join us THIS SATURDAY! Hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6 PM, and the crab will be marched in at 7:30 PM. The menu this year will be crab along with salad, Greek-style pasta, and dessert. There will be a no-host full bar with drinks and soft drinks. Greek music AND a raffle! The cost is \$85 for adults, \$35 for children ages 4-11, and children 3 and under are free. Bring your family, neighbors, and co-workers. Seating is limited! RESERVE by TODAY! at the reservations link at our church website.



Sun Mar 3 **OUTREACH SUNDAY** – The first Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday! Please give generously to our Outreach volunteers for distribution to the needy.

Sun Mar 10 **HOLY CROSS PARISH ORATORICAL FESTIVAL** - The Saint John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held on **Sunday, March 10**. This Archdiocese-wide, faith-based speech festival provides our young people with an opportunity to write and deliver an oral presentation about a topic in Orthodoxy. The Festival is open to grades 3-12. Children in grades 3-6 can write a speech on the topic of their choice and those in grades 7-12 must write on a topic in their age category. Public speaking is important throughout life and this festival offers a way for our youth to learn these important skills while exploring their faith. Please encourage the young people in your life to participate. Please contact Allison Virsik (ali_virsik@yahoo.com) with questions and to register.



❖ **Call for Oratorical Festival Judges** - We need one more judge to serve at the District Festival on **Sunday, April 21** which will take place at Holy Cross immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please contact Allison Virsik (ali_virsik@yahoo.com) if you are able to help!

Wed Mar 13 **AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF SALUTATIONS TO THE HOLY CROSS** - 7:00 PM - The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco invites you to “Rejoice, O Cross Guardian of the World” - An Ecumenical Service of Salutations to the Holy Cross, commemorating the 18th 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. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos welcomes His Excellency Archbishop Cordileone, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco, as the homilist. A reception will follow in our Oaks Hall, sponsored by our Ladies Philoptochos Society. The service will be streamed live at our church website. Also visit there for the event flyer.

Sun Mar 17 **SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – All Holy Cross members in Good Standing are encouraged to attend this important parish meeting. Join us in The Oaks following Liturgy. The proposed agenda will be posted soon.

Mar 29-31 **BAY AREA GOYA LENTEN RETREAT** - Organized by your Church of the Holy Cross! GOYAns grade 6 thru 12 are invited! *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven - Matthew 5:16.* Join us at the Marin Headlands / Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Visit our church website for the links to apply, or for the event flyer.



Mon Apr 22 **PHILOPTOCHOS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS** – High school seniors are encouraged to apply for these service awards offered by the Philoptochos. Applications for the 2024 awards are available **NOW** *by emailing the church office*. A typed application is required -- No handwritten applications will be accepted. 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 22, 2024, 5 PM**.

STEWARDSHIP 2024 – 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. Please update your On-line Account and increase your giving accordingly. Thank you!



❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **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 (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

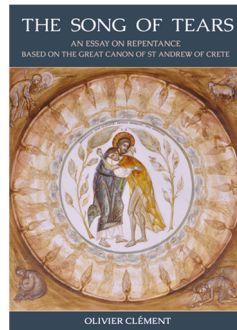
❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ **NEWS** ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖

- ❖ **DO YOU USHER?** We are looking for a few Parishioners to help with ushering duties in the Narthex on Sundays. If you're interested, contact christofrangos@gmail.com so we can add you to our schedule. Ushers serve every six weeks. Help us greet our fellow parishioners on Sunday.
- ❖ **HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE IT'S EXPANSION TO INCLUDE TK AND KINDERGARTEN.** We are now enrolling for the 2024-25 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 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/].
- ❖ **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: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR?ref=wl_share (this link is clickable at our Church website) and order on-line shipping directly to school. Philoptochos appreciates your support. Email here if you have questions: cphopkins322@gmail.com



OUR HOLY CROSS THREE HIERARCHS BOOKSTORE

Our Holy Cross/Three Hierarchs Bookstore is filled with all that is Orthodox -- books for readers of all ages, icons, wicks, prayer ropes, fresh honey and spontaneous discussion. 'The Song of Tears', a book recently discussed in our Wednesday evening class, is an essay on repentance which is based on the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. The Truth which is timeless is unveiled within these pages.



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
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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee
February 25, 2024

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SERVICES

- Sunday, February 25** – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Triodion Begins) – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Thursday, February 29 – 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 2 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, March 3** – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 9 – Saturday of Souls – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 9 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, March 10** – Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Wednesday, March 13 – 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, March 16 – Saturday of Souls – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 16 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, March 17** – Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday) – 8:45 AM, Orthros, 10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Monday, March 18 – Clean Monday (Lent Begins) Great Compline, 7 PM
- Wednesday, March 19 – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 5:30 PM
- Friday, March 21 – Salutations to the Theotokos, 7 PM
- Saturday, March 23 – Saturday of Souls – 8:30 AM, Orthros; 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, March 23 – Great Vespers, 5:30 PM