

## CALENDAR

**Sunday 12/14: FISH ALLOWED  
Holy Ancestors of Christ**

8:30a Orthros (Matins)  
9:00a Church School  
9:45a Divine Liturgy  
4:00p Enquirers Class

**Monday 12/15: WINE/OIL  
Ieromartyr Eleutherios**

9:00a Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday 12/16: STRICT FAST  
Prophet Aggaios (Haggai)**

**Wednesday 12/17: WINE/OIL  
Prophet Daniel; Dionysios of Zakynthos, Bishop of Aegina**

**Thursday 12/18: STRICT FAST  
Martyr Sebastianos & Companions**

6:30p Parish Council

**Friday 12/19: STRICT FAST  
Martyr Boniface**

**Saturday 12/20: WINE/OIL  
Before the Nativity of Christ**

4:00p Sacrament of Holy Unction  
5:30p Great Vespers

**Sunday 12/21: WINE/OIL  
Before the Nativity of Christ**

8:30a Orthros (Matins)  
9:00a Church School  
9:45a Divine Liturgy &  
Memorial Service  
11:15a Parish Council Election  
11:30a Berg's Free BBQ

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ On Christmas Eve, we will offer the Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 6:00p. Like Pascha and Theophany, the Nativity has two Liturgies: usually, the Vespertal or "first" the day before; and then the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom on the morning of the Feast. The "second" morning Liturgy is always the more important of the series.
- ◆ We will have a **Reception** following the Christmas Eve Vespertal Liturgy. Please bring a dish (no meat, fish and dairy allowed) or beverage to share in the Nativity of Christ with your brothers and sisters.
- ◆ Next Sunday, for one hour following the Divine Liturgy, will be the **Parish Council elections**. Please contact Fr. Andreas for an absentee ballot if you will be away that Sunday.
- ◆ Also, on Sunday Dec. 21, our parish will be sponsoring the **Think Jesus Project's Berg's Free BBQ** at Killip Elementary School. We will be preparing a Christmas Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings for the hundreds and poor and transitional. Sign up during Coffee Hour or contact George Howington.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO OPERATE OUR CHURCH?

Last November, the Parish Assembly passed a 2014 Budget of \$130,894.

### **THAT IS \$54/FAMILY, EACH AND EVERY WEEK.**

Please keep your Stewardship current!



# HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



METROPOLIS OF  
SAN FRANCISCO

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE: Holy Ancestors of Christ; Holy Martyrs Thyrsos, Leukios, Kallinikos, Philemon, Apollonios, Arrianos, and those with them. December 14, 2014

### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased that you have joined us today. In order to receive Holy Communion in the Greek Orthodox Church, one must be Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Christian Orthodox Faith. The Orthodox Church understands Holy Communion as a sign of unity. If you are interested in learning more about Christian Orthodoxy, please contact our priest, Father Andreas. Communicants should prepare themselves through fasting, prayer and confession. All Christians are invited to come forward at the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy to receive the holy bread, called *Antidoron*, which is offered to everyone as a blessing when they leave.

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## TROPARIA AND READINGS

### Resurrectional Apolytikion 2<sup>nd</sup> Mode

When you descended to the realm of death You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead. All the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out, O life giving Christ and our God we give glory.

### Of the Ancestors of Christ 2<sup>nd</sup> Mode

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

### Apolytikion of the Cross 1<sup>st</sup> Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

### Hymn of the Church in Greek & phonetics

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

SO-son KEE-ri-e ton la-ON soo, keh ev-LO-yee-son teen klee-ro-no-MEE-an soo, NEE-kas tes va-see-lef-SEE ka-TA var-VAR-on tho-ROO-me-nos, keh to son fee-LA-ton thi-A too stav-ROO soo po-LEE-tev-ma.

### Kontakion of the Forefeast of Christmas 3<sup>rd</sup> Mode

On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the grotto to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word \* in an ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, \* O you inhabited earth on hearing. \* Glorify, along with Angels and with the shepherds \* Him who willed that He appear as \* a newborn Child, \* the pre-eternal God.

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### Prokeimenon: Plagal 4<sup>th</sup> Mode. Prayer of the Three Holy Children

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, for You are praiseworthy and exalted beyond measure unto the ages.

*Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us, all You brought on us and on Jerusalem, the holy city of our fathers.*

## TROPARIA AND READINGS

### Apostolic Reading: St. Paul's Letter to Colossians 3:4-11

BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

### Alleluarion: Plagal 4<sup>th</sup> Mode. Psalms 98 & 33

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Verse 1: Moses and Aaron are among His priests, and Samuel is among those who call upon His name; they called upon the Lord, and He heard them.*

*Verse 2: The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them; and He delivered them from all their afflictions.*

### Holy Gospel Reading: Gospel according to St. Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"