

CALENDAR

Sunday 12/28: NO FASTING
After the Nativity of Christ

8:30a Orthros (Matins)
9:45a Divine Liturgy

Monday 12/29: NO FASTING
**14,000 infants (Holy Innocents) slain
by Herod in Bethlehem**

Tuesday 12/30: NO FASTING
Anysia the Virgin-martyr

Wednesday 12/31: NO FASTING
Melania the Younger, Nun of Rome

Thursday 1/1: NO FASTING
**Circumcision of Our Lord; Basil the
Great, Abp. Of Caesarea**

Friday 1/2: NO FASTING
Sylvester, Pope of Rome

Saturday 1/3: NO FASTING
Malachi the Prophet

Sunday 1/4: NO FASTING
Before the Theophany of Christ

8:30a Orthros (Matins)
9:00a Church School
9:45a Divine Liturgy,
Cutting of Vasilopita
& Oath of Office for Parish Council
4:00p Enquirers Class

Monday 1/5: STRICT FAST
Forefeast of Theophany

9:00a Royal Hours
10:00a Vespers Divine Liturgy &
Great Blessing of the Water

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ There is **no fasting** from Christmas Day until the Forefeast of Theophany on Jan. 5.
- ◆ The Church Office has not received current stewardship data for December; so the **Stewardship Mailing**, including Pledge Cards, will not be sent out until the second week of January. Please continue to send in your pledge.
- ◆ Fr. Andreas will be away from the office all of next week, returning on Saturday. He may be reached by calling the Church Office and leaving a message, or by calling his cell phone.
- ◆ Next Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Andreas will **cut the Vasilopita** and distribute portion to all leaders of parish ministries. He will also **administer the oath of office to the five members of the Parish Council for 2015**. The members are: Ben Garcia; Toula Howington; Richard Jackson; Monique Klabis; and Randy Schulz. Per our by-laws, there are four open positions.

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

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST:
On which we commemorate Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother-of-the-Lord. The Holy 2,000 Martyrs at Nikomedia. The Holy Martyr Glykerios. The Venerable Simon the Myrrh-flowing, founder of the Holy Monastery of Simonopetra on Mount Athos.
December 28, 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.

Rev. Presbyter Andreas MacLean, *Ieratikos Proistamenos* (Parish Priest)

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Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church is a parish of the Holy Metropolis of San Francisco, in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, an eparchy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. Our hierarch is His Eminence the Most Reverend GERASIMOS, Metropolitan of San Francisco.

TROPARIA AND READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion 4th Mode

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles with the boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ Our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

Of the Nativity of Christ 4th Mode

Your birth O Christ our God did shine upon the world and through the light of wisdom illumined the universe and to those who held the stars in worship did through a star learn to worship You Worship You the sun of righteousness and came to know You the Light from on high. Glory to You O Lord.

Of the Ancestors of God 2nd Mode

Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Apolytikion of the Cross 1st 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 πνεῦμα.

SO-son KEE-ri-e ton la-ON soo, keh ev-LO-yee-son teen klee-ro-no-MEE-an soo, NEE-kas tees 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 Nativity 3rd Mode

On this day the Virgin gives * birth to the Super-essential. * To the Unapproachable, * earth is providing the grotto. * Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. * Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. * He was born for our salvation, * a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon: 4th Mode. Psalm 67

God is wondrous in His saints.

Στιχ: Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

December 28, 2014

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Apostolic Reading: St. Paul's Letter to Galatians 1:11-19

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia: 2nd Mode. Psalms 131

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Στιχ 1: Remember David, O Lord, and all his meekness.

Στιχ 2: The Lord swore to David this truth, and He shall not reject it, I shall set upon your throne one from the fruit of your loins.

Holy Gospel Reading: Gospel according to St. Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."