

CALENDAR

Sunday 12/7: **FISH ALLOWED**

10th Sunday of Luke

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

Monday 12/8: **FISH ALLOWED**

Patapios the Righteous

Tuesday 12/9: **FISH ALLOWED**

Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos

Wednesday 12/10: **STRICT FAST** Menas, Ermogenes, and Eugephos

Thursday 12/11: **FISH ALLOWED** Daniel the Stylite & Lukas the New

6:30p Parish Council

Friday 12/12: **WINE/OIL** Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Trimythous

9:00a Divine Liturgy
11:00a Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 12/13: **WINE/OIL** Herman the Wonderworker of Alaska & First Saint of America

9:00a Christmas Bazaar
5:30p Great Vespers

Sunday 12/14: **WINE/OIL** 11th Sunday of Luke

8:30a Orthros (Matins)
9:00a Church School
9:45a Divine Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ The Christmas Bazaar will be held next weekend, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-3. We need donations of new and very gently used gift items and Christmas decorations, along with Christmas craft items and baked goods. Sign up sheets for donations and volunteer time will be in the Church House.

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!

So great an evil is envy. For not against strangers only, but even against our own, is it ever warring...

...And yet here He speaks only; whereas elsewhere in many cases He heals by laying on of hands also. But nevertheless none of these things made them meek; rather, while the man was healed, they by his health became worse. For His desire indeed was to cure them before him, and He tried innumerable ways of healing, both by what He did in their presence, and by what He said: but since their malady after all was incurable, He proceeded to the work.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 40 on Matthew 12, 4th Century



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE:

**Our Father among the Saints Ambrose, Bishop of Milan;
Holy Martyr Athenodoros;
Our Righteous Father Gerasimos the Ascetic of Euboia.**

December 7, 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 1st Mode

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Where by all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation O You alone who loves all.

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 πολίτευμα.

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 Forefeast of Christmas 3rd 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.

Prokeimenon: 1st Mode. Psalm 32

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.

Verse: *Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.*

TROPARIA AND READINGS

Apostolic Reading: St. Paul's Letter to Ephesians 5:8-19

Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Alleluarion: First Mode. Psalm 17

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *The God who vindicates me, and who subdued the peoples under me.*

Verse 2: *He who magnifies the salvation of His king and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever.*

Holy Gospel Reading: Gospel according to St. Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.