

CALENDAR

Sunday 11/16: FISH ALLOWED
Apostle Matthew the Evangelist

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

Monday 11/17: FISH ALLOWED
Gregory the Wonderworker,
Bishop of Neo-Caesarea

Tuesday 11/18: FISH ALLOWED
Gt-Martyr Platon of Ancyra

Wednesday 11/19: STRICT FAST
Prophet Obadiah

Thursday 11/20: FISH ALLOWED
Gregory the Righteous of Decapolis

5:30p Great Vespers

Friday 11/21: FISH ALLOWED
Entrance of the Theotokos
into the Temple

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

Saturday 11/22: FISH ALLOWED
Apostle Philemon and companions:
Apphia, Archippos & Onesimos

8:30a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
[@ Coco's Restaurant]
5:30p Great Vespers

Sunday 11/23: FISH ALLOWED
9th Sunday of Luke

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ The Fall Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30. This Assembly will approve the 2015 Budget, nominate candidates for three Parish Council seats, elect the Board of Auditors and Board of Elections, and hear a report about the Metropolis Strategic Plan.
- ♦ Please see Fr. Andreas if you are interested in serving on the Parish Council. To be nominated, you must be a financial Steward and regular recipient of the Sacred Mysteries.

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!

And we have cause also to admire the self-denial of the evangelist, how he disguises not his own former life, but adds even his name... from the midst of the evils He drew him up; much as He converted the blessed Paul also when frantic and raging, and darting fire...

...Even with regard to a harlot woman, so far from being ashamed to call her, He actually permitted her to kiss His feet, and to moisten them with her tears. Yea, for to this end He came, not to cure bodies only, but to heal likewise the wickedness of the soul...

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 30 on Matthew 9, 4th Century



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

HOLY APOSTLE & EVANGELIST MATTHEW; Holy Virgin Iphigeneia & Companions.

November 16, 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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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 Plagal 2nd Mode

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.

Apolytikion for the Evangelist 3rd Mode

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos 4th Mode

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Prokeimenon: Plagal 2nd Mode. Psalm 27

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; and shepherd them, and raise them up forever.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God, may You not pass over me in silence; may You never be silent to me, else I would become like those who go down into the pit.

TROPARIA AND READINGS

Apostolic Reading: St. Paul's Letter to Romans 10:11-21, 11:1-2

BRETHREN, the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew .

Alleluiarion: Plagal 2nd Mode. Psalm 90

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: He Who dwells in the help of the Most High Shall lodge in the shelter of the God of heaven.

Verse 2: He shall say to the Lord, "You are my protector and my refuge, my God; I will hope in Him.

Holy Gospel Reading: Gospel according to St. Matthew 9:9-13

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."