



*The 84th  
Commencement  
Saturday, May 16, 2026*



# Events



## Orthros

Eight o'clock in the morning  
Holy Cross Chapel

## Archieratical Divine Liturgy

Nine o'clock in the morning  
Holy Cross Chapel

## Celebrant

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America  
Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

## Commencement Exercises

Following the Divine Services  
Twelve o'clock Noon  
Maliotis Cultural Center Auditorium



# Απολυτίκιον



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



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.



# Program

## PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Edward Elgar

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Very Rev. Fr. Bartholomew Mercado, SEOD

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## INVOCATION

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## MUSICAL OPENING

Χριστός Ἀνέστη / Christ is Risen

Traditional

Σῶσον Κύριε / Save, O Lord, Your People

Traditional

Ἕγμος εἰς τὴν Ἐλευθερίαν

Dionysios Solomos

The Star-Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key

Holy Cross St. Romanos the Melodist Byzantine Choir  
conducted by Rev. Fr. Romanos Karanos, PhD

*Assistant Professor of Byzantine Liturgical Music*

## SALUTATION

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*Hellenic College Valedictorian*

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## CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

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Nicholas Ganson, PhD  
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Jeannie Ranglas  
*Doctor of Humanities*

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*Protosyneros of the Ecumenical Throne  
Doctor of Divinity*

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### Hooding of Graduates

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### Paterexhortatory

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### Benediction

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### Recessional

Ἀναστάσεως Ἡμέρα

Petros Peloponnesios

Holy Cross St. Romanos the Melodist Byzantine Choir

conducted by Rev. Fr. Romanos Karanos, PhD

*Assistant Professor of Byzantine Liturgical Music*

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# *Honorary Doctor of Humanities*



HELLENIC COLLEGE

JEANNIE RANGLAS

## Citation for the Honorary Degree Doctor of Humanities

As the embodiment of a friend of those in need, a philanthropist, and a devoted servant of the Church, you have labored with love and leadership on behalf of Philoptochos, Hellenic College Holy Cross and the broader Greek Orthodox community. Through your enduring commitment to faith, learning, and service, you have shaped generations of emerging Church leaders while deeply caring for your fellow sisters, brothers, and children in Christ.

With generosity of spirit and heart for service, you have offered your talents as a member of the HCHC Board of Trustees, getting to know our students and their families. You have held – and continue to hold – National, Metropolis, and parish leadership positions with Philoptochos, mentoring countless women along the way and nurturing their faith and lives within the Church. Moreover, you have selflessly dedicated your time to ministries such as ‘Kids ‘n’ Cancer,’ Camp Agape, the Folk Dance and Choral Festival and many more.

You have advanced the mission of Christ and His Church with courage, zeal, and compassion. For your steadfast faith, your transformative generosity, and your inspiring example of Christian leadership, we honor you. Thus, Jeannie Ranglas, we are most thankful to you for allowing us the singular privilege and great joy



# *Honorary Doctor of Humanities*



of bestowing upon you our sacred institution's highest honor, the degree of Doctor of Humanities, ΤΙΜΗΣ ΕΝΕΚΕΝ.

May your devotion and faithfulness continue to be a beacon to all who seek to serve the Lord and His people.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”  
Matthew 25:21

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Jeannie Ranglas has dedicated her life to the service of the Greek Orthodox Church through visionary leadership, philanthropy, and ministry. She is currently in her 16th year as President of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos and has served for 23 years as a member of the National Philoptochos Board of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Under Jeannie's leadership, the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos has expanded impactful ministries including the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund, providing more than \$4 million in scholarships and financial aid over 40 years to Hellenic College Holy Cross students from the Metropolis of San Francisco. Jeannie's enduring dedication, generosity, and love for Christ and His Church continue to serve as a powerful example of faithful leadership and service.



# *Honorary Doctor of Divinity*



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX  
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

REV. FR. THEODORE  
STYLIANOPOULOS

Citation for the Honorary Degree  
Doctor of Divinity

For a life devoted to the Word—studied, taught, proclaimed, and lived; for a scholar who has joined intellectual rigor to fidelity to the apostolic tradition and the illumination of the Holy Spirit; for a teacher who has formed generations of students in the depth of the New Testament – its language, its history, and its enduring power; for a theologian and bridge-builder, integrating patristic wisdom with contemporary scholarship and bringing the riches of the Gospel to both academy and Church; and for a pastor whose ministry, marked by humility and compassion, has borne witness to the Gospel in word and in life, having served for decades the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

And for one who, having earned a doctoral degree from Harvard University and been elevated by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the rank of Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne, has embodied in all things the vocation of the scholar-priest: to seek truth faithfully, to teach with integrity, and to serve with love.



# *Honorary Doctor of Divinity*



Therefore, Reverend Father Theodore G. Stylianopoulos, Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Theology Emeritus and New Testament Studies, we offer our profound gratitude and count it a singular privilege and great joy to bestow upon you the highest honor of this sacred institution, the degree of Doctor of Divinity, ΤΙΜΗΣ ΉΝΕΚΕΝ.

May your life of priestly devotion, scholarly witness, and pastoral service continue to inspire and guide all who seek to follow Christ with faith, fidelity, and love.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Matthew 25:21

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Rev. Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos is a 1956 graduate of Holy Cross who later taught theology and the New Testament at the school for more than 40 years. He holds a Master of Theology from Boston University and a ThD from Harvard Divinity School, and is a prolific author of books and articles written throughout his distinguished career. A native of Greece, Fr. Stylianopoulos' family emigrated to the U.S. in 1951, first residing in San Francisco before settling in Seattle. In New England, he served parishes including Annunciation Cathedral in Boston, St. Nicholas in Lexington, MA, St. George in Keene, NH and Kimisis in Dracut, MA.





“Let us exalt the Cross of Christ in our lives,  
and lift up our School - with prayers,  
support, and above all, committed students,  
who will carry the Cross on High  
and bring glory to our Lord and God.”

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