



Blessing of the Waters SF Bay 2022

Presented by the **United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS)**
representing the Greek-American Community in California

Sunday - Jan. 16, 2022

12 noon – 4 p.m.

Aquatic Park Cove, Ghirardelli Square

600 Jefferson St., San Francisco

Blessing of the Waters “Agiasmos” Service Begins at 1:30 p.m.

*Celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco*



Orthodox Christians celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany or Theophany annually on January 6. This feast commemorates the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River by Saint John the Baptist whereby the Holy Trinity is made manifest and the precursor to Christ’s public ministry.

Throughout the world Orthodox Clergy and people gather at a body of water such as a river, lake, or ocean to celebrate the Blessing of the Waters with an “Agiasmos” prayer service thereby imparting God’s sanctifying grace on all creation.

It is traditional that a cross is thrown into the water where divers are at the ready to race and retrieve the cross. The one who retrieves the cross receives a special blessing.

As we begin a New Year, please join us on this special occasion to pray for the wellbeing and safe-keeping of all humanity as well as the protection of the environment.

Come Celebrate Our Community, Culture, Heritage & Tradition



*“Live” Greek Music Concert
George Mylordos & Kymata Band*

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