Full House by Ucaoimhu

Half of the answers in this puzzle are clued by only twelve of the clues; these clues (each of which is ambiguous, and yields two or three answers) are exactly those that correspond to both an across and a down entry space, and/or to an entry space overlapping the middle row.

That second possibility exists because, due to poor planning, there are two competing sets of “guests” (entries) in the middle row; the single dot separates the members of one set, and the double dot separates those of the other set. Thus, many squares in the middle row are assigned different letters by different sets, which are dealt with by using ambiguous clues for the entries intersecting those squares.

In each of the remaining, unambiguous clues, the cryptic part yields one incorrect letter (the answer, however, is to be entered correctly in the grid). If you use the incorrect letters (reverse-alphabetically) to order the correct letters they replace, you will get a description of how to accommodate both sets of guests at holiday meals, using a scheme (inspired by my own arrangements this year) that assigns them to their respective repasts in a manner that is, in a way, etymologically appropriate.

1. Many a Greek X-Man, captivated by how big something is, split
2. Church right above club, housing hill dweller with endowment primarily for singing
3. Starts in India, next to revolutionary order nabbing stripped DNA
4. Adage about $1000 card game
5. When there’s silver on both sides, one is graying, maybe
6. 4–9, Penny is covered with vines
7. Penny’s beheaded 34’s son
8. E-mag for blokes and French bird
9. The immediate forerunners of us, embracing Henry with gratitude, essentially
10. Soldier meets maiden lacking in generosity
11. Jack’s first two-foot handle
12. I don’t believe that this country turned feminine (2 wds.)
13. Small rings encircling large bunch of notes
14. An insect said, “Run”
15. Stravinsky mishandled rigs
16. Left singer Lopez sluggish
17. Hired to provide gratification around noon (2 wds.)
18. St. Mary’s most centered three ladies go rambling
19. Fiat in back of Little Richard
20. Together, ultimately, cuts [sic] Ted dancing around end of video
21. Titan’s offspring, or Kubrr’s port, contrariwise
22. Being superior to crownless Mars, Juno (on one end) has unveiled moves
23. Put out, as nut’s outside under extremely vaporous third-to-last of planets
24. But half of them ought to strike right character of “might”
25. Somewhat slowly crawling bits of elastic (spun, not molded)
26. What carries blue blood? English or French queen
27. Tasks involving one of your little kangaroos
28. Obey after “Get naked, Charlie!” is repeated
29. Sexy lead in Hamlet is performing in Othello
30. Start disrobing Benny, concealing zilch (2 wds.)
31. Amphibian agents that get counterfeiters upset
32. Carbon on top in Dell box’s interior
33. Hide reformulated soft drink
34. Eve’s third son’s second horse
35. Tesla, say, flipped over topless singer from the Police
36. Tolkien creature stuffing plaything with fourscore quarters
37. Wife abandons important slice of pizza, perhaps
38. The hand clenched around fancy, posh Madame Blavatsky, e.g.