

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GOYA

MEETING SCHEDULE - FALL 2017

(Meetings will begin at 7:30, we end at 9:00 p.m.)

"Finding God in Everything, Every Day"

MONTH

DAY/DATE

SUBJECT

SEPTEMBER

Monday 11 GOYA "Welcome Back" - Registration and Agiasmos Service
Welcome and getting to know each other - Plans for the year

Monday 18 Fireside Chat with Father Sotirios

Monday 25 Service Project - IOCC School Kits

OCTOBER

Monday 2 Prepare College Freshmen Care Packages

Monday 9 No GOYA Meeting - Columbus Day

Monday 16 Bowling - Brunswick Hawthorn Lanes

Monday 23 Presentation by Fr. Alexander Koranda - "Developing and Keeping a Prayer Rule"

Monday 30 Discussion "Trust God - The Story of Ernie Johnson Jr."

NOVEMBER

Monday 6 Discussion "Your Role in Ascension Parish

Life"

Monday 13 Service Project - Feed My Starving

Children

Monday 20 No Youth Meetings - Thanksgiving Break

Monday 27 GARC Christmas Gifts Shopping; Christmas Tree Decorating

DECEMBER

Saturday 2 Pre-Christmas Event in Chicago - "Christmas Downtown"

Monday 4 Discussion - St. Dionysios

Monday 11 Presentation on Mission Work in Korea by Katerina Rallis

Monday 18 Meet @ Greek-American Rehab Center for Christmas Caroling with JOY/Jr. GOYA; Wheeling, IL -

5:30 p.m.

Sunday 24 Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (CHRISTMAS EVE) - Vespers

Monday 25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY) - Orthros 8:15 a.m. / Divine Liturgy

9:30 a.m.

Monday 26 No GOYA Meeting - Christmas Break

Thursday 28 Ice Skating @ Centennial Ice Arena in Highland Park

MEETING SCHEDULE - WINTER-SPRING 2018

JANUARY 2018

Monday 1 New Year's Day - Feast Day of St. Basil

Monday 8 Vasilopita Cutting - Video of St. Basil

Monday 15 No Youth Group Meetings - MLK Holiday

Monday 22 Discussion - Metropolis of Chicago St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival (SJCOF)

Monday 29 Discussion led by Peter Vlahos. Topic: TBA

FEBRUARY

Monday 5 Dinner Outing - Red Robin

Monday 12 Discussion - Setting Personal Goals for Lent - Confession

Monday 19 Presidents' Weekend - no meeting

Sunday 25 Sunday of Orthodoxy - Procession of Icons at end of Divine Liturgy; Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 6:30 pm

Monday 26 Great Compline Service - Lenten Supper

MARCH

Monday 5 Presentation by Nicole Capsopoulos on Orthodox Christian Orphanage in India

Fri-Sun Winter Fanari Camp, SIRC

Monday 12 Discussion - Confession with a time for personal reflection

Monday 19 Discussion - Confession

Monday 26 No Youth Group Meetings - Spring Break

APRIL

Sunday 1 PALM SUNDAY

Monday 2 HOLY MONDAY - Nymphios Service - GOYAns serve as readers. All youth and families encouraged to attend.

Friday 6 GOOD FRIDAY - Jr. GOYAns and GOYAns invited to attend services and help decorate the Kouvouklion, wrap eggs, Acolytes clean the Altar; 8:00 a.m. Reading of the Royal Hours, 9:30 a.m. Begin decorating, clean-up, etc
3:00 p.m. Apokathelosis (Un-nailing from the Cross) Service. Epitaphios Service 7:00 p.m.
Lenten lunch will be served.

Saturday 7 HOLY SATURDAY - Proti-Anastasi Divine Liturgy
Resurrection Service and Paschal Divine Liturgy

HOLY PASCHA - EASTER SUNDAY - Great Vespers of AGAPE

Monday 9 No Youth Group Meeting - BRIGHT MONDAY

Friday 13 GOYA Greek Night

Saturday 14 Metropolis of Chicago St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival

Sunday 15 YOUTH SUNDAY - GOYA serves as ushers, takes collections; GOYA hosts Brunch following Church services. Brunch to be prepaid; reservations are to be made prior to this date. All youth groups, parents, relatives, friends of Ascension invited

Monday 16 PASCHA Visit to Greek-American Rehab Center - Diakonia Project Presentation by Joy and Jr. GOYA

April 19-22 GOYA Trip to New York

Monday 23 No Meeting

Monday 30 TBA

MAY

Monday 7 Discussion on our Blessed Theotokos

Sunday 13 Mother's Day

Monday 14 GOYA "Year in Review", planning for the upcoming year and Junior Olympics

Monday 21 Final Meeting - Senior Recognition and 8th Grade Step-Up at location tbd

Friday 25-Sunday 27 JUNIOR OLYMPICS - Metropolis of Chicago

ATTENTION GOYANS AND PARENTS - PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING: (Reminder - Parents must be current PAID Stewards of the Ascension of Our Lord for the year)

1. Schedule subject to changes, if necessary. All meetings will be held at the Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church, unless a different location is specified.
2. Notices for special events, collections, etc. will be passed out at meetings and noted in the Sunday Bulletins prior to the event.
3. Any questions regarding the program or if a parent is interested in lending some assistance, may be directed to Father Sotirios or Carol Stamas by calling the Church at 847-482-1200.

