

JOY and JR. GOYA MEETING SCHEDULE - 2017 / 2018

(We begin at 5:45 p.m. with dinner followed by the meeting; we end at 7:25 p.m.)

PARENTS: A combination of handouts and the book, "Encyclopedia of the Major Saints and Fathers " by Dr. Basil Eleftheriou will be used for this year's lessons. The book will be a resource at home for parents and children to prepare and/or review the lesson for the day and learn about the saint. Page numbers are listed when available. A handout will be given out (during our meetings) for each lesson with more details of the saint's life and to supplement the book. On occasion, a lesson will be based just on a handout and the book will not be reference. Again, please take some time to read over the saint's life either before or after each lesson.

Total Book/Registration/Activity Fee - \$40.00. Checks should be payable to the: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.

THIS YEAR'S THEME: The Saints as Role Models

MONTH

DAY/DATE

SUBJECT

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 11 JOY/Jr. GOYA "Welcome Back/Greet and Meet"; Agiasmos Service (continue Registration / collection of fees)
- Monday 18 St. Sophia and her Three Daughters (handout)
- Monday 25 Outreach Project: IOCC Hygiene Kits

OCTOBER

- Monday 2 St. Gerasimos of Kephalaria (p. 39)
- Monday 9 *No Youth Group Meeting - Columbus Day*
- Monday 16 JOY and Jr. GOYA Bowling @ Brunswick Zone, Vernon Hills - 5:30 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.
- Monday 23 St. Demetrios and St. Nestor (p. 30)
- Monday 30 SS Cosmas and Damianos (p. 25) *Thanksgiving Food Bag Collection*

NOVEMBER

- Monday 6 Holy Archangels
- Monday 13 Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville
- Monday 20 *No Youth Group Meeting* - Pre-Thanksgiving Week
- Monday 27 Diakonia Project for G/A Nursing Home Visit

DECEMBER

- [Saturday 2] Outing Downtown - More details to come
- Monday 4 St. John of Damascus (p. 55) and St. Spyridon (p. 81) - Sign-ups for St. John Chrysostom Oratorical & Arts Festival
- Monday 11 St. Dionysios of Zakynthos (p. 31)
- Monday 18 Meet @ Greek-American Rehabilitation Center (Wheeling) for Caroling - 5:30 p.m.
- [Monday 24] Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (CHRISTMAS EVE) - Vespers @ 5:00 p.m.
- [Tuesday 25] THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY) - Orthros 8:15 a.m. / Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday 28 Parish Family Ice-Skating @ Centennial Ice Arena in Highland Park - Details TBA

JANUARY 2018

- Monday 8 Vasilopita Celebration and St. John the Baptist (handout)
- Monday 15 *No Youth Group Meeting* - Martin Luther King Jr.
- Monday 22 St. Gregory of Nyssa (p. 43)

Monday 29 Three Hierarchs (handout)

FEBRUARY

Monday 5 St. Haralambos (p. 48)

Monday 12 St. Philothea of Athens (p. 76)

Monday 19 *No Youth Group Meeting - Presidents' Day*

[Sunday 25] SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - Procession of Icons at the end of the Divine Liturgy
Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers - 6:30 p.m. Site TBA

Monday 26 Great Compline at 6 p.m. followed by Lenten Supper. Pass out Mission Boxes; Sign-up for Confessions

MARCH

Monday 5 St. Alexios, the Man of God (p. 1) and St. Patrick, the Apostle to Ireland (handout)
Ascension JUNIOR OLYMPICS SIGN - UP BEGINS

Monday 12 St. Photini, the Woman by the Well (handout) and Great Lent; Confessions

Monday 19 St. John of Chicago (handout); Confessions

Monday 26 *No Youth Group Meeting - Spring Break*

APRIL

[Sunday 1] PALM SUNDAY

[Sunday] 8 PASCHA SUNDAY

Monday 9 *No Youth Group Meeting - Bright Monday*

[Saturday 14] *Metropolis of Chicago - St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival (Location TBA)*

[Sunday 15} *Youth Sunday*

Monday 16 Visit the Greek American Nursing Home at 5:30 pm

Monday 23 St. George the Great Martyr (p. 38)

Monday 30 Outing - TBA

MAY

Monday 7 SS Constantine and Helen, Equal to the Apostles (p. 22)

Monday 14 JOY/JR. GOYA FAMILY Miniature Golf Outing - Location TBA

Monday 21 Final meeting of the year - Cook-out @ Church (Goya Step-Up for 8th Graders)

[Friday 25-Sunday 27] JUNIOR OLYMPICS - Metropolis of Chicago

ATTENTION PARENTS - PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING: (Reminder - Parents must be current PAID Stewards of the Ascension of Our Lord for the year 2017.)

1. Schedule subject to changes, if necessary. All meetings will be held at the home rented by Ascension during the construction project unless a different location is specified. The address is: **1231 Riverwoods Road, Lake Forest (it's the home just south of the church.)**
2. Notices for special events, collections, etc. will be passed out at meetings and noted in the Sunday Bulletins prior to the event.
3. Parents are requested to get your child(ren) to dinner on time, so we may begin with prayer together and not delay our program. Also, please make sure you are at Church waiting to pick up your child(ren) by 7:25 p.m. **If you child(ren) has/have to leave early, please let us know in advance and come inside to pick up your children.**
4. All parents of the JOY and Jr. GOYA members are requested to share in the responsibility of hosting a dinner on a given Monday evening.
Two families may host dinner together to share expenses, etc... Guidelines are available at the time of sign-up.

5. Any questions regarding the program or if a parent is interested in lending some assistance, may be directed to Fr. Sotiri, by calling the Church at 847-482-1200.