

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
JOY AND JR. GOYA MEETING SCHEDULE
2011 / 2012

NOVEMBER

- Monday 7** ***No Youth Group Meeting** – Vespers for the Synaxis of the Archangels – St. Haralambos Church, Niles – 7:00 p.m.*
- [Sunday 13]** JOY and Jr. GOYA Poinsettia Sale Begins – 7th & 8th Graders take prepaid orders on Sundays Nov. 13th, 20th and 27th and Dec. 4th and 11th (**PICK-UP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th**)
- Monday 14** **The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37** ***Thanksgiving Food Bag Collection***
- Monday 21** ***No Youth Group Meeting** – Pre-Thanksgiving Week*
- Monday 28** **Diakonia Project for G/A Nursing Home Visit**

DECEMBER

- [Saturday 3]** **Gingerbread House Decorating at Church** – More details to come
- Monday 5** **Continue Diakonia Project for G/A Nursing Home Visit** - Sign-ups for St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival
- Monday 12** **ST. SPYRIDON FEAST DAY- Meet @ Greek-American Rehabilitation Center (Wheeling) for Caroling – 5:30 p.m.**
(Poinsettia Orders Due)
- [Sunday 18]** **JOY and Jr. GOYA Poinsettia Sale Pick-up** - Jr. GOYA to help carry plants to cars.
- [Saturday 24]** **Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (CHRISTMAS EVE) – Vespers @ 5:00 p.m.**
All youth and families encouraged to attend services
- [Sunday 25]** **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY) – Orthros 8:15 a.m. / Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.**
All youth and families encouraged to attend services
- Thursday 29** **Parish Family Ice-Skating @ Centennial Ice Arena in Highland Park**
- [Sunday 1]** **ST. BASIL THE GREAT / CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**
Orthros 8:15 a.m. / Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
All youth and families encouraged to attend services

JANUARY 2012

- [Thursday 5] **EVE OF THE EPIPHANY – Vesperal Divine Liturgy – 6:00 p.m. AGIASMOS**
All youth and families encouraged to attend services
- [Friday 6] **EPIPHANY DAY - Orthros 8:00 a.m. / Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. AGIASMOS**
- Monday 9 **"Epiphany & the Blessing of the Waters" (p. 195)** - Cutting of the Vasilopita – Learn Hymn "All those who have been baptized..." and Get ready for "Youth Sunday"
- Monday 16 ***No Youth Group Meeting – Martin Luther King Jr.***
- [Sunday 22] **YOUTH SUNDAY** - GOYA serves as ushers, takes collection; GOYA hosts Brunch at the Cubby Bear North following Church services – Prices TBD; Brunch to be prepaid; Reservations are to be made prior to this date. All youth groups, parents, relatives, and friends of the Ascension are invited to attend. Program at Cubby Bear TBD.
- Monday 23 **St. Anthony the Great: "Father of Monasticism"** – Video Presentation
- Monday 30 **The Publican and the Pharisee – Luke 18:10-14**

FEBRUARY

- Monday 6 **"Hesychasm: The Practice of Silence"** - Begin Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Project
- [Saturday 11] **JOY Retreat (Grades 4, 5 and 6) @ Church.** Details to follow.
- Monday 13 **The Judgment of Works – Matthew 25:31-46** – Finish Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Project
Sign-up for Confession
- Monday 20 ***No Youth Group Meeting – Presidents' Day***
- Monday 27 **KATHARA THEFTERA – CLEAN MONDAY (Great Lent Begins)**
Lenten Supper at 5:45 p.m. and Great Compline at 6:30 p.m. (For Youth, their families and all Ascension Parishioners – Jr. Goyans to be readers); Pass out Mission Boxes; Sign-up for Confessions

MARCH

- [Sunday 4] **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY – Procession of Icons at the end of the Divine Liturgy
Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers – 6:30 p.m. Site TBA**
- Monday 5 **The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebasteia
Confessions – (7th & 8th Graders)**
- [Sunday 11] **Joy and Jr. GOYA Easter Lily/Spring Flower Sale Begins – Joy/Jr. Goyans to take prepaid orders on Sundays – March
11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st. (Plants to be picked up on Palm Sunday, April 8th.)**
- Monday 12 **“Take up Your Cross and Follow Me” – Mark 8:34-38, 9:1
Ascension JUNIOR OLYMPICS SIGN – UP (JOY / Jr. GOYA / GOYA) - Presentation and Events Sign-up
Confessions – (5th, 6th, & 7th Graders)**
- Monday 19 **Begin DIAKONIA PROJECT – for G/A Nursing Home Residents
Confessions – (4th & 5th Graders)**
- Monday 26 ***No Youth Group Meeting – Spring Break***

APRIL

- Monday 2 **“The Ladder to Heaven” (p. 61) - Finish DIAKONIA PROJECT**
- [Saturday 7] **SATURDAY OF LAZARUS – Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. All youth and families encouraged
to attend services**
- [Sunday 8] **PALM SUNDAY - JOY & Jr. GOYA Easter Lily/Spring Flower Pick-up (Jr. GOYANS to help carry out plants to cars)**
- Monday 9 **HOLY MONDAY – Nymphios Service - 7:00 p.m. All youth and families encouraged to attend services, Goyans
serve as readers.**
- [Friday 13] **HOLY FRIDAY – Jr. Goyans and Goyans invited at attend services and decorate the Kouvouklion, wrap eggs,
etc... Acolytes will have Altar Clean-up -- 8:00 a.m. – Reading of the Royal Hours, 9:30 a.m. – Begin decorating, clean-
up, etc..., 3:00 p.m. – Apokathelosis Service, 7:00 p.m. Lamentations. Lenten lunch will be served.**
- [Saturday 14] **HOLY SATURDAY – Proti-Anastasi Divine Liturgy - 9:00 a.m.
Resurrection Service and Paschal Divine Liturgy - 10:30 p.m.**
- [Sunday 15] **HOLY PASCHA – Easter Sunday – Great Vespers of AGAPE - 10:00 a.m.**

APRIL cont.

- Monday 16** *No Youth Group Meeting – Bright Monday*
- [Saturday 21]** **Metropolis of Chicago - St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival (Location TBA)**
- Monday 23** **Meet @ Greek-American Rehabilitation Center (Wheeling) / DIAKONIA PROJECT Presentations - 5:30 p.m.**
- Monday 30** **"Christ Pantocrator" (p. 137)**

MAY

- Monday 7** **Meeting of the Generations III**
- Monday 14** **JOY/JR. GOYA FAMILY Fall Miniature Golf Outing** @ Highland Park Adventure Golf – JOY/JR. GOYA & Families
2205 Skokie Valley Road (Rt. 41 just North of Park Avenue) – Highland Park, IL
Pizza at 5:45 p.m. & Miniature Golf at 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday 21** **Final meeting of the year – Cook-out @ Church**
- [Wednesday 23]** **Great Vespers for our Church's Feast Day – 7:00 p.m. All youth and families encouraged to attend services**
[Thursday 24] **Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord - Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.**
- [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 2011.)

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. 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 Alex Magdalinos, by calling the Church at 847-482-1200.