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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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Long Beach, CA 90814

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Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Greek Orthodox Church
Long Beach, CA



Worship Services

Regular Schedule

Orthros 8:45 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

NOTE: Sunday Divine

Liturgy starts at

10:00AM year-round.

*See enclosed calendar for
dates and times of other ser-
vices this month.*

APRIL 2015

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

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**GOYA Presents:
 Good Friday
 Luminaries (Lambades)**



Let's light our path around the church with the names of Our loved ones who have passed on and our wishes for the health of our family and friends.

Our Goyans will personalize each candle-lit bag (lambada) with:

† In the Memory of... OR

† For the Health of...

The bags will be lined around the church along the path of the Epitaphio.

Each bag costs \$5.00. Orders can be placed in two ways, either:

† Visit our display table after church on Sunday or

† Write the names on the form below, make your check payable to: Assumption Goya and mail to: Nicolette Simitian 19601 Summer Grove Lane. Hunt. Beach, CA 92648

DEADLINE - PALM SUNDAY

(Please, no more than **2 names per bag only.**)

If you need more than 2 bags, simply write out the information on a separate piece of paper

Ordered by:	Ordered by:
Phone #:	Phone #:
In Memory of/To the Health of: (Circle One)	In Memory of/To the Health of: (Circle One)
Name:	Name:
Name:	Name:
Paid by: Cash/Check No.:	Paid by: Cash/Check No.:



Would you love fresh baked goodies to share
with your family?
But there just isn't enough time?

Make it easier on yourself by ordering...

Tsoureki (Easter Bread)

**This Easter Holiday, the talented ladies of
Philoptochos are baking just for you!**

Call in your orders today!!

Voula at the church office (562) 494-8929

\$15 for a big loaf of Tsoureki available to buy on Palm Sunday 4/5/15



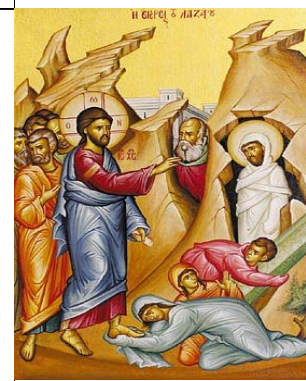
**Kids 'n' Cancer
Camp Agape**



A Ministry of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Agape Celebration of Love Reception to benefit
Kids 'n' Cancer
Sunday, May 3, 2015 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Big Canyon Country Club
One Big Canyon Drive
Newport Beach, California
\$75 per person

For more information, please contact:
Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos Office
at 415-431-2600 or office@sfphiloptochos.org



Lazarus Saturday!

Pastor's Message

On the Saturday before Holy Week, the Orthodox Church commemorates a major feast of the year, the miracle of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when he raised Lazarus from the dead after he had lain in the grave four days. Here, at the end of Great Lent and the forty days of fasting and penitence, the Church combines this celebration with that of Palm Sunday. In triumph and joy the Church bears witness to the power of Christ over death and exalts Him as King before entering the most solemn week of the year, one that leads the faithful in remembrance of His suffering and death and concludes with the great and glorious Feast of Pascha.

Lazarus becomes ill, and his sisters, Mary and Martha send a message to Jesus stating, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." In response to the message, Jesus says, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (vv. 1-4). When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, many of the people had come to console Mary and Martha. When Martha heard that Jesus was approaching she went to meet Him and said to Him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of Him." Jesus told her that her brother will rise again.

Jesus came to the tomb and asked that the stone that covered the door be taken away. Martha remarked that Lazarus had now been in the tomb for four days and that there would be a smell. Jesus replied, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" The stone was taken away, and Jesus looked toward heaven and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When He had said this, He called out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus walked out of the tomb, bound with the strips of burial cloth, and Jesus said, "Unbind him, and let him go" (vv. 38-44).

This miracle is performed by Christ as a reassurance to His disciples before the coming Passion: they are to understand that, though He suffers and dies, yet He is Lord and Victor over death. The resurrection of Lazarus is a prophecy in the form of an action.

As the liturgical texts emphasize, the miracle at Bethany reveals the two natures of Christ the God-man. Christ asks where Lazarus is laid and weeps for him, and so He shows the fullness of His manhood, involving as it does human ignorance and genuine grief for a beloved friend. Then, disclosing the fullness of His divine power, Christ raises Lazarus from the dead, even though his corpse has already begun to decompose and stink. This double fullness of the Lord's divinity and His humanity is to be kept in view throughout Holy Week, and above all on Good Friday. On the Cross we see a genuine human agony, both physical and mental, but we see more than this: we see not only suffering man but suffering God.

Taken from the www.lent.goarch.org

Father Christos

President's Message

I am writing this message the day after our first General Assembly Meeting of the year, which was part of a fun day of activities here at Assumption. I would like to thank Jim Eleopoulos and Dino Syrengelas for pulling together our delicious Lenten Luncheon, which including BBQ shrimp and corn on the cob!

An important aspect of my message in this General Assembly meeting was, "Where do we go from here?" Things are going well now, we have a great priest, Fr. Christos, who has connected with every age group in just two years. Our stewardship grew by approximately 50 new families in 2014. Our youth programs are overflowing with fantastic participation. So what steps should we be taking this year to even better serve our congregation not only in the near term but also thinking 5 to 10 years down the road?

One important step is to hire a person this summer who would be both a Pastoral Assistant and a Youth Director and work closely with Fr. Christos. Our Parish Council feels that at some point near the end of this year or maybe early next year, that Fr. Christos will need help. This is not only to continue his very high level of engagement and service for an ever larger congregation, but also because of introducing new programs such as our focus on Young Adults this year. We believe that if we are careful to find a great young candidate that is equally hard working and youth focused, that the combination would continue to propel us forward for many years.

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, with his understanding of our growth potential here at Assumption with Fr. Christos, encouraged us even two years ago to make sure we start planning asap for either a Youth Director or even a second priest. We're putting the finishing touches on a job description and are in active discussions with His Eminence on appropriate candidates. Stay tuned!

Another exciting topic - what do **you** think about Senior Housing? Wouldn't it be fantastic for many of our elderly to have a place to live where they can have daily activities with their friends in the Parish, where concerned friends can easily check on them each day, and to have easy access and transportation to Assumption. Do you have anyone in your extended family that you'd love to see live in such a place?

Our Parish Council would like gauge the interest in such a major project. How many of our Seniors would want to live in such a complex? Who would be the intended residents – i.e. would we open it up to non-Parish members? How far away could it be and still have enough interest and value? How big should it be and what would it cost. What are the avenues and restrictions to get funding and possibly subsidy? Lots of questions...

We think there is enough interest to at least study this in 2015 and engage the Parish in a detailed discussion and feasibility study. I have asked George Stavros to lead this effort and we'll be forming a team very soon. Remember, such a project takes 5 to 8 years, so if we want to have this in ten years we should be starting the discussions now. We'll devote significantly more time on this in the next General Assembly meeting!

Lastly, since we grew by approx. 50 families last year, our stewardship dollars grew in 2014, right? Actually and sadly, no.... Our paid pledges actually went down by a few percentage points. Surprised? We were too.. Let's fix that this year so we can fund more ministries and programs to further enrich our families.

GO ASSUMPTION!

Dave Matty, Parish Council President

Santamarina, Jose & Ronnea
Sehremelis, Andy & Leslie
Sharkoff, Dr. James & Katherine
Shweiri, Cathy & George
Shweiri, Gabriel & Nicole
Silva, Robert & Nicolette
Simitian, Richard & Anna
Siouris, Chris & Panayota
Sirigos George & Eliodora
Skandalakis, Melia
Skourtas, Tony & Angelique
Smyrniotis, Chris & Mary
Sotiriou, Dimitrios
Sotiriou, Elias
Sotiriou, Panagiotis & Vasiliki
Soulтанakis, Trudith
Soupos, Tom & Bobbie
Spiropoulos, James & Marina
Spiropoulos, Troy & Gina
Stathis, Robert & Josefa
Stavros, Andy & Amber
Stavros, George & Donna
Stavros, Louis & Mary
Stavros, Ted & Olga
Stavros, Tom
Stavroudis, Toulia
Stevenson, Gus & Leona
Sullos, James & Vickie
Syrengelas, Dino & Dora
Syrengelas, Michael & Elizabeth
Syrengelas, Soteria
Syrengelas, Toulia
Talaganis, Ernest
Talaganis, Nick & Amy
Tavlarides, Angelo & Mary
Tavlarides, Matt & Whitney
Terzis, Constantinos & Suzanna
Thermos, Jerry & Ellie
Thibault, Irene
Toulios, Spyros & Eleni
Toumasis, Gerasimos & Kyriaky
Trigonis, Tula
Trikounakis, Tony & Irma
Tsakoumakis, Stan & Debora
Tsamous, Peter & Helen
Tsimerekis, Nikos & Anna
Tzortzakis, Georgis & Kelly
Vackrinis, Catherine
Vagelatos, John
Vardakis, Alex
Varzak, Darlene
Vasilomanolakis, Dr. Mike & Niki

Vasilomanolakis, Francine
Vassiliades, John
Vlachos, Dino & Helen
Vlahakis, Mary
Vorris, Athanasios & Niki
Xagorarakis, Alexandros & Denise
Xeros, Nick & Anna
Zambos, Angie
Zarifis, Angie
Zoolakis, Anthony & Kari
Zoumberakis, Stelio & Stacy



Kali Sarakosti!

Have you sent in your Pledge card yet? As you know, our Panagia depends on your participation to help make our parish grow. Please take the time to fill out your card, so, we can continue to plan and reach our financial obligations. You can contact Voula (562) 494-8929 at the church's office if you have questions.

We appreciate your participation.

Ala, Eli	Deneff, Alkisti	Lafkas, Peter & Ada
Ala, George	Deneff, Peter & Diane	Lambrakis, Spiros & Catherine
Ala, Lisa	Deralas, Dean	Lambros Mary
Alex, Helen	Dimitropoulos, Thanasi & Eleni	Lansdale, Marianthi
Alexiou, Demi	Dogris, Alex & Peggy	Liarakos, Dimitrios & Voula
Amarantos, Harriet	Dolas, Chris	Liarakos, George & Dezi
Andrikos, Ioannis & Argyro	Dolas, Jim & Camille	Liarakos, John & Tesi
Andros, Nick	Dolas, Jonh & Theodora	Lofton, Max & Mary
Apostle, Helen	Dolas, Peter	Loizdes, George & Rodoula
Apostle, Kostantina	Donlou, Gordon & Maria	Lovejoy, Jeremy & Nectaria
Argyros, Dionisios & Irene	Etchepare, Anna	Makas, Diane & Natalie
Argyros, Phillip & Amy	Falley, Zoe	Mangoutas, John & Barbara
Armstrong, Randy & Janet	Fattaleh, Raja	Manolas-Lopez, Georgia
Bacol, Penny	Fenn, Brad & Anna	Manos, Dr. Andrew & Pam
Bacol, Pete & Ria	Fic, Karen	Mantikas, Nick & Katherine
Bacol, Sina	Flynn, Matthew	Marangopoulos, Jake & Tammy
Bastas, Nikolaos & Kathy	Futris, William & Mary	Markouizos, Karlos & Georgia
Batshoun, Emil & Matoula	Gabriel, Sam & Kathy	Markouizos, Markella
Beckas, Spiro & Eleni	Galanis, Jerry & Marian	Markouizos, Nektarios & Lisa
Beckas, Yiota	Georges, Louie & Penny	Matty, David & Barbara
Benetatos, Pinio	Georgiadou, Vicki	Matty, Thelxe
Berovinos, Tony & Bonnie	Georgoulis, George & Anna	Medenas, Ted & Foula
Bisbikis, Angelo & Diana	Ghilarducci, Walt & Laura	Mentas, Ann
Boosalis, Aphrodite	Giannoulis, Anastasia	Mentas, James & Patricia
Boyce, Maria	Hadjimarkos, Nicholas & Stemma	Michel, David & Vasiliki
Bratkic, Jure & Demetra	Hadjoannou, Arion & Nicole	Milonas, Dina
Breres, Zena	Hanches, Fotini	Missios, Basil & Eftihia
Brillakis, Gus & Nicki	Hanson, Chris & Dusty	Monios, Nick & Linda
Brogolias, Nick	Hardaway, Herman & Pamela	Morgan, Valerie
Brooks, Harriet	Haririan, Alka	Nakai, Keiichi & Saki
Bussa, Tom & Maria	Harrison, Danielle	Nezis, Alexander & Alice
Chelekis, Louis & Vicki	Hennig, Vickie	Nicolaou, Alexander & Reese
Choullis, Manolis & Sotiria	Hoatua, Dukelis Evy	Panou, Paraskevi
Coats, Marilynne	Jordanides, Tim & Ria	Papakoulos, Angie
Colazas, Xenophon & Mila	Jovicic, Goran & Alexandria	Papas, Tasos & Georgia
Condaras, Nicholas & Katerina	Kakaris, Tellis & Lia	Pappas, Mark & Shari
Contos, Angeliki	Kallins, George & Bettina	Pappas, Victor & Christina
Contos, Vasilis & Voula	Kallins, James & Virginia	Parlapanides, Charles & Elenie
Cook, Jeff & Susan	Kanakis, Fr. Christos & Pres. Jessica	Pass, Toula
Cornwell, Caryle & Demetra	Kanakis, Peter & Evangelia	Paulos, Mary
Coroneus, John & Xanthipe	Karapoulos, Evangelos & Eleni	Paulos, Nicholas
Critides, Anastasios & Shawnee	Karidakis, George & Diane	Paxos, Joanne
Cyprus, Brandon	Karthas Nicholas	Pelonis, Petros & Agatha
Cyprus, Brett & Jane	Kiousis, Spiro & Katerina	Philips, Mark & Crystal
Cyprus, Kayla	Kitsios, Kostas & Voula	Phoutrides, Neilos & Patricia
DaCosta, Marvin & Katerina	Konstantinidis, Bryon & Katie	Platis, Jim & Kay
Demopulos, Michael & Patricia	Kontokanis Dimitrios & Maria	Politis, Spiros & Assal
Demos, Christa	Kootsikis, Coula	Polychrones, Speros & Dora
Demos, Eleni	Kostallas, Tony & Cathy	Roubanis, Savvas & Jody
Demos, George & Vickie	Koulos, Peter & Emily	Russos, Asimina
Demos, Joanna	Kourtis, Costa & Cesilia	Russos, Emmauel
	Krantz, Robert & Tricia	Salsman, Mel & Andria

“Use your Voice for kindness, your Ears for compassion, your Hands for charity, your Mind for truth, and your Heart for Love.”

Well the TEA might be over, but WE are already making plans for next year! We are in hopes that you enjoyed the TEA as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you. We THANK all of you who sponsored a table, helped with the Lenten menu and supported our Raffle. WE couldn't have done it without ALL of you! You're the Best! The TEA is our way of introducing to you what Philoptochos is all about. WE are always in hopes you find it interesting and worthwhile. It is our way of inviting you to become a member if not a member already. This year, at the TEA, Thirty of you renewed and/or joined Philoptochos. With what membership count we have already, our membership is up. The TEA is just one of many of our activities. WE have outreach all year long and WE would love your input as well as your participation in all that we do.

Kids and Cancer will be here before you know it. We ask that you save the date of May 3, 2015. Venue will once again be “Big Canyon Country Club” in Newport Beach. It's important WE all participate. This is a wonderful outreach. If you have not participated in the past; I'm asking that this year you make an effort to attend. Meet for yourselves our poster child which was once a little girl who has since grown into a blossoming young lady, with a “BIG Smile” on her face because of YOU and those who continue to support “kids and Cancer”. Without ALL of our support, there would be NO “BIG Smiles” on the faces of many children. Please, when making your donation, make it payable to L. B. Philoptochos so that our L. B. Chapter can present one big check the day of the event from the Assumption Parish of Long Beach. Last year we raised \$14,000 from LB Assumption alone. We have always been one of the larger donors. I am in hopes we will once again collect as much, if not more this year. Questions? Let me hear from you. Thank you for everything!

We are now taking orders for “HOMEMADE BREAD” by Vickie Hennig. Please contact the church office to place your order/s. Bread will be made and baked on April 4th, Ready for pick-up on Sunday April 5th. The cost will be \$15 per large loaf. Refer to attached flyer for details. Important; place your orders right away.

Philoptochos Elections will soon be here and we are looking for individuals who might like to be on the Board. Requirements: A person who has the time to get involved, is able to work with others, and has a passion for Philoptochos. If you know of such a person, let Kathy Bastas or Bobbie Soupos know.

Have a Blessed Easter

Bobbie Soupos, President

**Come Celebrate with us
Mother's Day
Hosted By: The ASSUMPTION
SENIORS**

**SUNDAY MAY 10, 2015
FOLLOWING CHURCH
IN OUR CULTURAL
CENTER**

**We will be serving Pastitsio,
Salad and Desert.
All drinks included
Adults: \$15 Children: \$7**



**Come Celebrate Father's Day
with us
Hosted By:
The ASSUMPTION SENIORS**

**SUNDAY, June 21, 2015
FOLLOWING CHURCH
IN OUR CULTURAL CENTER**

**We are serving
Chicken, Rice, Salad & Dessert**

All drinks included

Adult Ticket: \$15.00

Children: \$5.00

Greek Column by Voula Michail

Κυριακή των Βαΐων.

Η Κυριακή μετά το Σάββατο του Λαζάρου είναι η Κυριακή των Βαΐων. Πρόκειται για την τελευταία Κυριακή της Σαρακοστής και ταυτόχρονα την πρώτη ημέρα της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας. Ημέρα αφιερωμένη στην είσοδο του Ιησού στην Ιερουσαλήμ.

Όπως μας αναφέρουν οι Ευαγγελιστές, την επόμενη ημέρα της αναστάσεως του Λαζάρου, ο Ιησούς ζήτησε από τους μαθητές του, να του βρουν ένα γαϊδουράκι. Πάνω σε αυτό σκόπευε να πάει στην Ιερουσαλήμ. Εκείνες τις ημέρες είχε μαζευτεί πολύς κόσμος στην πόλη, για τον εορτασμό του Εβραϊκού Πάσχα. Το Εβραϊκό Πάσχα ήταν γιορτή που γινόταν σε ανάμνηση της απελευθέρωσης των Εβραίων από τους Αιγύπτιους.

Πάνω στο γαϊδουράκι, λοιπόν, εισήλθε ο Ιησούς στην Ιερή Πόλη. Ο λαός ήδη είχε μάθει για την ανάσταση του Λαζάρου, αφού η Βηθανία απήχε μόλις 2, 5 χιλιόμετρα από την Ιερουσαλήμ. Τόσο το θαύμα στη Βηθανία, όσο και η υπόλοιπη "δράση" του Ιησού, οδήγησαν τον λαό να τον υποδεχθεί όπως όριζε το εθιμοτυπικό της υποδοχής βασιλέων. Έστρωσαν κλαδιά (βάγια στα εβραϊκά) φοινίκων στους δρόμους από όπου περνούσε ο Χριστός με το γαϊδουράκι και Τον επευφημούσαν τραγουδώντας "Ωσαννά ευλογημένος ο ερχόμενος εν ονόματι Κυρίου, ο βασιλεύς του Ισραήλ".

Από τα βάρια, πήρε το όνομά της η ημέρα αυτή. Με την είσοδο του Ιησού στην Ιερουσαλήμ ξεκινά το Θείο Δράμα. Επειδή όμως ταυτόχρονα γιορτάζεται η είσοδος του ως Βασιλέας στην Ιερουσαλήμ, η εκκλησία καλεί τους πιστούς να γιορτάσουν καταλύοντας τη νηστεία και επιτρέποντας την βρώση ψαριών.

Στις μέρες μας όλες οι εκκλησίες στολίζονται με βάρια. Επειδή τον ελλαδικό χώρο οι φοινικές δεν απαντώνται συχνά, για τον στολισμό χρησιμοποιούνται κλαδιά δάφνης, ιτιάς, ελιάς ή μυρτιάς. Τα κλαδάκια αυτά μετά το πέρας της λειτουργίας, μοιράζονται στους πιστούς. Ο λαός μας πιστεύει ότι τα βάρια αυτά, έχουν ιαματικές και αποτρεπτικές για το κακό ιδιότητες.

Σε δύο περιοχές της Ελλάδας η Κυριακή των Βαΐων έχει ξεχωριστή σημασία.

Στην Κέρκυρα, γίνεται μεγάλη λιτανεία του Σκηνώματος του Αγίου Σπυριδώνα. Η λιτανεία αυτή ξεκίνησε το 1630. Οι Κερκυραίοι τιμούν έτσι τον Άγιο τους, που απάλλαξε το νησί από την πανώλη το 1629. Ιδιαίτερους εορτασμούς έχοθμε και στο Μεσολόγγι. Την Κυριακή των Βαΐων του 1826, έγινε η μεγάλη Έξοδος του Μεσολογγίου. Οι γιορτές γίνονται προς τιμή των αγωνιστών που έπεσαν εκείνη την ημέρα.

**ASSUMPTION GREEK DANCE &
CULTURAL ARTS SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN A
CELEBRATION OF
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015**



**TRADITIONAL SEAFOOD LUNCHEON
WILL BE SERVED
KIDS/DANCERS \$12.00
ADULTS \$15.00**

**RSVP TO: dinalioulis@yahoo.com
BY MARCH 29, 2015**

BAPTISM

3/21/15

Christopher Miguel Desalernos

Proud Parents : Stephen & Stephanie
Desalernos

Sponsors: Houi Zouras & Tashi Zouras
Congratulations!

April's Prosforo is donated by Vickie Hennig and Mary Lambros. Thank you. If you want to donate the Prosforo please call Voula at the church office at 562-494-8929.

Announcements

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER FLOWERS

With your help, Katy Georgedes will adorn our church. Flowers needed for Palm Sunday, Nymphios, Crucifixion, and Resurrection icons. Also, for the Epitaphios (Christ's tomb), and Easter lilies to decorate the Church for Easter. Thank you for your generosity.

From the Choir Loft

Time is drawing near for your submission for the "Assumption's Got Talent Night" on May 16th. We are looking for all types of talent from musical, dance, skits, comedy, parody, readings, recitations, karaoke, etc. What do you love to do that we know we all can enjoy. Below is the form for you to fill out and submit to the choir by April 15th. Don't be shy. Let us know what you can do.

"ASSUMPTION'S GOT TALENT"

"We Are Family"

MAY 16, 2015

NAME OF PARTICIPANT _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: phone number _____

TYPE OF PRESENTATION(musical, comedy, skit) _____

*Please note, performance should be no longer than 6 minutes

Any special requirements for your performance _____

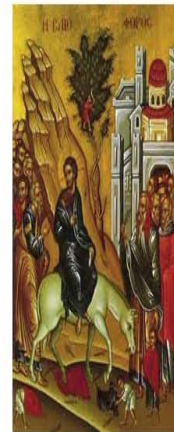
Submission deadline is April 15, 2015. Please return form to Cecilia, Zoe or Karen

Together we pray; together we work; together we build to the Glory of God!

Jesus said:
"I am the light of the world.
He who follows Me shall
not walk in darkness, but
have the light of life."
John 8:12

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**COME FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST THROUGH
THE
JOURNEY TO THE RESURRECTION
AT OUR ANNUAL YOUTH HOLY WEEK RETREAT**



Friday, April 3, 2015 - 6:00 pm

Betty Reckas Center

The GOYANS and adults will be making palm crosses for Palm Sunday in the Betty Reckas foyer during the retreat.

A simple Lenten meal will be served.

Please email assumptionlbs@yahoo.com to RSVP for this event!

Little Lambs

Panagia's Little Lambs is a fun and exciting program. Our Moms n Tots class is full of music, crafts and play. The children are enjoying interacting with each other and learning about our Orthodox religion. Please join us every Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 am in the Preschool Sunday school classroom. Moms, Dads, Yiayias, Papous and any caretakers are encouraged to bring children 3 years old and under to participate in this exciting program. We love seeing new faces!

Elizabeth Syrengelas
Pres. Jessica Kanakis

Greek School

The Greek school students are in full swing. We just completed our 25th of March Greek Independence Day celebration. The students performed in plays and recited poems. They did an excellent job and we are so proud of them. Our luncheon was also a great hit. Thanks to everyone who helped make 25th of March a spectacular day. Congratulations to all the teachers for a wonderful job well done.

This month there will be no classes on Holy Wednesday, April 8th. All students must come to the afternoon service with their parents at 3:00pm. Kalo Pascha kai Kali Anastasi.

Kathryn Condaras, Principal

In the year of the Lord - April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Moms n Tots 10:30 - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7pm + Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία Pre-sanctified Liturgy 10 am	2	3 Family Night & Holy Week Retreat 6:00 pm	4 + Έγερσις του Λαζάρου Saturday of Lazarus Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Philoptochos baking Tsourekia
5 + Των Βαΐων Palm Sunday Orthros 9:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Palm Sunday Luncheon sponsored by the FDB 1st Bridegroom Service 7 pm (Confession 5pm—7pm)	6 + Μ. ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ Holy Monday 2nd Bridegroom Service 7 pm (Του Νυμφίου) (Confession 5pm—7pm)	7 + Μ. ΤΡΙΤΗ Holy Tuesday Των 10 Παρθένων 3rd Bridegroom Service 7 pm (Του Νυμφίου) (Confession 5pm—7pm)	8 Μ. ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ Holy Wednesday + Μέγα Ευχέλαιον Sacrament of Holy Unction 3:00 pm Orthros for the Mystical Supper (Anointing with Holy Unction) 7:00 pm	9 + Μ. ΠΕΜΠΤΗ Holy Thursday + Ο Μυστικός Δείπνος Liturgy of St. Basil 9:30 am Service of the Passion 7:00 pm Philoptochos: Dying red eggs after the morning service	10 + Μ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ Holy Friday + Τα Άγια Πάθη Του Κυρίου Reading of the Royal Hours 1:00 pm (Αποκαθήλωσις) Descent from the Cross 2:30pm (Επιτάφιος) Lamentations Service 7 pm	11 + Μ. ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ Holy Saturday + Η Ταφή του Κυρίου Liturgy of St. Basil 10:00 am The Canon 11:15 pm Resurrection Service and Liturgy 12:00 midnight “Supper” to follow Liturgy
12 + ΤΟ ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ, Η ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ EASTER SUNDAY Agape Service 11:00 am	13	14	15 Moms n Tots 10:30 - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	16	17 Hope & Joy 5pm - 6pm GOYA Basketball practice 6 pm	18
19 + Του Θωμά Thomas Sunday Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	20	21 Senior Christians Potluck 11:30 am P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	22 + Great Vespers at St. Georges church in Downey 7pm Moms n Tots 10:30 - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7 pm	23 + Γεωργίου Τροπαιοφόρου Great Martyr George Orthros 9:15 am Divine Liturgy 10 am St. George Church in Downey	24 Hope & Joy 5pm - 6pm GOYA Basketball practice 6 pm	25
26 + Των Μυροφόρων Sunday of the Myrrh Bearers Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	27	28	29 Moms n Tots 10:30 - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	30		