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



AUGUST 2014



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.*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

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Jim & Patricia Mentas - Principals

Daughters of Penelope

Catherine Vackrinos
Sofie Batshoun

Family Night

Sam Platis

Greek School

Kathryn Condaras - Principal
Donna Stavros - P.T.A

Hope/Joy/VBS

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Web Site

George Shweiri

Sunday School

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2014 - 2015 Registration

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Student Information | |
| Student Name: | |
| Home Address: | |
| Home Phone: | |
| Birthdate & Age: | |
| Grade: | |
| Patron Saint & Date: | |
| Mother's Information | |
| Mother's Name: | |
| Mother's Email: | |
| Mother's Cell Phone: | |
| Father's Information | |
| Father's Name: | |
| Father's Cell Phone: | |
| Father's Email: | |

Emergency Contacts

Persons to call on Sunday (other than Parents)

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Name: | |
| Phone: | |
| Relationship: | |
| Name: | |
| Phone: | |
| Relationship: | |

Parent Volunteers Needed

Can you help inside/outside of class?

(Substitute teach, assist teacher, help with crafts, special events, etc...)

Yes No

Can you donate materials?

(Crayons, Markers, Glue Sticks, Glue Dots, Construction Paper, Scissors, etc...)

Yes No

Sunday Religious Education

**SUNDAY RELIGIOUS ED. SCHOOL
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7, 2014**

One of the biggest gifts we can give our children is the knowledge of our Greek Orthodox faith. We are calling upon all children of our parish ages 4 to 17 to attend Sunday School and participate in what promises to be a spiritual, knowledgeable and inspirational Sunday School year. Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 7, 2014. Included in the weekly & monthly bulletins is the Sunday School Registration form. Please bring the completed form to church and place it in the Sunday School Box located at the information table in the Narthex on any Sunday before or on September 7th.

Enrollment will be as follows:

- Preschool
- Kindergarten
- 1st & 2nd Grade
- 3rd & 4th Grade
- 5th & 6th Grade
- 7th through 12th Grade

Should you have any questions, please contact the Sunday School Directors, Jim & Trish

Mentas at (562) 472-7485. We look forward to welcoming all our youth this fall.



FESTIVAL NECESSITIES

It is time to kick off and **ADOPT** some of the expenses for our 2014 Greek Festival & Cultural Event—August 30, 31st and September 1st, 2014. The Festival Committee is excited about this year's Festival and we look forward to another successful year.

As you can see from the expenses below, it takes an enormous amount of money to put together this wonderful event. However, with your support and generosity we can offset the costs of these operating expenses. Please, take the time to look over this list and select any item(s) that you and your family would like to donate towards this year's festival.

Please fill out this form and mail it or drop it off at the church.

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|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Chicken Souvlaki | \$3,000 | Pastitsio | \$1,500 | Festival Produce | \$4,000 |
| Pork Souvlaki | \$2,500 | Eggs | \$1,000 | Pita Bread | \$2,000 |
| Lamb Chops | \$4,000 | Dinner Rolls | \$1,500 | Uncle Ben's Rice | \$600 |
| 1000 Whole Chickens | \$2,000 | Tzatziki Sauce | \$1,000 | Honey | \$400 |
| Gyro Meat | \$8,000 | Milk/Flour | \$1,500 | Sweet Butter no salt | \$1,500 |
| Calamari/Octopus | \$9,000 | Security | \$14,000 | Trash Bins | \$1,000 |
| Festival Advertisement | \$15,000 | Filo Dough | \$2,000 | Walnuts/Almonds | \$3,500 |
| Greek Loukaniko | \$2,000 | Feta Cheese | \$2,000 | Tent /Equipment Rental | \$23,000 |
| Dolmades | \$2,000 | Kalamata Olives | \$1,000 | 5 Pallets Water | \$3,000 |
| Soft Drinks | \$3,000 | Tiropita Supplies | \$2,500 | Ice with Truck Rental | \$2,000 |
| Greek/American Coffee | \$600 | Margarita Mix/Tequila | \$1,500 | Olympians | \$3,500 |
| Bar | \$8,000 | Charcoal | \$1,000 | Sugar | \$1,500 |
| Festival Hired Help | \$10,000 | Paper Goods | \$7,000 | Spanakopita Supplies | \$2,000 |
| Deep Fry Oil | \$1,500 | Bus Transportation | \$18,000 | Portables Toilets | \$2,000 |

All donations are accepted no matter the amount.

Items donating towards: _____ Amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Please note: **It is not necessary to cover the entire amount of any one item. You may make a partial donation towards one or several categories.** The Assumption is a 501 (c) (3), nonprofit organization and as such, your donation is tax deductible according with IRS regulations.

On behalf of Fr. Kanakis, the entire Parish Council, and the Festival Management Team, we thank you for your sincere consideration and continuous support.

Dino Syrengelas
Festival Chairman

Remember the Success of our Church, is our Personal Success!

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A New Church Year at the Panagia

Dear Parishioners

As the Liturgical Calendar of the Church begins with the Birth of the Virgin Mary (September 8) and ends with the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary (August 15), here at the Assumption our calendar is not only encompassed by the Panagia, but we are constantly blessed by her prayers and love as we surround ourselves at her Parish.

I am excited to share that, this coming September we will see a renewal of programs and ministries for everyone in the community. One area that we are specifically targeting to expand this year is for the Youth and Young Adults.

We are going to have a new and exciting Sunday School Program directed by James and Patricia Mentas, a new Preschool program for Moms and Little ones directed by Elizabeth Syrengelas, VBS and Joy/ Hope with Maria Georgakopoulos, New Goya Programs and activities with media such as Skype with speakers and other youth across the world, Young Adult gatherings and many more.

In next month's edition of the Panagia Bulletin, we will have a Calendar of the entire year planned out for almost all events. We will have new events such as "Founders and Parishioners Memorial Sunday" , "Yia-Yia and Papou Sunday" and other Special Sundays.

May the Panagia bless our new upcoming church calendar!

Fr. Christo

Greetings Panagia Parishioners!

President's Message

Happy Summer to all! Hope each and all of you get a chance to enjoy and have a relaxing family vacation during these next upcoming summer months!

Mark your calendars for four exciting events!

- **August 14th - Panagia's Name Day Vesper's Service and light dessert buffet and coffee to follow.**
- **August 15th - Panagia's Name Day Divine Liturgy and Luncheon to follow.**
- **Vacation Bible School on August 12th & 13th !** Special Thanks to Maria Georgakopoulos for chairing and organizing two fun filled and spiritual learning days for our children.
- **August 30th, 31st & September 1st – Greek Festival!!**

Greek Festival preparations are in high gear! Dino Syrengelas, Greek Festival Chair this year is doing an excellent job in preparing for our annual Greek Festival.

Thank You to all that are preparing and baking the sweets for the Greek Festival!

If Dino has not approached you yet in providing your support, expect him to contact you soon! But, don't wait, please contact Dino or Voula, the church secretary and let us know what you would like to volunteer for! ALL is welcomed!

Please look both in our Panagia Bulletin and our weekly Sunday Bulletins for other events!

Our Parish Council is here to serve you and our Panagia Parish. Please do not hesitate to call or ask any of your parish council members or me with any questions! We will provide you with the answers we know and get back to you with the answers we don't know.

Thanks for all of your continued support!
Chris Dolas, PC President

Medenas Ted & Foula
Mentas Ann
Mentas James & Patricia
Michel David & Vasiliki
Milonas Dina
Missios Basil & Eftihia
Monios Nick & Linda
Montalbano Paul & Maria
Morgan Valerie
Nakai Keiichi & Saki
Nanopoulos Chris & Yiota
Nezis Alexander & Alice
Papacalos George & Lucia
Papadakis Lilian & Andriana
Papadopoulos Evangelos & Lorraine
Papakoulos Angie
Papas Taso & Georgia
Pappas Victor & Christina
Pappas Mark & Shari
Paralapanides Charles & Elenie
Pass Gus & Toula
Paulos Mary
Paulos Nicholas
Paulos Todd & Cindy
Paxos Joanne
Pereslete Melissa
Philips Crystal
Phoutrides Neilos & Patricia
Platis Jim & Kay
Platis Sam & Laura
Pliaconis Alexander & Nicole
Polychrones Jerry & Mary
Polychrones Speros & Dora
Richmond Dan & Doria
Roubanis Savvas & Jody
Russos Asimina
Russos Emmanuel
Salsman Mel & Andria
Santamarina Jose & Ronnea
Seger Clay & Susan
Sehremelis Athena
Sharkoff James & Katherine
Shill Peter & Ami
Shweiri Cathy & George
Shweiri Gabriel & Nicole
Simitian Richard & Anna
Siouris Chris & Panayota
Sirigos George & Eliodora
Skandalakis Melia
Skourtas Tony & Angelique
Smyrniotis Alexandra
Smyrniotis Chris & Mary

Sotiriou Dimitrios
Sotiriou Elias
Sotiriou Panagiotis & Vasiliki
Soultanakis Trudith
Soupos Tom & Bobbie
Spiropoulos James & Marina
Sprague Ron & Mary
Stapakis Olympia
Stathis Robert & Josefa
Stavros Andy & Amber
Stavros Bill & Maria
Stavros Louis & Mary
Stavros George & Donna
Stavros John & Gwen
Stavros Ted & Olga
Stavros Tom
Stergiou Eleni
Stevenson Gus & Leona
Sullos James & Vickie
Sverkos Pete & Natalie
Syrengelas Andreas & Evdoxia
Syrengelas Dino & Dora
Syrengelas George & Athanasia
Syrengelas Michael & Elizabeth
Syrengelas Soteria
Syrengelas Toula
Syrengelas Vasili & Maria
Talaganis Ernest
Talaganis John & Kathleen
Taliere Maria
Tavlarides Angelo & Mary
Tener Theresa
Teodosiadis Romilos & Melpomeni
Terzis Constantinos & Suzanna
Thermos Jerry & Elli
Thibault Irene
Toulios Spyros & Eleni
Toumasis Jerry & Koula
Trigonis Tula
Trikounakis Tony & Irma
Tsakoumakis Stan & Debora
Tsalikis Maria
Tsamous Peter & Helen
Tsimerekis Nikos & Anna
Vackrinis Catherine
Valaskantjis Nikiforos & Georgia
Vardakis Alex
Varzak Darlene
Vasilomanolakis Francine
Vasilomanolakis Dr. Mike & Niki
Vassiliades John
Vlachos Dino & Helen

Vlahakis Mary
Watkins Evagelia
Woo-Sam Maria
Yakos John & Flora
Zambos Angie
Zambos John & Stephanie
Zamvakellis Nick & Alison
Zarifis Angie
Zimmerman Roseann
Zoolakis Anthony & Kari
Zoumberakis Stelio & Stacy

Ala Eli
 Ala Falanai & Lisa
 Ala George
 Alex Helen
 Alexiou Archimides
 Alexiou Demi
 Alexopoulos Andrew
 Alexopoulos Christine
 Alexopoulos Dimitrios & Maria
 Alexopoulos Elias
 Alvertos Yianni & Georgia
 Amarantos Harriet
 Andrikos Ioannis & Argyro
 Antoniou Konstantinos & Maria
 Apostle Helen
 Argeris John & Vasiliki
 Argyros Dionisios & Irene
 Argyros Philip & Amy
 Arkoumanis Stergios & Trisha
 Armogida Rod & Krista
 Armstrong Randy & Janet
 Bacol Pete & Ria
 Bahos Kanella
 Bastas Nikolaos & Kathy
 Batshoun Emil & Matoula
 Batshoun Sofie
 Beckas Spiro & Eleni
 Benetatos Pinio
 Berdanis John & Helen
 Berovinos Antonios & Bonnie
 Berovinos Michael & Kimberly
 Bettios Christos & Lorraine
 Bisbikis Dimitra
 Boosalis Aphrodite
 Bouras Kathy
 Bouras Peter
 Boyce Maria
 Bozigian Linda
 Bratkic Jure & Demetra
 Breres Zena
 Brilliakis Gus & Nicki
 Brooks Harriet
 Bussa Tom & Maria
 Chelekis Louis & Vicki
 Choullis Manolis & Sotiria
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 Coats Marilyne
 Colazas Xenophon & Mila
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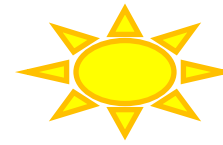
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 Demopulos Michel & Patricia
 Demos George & Vickie
 Demos Eleni
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 Deralas Dean
 Desalernos Stephen & Julia
 Diacoumicos Marya
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 Dimou Leonidas
 Dimou Nick
 Dogris Alex & Peggy
 Dolas Chris
 Dolas Jim & Camille
 Dolas Jonh & Theodora
 Dolas Peter
 Donlou Gordon & Maria
 Dukelis Evangelia
 Edwards Nicholas & Pamela
 Eleopoulos Gus & Robin
 Eleopoulos Jimmy & Leigh
 Etchepare Anna
 Exacoustos Stell
 Falley Zoe
 Fattaleh Raja
 Fattaleh Saba & Diana
 Fenn Brda & Anna
 Fiamengo Alexandria
 Fic Karen
 Flynn Matthew
 Foutris Constantine & Christine
 Frousakis Gus & Vicky
 Frudakis Katina
 Futris William & Mary
 Gabriel Sam & Kathy
 Galanis Jerry & Marian
 Georgakopoulos Mike & Maria
 Georgedes Ekaterini
 Georges Louie & Penny
 Georgiadou Vicki
 Georgoulis George & Anna
 Ghilarducci Walt & Laura

Giannoulis Anastasia
 Gurrola Raymond & Mary
 Gutierrez Ivan & Esther
 Hadjimarkos Nicholas & Stemma
 Hanches Roll Fotini
 Hansen Helen
 Hanson Richard
 Hardaway Herman & Pamela
 Haririan Alka
 Hennig Fred & Vickie
 Jordanides Tim & Ria
 Kades Clio
 Kades Kelly
 Kakaris Tellis & Lia
 Kallins George & Bettina
 Kallins James & Virginia
 Kanakis Fr. Christos & Pres. Jessica
 Karapoulios Evangelos & Eleni
 Karidakis George & Diane
 Karidakis Jim
 Karidakis Nick
 Karmiris Christopher & Christina
 Karthas Nicholas
 Kastanas Bill & Paris
 Katsikakis Maria
 Konstantinidis Byron & Katie
 Kontokanis Dimitris & Maria
 Kostallas Tony & Cathy
 Koulos Peter & Emily
 Kourassis Nick
 Kourtis Costa & Cesilia
 Krebenios Anastasia
 Ladas Amelia
 Ladas Charlie & Patty
 Lafkas Peter & Ada
 Lambros Mary
 Liarakos George & Dezi
 Liarakos John & Tesi
 Lofton Max & Mary
 Loizdes George & Rodoula
 Lolis Vasilios
 Lopez Jeff & Georgia
 Lovejoy Jeremy & Nectaria
 Manos Dr. Andrew & Pam
 Mantikas Nick & Katherine
 Marangopoulos Jake & Tammy
 Marentis Victoria
 Markouizos George & Argyro
 Markouizos Markella
 Matty David & Barbara
 Mavrovitis Michail & Monica

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Long Beach VBS 2014

GOD'S TREASURES



Dates: August 12 & 13, 2014
Times: 9:00 am to 12:30pm
Cost: FREE
Ages: Entering pre-k (4 years old) to 5th grade

***All middle and high school kids are welcome to assist!!**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9:00am to 9:30am | Church |
| 9:30am to 10:15am | 1st Rotation |
| 10:15am to 10:30am | Snack |
| 10:30am to 11:15am | 2nd Rotation |
| 11:15am to 12:00pm | 3rd Rotation |
| 12:00pm to 12:30pm | Lunch and pick up |

**Please turn in your registration , emergency and medical release by 8/1/14 OR
 Mail to: 5761 E. Colorado Street Long Beach, CA 90814**

Attn: VBS 2014

For Questions please contact Maria Georgakopoulos : georgakopoulosm@aol.com

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break. Doing fun things with your children, family and/or doing nothing but relaxing. Life is sweet!

It's Festival baking time, Festival preparation time, time to tell all your friends and family about the Greek Festival over Labor Day Weekend. The Festival is upon us and there is plenty of work to be done. Don't wait to be asked to do something, offer to help. Jump in there and be enthusiastic. We like happy people and happy faces, that's what the Festival is all about. Dino has more than enough on his plate keeping up with things. Just think what a success it would be if ALL of US were to take on a responsibility and see it through. Go see Dino, ask him what you can do to make this year's Festival that much more successful!

The Clergy Laity was held last month. Karen Fic attended as well as Mary Lofton and myself had the privilege of representing both the Metropolis and Philoptochos Chapter. It was held in Philadelphia, PA. What a wonderful five days. Father Christos was also in attendance as was Max Lofton. The Workshops were very interesting as were all the other Assembly Meetings. It was ALL very informative. It was the best attendance ever and very well organized. We were fortunate to have Vice President Joe Biden as guest speaker at our Banquet as well as Mike Emmanuel who spoke on the Veterans and his experiences overseas. Also; Andria Mitchell who was Emcee for the Banquet did an excellent job of introductions throughout the evening program.

WE are asking once again that you remember to bring your backpack/s and school supplies to church throughout the summer months. Just a friendly reminder! We so appreciate all that you contribute to our outreach programs. How fortunate for these children that your generosity is so wonderful. Thank you!

Also; our food drive is fast approaching. Watch those Turkey/Trimmings and etc....specials in your markets. Not too early to purchase items for our food collection. This is a Church Project, not just Philoptochos. So watch those weekly specials. Thanks!

Once again I want to remind you to mark your calendar/s for November 22, 2014. Philoptochos will once again host the annual "Light the Path" event and we need your support. More information will follow as we get closer to the date. For now; just make sure you Save the Date. Leave the rest up to us. It's a beautiful event, an event you won't want to miss. A must see Holiday Event! Proceeds benefit our own graduating Seminarians.

We hope your enjoying your summer months. Remember; we will be Baking/Prepping at the church throughout the summer months for the festival. Questions: Call the office for times and/or dates if you have time to help. Information is also in the weekly/monthly bulletins.

Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate ALL of you!

Bobbie Soupos, President#

Ο Άγιος Ιωάννης ο Πρόδρομος, αποτελεί τη γέφυρα μεταξύ της Παλαιάς και Καινής Διαθήκης. Ήταν δε ο τελευταίος προφήτης που ανάγγειλε την έλευση του Ιησού Χριστού. Καθώς και ο μόνος από τους προφήτες που αξιώθηκε να συναντήσει τον Χριστό. Ο ίδιος ο Χριστός, αναφερόμενος στον Πρόδρομο, είπε ότι είναι ο μεγαλύτερος σε αξία άνθρωπος, που γεννήθηκε ποτέ από γυναίκα. Ο Ιωάννης ο Πρόδρομος δίκαια θεωρείται και ο μεγαλύτερος Προφήτης.

Ο Ιωάννης ήταν γιος του ιερέα Ζαχαρία και της Ελισάβετ. Το ενάρτετο και ηλικιωμένο ζευγάρι ήταν άτεκνο, αλλά ο Θεός τους αξίωσε να αποκτήσουν το πολυπόθητο γι' αυτούς παιδί. Τόσο ο Ζαχαρίας όσο και η γυναίκα του ήταν σε μεγάλη ηλικία όταν ο άγγελος ανήγγειλε στο Ζαχαρία ότι θα αποκτήσουν με την Ελισάβετ ένα αγοράκι το οποίο θα πρέπει να το βαπτίσει Ιωάννη. Ο Ζαχαρίας δεν πίστεψε τα λόγια του Γαβριήλ και γι αυτό τιμωρήθηκε να μείνει μουγκός μέχρι την ημέρα που θα βαπτιζόταν το παιδί. Κι έτσι έγινε. Οκτώ μέρες μετά την γέννησή του ζητήθηκε από τον πατέρα του να φανερώσει το όνομα του παιδιού. Εκείνος έγραψε σε μια πινακίδα "Ιωάννης" και αμέσως επανήλθε η ομιλία του.

Μέχρι τα τριάντα του χρόνια, ζει ασκητική ζωή στην έρημο της Ιουδαίας, αφιερωμένος εξολοκλήρου στην προσευχή, τη μελέτη και την πνευματική τελειοποίηση. Τρεφόταν σαν πουλί με ακρίδες και άγριο μέλι. Το ρούχο του ήταν από τρίχες καμήλας και στη μέση του είχε δερμάτινη ζώνη.

Στον Ιορδάνη πήγε και τον συνάντησε ο Χριστός ζητώντας του να Τον βαπτίσει. Ο Άγιος αναγνωρίζοντας ποιον έχει απέναντί του, αρνείται να Τον βαπτίσει λέγοντας ότι δεν είναι άξιος ούτε τα λουριά από τα παπούτσια Του να λύσει. Ο Ιησούς όμως του είπε ότι έτσι πρέπει να γίνει και τότε ο Άγιος βάπτισε τον Ιησού Χριστό στα νερά του Ιορδάνη ποταμού.

Ο Άγιος Ιωάννης μέσω του κηρύγματός του εξέφραζε την αντίθεσή του στις ανήθικες πράξεις του Ηρώδη Αντύπα. Δεν ανεχόταν την μοιχεία, που διέπραξε ο Ηρώδης Αντύπας, έχοντας σχέση με την γυναίκα του αδερφού του την Ηρωδιάδα. Η Ηρωδιάδα μισούσε τόσο πολύ τον Άγιο, ώστε κατά την διάρκεια μιας εορτής καταφέρνει να «ανταλλάξει» τον αποκεφαλισμό του Αγίου με ένα χορό της κόρης της Σαλώμης.

Το σώμα του Αγίου ενταφιάστηκε από τους μαθητές του. Η Κεφαλή του, μετά από εντολή της Ηρωδιάδας, ενταφιάστηκε κοντά στο ανάκτορο του Ηρώδη στην Μαχαιρούντα. Εκεί βρέθηκε από δύο μοναχούς, στους οποίους είχε εμφανιστεί σε όνειρο ο Άγιος Ιωάννης. Η Κεφαλή του Αγίου χάθηκε τρεις φορές και τελικά βρέθηκε στην πόλη Κόμανα της Καππαδοκίας από έναν ιερέα και από εκεί μεταφέρθηκε στην Κωνσταντινούπολη.

Announcements

August Prosforo

Prosforo for the month of August is donated by Stella Exacoustos. Thank you. If you would like to donate our Sunday prosforo please call the church office.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

We are accepting donations now for flowers to decorate the Church for the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos August 15. We are asking all of you who are celebrating your name day to make a donation to the Name Day Luncheon. All contributions may be given to any Parish Council member or sent to the Church office.

Once again, Vickie Henning & Stelio Zoumberakis family will donate the loukoumades after Great Vespers on Thursday, 8/14/14.

Greek School

Greek School is out for the summer. Please look in your Panagia for updates regarding Greek School registration for the school year 2014-2015. Have a wonderful summer.

Thank you,
Kathryn Condaras, Principal

THE ADULT CHOIR - will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 4th at 7:15 P.M.

THE YOUTH CHOIR - is open to Grades 2 - 8. Rehearsals are on Sundays immediately following Liturgy and the dismissal of Sunday School. Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, Sept. 7th.

If you are interested in joining our choir, please call or email Penny Benetatos, at 714 236-0601 or email her at:

piniobenetatos@yahoo.com regarding questions and/or have family members interested in joining our Music Ministry.

BEST WISHES

BAPTISMS

7/12/14

Leontios Alexander Arkoumanis

Proud Parents: Stergios & Trisha
Arkoumanis

Godfather: Nikolaos Kapellakis

7/19/14

Michael Temuri Bandzeladze

Proud Parents: Irakli & Veronica
Bandzeladze

Godparent: Jaba Kokhreizde

Emma Mariam Bandzeladze

Proud Parents: Irakli & Veronica
Bandzeladze

Godmother: Jennifer Yockey

7/26/14

Patricia Joanna Tong

Godmother: Carla Nolidis

Congratulations - Na sas zisoun

Baking Schedule 2014

Friday, August 8

Vegetarian Dolmades

Monday, August 11

Prep. Spanakopita/Tiropita

Tuesday, August 12

Spanakopita/Tiropita

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Spanakopita/Tiropita

Monday, August 18

Prepare for Pastitsio

Tuesday, August 19

Pastitsio

Friday, August 22

Kourabiedes/Karidopita

Monday, August 25

Pasta Flora

Tuesday, August 26

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Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela



Philoptochos Annual Project

Help a child get a great start on the school year!
July & August 2014

It is quite simple...

Purchase a backpack and/or supplies/books and drop them off on Sunday
Or during the week at the church office.

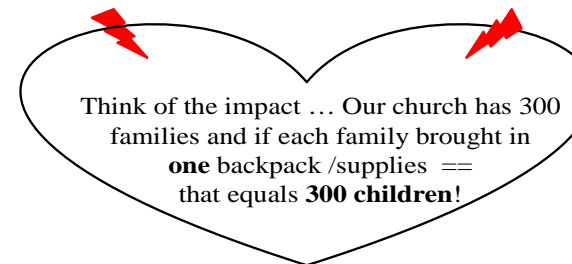


No time to shop?

A donation of \$30 will help us purchase a backpack and fill it with supplies

Thank you for getting involved!

Your donations will be given to *For the Child*. *For The Child* provides both comprehensive child abuse treatment and family focused mental health care, counseling, and therapy to strengthen families and provide the tools of healing to children.. www.forthechild.org

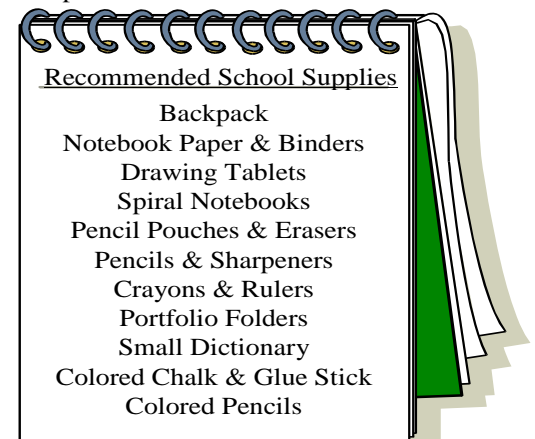


Think of the impact ... Our church has 300 families and if each family brought in **one** backpack /supplies == that equals **300 children!**

"Education is the movement from
darkness to light"

~Allan Bloom

Questions: call the office at 562-494-8929



Recommended School Supplies

Backpack
Notebook Paper & Binders
Drawing Tablets
Spiral Notebooks
Pencil Pouches & Erasers
Pencils & Sharpeners
Crayons & Rulers
Portfolio Folders
Small Dictionary
Colored Chalk & Glue Stick
Colored Pencils

In the year of the Lord - August 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 + Η' Ματθαίου 8th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am | 4 | 5 Father Christos at St. Sophia's Camp | 6 Father Christos at St. Sophia's Camp | 7 Father Christos at St. Sophia's Camp | 8 Father Christos at St. Sophia's Camp Festival Baking 8:00 am Vegetarian Dolmades | 9 |
| 10 + Θ' Ματθαίου 9th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am | 11 + Paraklesis 6:00 pm Festival Baking 8:00 am Prepare for Spanakopita Tiropita | 12 Festival Baking 8:00 am Prepare for Spanakopita Tiropita Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - 12:30 pm | 13 + Paraklesis 6:00 pm Festival Baking 8:00 am Spanakopita/Tiropita Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - 12:30 pm | 14 + Eve of the Assumption Vesper Service 7:00 pm with His Eminence Met. Gerasimos Philoptochos will host the dessert reception | 15 + Κοίμησις Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου Dormition of the Theotokos Orthros 9:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10am with His Eminence Met. Gerasimos Feast-day luncheon after Liturgy | 16 |
| 17 + Ι' Ματθαίου 10th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00am | 18 Festival Baking 8:00 am Prepare for Pastitsio | 19 P. C. Meeting 7 pm Festival Baking 8:00 am Pastitsio | 20 | 21 | 22 Festival Baking 8:00 am Kourabiedes/Karidopita | 23 |
| 24 + ΙΑ' Ματθαίου 11th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am | 25 Festival Baking 9:00 am Pasta Flora | 26 Festival Baking 8:00 am Diples | 27 | 28 | 29 + Αποτομή Κεφ. Ιωάννου Βαπτιστοῦ Beheading of John the Baptist Orthros 9:15 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am | 30 FESTIVAL BEGINS 12 noon - 9:00 pm |
| 31 + ΙΒ' Ματθαίου 12th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am FESTIVAL: 12 noon - 9:00 pm | | | | | | |