

ASSUMPTION OF THE
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.*



JANUARY 2015

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Max & Mary Lofton, Vickie Hennig, Yiota Beckas

Web Site

George Shweiri



2nd Annual
Epiphany Cross Dive
& Goya Lock-In



January 10-11, 2015

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You are registering for (Please check):

Saturday Lock-In _____

Sunday Dive _____

Registration Form

Participant Information (Please Print)

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

GENDER: M / F SCHOOL GRADE _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____

PATRON SAINT/ NAMEDAY _____

PARISH _____ PRIEST _____

WHO TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY? _____

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ RELATION _____

CELL _____ HOME _____

Announcements

BEST WISHES

BAPTISM

12/13/14

Finnley Lewis Schwartz

Proud Parents: Richard & Nicole Schwartz

Sponsor: Nicole Harrison

Congratulations!

12/14/14

Panagiotis Spyridon Toullos

Proud Parents: John & Hallie Toullos

Godmother: Despina Kritikos

Congratulations!

12/27/14

Mary Rose Liakos

Proud Parents: Thomas & Emily Liakos

Godfather: George Hajjar

Congratulations!

WEDDINGS

12/7/14

Michael Demopulos & Patricia Tong

Sponsors: Christopher Nolidis &

Andrew Demopulos

12/28/14

Helen Kioukis & Kevin John Tandoc

Sponsor: Maria Kioukis

Gerogia Koromelas & Luke Alen Duran

Sponsor: Nick Coromelas

WITH SYMPATHY

To Dave & Barbara Matty and family for the loss of Dave's father Gus Matty on 11/10/14.

To Toula Pass and family for the loss of her husband Gus Pass on 11/15/14.

To Tina Lilis, Niki Smyrniotis and families for the loss of their mother Alexandra Smyrniotis on 11/23/14.

May their memory be eternal

January Prosforo

Prosforo for the month of January is donated by Amelia Ladas. Thank you. If you would like to donate our Sunday prosforo please call the church office.

From the Choir Loft

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On behalf of all your choir members, I wish to say "thank you" for your participation in the Organ Fund Raiser Christmas Card. We wish you all a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Cecilia Kourtis, Choir Pres.

P.S. Come up and visit us. All are welcome.

Stewardship Note

Happy New Year to Everyone! May the New Year bring only good health, happiness and love to each of you.

By now you should have received your 2015 Stewardship package in the mail. We would appreciate your stewardship pledge to be received by January 30th. If you have not received your package, please notify the Church office.

Thank you for a wonderful 2014 year and we are truly grateful to you for your Stewardship devotion which enables our Church to faithfully serve our families. We are looking forward to another wonderful year!

Your Stewardship Committee, Kathy Bastas (chair) Camille Dolas, Mary Lofton, Max Lofton, Kay Platis, Cathy Shweiri

p.s. Friendly reminder to those who have not completed their 2014 pledge; please mail in as soon as possible!

From God every family in heaven and on earth is named. (Ephesians 3:15)



2ND ANNUAL Epiphany Cross Dive & GOYA Lock-In

FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

- 6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS
- 7:00 PM REGISTRATION/DINNER
- 7:30 PM CUTTING OF VASILOPITA BY METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS
- 8:00 PM OPENING ACTIVITY
- 8:30 PM SESSION LED BY SEMINARIAN EVAN KARANTONIS
- 9:15 PM ACTIVITY IN THE GYM
- 10:00 PM SESSION LED BY FR. CHRISTOS KANAKIS
- 10:30 PM FREE TIME/ VOLLEYBALL-BASKETBALL/CONFESSIONS
- 11:00 PM SESSION LED BY FR. CHRISTOS KANAKIS
- 12:00 AM LIGHTS OUT!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

- 8:00 AM ORTHROS
- 10:00 AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY
- 11:30 AM DONUTS
- 12:00 PM CROSS DIVE AT MOTHER'S BEACH (PLEASE FILL OUT ATTACHED FORM IF YOU ARE DIVING)
- 1:00 PM LUNCHEON AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH (SEE FLYER)

ATTEND THE SECOND ANNUAL LOS ANGELES AREA GOYA
LOCK-IN AND EPIPHANY CROSS DIVE!
THIS WEEKEND WILL BE LED BY HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS.



Please submit registration forms by Tuesday, December 30 to:

Assumption Church Office
5761 East Colorado Street
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Can you imagine? It's 2015! Happy New Year!

Philoptochos

Where did 2014 go? I guess we had sooo much fun we just lost track of time. The past year was a productive and fun year, we never stopped once. And; WE still have much to do! Can you imagine what we could accomplish if everyone was active in Philoptochos? Wow, wouldn't that be great! Please consider joining so you too can help us make a difference in the lives of those who need our help and support.

IN FACT; Our Annual Membership Tea is March 8, 2015 and WE would love for you to join us. I see so many new faces around the parish, this is great! WE want you to join us at our Tea and consider becoming a member of this wonderful Movement. Come see and hear for yourselves just what a dynamic group Philoptochos is. Throughout the years it has only gotten bigger, better and stronger. Our obligations to those who need us are overwhelming. This is your opportunity to become a member and help those who are in need of help. In short; find out what we are all about!

Mark your calendar/s from now for March 8, 2015 and join us at our "Annual Tea Party". Always a fun day!

Reflecting back; November, "Light the Path" went very well and was well attended. For the Child Turkey Drive was very successful. The Sunday school children did a wonderful job of helping us. December; The Veterans Party was spectacular. The ladies of the Military are so appreciative of everything we do for them. They cannot say enough on how pleased and thankful they are just having us in their lives. And as usual; the food was delicious and very well presented. The place settings were adorable and the prizes were many. Everyone walked away with something. What can I say? You ladies did it again. WE are so fortunate to have such energetic ladies in our Philoptochos chapter. Our Annual Christmas Party went well. The food was good, the enthusiasm lit up the room and WE ALL had a great time. Such a beautiful time of year! By the time you read this letter we will have had our annual Trinity Party. This is something that everyone looks forward to. The names that you parishioners took from the Christmas Tree in the Narthex are the recipients of your gifts. WE along with the children thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity.

Those of you who work so hard baking, setting up for coffee hour, visiting the shut-ins and the list goes on and on I can't thank you enough. YOU are what Philoptochos is all about. Without YOU we couldn't do it!

We wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year. Again, WE encourage everyone to become a member of Philoptochos. WE do so much for our Parish and WE could use everyone's help. WE have a great "Spiritual Leader". Let's ALL support his efforts.

Mark your calendars from now:

Kids and Cancer – February 2015 (Date to follow soon)

March 8th 2015 – Philoptochos Membership Tea

Thank you to everyone for all your support.

Bobbie Soupos, President

Kitsios, Kostas & Voula
Konstantinidis, Byron & Katie
Kontokanis Dimitris & Maria
Kootsikak, Coula
Kostallas, Tony & Cathy
Koulos, Peter & Emily
Kourassis, Nick
Kourtis, Costa & Cesilia
Krebenios Anastasia
Kyriakos, Spiros & Laine
Ladas, Amelia
Ladas, Charlie & Patty
Lafkas, Peter & Ada
Lambrakis, Spiros & Catherine
Lambros Mary
Lansdale, Marianthi
Lembesis, Ann
Lembesis, John Jr. & Theresa
Lembesis, Nick & Saskia
Lembesis, Pendalis & Evangelia
Liakos, Thomas & Emily
Liarakos, Dimitrios & Voula
Liarakos, George & Dezi
Liarakos, John & Tesi
Lofton, Max & Mary
Loizdes, George & Rodoula
Lolis, Vasilios
Lopez, Jeff & Georgia
Lovejoy, Jeremy & Nectaria
Manos, Dr. Andrew & Pam
Mantas, Athena
Mantikas, Nick & Katherine
Marangopoulos, Jake & Tammy
Marentis, Victoria
Markouizos, George & Argyro
Markouizos, Karlos & Georgia
Markouizos, Markella
Markouizos, Nektarios G. & Lisa
Matty, David & Barbara
Mavrovitis, Michail & Monica
Medenas, Ted & Foula
Mentas, Ann
Mentas, James & Patricia
Michel, David & Vasiliki
Milonas, Dina
Missios, Basil & Eftihia
Monios, Nick & Linda
Montalbano, Paul & Maria
Morgan, Richard & Valerie
Nakai, Keiichi & Saki
Nanopoulos, Chris & Yiota
Nezis, Alexander & Alice
Papacalos, George & Lucia
Papadakis, Christine
Papadakis, Lilian & Andriana
Papadopoulos, Evangelos & Lorraine

Papakoulou, Angie
Papapoulos, Maria
Papapoulos, Taso & Georgia
Pappas, Victor & Christina
Pappas, Mark & Shari
Paralapanides, Charles & Elenie
Pass, Toula
Paulos, Mary
Paulos, Nicholas
Paulos, Todd & Cindy
Paxos, Joanne
Phillips, Mark & Crystal
Phoutrides, Neilos & Patricia
Platis, Jim & Kay
Platis, Sam & Laura
Pliaconis, Alexander & Nicole
Polychrones, Jerry & Mary
Polychrones, Speros & Dora
Poulis, John
Raptis, Marua
Richards, Dean & Dorothy
Richmond, Dan & Doris
Roubanis, Savvas & Jody
Russos, Asimina
Russos, Emmanuel
Salsman, Mel & Andria
Santamarina, Jose & Ronnea
Schwartz, Nicole Deanne
Seeger, Clay & Susan
Sehremelis, Andy & Leslie
Sehremelis, Athena
Sharkoff, Dr. Donald & Anna
Sharkoff, Dr. 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, Chris & Mary
Sotiriou, Dimitrios
Sotiriou, Elias
Sotiriou, Panagiotis & Vasiliki
Soultanakis, Trudith
Soupos, Tom & Bobbie
Spiropoulos, James & Marina
Spiropoulos, Troy & Gina
Sprague, Ron & Mary
Stapakis, Olympia
Stapakis, Steve & Joanne
Stathis, Robert & Josefa
Stavros, Andy & Amber
Stavros, Bill & Maria
Stavros, George & Donna

Stavros, John & Gwen
Stavros, Louis & Mary
Stavros, Ted & Olga
Stavros, Tom
Stergiou, Eleni
Stevenson, Gus & Leona
Stewart, Sean & Denise
Sullos, James & Vickie
Suxho, Donald & Olena
Sverkos, Gus
Sverkos, Pete & Natalie
Syrengelas, Andreas & Niky
Syrengelas, Andreas & Evdokia
Syrengelas, Dino & Dora
Syrengelas, George & Athanasia
Syrengelas, Michael & Elizabeth
Syrengelas, Soteria
Syrengelas, Toula
Syrengelas, Vasili & Maria
Talaganis, Ernest
Talaganis, John & Kathleen
Talaganis, Nick & Amy
Taliere, Maria
Tavlarides, Angelo & Mary
Tener, Theresa
Teodosiadis, Romilos & Melpomeni
Terzi, Popi
Terzis, Konstantinos & Suzanna
Thermos, Jerry & Elli
Thibault, Irene
Toulios, Spyros & Eleni
Toumasis, Jerry & Koula
Trigonis, Tula
Trikonakis, Tony & Irma
Tsakoumakis, Stan & Debora
Tsalikis, Maria
Tsamous, Peter & Helen
Tsimerekis, Nikos & Anna
Vackrinou, Catherine
Valaskantjis, Nikiforos & Georgia
Vardakis, Alex
Vargo, Douglas & Elefteria
Varzak, Darlene
Vasilomanolakis, Francine
Vasilomanolakis, Dr. Mike & Niki
Vassiliades, John
Vlachos, Dino & Helen
Vlahakis, Mary
Vorgias, Maria
Vorris, Athansios & Niki
Watkins, Evagelia
Yakos, John & Flora
Zambos, Angie
Zambos, John
Zamvakellis, Nick & Alison
Zarifes, Angie

Zimmerman, Roseann
Zoolakis, Anthony & Kari
Zoumberakis, Stelio & Stacy

Panagia's Stewardship Family as of December 15, 2014

Ala, Eli	Bussa, Tom & Maria	Etchepare, Anna
Ala, Falanai & Lisa	Castritis, Demetrios	Exacoustos, Stella
Ala, George	Chelekis, Louis & Vicki	Falley, Zoe
Alex, Helen	Chioles, James & Effie	Fattaleh, Raja
Alexiou, Archimides	Choullis, Manolis & Sotiria	Fattaleh, Saba & Diana
Alexiou, Demi	Christidis, George & Melina	Fenn, Brad & Anna
Alexopoulos, Andrew	Chrysanthis, Alexandra	Fiamengo, Alexandra
Alexopoulos, Christine	Coats, Marilyne	Fic, Karen
Alexopoulos, Dimitrios & Maria	Colazas, Xenophon & Mila	Flynn, Matthew
Alexopoulos, Elias	Condaras, Nicholas & Katerina	Foutris, Constantine & Christine
Alvertos, Yianni & Georgia	Contos, Angeliki	Frousakis, Gus & Vicky
Amarantos, Harriet	Contos, Vasili & Voula	Frudakis, Katina
Andrews, George	Conley & Vasso	Futris, George & Conseulo
Andrews, Dr. James & Niki	Cook, Jeff & Susan	Futris, William & Mary
Andrikos, Ioannis & Argyro	Cornwell, Caryle & Demetra	Gabriel, Sam & Kathy
Andros, Nick & Mary	Coroneus, Dr. John & Dr. Xanthipe	Galanis, Jerry & Marian
Antoniou, Konstantinos & Maria	Cozakos, Nick	Georgakopoulos, Mike & Maria
Apostle, Helen	Critides, Anastasios & Shawnee	Georgedes, Ekaterini
Argeris, John & Vasiliki	Cyprus, Brett & Jane	Georges, Louie & Penny
Argyros, Dionisios & Irene	Cyprus, Brandon	Georgiadou, Vicki
Argyros, Philip & Amy	Cyprus, Kayla	Georgoulis, George & Anna
Arkoumanis, Stergios & Trisha	DaCosta, Marvin & Katerina	Ghilarducci, Walt & Laura
Armogida, Rod & Krista	Dalkos, Bob & Vaso	Giannoulis, Anastasia
Armstrong, Randy & Janet	Dalkos, Chris & Roula	Gurrola, Raymond & Mary
Bacol, Pete & Ria	Dalkos, John & Stavroula	Gutierrez, Ivan & Esther
Bahos, Kanella	Demopoulos, Michel & Patricia	Hadjimarkos, Nicholas & Stemma
Balas, Jim & Jennifer	Demos, Christa	Hanches Roll, Fotini
Balas, Louis & Toulia	Demos, Eleni	Hanson, Chris & Dusty
Bastas, Nikolaos & Kathy	Demos, George & Vickie	Hason, Richard & Haritoula
Batsaras, Ilias	Demos, Joanna	Hardaway, Herman & Pamela
Batshoun, Christina	Deneff, Peter & Diane	Haririan, Alka
Batshoun, Emil & Matoula	Deneff, Alkisti	Harrison, Danielle
Batshoun, Sofie	Deralas, Dean	Hennig, Vickie
Beckas, Spiro & Eleni	Desalernos, Stephen & Julia	Herron, Craig & Diana
Beckas, Yiota	Diacoumacos, Marya	Jordanides, Dennis & Giselle
Benetatos, Pinio	Diamond-Lioulias, Dina	Jordanides, Tim & Ria
Berdanis, John & Helen	Diamond, Helen	Kades, Clio
Berovinos, Antonios & Bonnie	Dimas, Michael & Maria	Kades, Kelly
Berovinos, Michael & Kimberly	Dimitriou, Kostantinos & Cynthia	Kakaris, Tellis & Lia
Bettios, Christos & Lorraine	Dimitropoulos, Thanasi & Eleni	Kallins, George & Bettina
Bisbikis, Dimitra	Dimou, Leonidas	Kallins, James & Virginia
Boosalis, Aphrodite	Dimou, Nick	Kanakis, Fr. Christos & Pres. Jessica
Bouras, Kathy	Dogris, Alex & Peggy	Kanavos, Pete & Tia
Bouras, Peter	Dolas, Chris	Karapoulios, Evangelos & Eleni
Boyce, Maria	Dolas, Jim & Camille	Karatzis, Spiros & Julie
Bozigian, Linda	Dolas, Jonh & Theodora	Karidakis, George & Diane
Bratkic, Jure & Demetra	Dolas, Peter	Karidakis, Jim
Breres, Zena	Donlou, Gordon & Maria	Karidakis, Nick
Brilliakis, Gus & Nicki	Dukelis, Evangelia	Karmiris, Christopher & Christina
Brogolias, Nick	Edwards, Nicholas & Pamela	Karthas Nicholas
Brogolias, Steve & Janne	Eleopoulos, Gus & Robin	Kastanas Bill & Paris
Brooks, Harriet	Eleopoulos, Jimmy & Leigh	Katsikakis Maria

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, Pappous and any caretakers are encouraged to bring children 3 years old and under to participate in this exciting program.

Elizabeth Syrengelas & Pres. Jessica Kanakis

Greek Dance & Cultural Arts School

Καλή χρονια - Happy new year to all!

Our fund raiser was a success- thank you to everyone who helped us put the event together. Your donations and generosity are always greatly appreciated.

FDF is around the corner please remember to register asap at www.yourfdf.org We look forward to watching our children dance and wish them the best of luck. Break a leg.

Dina Lioulias, President

Greek School

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. Greek School is back in full swing. Dates to remember for the remaining school year are: February 11, 2015 there will be no Greek school. Most of our students will be participating in our annual FDF dance competition. On Sunday, March 22, 2015 we will be celebrating Greek Independence Day. A lent luncheon will be served and all students will be reciting poems. There will be no classes on Holy Wednesday, all students should attend church services at 3:00pm. And on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 will be have our graduation and year end party in the cultural center.

Thank you,
Kathryn Condaras, Principal

Greek Column by Voula Michail

Ηλύσια Πεδία

Ενώ τα Τάρταρα ήταν τόπος τιμωρίας των Κρονίων Γενών, τα Ηλύσια Πεδία ήταν ο παραδεισίος τόπος με τα ολάνθιστα λιβάδια, όπου επικρατούσε αιώνια άνοιξη και οι πηγές της Λήθης ανάβλυζαν νέκταρ που έκανε τους νεκρούς να λησμονούν όλα τα γήινα δάκρυα και τις κακουχίες.

Τα Ηλύσια πεδία και τα νησιά των Μακάρων στη φαντασία των αρχαίων ταυτίζονταν, με τη διαφορά ότι στη πρώτη περίπτωση πρόκειται για κάμπους και στη δεύτερη για ευλογημένα νησιά. Ήταν παραδεισένιοι τόποι που βρίσκονταν στον φλοιό της Γαίας, δυτικά κοντά στο Ωκεανό. Τα νησιά αυτά τα κυβερνούσε ο Ραδάμανθους που εκτελούσε τις εντολές του Θεού Κρόνου.

Στους παραδεισένιους αυτούς τόπους, πήγαιναν οι αγαπημένοι ήρωες των αρχαίων Ελλήνων, όταν πέθαιναν. Εκεί οι Θεοί τους χάριζαν την αθανασία και περνούσαν μια ζωή ξένοιαστη, χωρίς να τους ταλαιπωρούν ούτε χιόνια, ούτε βαρυχειμωνιές, ούτε νεροποντές. Οι εκλεκτοί που πήγαιναν εκεί καίρονταν όσα δεν μπορούσαν να χαρούν οι κοινοί άνθρωποι πάνω στη γη.

Κάθονταν παρέες - παρέες και κουβεντιάζαν ώρες πολλές μέσα σε μια ατμόσφαιρα που μοσκοβολάει από το θυμίαμα που καίει πάνω από τους βωμούς των Θεών.

Το όνομα Ηλύσια για πρώτη φορά συναντάται στην Οδύσσεια (ραψωδία δ 563), όπου κατά τον Όμηρο: Εκεί οι ημέρες των θνητών ανάλαφρες διαβαίνουν, δεν έχει ούτε χειμώνα εκεί, μόνον τον Ζέφυρο, τον αέρα τον γλυκό, ανεβάζει παντοτινά ο Ωκεανός και τους εκεί θνητούς δροσίζει.

Κατά τους μεταγενέστερους επίσης ποιητές, και ιδίως κατά τον Πίνδαρο, τα Ηλύσια ή Νήσοι των Μακάρων είναι η κατοικία όπου είχαν το προνόμιο να κατοικούν τα θνητά τέκνα των Θεών και οι ένδοξοι ήρωες.

In the year of the Lord - January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year Office closed	2	3
4 + Sunday before Theophany Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	5 + Eve of Theophany Orthros 9:15 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am followed by the Blessing of the Waters	6 + Great Vespers 6 pm St. John - Anaheim + ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ HOLY THEOPHANY Orthros 9:15 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am followed by the Blessing of the Waters	7 + Synaxis of John the Baptist Divine Liturgy 10 am St. John's Church, Anaheim Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7 pm	8	9	10 + Vespers 6:00 pm Youth Retreat & Lock-in
11 + Sunday after Theophany Orthros 8:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10:00 am with Met. Gerasimos Carpool 11:30am Service of Immersion Mother's Beach 12:00 noon	12	13	14 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	15	16 + Great Vespers 7:00 pm St. Anthony - Pasadena	17 + Αντωνίου Μεγάλου Anthony the Great Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am in Pasadena
18 + Β' Λουκά (10 Λεπρών). 12th Sunday of Luke (10 Lepers) Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Parish Vasilopita	19	20 Senior Christians Christmas Potluck 11:30 am P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	21 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	22	23	24
25 + ΙΕ' Λουκά (Ζακχαίου). 15th Sunday of Luke (Zacchaeus) Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	26	27	28 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	29	30 + Των τριών Ιεραρχών Three Hierarchs Orthros 9:15am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	31