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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 2016

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

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George Demos, Chris Dolas, Jimmy Eleopoulos
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Daughters of Penelope

Sofie Batshoun

Family Night

Sam Platis

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Greek School

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Max & Mary Lofton,

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Max & Mary Lofton,

Vickie Hennig, Yiota Beckas

Web Site

Evan Karantonis

Welcome Ministry

Kathy Bastas (Chair),

Camille Dolas, Kay Platis,

Young Adults

Eleni Demos, Olivia Varonos

**3RD ANNUAL EPIPHANY CROSSDIVE
& GOYA LOCK-IN
JANUARY 9-10, 2016**

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I am registering for: (Please mark all that apply)

Saturday Lock-In_____

Sunday Cross Dive_____

Please return this form to the office of Evangelos Karantonis or via email
evagelos@assumptionlb.org **NO LATER** than December 28, 2015.

Registration Form

Participant Information (Please Print)

Last Name_____ First Name_____

Address_____ Apt.____ City_____

State____ Zip_____ Phone_____

Email_____ Gender Male / Female

Date of Birth ____/____/____ School Grade_____

Home Parish_____ Parish Priest_____



LONG BEACH

LOCK-IN STARTS AT 7 PM
ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

RSVP BY 12.28
EVAN KARANTONIS
EVAGELOS@ASSUMPTIONLB.ORG OR 562.494.8929

**1.9
& 1.10**

64th Annual Epiphany Celebration



Hosted by the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Greek Orthodox Church of Long Beach
5761 East Colorado Street
Long Beach, California 90814

Sunday, January 10, 2016

8:45 AM – Orthros 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy Carpool 11:30AM
12:00 Noon – Service of the Cross & Diving for the Holy Cross*

Luncheon in the Church Hall Following the “Blessing of the Waters”
Roasted Lamb, Herbed Roasted Potatoes and Greek Green Beans
Children’s Plate Available (Pasta)

Non-Alcoholic Beverages Included With Meal –Wine & Beer Available for Purchase

***All Interested Divers Must Register with Evan Karantonis By 12/28/2015**

On the Night Before Epiphany (January 9th)...
3rd Annual Youth “Lock-In” at Assumption – Youth From ALL Parishes Invited!
Supervised Sleepover for Youth (Middle and High School Students)

Orthodoxy Workshops, Fellowship, and Activities Provided by Father Christos and GOYA Parent Advisors

GOYA Parent Advisors and Youth Will Sleep in Our Church!

Arrive at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 9th and Bring Sleeping Bag, Gym Shoes for Volleyball,
Swim Wear for Cross Diving, and Church Clothes for Epiphany Sunday

Please detach & return bottom portion with payment
Tickets also available for purchase at the door

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION RESERVATION

*****RESERVED TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE DOOR*****

___ Adults @ \$ 20.00/ ticket \$ _____

___ Children @ \$ 10.00/ ticket \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone# () _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Epiphany Celebration
Please Mail to: Sam Platis, 3475 Marna Avenue, Long Beach, California 90808

As this year has drawn to a close, it is bittersweet for me. As many of you know, due to work and family commitments, I made a difficult choice to not run for continued service on the Parish Council in 2016. But when I reflect back on our activities this year, I have so many wonderful, vivid images. Our Epiphany Lock-in and Cross Dive, our tremendous number of youth and Young Adults at both FDF as well as our GOYA basketball league, our small but fun and entertaining Talent Show, and the return of huge overflow crowds to our Festival. I also proud of working with Fr Christos and my fellow PC members in preparing for our continued growth, with our addition of our new Pastoral Assistant Evan, catching up on deferred maintenance of our facilities, our new use of technology for communication and security, and still having surplus new profits to put away in reserve.

And now, on to 2016... let's make this another terrific year for our Panagia. First, congratulations to Angelo Karapoulos, George Karidakis and Jerry Polychrones who are newly elected to our Parish Council for 2016 and George Demos, Jim Eleopoulos and Taso Papas who were reelected. I believe we have an outstanding, talented Parish Council for this coming year who will work hard for Assumption and be a great team with Fr. Christos guiding our Parish and moving us forward.

And we have exciting plans again for our Epiphany Weekend. We'll kick it off with our new tradition, our GOYA Lock-in Retreat on Saturday Jan. 9th, which has been drawing youth from parishes all over Southern California, including San Diego, Las Vegas, Anaheim, Downey, and Pasadena. This year, Father Christos is expanding the Retreat, with counselors from Ionian Village attending and adding to the program. As of this writing, His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos will again give his blessing at the Retreat and lead our Epiphany service and Diving for the Cross on Sunday. We hear one nearby church might join us in a join Service this year... Please join us and help make Epiphany at Assumption a renewed tradition for all Orthodox in Southern California.

Perhaps one of the most important new initiatives we can embrace in 2016, is the live streaming of our Liturgy via the internet. Why? I believe our Parish, and even our Orthodox Church, must either grow or face gradual and inevitable decline. We have been blessed with remarkable growth the last three years. But what will continue and drive our growth 3 - 6 years from now? I firmly believe it is imperative that we look for ways to bring our message and our faith outside of the physical walls of our Church and bring it directly to more people.

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to have our elderly or sick who can't attend Liturgy still experience it at home on the Web? How about our Young Adults away at College – imagine their joy and feeling of staying connected spiritually with their family, friends and Parish by watching our Liturgy on their Smartphone or tablet? And how many new Young Adults and new families will become connected with Assumption if our Liturgy is widely accessible via web technology? We need to not only embrace this technology, but we must take a leadership role. With Fr. Christos and Evan, we are very lucky to have a young Proistamenos and Pastoral Assistant who are very comfortable and capable with the new social media and streaming media technologies AND are also very proactive. Fr. Christos has already received His Eminence's approval to move forward, and we have available to us an excellent steaming service provided by the Archdiocese. The table is set and the time is NOW.

It's been a sincere honor serving you and our Assumption Parish this year as President and as Parish Council Member the last four years. I thank Fr Christos and my fellow Parish Council members for their dedication and their spirit of cooperation and service for our Church. It has been a fulfilling experience being part of the leadership team during this exciting stage of Assumption's growth, and the 'bonus' for me has been the opportunity to develop new friendships with some truly wonderful people.

GO ASSUMPTION!

Dave Matty, P.C. President

«Απ' όσα βλέπεις τα μισά κι απ' όσα ακούς κανένα»

Σκεφθήκατε αλήθεια, πόσα λόγια κυκλοφορούν σε ένα λεπτό; Λόγια που βγαίνουν από καρδιές που αγαπούν, που μισούν, που φθονούν, που συγχωρούν, που ζηλεύουν, που αγαπούν την δικαιοσύνη, που ζητούν εκδίκηση, που συκοφαντούν, καρδιές που υπηρετούν την αλήθεια.

Πόσα λόγια από καρδιές που κατηγορούν, που κατακρίνουν, από καρδιές που υπερβάλλουν, που γκριδιάζουν, που βλέπουν γύρω τους μόνο μαυρίλα, καρδιές που είναι υποκριτικές, που έχουν την τάση να μεγενθύνουν των άλλων τα λάθη και να σμικρύνουν τις αρετές και τις χάρες τους. Από καρδιές που μεγενθύνουν τα δικά τους τα πεπραγμένα, που δικαιολογούν μόνο τον εαυτό τους, ενώ κρατούν πάντα την πέτρα του αναθέματος για άλλους.

Γι αυτό και αντίστοιχα τέτοιας ποιότητας λόγια κυκλοφορούν «Εκ του περισσεύματος της καρδιάς λαλεί το στόμα».

Τα λόγια που σπέρνονται είναι καρπός της ποιότητας της καρδιάς. Αυτή χρωματίζει υπογραμμίζει, δίνει έμφαση, τονίζει υπερτονίζει και δίνει το περιεχόμενο στα λόγια. Αυτή δίνει το κύρος, την εγκυρότητα, την αλήθεια σ'ότι λέει. Κι έτσι δεν είναι καθόλου εύκολο να καταλαβαίνεις τα λόγια που ακούς από ποια καρδιά βγήκαν.

Γι αυτό ο θυμόσοφος λαός μας λέει: «...απ'όσα ακούς κανένα».

Λοιπόν! Ας είμαστε επιφυλακτικοί. Επιφυλακτικοί σε ότι ακούμε. Και ιδιαίτερα σε ότι αρνητικό γιατί αυτά έχουν ευρεία κυκλοφορία. Συνήθως στα καλά λόγια παθαίνουμε γλωσσοδέτη. Ας φιλτράρουμε ότι ακούμε, ότι μεταφέρουμε, ότι διαδίδουμε, ότι συζητάμε, ότι πάει να γίνει πίστις και πεποίθησις.

Επίσης πρέπει να είμαστε επιφυλακτικοί και σε ότι βλέπουμε: «απ'όσα βλέπεις τα μισά». Το φαίνεσθαι εξαπατά. Μερικά πράγματα τα βλέπουμε όπως εμείς θέλουμε κι όχι όπως είναι. Δίνουμε τις δικές μας ερμηνείες στα πράγματα ανάλογα με τις δικές μας διαθέσεις, με τα δικά μας αισθήματα. Οι εκτιμήσεις μας είναι πολύ υποκειμενικές.

Ίσως βλέπουμε την μισή αλήθεια και βγάζουμε αυθαίρετα συμπεράσματα. Δεν ξέρουμε τι προηγήθηκε. Δεν ξέρουμε αιτίες, σκοπούς, σχέσεις και βιαζόμαστε να αποφανθούμε. «Μη κατ' όψιν κρίνετε».

Πόσο η θυμοσοφία του λαού μας του σοφού και στοχαστικού συμφωνεί με την αποκεκαλυμμένη θεόπνευστη ρήση!

Οι βιαστικές κρίσεις και τα βιαστικά συμπεράσματα αποκαλύπτουν άνθρωπο επιπόλαιο, ρηχό, αφιλόνητο, ακαλλιέργητο.

Ας μη βιαζόμαστε! Υπάρχει ο φόβος να αδικήσουμε, να προκαλέσουμε πόνο, να διασύρουμε, να σπιλώσουμε και να πληγώσουμε.

Ας μη βιαζόμαστε! Ο θυμόσοφος λαός μας μάς φρενάρει: «απ'όσα βλέπεις τα μισά, κι απ'όσα ακούς κανένα».

Απαραίτητη καθημερινή συνταγή για την ζωή της αγάπης και της ειρηνικής συμπορεύσεως.

Stewardship list cont.

Vagelatos, John
Valaskantjis, Nikiforos & Georgia
Vardakis, Alex
Vargo, Douglas & Elefteria
Varzak, Darlene
Vasilomanolakis, Dr. Mike & Niki
Vasilomanolakis, Francine
Vassiliades, John
Vlachos, Dino & Helen
Vlachos, Michael & Jessa
Vlahakis, Kathy
Vlahakis, Mary
Vorris, Athanasios & Niki
Watkins, Evagelia
Xagorarakis, Alexandros & Denise
Xeros, Nick & Anna
Yakos, John & Flora
Yortzidis, Dimitri & Stacy
Zambos, Angie
Zambos, John
Zamvakellis, Nick & Alison
Zarifes, Angie
Zoolakis, Anthony & Kari
Zorzy, Josephine
Zoumberakis, Stelio & Stacy

Little Lambs

Our little lambs have been busy singing and playing. We have had a great few months of music and learning. Our moms n tots group is a great way to get connected to our faith. Please join us with your little ones! We meet every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 am.

Announcements

BAPTISMS

12/19/15

Nicolette Mary Michel

Proud Parents: Erik & Jennifer Michel
Godparent/Nonos: David Vasili Michel
Congratulations

WEDDING

12/31/15

Pamela Tsakoumakis & George Roumeliotis

Sponsor/Koumbara: Jennifer Tsakoumakis
Na zisete!

January's Prosforo is donated by Amelia Ladas. Thank you. If you would like to donate the Prosforo please call the office.

Blessing of Home and Business

Father Christos, will be blessing homes and businesses from January 11 through February 29 during the day. To schedule an appointment please call the church office at [562-494-8929](tel:562-494-8929) or e-mail your contact information at frchristos@assumptionlb.org

Bookstore

To my Assumption Family,
I want to thank all of you for your continued support throughout this year and I look forward to serving you in 2016. The bookstore will be open on Jan 10 and Jan. 24. Blessings to all.
Your sister in Christ,
Zoe Falley

Happy New Year to one and all!

May 2016 bring you health, happiness, love and peace to each of you.

Philoptochos

We cannot begin the New Year without thanking all those wonderful people who were so instrumental in making Philoptochos 2015 a success.

Thank you to all those who helped us fulfill our busy December schedule, from the St. Nicholas Shrine fund-raiser to the Trinity Foster Homes Christmas party.

A special thank you to the baking crew of Yiota Beckas, Kathy Bastas, Mary Lofton, Kay Platis, Niki Vorris, Linda Monios, Helen Diamond, Cathy Kostallas, Paris Kastanas, Danay Dame, Zoe Falley and the ladies from the quilting group. These ladies within a week's notice got together and planned Christmas baking. Their delicious kourabedes, melomakarona, and bakalava were a hit with all those who purchased the holiday sweets. Thank you ladies!

Thank you to our wonderful group of ladies who along with Father Christos, visited those who were not able to attend services during the year.

Philoptochos is still in the planning stages of **FEEDING THE HUNGRY**, with Precious Lambs of Long Beach. Until then, we still will be collecting items for this organization. For a full list the things they need, please see the posted list outside of the Philoptochos office and drop off your donation, or you can call Karen at 562-416-5565 for further information.

DATES TO REMEMBER! Please remember to join us for:

Epiphany Celebration on January 10th.

Cutting of the Vasilopita, on January 24th. Bring your Vasilopita to the Church on Sunday January 24, 2016 and participate in our tradition of cutting the Vasilopita with everyone in our Parish. All donations received that day will be sent to Saint Basil's Academy, Garrison, New York. St. Basil's Academy is the only Greek Orthodox licensed residential child-care institution for Orthodox children in America.

February 28th Philoptochos Annual Membership Tea/Luncheon. Theme for table decorations to be announced. If you have hosted a table before you know how much fun this event is. If you have never did it, it's time for you to be part of one of the best Philoptochos' events in Southern California. If you are interested, please contact one of the Philoptochos board members. If you are not a Philoptochos member yet, 2016 is the time to step on board. It is also the time to renew your membership and remember that being part of Philoptochos makes a difference to those in need.

AGAIN, OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN 2016.

Your sister in Christ,

Karen Fic, President.

Happy 2016!

Church School Notes

"I remember when we used to twirl in our dresses." -
"I remember the koulourakia after church" -
"Oh, I remember when we decorated our handmade icons with beads and Macaroni" -
"I remember the smell of incense" -
"I remember my Sunday School teacher's smile."
"I remember giggling in my pew."
"I remember reciting the Lord's Prayer"
"I remember looking forward all week to seeing my friends from church"-
"Church takes a long time, but I couldn't wait for communion"
"I remember staring at the painting of Panagia"
"I love being with my friends."
"I love antiddoro - I look for the designs I learned about stamped on top!"
"It's fun"
"We learn how to pray"
"We learned about Jesus"

Can you distinguish which statements were from Sunday School students dated 30+ years ago to now 2015? Do some of these feelings resonate with you? When you came to church as a student or come as a parent or grandparent of a Sunday School student what do you remember?

Our experiences are pretty similar despite the large time span. As times have changed and our commitments have us spread thin, -this community is probably the one we will still remember the most.

Time goes on and it is to our parish community, the one we return to and relive through our children. We remember our friends, our families, our friends-made-family and most importantly our God.

Back, once upon a time, all we had was church. Now, with God's grace, we have so many additionally wonderful things we get to belong to and experience. The challenge is the juggle. What takes precedence over the other?

Please continue to bring your wonderful children to church and to Sunday School and please keep our faith alive in them by providing them with the magnificent church experience we so cherished growing up.

This scholastic year, Sunday School happily restructured our calendar to accommodate the active lifestyles of students, parents and volunteer teachers alike. Our 4 week schedule includes 2 classroom lessons, 1 group class lesson and 1 family church Sunday.

The thoughts behind this were to allow the children to learn as individuals, in a group setting and as a family in a more flexible manner for parents and teachers.

Can we, as parents and students, do the same? Can we attempt a small change in our home schedules to make time for church and Sunday School?

Please ask your children about the messages they've learned. Ask how they can apply them to their daily lives and lastly, ask them what they loved most. It's a 5 minute conversation on the way home or out to lunch and can be quite entertaining. :)

Thank you for your continued support of our growing ministry and have a very HAPPY and BLESSED New Year!

For more information or to find out how you can help in Sunday School please contact Yota Batsaras at assumptionlbss@yahoo.com.

Upcoming dates:

JAN 2016 (Theme: One Lord, One faith, One Baptism)

1/3: Winter break No Sunday School

1/10: Lesson: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

1/17: Group Lesson and activity: Vasilopita

1/24: Lesson: (Faith) Lords Prayer

Krantz, Robert & Tricia
Kyriakos, Spiros & Laine
Ladas, Amelia
Ladas, Charlie & Patty
Lafkas, Peter & Ada
Lam, Joshua & Aphrodite
Lambrakis, Spiros & Catherine
Lambros Mary
Lansdale, Marianthi
Lembesis, Ann
Lembesis, John Jr. & Theresa
Lembesis, Nick & Saskia
Lembesis, Pendalis & Evangelia
Liarakos, Dimitrios & Voula
Liarakos, George & Dezi
Liarakos, John & Tesi
Lioulias, Dina
Lofton, Max & Mary
Loizides, Demetrios & Karen
Loizides, George & Rodoula
Lolis, Vasilios
Lovejoy, Jeremy & Nectaria
Makas, Diane & Natalie
Mangoutas, John & Barbara
Manolas-Lopez, Georgia
Manos, Denise
Manos, Dr. Andrew & Pam
Mantas, Athena
Mantas, Speros
Mantikas, Nick & Katherine
Marangopoulos, Jake & Tammy
Marentis, Victoria
Marinow, Atanas & Elena
Markouizos, George & Argyro
Markouizos, Karlos & Georgia
Markouizos, Markella
Markouizos, Nektarios & Lisa
Matty, David & Barbara
Matty, Thelxe
Medenas, Ted & Foula
Mentas, Ann
Mentas, James & Patricia
Michel, David & Vasiliki
Michel, Erik & Jennifer
Milonas, Dina
Missios, Basil & Eftihia
Mitchel, Pete
Monios, Nick & Linda
Montalbano, Paul & Maria
Morgan, Valerie
Nakai, Keiichi & Saki
Nanopoulos, Chris & Yota
Nezis, Alexander & Alice
Nicolau, Alexander & Reese
Palencia, Emersonn

Panou, Paraskevi
Papacalos, George & Lucia
Papachristou, Theodora
Papadakis, Christine
Papadakis, Lilian & Andriana
Papadakis, Michael & Janel
Papadopoulos, Evangelos & Lorraine
Papakoulos, Angie
Papas, Maria
Papas, Tasos & Georgia
Pappagelis, Christina
Pappas, Mark & Shari
Pappas, Victor & Christina
Paralapanides, Charles & Elenie
Pass, Toula
Paulos, Mary
Paulos, Nicholas
Paulos, Todd & Cindy
Paxos, Joanne
Pelonis, Petros & Agatha
Philips, Mark & Crystal
Phoutrides, Neilos & Patricia
Platis, Jim & Kay
Platis, Sam & Laura
Politis, Spiros & Assal
Polychrones, Jerry & Mary
Polychrones, Speros & Dora
Poulis, John
Raptis, Maria
Regias, Pete & Maria
Richards, Dean & Dorothy
Richmond, Dan & Doris
Roubanis, Savvas & Jody
Roumeliotis, George & Pamela
Russos, Asimina
Russos, Emmauel
Salsman, Mel & Andria
Santamarina, Jose & Ronnea
Seger, Clay & Susan
Sehremelis, Andy & Leslie
Sehremelis, Athena
Sharkoff, Dr. Donald & Anna
Sharkoff, Dr. James & Katherine
Shweiri, Cathy & George
Shweiri, Gabriel & Nicole
Silva, Robert & Nicolette
Simitian, Richard & Anna
Sinis, Phaedon & Tanya
Siouris, Chris & Panayota
Sirigos George & Eliodora
Skourtas, Tony & Angelique
Smith, Emmanuel & Christina
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, Louis & Mary
Stavros, Theodoros & Olga
Stavros, Tom
Stavroudis, Toula
Stergiou, Eleni
Stevenson, Gus & Leona
Stewart, Sean & Denise
Sullos, James & Vickie
Sverkos, Pete & Natalie
Syrengelas, Andreas & Evdoxia
Syrengelas, Andreas & Niky
Syrengelas, Dino & Dora
Syrengelas, George & Athanasia
Syrengelas, Michael & Elizabeth
Syrengelas, Soteria
Syrengelas, Toula
Syrengelas, Vasili & Maria
Talaganis, Ernest
Talaganis, John & Kathleen
Talaganis, Nick & Amy
Tavlarides, Angelo & Mary
Tavlarides, Matt & Whitney
Teodosiadis, Romilos & Melpomeni
Terzi, Popi
Terzis, Constantinos & Suzanna
Thermos, Jerry & Ellie
Thibault, Irene
Toulios, Spyros & Eleni
Toumasis, Gerasimos & Kyriaky
Triantos, Anastasia
Triantos, Dina
Triantos, Tasia
Triff, Brent
Trigonis, Tula
Triakounakis, Tony & Irma
Tsakoumakis, Stan & Debora
Tsalickis, Mike & Jim
Tsalikis, Maria
Tsamous, Peter & Helen
Tsimerekis, Anna
Tsouloufas, Sam & Giovanna
Tzortzakis, Georgis & Kelly
Vackrinou, Catherine

Ala, Eli	Contos, Angeliki	Galanis, Jerry & Marian
Ala, Falanai & Lisa	Contos, Vasilis & Voula	Georgedes, Ekaterini
Ala, George	Cook, Jeff & Susan	Georges, Linda
Alex, Helen	Cornwell, Caryle & Demetra	Georges, Louie & Penny
Alexiou, Demi	Coroneus, John & Xanthipe	Georgiadou, Vicki
Amarantos, George & Angela	Critides, Anastasios & Shawnee	Georgoulis, George & Anna
Amarantos, Harriet	Cyprus, Brandon	Ghilarducci, Walt & Laura
Andrikos, Ioannis & Argyro	Cyprus, Brett & Jane	Giannakopoulos, Harry & Sia
Andros, Nick	Cyprus, Kayla	Giannoulis, Anastasia
Apostle, Helen	DaCosta, Marvin & Katerina	Gossen, Ryan & Jennifer
Apostle, Kostantina	Dalkos, Bob & Vaso	Gurrola, Raymond & Mary
Argeris, John & Vasiliki	Dalkos, Chris & Roula	Hadjimarkos, Nicholas & Stemma
Argyros, Dionisios & Irene	Dalkos, Christos	Hadjioannou, Arion & Nicole
Argyros, Phillip & Amy	Dalkos, John & Stavroula	Hanches, Fotini
Armstrong, Randy & Janet	Dalkos, Stevie	Hanson, Chris & Dusty
Bacol, Penny	Demopulos, Michael & Patricia	Hardaway, Herman & Pamela
Bacol, Pete & Ria	Demos, Christa	Haririan, Alka
Bacol, Sina	Demos, Eleni	Harrison, Danielle
Bahos, Kanella	Demos, George & Vickie	Hennig, Vickie
Balas, Jim & Jennifer	Demos, Joanna	Herron, Craig & Diana
Bastas, Nikolaos & Kathy	Deneff, Alkisti	Hillas, Orestis & Eleni
Batsaras, Ilias & Yota	Deneff, Peter & Diane	Hoatua, Dukelis Evy
Batshoun, Christina	Deralas, Dean	Hourigan, Sophia
Batshoun, Emil & Matoula	Desalernos, Stephen & Julia	Jordanides, Dennis & Giselle
Batshoun, Sofie	Diamond, Helen	Jordanides, Tim & Ria
Beckas, Spiro & Eleni	Diamond-Lioulis, Dina	Jovicic, Goran & Alexandria
Beckas, Yiota	Dimakides Christina & Fillipis George	Kades, Clio
Benetatos, Pinio	Dimitriou, Kostantinos & Cynthia	Kades, Kelly
Berdanis, John & Helen	Dimitropoulos, Thanasi & Eleni	Kakaris, Tellis & Lia
Berovinos, Michael & Kimberly	Dimou, Leonidas & Judith	Kallins, Dr. James & Virginia
Berovinos, Tony & Bonnie	Dimou, Nick	Kallins, George & Bettina
Bisbikis, Angelos & Diana	Dogris, Alex & Peggy	Kanakis, Fr. Christos & Pres. Jessica
Bisbikis, Dimitra & Argyroula	Dolas, Chris	Kanakis, Peter & Evangelia
Boosalis, Aphrodite	Dolas, James	Kanavos, Pete & Tia
Bouras, Kathy	Dolas, Jim & Camille	Karalexis, Kristina
Bouras, Peter	Dolas, John & Theodora	Karapoulios, Evangelos & Eleni
Boyce, Maria	Dolas, Peter	Karatzis, Spiros & Julie
Bratkic, Jure & Demetra	Donlou, Gordon & Maria	Karidakis, George & Diane
Breres, Zena	Edwards, Nickolas & Pamela	Karidakis, Jim
Briliakis, Gus & Nicki	Eleopoulos, Gus & Robin	Karidakis, Nicholas
Brogolias, Nick	Eleopoulos, Jimmy & Leigh	Karthas Nicholas
Brooks, Harriet	Etchepare, Anna	Kastanas Bill & Paris
Bussa, Tom & Maria	Falley, Zoe	Kiouis, Spiro & Katerina
Castritis, Demetris	Fattaleh, Raja	Kitsios, Kostas & Voula
Chelekis, Louis & Vicki	Fattaleh, Saba & Diana	Konstantinidis, Bryon & Katie
Chioles, James & Effie	Fenn, Brad & Anna	Kontokanis Dimitrios & Maria
Chizhov, Svetlana	Fic, Karen	Kootsikis, Coula
Choullis, Manolis & Sotiria	Flynn, Matthew	Koromelas, John & Tina
Christidis, Haris & Ourania	Foutris, Constantine & Christine	Kostallas, Tony & Cathy
Coats, Marilyne	Frousakis, Gus & Vicki	Kotsakis, Helen & Jane
Colazas, Xenophon & Mila	Futris, William & Mary	Koulos, Peter & Emily
Coleman, Niki	Gabriel, Sam & Kathy	Kourassis, Nick
Condaras, Nicholas & Katerina	Galang, Tianna & William Rous	Kourtis, Costa & Cesilia

Kali Xronia!!! Thank you to everyone who attended our annual New Year's Eve Glendi and continue to support our youth and program. We could not have had such a successful event without the donation of time, goods, and monetary gifts from so many people. I would like to thank the AGDCAS Board, Directors and Parent Reps for their tireless efforts and hard work that they have put into this event. Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart!

Diakonia Update: December was our Veterans Holiday Card drive where dancers, directors, and parents wrote Christmas cards to our veterans who are often alone in their hospital rooms. Even our youngest of dancers participated by coloring Holiday pictures so our Veterans can have their walls covered with a little Holiday cheer. I feel so blessed to be a part of a community that embodies the true meaning of Philoxenia. Thank you to everyone for your time and generosity.

January is a very busy month with double practices, staging of the suites, working with judges, that I would like to remind everyone to please be safe and continue to look out for everyone. Please drive slowly in the parking lot and designate a few parents each week to stay during practice and help monitor restroom and water breaks for our younger dance groups.

Looking ahead to FDF which is just around the corner, please be sure to register by January 4th to receive the standard pricing rates, but no later than January 18th. All packages may be purchased onsite but it is highly recommended for all dancers and their families to register online as preferred seating at the Sunday awards banquet cannot be accommodated after online registration closes on January 18th, 2016. Visit yourfdf.org for more information.

Finally, our FDF Preview luncheon will be on Sunday, February 7th after liturgy. This is the perfect opportunity to have anyone who may not be able to attend FDF or who would like front row seats, to watch our dancers perform one of their suites. This luncheon did sell out last year so we are looking at taking reservations ahead of time. Please plan on attending and support the dancers and keep an eye out for emails or announcements in the Weekly Bulletin for more information.

Wishing you all a blessed 2016,

Patty Ladas, President

Greek School

"HAPPY NEW YEAR.", Greek School is in full swing. The students came back with so many stories to share with their class mates. Everyone had a nice vacation. This month we have classes all four weeks. Next month Students will be off February 12, 2016. Most of our students are participating in the FDF Dance competition. We wish them all the luck and don't forget to have fun.

Thank you,
Kathryn Condaras, Principal

In the year of the Lord - January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year Office closed	2
3 + Sunday before Theophany Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	4	5 + Eve of Theophany Orthros 9:00 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 9:00 am, D. Liturgy 10 am followed by the Blessing of the Waters Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7 pm	7 + Synaxis of John the Baptist Divine Liturgy 10 am St. John's Church, Anaheim	8	9 + Vespers 6:00 pm Youth Retreat & Lock-in 7:00 pm
10 + 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	11	12	13 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	14	15	16 + Great Vespers 7:00 pm St. Anthony - Pasadena
17 + Β' Λουκά 12th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	18 + St. Athanasios Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	19 Senior Christians Potluck 11:30 am P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7 pm	21	22	23
24 + Γ' Λουκά 14th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am Parish Vasilopita	25	26	27 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	28	29	30 + Των τριών Ιεραρχών Three Hierarchs Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
31 + Δ' Λουκά 15th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am						