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



NOVEMBER 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.*

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

Dear Fellow Parishioners

As the Christmas Season approaches, our hearts and thoughts renew what the Nativity of Christmas means to all of us...a time to express our love and appreciation through the act of giving. One way to do this is through the annual Christmas Card sponsored by your choir.

Please complete and mail the form below, together with your check for **\$25.00**, made payable to the Assumption Choir organ fund. The deadline for form and payment is **December 7, 2014**. Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas

Please print how you would like your names(s) to appear on the Community Christmas Card.

Assumption Church Choir Organ Fund
5761 East Colorado St.
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You may also turn it in to a choir member seated at the table outside the hall.

The Assumption Choir

Choir Singers Needed

If you like to sing and are interested in participating in this rewarding ministry of your Church, Please stop at the choir table outside the Church after Sunday's Church Services and speak with one of the choir representatives Or contact Penny Benetatos, Music Director/ Organist (714) 236-0601 or email piniobenetatos@yahoo.com

If you do not read music we can help

THE YOUTH CHOIR is open to grades 2-8.
Rehearsals are on Sundays Immediately following Liturgy and the dismissal of Sunday School.
REHEARSALS ARE 20 – 25 MINUTES IN LENGTH

Signups begin on Sunday, Sept. 14
The Youth Choir will sing Liturgy on an average of once per month.
The youth Choir will exit with all Sunday School children in order to take Communion and attend their classes.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH.



Ψαλλώ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω

I will sing to my Lord as long as I live
(psalm 104:33)



Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Pastor's Message

*“Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”
Psalm 107:1*

Thanksgiving is a holiday that gives us the opportunity to gather with family and friends, share in fellowship, and pause to reflect and give thanks to God for the abundant blessings in each of our lives. It is a beautiful tradition of expressing our gratitude on Thanksgiving, but we should carry the spirit of this holiday to every day of the year, so that giving thanks becomes a regular part of our daily lives.

Let us first look at the historical significance of this holiday. Thanksgiving was a day to give thanks for the blessing of the harvest. The Pilgrims and the Puritans brought this tradition with them when they emigrated from England in the early 1600's. It also has roots in various religious and cultural traditions. President George Washington designated the first celebration of Thanksgiving in 1789. Now nearly 400 years later, Thanksgiving in America has become a day filled with an abundance of food, football games, pumpkin pie and shopping.

The word “thanksgiving” is defined as: the act of giving thanks; grateful acknowledgment of benefits or favors, especially to God. This, my beloved brothers and sisters, should be our focus for this celebration. Before the turkey is carved, before the cranberries are passed, let us gather as a family in Christ, giving thanks to God for His blessings. Regardless of the challenges we face personally or collectively as a society, we all have reason to offer thanksgiving to God. Whether young or old, healthy or sick, rich or poor, blessings still abound! We have the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, we have the hope of eternal salvation through Him, and we have His grace. These are but a few of the most meaningful blessings we have been given by God.

We also have the ultimate act of thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist, which is offered to us at each Divine Liturgy. This is the true feast of Thanksgiving, the offering of the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins and for everlasting life. We do not need to wait until the fourth Thursday of each November to celebrate Thanksgiving, for the invitation to the real meaning of this day is offered to us each week. Would you accept an invitation to someone's home for Thanksgiving dinner but not partake of the food? This would be inconsiderate to your hosts. However, do you come to Divine Liturgy and when the Holy Chalice is brought forth, do you not accept the invitation from Christ?

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, remember to first and foremost give thanks to God. And, let us prepare ourselves physically and spiritually for the great Feast of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist, and become true partakers of the Lord's most precious gift.

Giving thanks to the Lord for each of you and your love for Jesus Christ and wishing you and your beloved families a most blessed Thanksgiving, I remain,

With Love in Christ,

+ G E R A S I M O S
Metropolitan of San Francisco

Greetings Panagia Parishioners!

President's Message

Wow! What a great, fun filled and entertaining night at the "Family Dinner and Movie Night at the Assumption". Everyone that attended had a great time, good meal and fun volleyball games! Thanks to all that supported!

Thanks to all that attended and supported the fun filled and exciting Hope and Joy Halloween Dance Party!

Congratulations to our Philoptochos and all that supported this year's Breast Cancer Month!

Congratulations to Katherine Condaras, Principal of our Greek School Ministry and to all of the children that participated in "OXI Day" and to a very delicious luncheon. Thanks again to all that supported this important event!

Super thanks to Elizabeth Syrengelas and Presvytera Jessica Kanakis, for leading and starting our Panagia Little Lambs Ministry for our mom and tots. Panagia Little Lambs meet every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 am!

Please mark your calendars for the up coming November events:

- Fall General Parish Assembly – Sunday, November 2nd
 - Philoptochos General Meeting - Sunday, November 9th
- Stewardship Sunday and Ministries Fair, November 16th

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

Have you pledged yet? Please do!

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.

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

Kourassis, Nick
Kourtis, Costa & Cesilia
Krebenios Anastasia
Ladas, Amelia
Ladas, Charlie & Patty
Lafkas, Peter & Ada
Lambros Mary
Lembesis, Ann
Lembesis, John Jr. & Theresa
Lembesis, Nick & Saskia
Lembesis, Pendalis & Evangelia
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, 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
Papadopoulou, 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
Phillips, Crystal
Phourides, Neilos & Patricia
Platis, Jim & Kay
Platis, Sam & Laura
Pliacanis, Alexander & Nicole
Polychrones, Jerry & Mary
Polychrones, Speros & Dora
Poulis, John
Richards, Dean & Dorothy
Richmond, Dan & Doris
Roubanis, Savvas & Jody
Russos, Asimina
Russos, Emmanuel
Salsman, Mel & Andria
Santamarina, Jose & Ronnea
Seger, Clay & Susan
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, Alexandra
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
Sullos, James & Vickie

Suxho, Donald & Olena
Sverkos, Pete & Natalie
Syrengelas, Andreas & Niky
Syrengelas, Andreas & Evdoxia
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
Trikounakis, Tony & Irma
Tsakoumakis, Stan & Debora
Tsalikis, Maria
Tsamous, Peter & Helen
Tsimerekis, Nikos & Anna
Vackrinou, Catherine
Valaskantjis, Nikiforos & Georgia
Vardakis, Alex
Varzak, Darlene
Vasilomanolakis, Francine
Vasilomanolakis, Dr. Mike & Niki
Vassiliades, John
Vlachos, Dino & Helen
Vlahakis, Mary
Vorris, Athansios & Niki
Watkins, Evagelia
Woo-Sam, Maria
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 October 15, 2014

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

Sunday Religious Education

Sunday School is participating with Philoptohos in a special outreach program for Thanksgiving by donating food items for those less fortunate. The "For the Child" van will be at church on November 23rd so the students can give their donations directly to the organization that will make sure people in need have a Happy Thanksgiving dinner.

We ask that the Sunday School classes donate items as follows:

Preschool – Box of Stuffing & Box of Mashed Potatoes

Kindergarten – Canned Yams & Cranberry Sauce
1st & 2nd – Bagged Marshmallow & Canned Sweet Potato

3rd & 4th – Canned Gravy & Canned Green Beans

5th & 6th – Canned Corn & Turkey cooking bags

7th to 9th – Canned Pumpkin filling & Chicken Broth

High School – Frozen turkey

Students can bring their donations in on any Sunday throughout the month of November. Boxes will be located in each Sunday School classroom for the donations to be placed in. If you are bringing frozen turkeys, please find Jorge or someone in Philoptohos to place them in the freezers.

We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Greek Dance & Cultural Arts School

AGDCAS is practicing in full force. As the kids work on perfecting their rhythms and steps the parents are working on preparing for our Annual New Year's Eve Glendi. Volunteers are needed to help set up the room, make appetizers and desserts, donate goods or money, and promote the event to other communities so that it is a success. Help support our youth and join the team for New Year's Eve Success!!

Dina Lioulis, President

Little Lambs

Our Moms n tots class meets every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 am in the Preschool Sunday school classroom. We encourage MOMS, DADS, YIAYIAS, PAPOUS, and any caretakers/guardians to bring children ages infant to 3 years old to participate. The program teaches songs, stories, dances and crafts related to our Orthodox faith, while building friendships! It's a fun way to become connected and involved in our wonderful community. Please pass the word along. We look forward to seeing you and making this program a huge success!

Elizabeth Syrengelas and
Pres. Jessica Kanakis

Greek School

The Greek School Students just celebrated OXI DAY, Greek Independence Day. Students recited poems in memory of this important day, and a wonderful luncheon was served. The students did a great job and the teachers are so proud of them. It was nice to see the parents, grandparents, siblings and people from our church community join us for this special day. This month there will be no Greek school on Wednesday, November 26th, 2014, since most schools are off the whole week for Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on December 3rd, 2014.

Kathryn Condaras, Principal



Philoptochos & Sunday School's Annual Thanksgiving Outreach Turkey Drive

To our Panagia Parishioners & Friends,

As we thank the Lord for all he has given us. . .let us remember those less fortunate again this year. Please join Philoptochos and our Sunday School in this special outreach by bringing a Thanksgiving turkey and all the extra goodies that will help make a Happy Thanksgiving dinner for them.

FOOD DRIVE ITEMS NEEDED:

- Frozen Turkeys
- Box of Stuffing
- Box of Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Yams/Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Bagged Marshmallow
- Canned Sweet Potato
- Canned Gravy
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Turkey Cooking Bags
- Gift Cards for perishables items accepted

"For the Child" Van will be here on November 23rd. . .We are looking forward to have all our Panagia community participate in this wonderful outreach program.

We thank and appreciation your continuous support!

God Bless you and your families,
Assumption Philoptochos & Sunday School

ΟΙ ΤΑΞΙΑΡΧΕΣ ΜΙΧΑΗΛ ΚΑΙ ΓΑΒΡΙΗΛ

Greek Column by Voula Michail

Ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας στὶς 8 Νοεμβρίου, γιορτάζει τὴ Σύναξη τῶν Ἀρχαγγέλων Μιχαὴλ καὶ Γαβριήλ, καθὼς καὶ τῶν ὑπολοίπων Ἀσωμάτων καὶ Οὐρανίων Ἀγγελικῶν Ταγμάτων. Πρόκειται γιὰ τὴ σύναξη, τὴ συνάθροιση δηλαδὴ τῶν πιστῶν, ποὺ εὐλογοῦν τὸν Θεὸν καὶ εὐλόγησαν τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν μας, γιὰ νὰ ἀποδώσει τὴν πρέπουσα τιμὴ στοὺς λειτουργοὺς τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ δικούς μας προστάτες καὶ φύλακες, σὲ μία κοινὴ γι' αὐτοὺς γιορτῇ.

Οἱ Ἄγγελοι εἶναι νοερὲς ὑπάρξεις ἐπουράνιες, εἶναι ἀσώματοι δὲν ἔχουν δηλαδὴ ὕλικό σῶμα σὰν τὸ δικό μας. Δὲν ἔχουν ἀνάγκη ἀπὸ τροφή καὶ δὲν πεθαίνουν. Τὸ κύριο ἔργο τῶν Ἀγγέλων εἶναι νὰ δοξολογοῦν ἀσταμάτητα τὸ Θεό. Εἶναι δημιουργήματα τοῦ Θεοῦ, γιὰτί ἐκτὸς ἀπὸ τὸν ὄρατό καὶ ὕλικό κόσμο, δημιούργησε καὶ τὸν αἴθερα καὶ ἀόρατο Ἀγγελικὸ κόσμο, ὡς Ποιητὴς «ὄρατῶν τε πάντων καὶ ἀοράτων». Συγκεκριμένα δημιουργήθηκαν δέκα Τάγματα Ἀγγέλων. Ὁ ἐπικεφαλῆς ὅμως τοῦ δέκατου τάγματος, ὁ Ἐωσφόρος, ὑπερηφανεύτηκε κατὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τόλμησε νὰ πείθῃ ὅτι θὰ βάλῃ τὸ θρόνο του δίπλα στὸ θρόνο τοῦ Θεοῦ, γιὰ νὰ γίνῃ ἕτσι ὁμοίος μὲ τὸν Ὑψιστό. Γιὰ τὴν ἀλαζονεία του αὐτὴ καὶ τὴν ἔπαρσή του ξέπεσε καὶ μεταβλήθηκε σὲ πονηρὸ πνεῦμα, ἐγένετο ὁ διάβολος, ὁ ἀντίπαλος καὶ πολέμιος τῆς σωτηρίας τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

Ἡ Ἁγία Γραφή, ἀναφέρει σὲ πολλὰ τῆς σημεία τὴν ἐπικοινωνία τῶν ἀνθρώπων μὲ τοὺς ἀγγέλους καὶ ἰδιαίτερα μὲ τὸν ἐπικεφαλῆς τῶν Ἀγγελικῶν Ταγμάτων Μιχαὴλ, ποὺ ἐρμηνεύεται ὡς «Δύναμις Θεοῦ». Συγκεκριμένα, ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος Μιχαὴλ ἐμφανίστηκε στὸν Ἀβραὰμ γιὰ νὰ τοῦ σώσει τὸν Ἰσαάκ, στὸ Λῶτ, γιὰ νὰ τὸν σώσει ὅταν ὁ Θεὸς ἀποφάσισε νὰ καταστρέψῃ τὰ Γόμορρα, στὸν Πατριάρχη Ἰακώβ, στὸ μάντη Βαρλαάμ καὶ στὸν Ἰησοῦ τοῦ Ναυῆ. Ἐπίσης ὁ Μιχαὴλ ἦταν αὐτὸς ποὺ ὁδήγησε τὸ λαὸ τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ στὴ φυγὴ ἀπὸ τὴν Αἴγυπτο.

Στὴν ἀγιογράφησή του εἰκονίζεται νὰ πολεμᾷ μὲ τὸν ἐχθρό μας τὸ διάβολο, ὑπερασπιζόμενος ἕτσι τὴ δική μας σωτηρία. Γι' αὐτὸ καὶ σὲ πολλὰ εἰκόνες παρουσιάζεται μὲ στρατιωτικὴ πανοπλία καὶ κρατεῖ στὸ χέρι τοῦ γυμνοῦ ξίφος.

Ἡ πιὸ συνηθισμένη θέση ποὺ εἰκονίζεται στοὺς Ναοὺς εἶναι στὴν ἀριστερὴ μικρὴ εἴσοδο τοῦ Ἱεροῦ Βήματος, ἐνῶ στὴν δεξιὰ, εἰκονίζεται ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ. Εἶναι καὶ οἱ δύο τους, οἱ ἀκοίμητοι φρουροὶ τοῦ χώρου τοῦ Ἱεροῦ Βήματος, ὅπου τελεῖται τὸ μυστήριον τῆς Θείας Εὐχαριστίας.

Ἐπίσης ἡ Ἁγία Γραφή ἀναφέρει σὲ πολλὰ τῆς σημεία τὴν ἐπικοινωνία τῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ μὲ τὸν Ἀρχάγγελο Γαβριήλ, ποὺ σημαίνει «ἄνθρωπος τοῦ Θεοῦ». Ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ ἔφερε τὸ χαροποῦ μήνυμα στὸν Ἰωακείμ καὶ στὴν Ἄννα, ὅτι θὰ γεννηθῶν τὴν Ὑπεραγία Θεοτόκο. Μὲ τὸ ἴδιο χαροποῦ μήνυμα εὐαγγελίζεται στὸν Ζαχαρία, ὅτι ἡ σύζυγός του Ἐλισάβετ θὰ γεννηθῶν τὸ μεγάλο ἄσκητὴ τῆς ἐρήμου, τὸν Ἰωάννη τὸν Πρόδρομο. Ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ ἔτρεφε τὴν Παρθένο Μαρία μέσα στὰ Ἁγία τῶν Ἁγίων καὶ ὁ ἴδιος Ἀρχάγγελος ἔφερε τὸ πιὸ συγκλονιστικὸ μήνυμα τοῦ Οὐρανοῦ Πατρὸς στὴν Θεοτόκο, ὅτι δηλαδὴ ἐμελλε νὰ γεννηθῶν ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου τὸν Υἱὸ καὶ Λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἔτσι ὑπηρετήσε τὸ σχέδιον « τῆς ἐνσάρκου Οἰκονομίας τοῦ Θεοῦ Λόγου» ἀπὸ τὴν ἀρχὴ μέχρι τὸ τέλος.

Στὴν Ὁρθόδοξη εἰκονογραφία εἰκονίζεται ὁλόσωμος νὰ κοιτάζει πρὸς ὄλους ἐμᾶς ποὺ τὸν βλέπουμε, κρατεῖ μὲ τὸ ἓνα χέρι μετάλλιον ποὺ παριστάνει τὴ μορφὴ τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ μὲ τὸ ἄλλο χέρι τὸ δόρυ ποὺ τὸ στηρίζει ἐπάνω στὸν ὦμον Του, δηλώνοντας μ' αὐτὸ τὸν τρόπο τὴ μεγάλη καὶ φοβερὴ δύναμή Του.

Ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας τιμᾷ μὲ τὸ δικό της ξεχωριστὸ τρόπο τοὺς Ἀρχιστρατήγους Μιχαὴλ καὶ Γαβριήλ, μαζί τους δὲ καὶ ὅλο τὸν Ἀγγελικὸν κόσμον.

Announcements

BEST WISHES

BAPTISM

10/11/14

Alexandra Sophia Karmiris

Proud Parents: Christopher & Christina Karmiris

Nona: Pamela Tsakoumakis

Na sas zisei!

10/12/14

Austin Michael Shweiri

Proud Parents: Cathy & George Shweiri

Godparents: Cathryn & Collin Barker,

Nicole Shweiri & Billy Hotchkiss

Congratulations!

GOYA will be going to Knott's Scary Farm November 1st at 5 pm.

We will meet in front of Pink's Hotdogs to get your ticket.

We are in need of parent chaperones!!

Please give Lucia Papacalos your pay-

ment of \$20 per child by Sunday Octo-

ber 26th. Money after this date is non-

refundable, and if tickets are not pur-

chased by then through Lucia, you may

buy them online at FULL PRICE. We

need 30 attendees to receive this dis-

counted price.

Address:

8039 Beach Blvd. Buena Park CA 90620

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Corresponding Secretary

November Prosforo

Prosforo for the month of November is donated by Maria Tsalikis. Thank you. If you would like to donate our Sunday prosforo please call the church office.

Festival News

Dear Parishioners,

Our 65th Annual Greek Festival is officially in the books! From the preparations and planning, to the hard work over the weekend, to the clean up afterward, everyone worked together to make our festival a success for our Panagia.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time and talents in so many ways to help make our festival possible.

Thank you also to our donors who so generously donated to our festival to help deflect our costs.

Again, thank you to all, for your hard work and dedication to this year's festival.

Kai tou xronou!

Dino Syrengelas

Festival Chairman

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

Philoptochos

General Meeting November 9th, 2014. Please make an effort to attend. Lunch will be served.

On October 10th and 11th the Quilters Guild rented our church hall to display and sell their quilts. The Philoptochos ladies prepared and sold lunch/snacks for them as well as their guests for both days. Thanks to all who provided sweets and sandwich fillings and to those of you who worked it for two days. I want to thank Marilyn Coats, Zoe Falley, Yiota Beckas, Cathy Kostallas and Mary Lofton. What a crew! The Quilters and their guests were more than pleased.

Turkey Drive! Don't forget to look for those good deals on Turkeys and all the trimmings. Sunday School has a big box ready and waiting for all your goodies. The children are excited to be involved. Turkeys? Give all turkeys to Jorge.

Light the Path – November 22, 2014. A **MUST** attend event! You **DON'T** want to miss this event. Invitations will be out soon so save the date and please try to fill a table. If all of us would invite a friend and/or family member/s we would have a full house. Please invite all of your friends and family. Such a worthwhile event!

In December we will be hosting a Christmas Party for Trinity Homes (Tree w/names will be in Narthex following Thanksgiving). We will also host the Lady Vet's Party. We would appreciate your participation with these two events. Both are very worthwhile causes. WE also have our annual Philoptochos Christmas Party that I hope all of you will once again join us. More information will follow shortly.

A little Trivia about Philoptochos: We are 4,000 Women Strong... We are a dynamic group of women (and men) whose support and love for those in need has made a difference in thousands of lives throughout our distinguished history. Your stewardship has helped us with our Philoptochos Ministries; Kids n Cancer, Light the Path, Pennies and Prayers, Emergency Relief Fund, Women's Health & Wellness, St. Nicholas Ranch and more. We are the eyes and ears of Christ...We have the light and the gifts that Christ gave us to serve those who are needy. **Without you, our accomplishments would not be possible. BIG Thanks to all of you, for your ongoing generosity and support. There is no end to the requests we receive every day.**

p.s. Susan G. Koman – Race for the Cure – Thank you to ALL who ran/walked with us this year. “The Lovely Ladies of Philoptochos” had a total of 36 men and women on their team. Won't you consider joining us next year? We would love to have you join us.

Bobbie Soupos, President

In the year of the Lord - November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND 2014 AFTER CHURCH SERVICES						1 + Κοσμά & Δαμιανού Cosma & Damianos Orthros 9:15 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
2 + Ε' ΛΟΥΚΑ 5th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am General Assembly	3	4	5 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Confession 5 pm - 7 pm Paraklisis/Παράκλησις 7pm Greek School 5:30 pm - 7 pm	6	7	8 + Σύν. Αρχιστρ. Μιχαήλ & Γαβριήλ Synaxis of the Archangels Orthros 9:15 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
9 + Ζ' ΛΟΥΚΑ (Νεκταρίου Αιγίνης) 7th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Philoptochos General Meeting	10	11	12 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	13	14	15 <i>Nativity Fast Begins</i>
16 + Ματθαίου. Apostle Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Stewardship Sunday/Ministry Fair	17	18 Senior Christians Potluck 11:30 am Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	20	21 + Τα Εισόδια της Θεοτόκου The Entrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the Temple Orthros 9:15 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am	22
23 + Θ' ΛΟΥΚΑ 9th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	24	25 + Αικατερίνης Μεγαλομ. Katherine the Great Martyr Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am St. Katherine's Church in Redondo Beach	26 Moms n Tots 10:30 am - 11:30 am No Greek School	27 Happy Thanksgiving Office closed	28 Office closed	29
30 + Ανδρέου Αποστόλου Andrew the First Called Apostle Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am						