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# THE PANAGIA

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.*



**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER  
2017**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church**

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In gratitude of God's Blessings I/we commit the following amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the year of 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Announcements

### WEDDINGS

7/17/17

**Konstantinos Chrysochoidis & Ramona Sobah**

Koumbara: Voula Kitsios

Congratulations

7/22/17

**Peter Fourtounis & Joanna Demos**

Koumbaroi: Anthony Stanitsas & Christianna Kyriacou.

Congratulations

**Thank you** Philoptochos ladies, Parish Council, Jimmy E., and everyone for helping with Panagia's Feast Day Celebration. The variety of Lenten desserts & fruits were wonderful. **A BIG Thank you** to the Zoumberakis family for the loukoumades. They were excellent! The chicken lunch was delicious! Our visiting guests, priests and Metropolitan Nikitas were all very pleased.

**Thank you** Katy Georgedes for, once again you made an excellent decoration to the Panagia's icons. They were beautiful.

### September & October Prosforo

September's prosforo is donated by Yiota Beckas and October's prosforo is donated by Dora Polychrones. Thank you. If you would like to donate the Prosforo please call the office.

### News from Panagia's Kitchen:

We find ourselves once again in Panagia's Kitchen – this time we are getting ready for our Greek Festival; every Wednesday starting June 7<sup>th</sup> with Tiropitas and ending August 23<sup>rd</sup> with Diples! In between those dates, we made Spanakopita, Meat & Vegetarian Dolmades, Kataifi, Tsourekia, Baklava, Galaktoboureko, Paximadia, Koulourakia, Melomakarona, Kourabiedes, Karidopita and Pasta Flora. Prior to the baking, we had to figure out what ingredients we needed and coordinate with Angelo Karapoulios. Thank you Angelo for taking time out of your day to go shopping for us!!!

Besides having Angelo running around for us, and Jorge helping us with all that was needed (not to mention moving items from one freezer to another), Voula arranging lunches for us and making all of us Greek coffee, none of this would be worth anything without our awesome volunteers who joined us to make whatever was on the agenda. Angelo, Jorge, Voula and all of the volunteers had positive attitudes and smiles!

Yiota Beckas and I, sincerely thank **everyone** who played a part in our baking success. This year we even had junior bakers joining us, learning the techniques from the "seasoned" ladies! We had a great time laughing, singing and sharing stories. We enjoyed delicious lunches that helped us get through the day and there were a few days we thought we would have to call out for dinner!!

Thank You to George & Rodoula Loizides of George's Greek Café, Jim & Angeliki Contos of Golden Star Family Restaurant, Gus & Pete Sverkos of Café Neo, George & Donna Stavros of Hot Off The Grill, Tina Liis of Pizza Place & Garden Café, Louie Christopoulos of University Burgers, Dino & Toulia Syrengelas, Cathy Vlahakis, Niki Vorriss Kathy Bastas, Yiota Beckas, and Voula Kitsios who all graciously answered Voula's request to feed us - we wouldn't have been able to make it through the day without your delicious lunches.

Thank you to all of you who donated towards our baking ingredients, and a special Thank You to Yiota Beckas who lead each of the baking sessions and had the patience to show us --- yes.. once again... .... how to work with the two pounds of phyllo for the baklava!

At the time of this publication, the festival has not taken place, but if history repeats itself, (which I am sure it will) we will sell out. And why not.... our sweets are made by wonderful people who have within them the "special" ingredient ... LOVE... and that is priceless!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to all of you that made coming to Panagia's Kitchen a memorable experience! Until next year...

Your Philoptochos Sister in Christ,  
Kathy Bastas



Labor Day Weekend  
**EAT · DRINK · DANCE**  
SEPT. 2-4, DOORS OPEN AT NOON

SOUVLAKIA · GREEK FOOD · HOMEMADE GREEK SWEETS  
BEER & WINE · CARNIVAL RIDES · SPECIALTY SHOPS

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55TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC & CAMP REUNION

Annual Fundraiser for Saint Sophia Camp

Friday, October 6, 2017

California Country Club, Whittier

Honoring  
John Dalis and  
Papou George Tavoularis

Registration includes: Golf, Brunch, Gift Bag, Barbecue, Beverages, and Awards Dinner

\*NON-GOLFERS: Please attend the Awards Dinner. Visit with old and new friends... Support the camp that made your childhood memories!

Online Registration Now Open!  
[SaintSophiaCamp.org/events](http://SaintSophiaCamp.org/events)  
Click on "Register Online"

Co Chairs:  
Stephanie Lubian 909-861-1012  
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## FESTIVAL NECESSITIES

It is time to kick off and ADOPT some of the expenses for our 2017 Greek Festival & Cultural Event—Sept 2-4, 2017. 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.

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	\$15,000	Portables Toilets	\$2,000

**All donations are accepted no matter the amount.**

Items donating towards: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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**Panagia's Stewardship Family as of August 10, 2017**

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# 68th Annual Opportunity Drawing

**Grand Prize**  
**\$5,000**

**2nd Prize**  
**Family 4 Pack**  
(500 Value)



**3rd Prize**  
**Nintendo Switch**



**Drawing on September 4, 2017**

**Winner Need Not Be Present**

**\$50 Donation includes One Free**

**Chicken Dinner**

Only 600 Tickets Offered

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Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Philoptochos

Many thanks to all who helped in celebrating our Panagia's feast days. Your donations are truly appreciated. A special thank you to Chris and Magda Kantzavelos who each year so generously donate an abundance of fruit for our dessert buffet. Thank you to Stacie and Stelios Zoumberakis and Vickie Hennig for the delicious loukoumades. And thank you to each of you who with helping hands and love in your hearts brought this beautiful occasion together.

Festival time is here and with the love of our baking team headed by Yiota Beckas and Kathy Batsas and many, many hours of baking...the Philoptochos sweet booth is ready. Thank you Olga Stavros and your crew of hard working ladies for chairing the busiest booth of our festival. During our 3 day event visitors from all over Southern California make a special effort to stop at our sweets booth to have a taste of our home made Greek specialties.

This year again, Philoptochos members have volunteered to be a part of Camp Agape Kid 'n' Cancer Camp both in San Diego and St. Nicholas Ranch. This year's theme was SUPER HEROS. These children with cancer are the true Super Heroes. It was a time for them and their entire families to relax, have fun and maybe for just a few days not have to think about the illness that they have. Thank you all for your sincere generosity and love and making this a most rewarding ministry for our Philoptochos chapter and the Metropolis of San Francisco.

**September 24<sup>th</sup> Race for the Cure breast cancer walk** will take place at Fashion Island, Newport Beach. This year we are being sponsored by Golden Greek Fresh and will have personalized Philoptochos t-shirts for our team. If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time. Be sure to contact Kathy Bastas for more information.

**October 1<sup>st</sup> -Go Pink Sunday.** All are encouraged to wear a bit of pink to help promote Breast Cancer Awareness. Please show your support and stop by the Philoptochos table for more information.

**Philoptochos Rummage Sale** will be held Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 3 pm. It's been a few years since we've done this so I am sure you must have lots of "goodies" in your closets and garages to donate. You can drop off at the church hall any time from Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see the Rummage Sale flyer for more information. If you have any questions please contact Zoe Falley.

Every 2 years, the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos holds a Spiritual Conference at St. Nicholas Ranch for its members. This year it will be October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karen Fic for information.

**General Philoptochos meeting** will be held on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately after coffee hour in the church hall. We will have a guest speaker and a lite lunch will be served.

**Our Annual Thanksgiving Outreach Turkey/Food drive** will begin on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and run through the Sunday before Thanksgiving November 19<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is 150 meals! There will be a flyer available with a list of food items needed. Please be a part of this ministry to help ensure that others have a Thanksgiving meal. We will also be accepting monetary donations and we will shop for you. There will be information set up at the Philoptochos table in the foyer of the hall.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Harvest Bake Sale</b>
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Light the Path</b>
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>Trinity Foster Homes Christmas Party</b>

We need you to be a Philoptochos member. Contact Lia Kakaris if you are not a member yet!

Yours in Christ

Karen Fic, President

## Little Lambs

"Tick tock, tick tock, this is how we pray. We thank the dear Lord Jesus for bringing us here today." We are so excited to start another year of Panagia's Little Lambs. Come pray, sing, dance, craft and play with us every Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 in the Preschool classroom. All moms, dads, yiayias, papous and caretakers of children 3 and under are encouraged to join in on the fun. We have great activities planned throughout the year such as monthly outings, a Halloween Trunk or Treat, Holiday celebrations, Easter Egg hunt and more. This is a fantastic ministry to get your babies connected to our Orthodox faith from the start. The children, along with the adults, create strong friendships through this program, as well. We can't wait to see how much the kids have grown over the summer and we are looking forward to meeting new smiley faces! Class begins **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.**

Here's to another great year!

Elizabeth Syrengelas, [elizabethsyrengelas@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsyrengelas@gmail.com)

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## Sunday Religious Education

To all our Sunday School Families, Sunday school will start on Sunday, September 17. You can register your kid/s during the ministry fair on Sunday, September 10. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 17 and start another excited year!

Sunday school Director, Olivia Varonos

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## Greek School

Welcome back!!!!

Greek school would like to welcome back all the students from their summer vacation and wish them KAAH APXH (a good start) for the new school year. We are ready for a new exciting year. Registration will be held on Sunday September 10 during the Ministry Fair and will continue on Wednesday, September 13, for those who missed it on Sunday.

**Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.**

Greek school is held every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

This year we will celebrate the "OXI DAY" on Sunday, October 29, 2017 following church services. Hope to see everyone during registration and have a fun festival.

Like us on Facebook! Assumption Greek School

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## Choir Loft

Happy News! The new organ was installed in the choir loft in July. Your choir wishes to thank all of those who donated (some very generously) to this effort. Special thanks go to Father Christos, Jim Eleopoulos and the parish council, whom all together, brought this dream to realization. "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live." Psalm 104:33

Μια φορά κι έναν καιρό, υπήρχε μια βασίλισσα, που είχε 4 συντρόφους. Πάνω απ' όλους έδειχνε αδυναμία στον τέταρτο. Τον στόλιζε με ακριβά ρούχα, του χάριζε πάντα τα καλύτερα, τον στόλιζε με κοσμήματα, του φορούσε αρώματα και του φερόταν πολύ γενναιόδωρα. Ο τρίτος σύντροφος της βασίλισσας είχε μεγάλη αυτοπεποίθηση, ήταν αλαζών, όμως εκείνη τον αγαπούσε και τον σύστηνε με υπηρηφάνεια στον κύκλο της και φοβόταν μήπως κάποια μέρα, θα την άφηνε για άλλη γυναίκα.. Ο δεύτερος σύντροφος της ήταν πάντα ευγενικός κι υπομονετικός μαζί της. Όταν εκείνη αντιμετώπιζε ένα πρόβλημα, ήξερε ότι μπορούσε να βασιστεί πάνω του, ότι θα την άκουγε και θα τη βοηθούσε στην λύση του. Ο πρώτος αν και ήταν πιστός σαν σκυλί και βρισκόταν πάντα δίπλα της, εκείνη δεν του έδινε σημασία, τον παραμελούσε, τον ειρωνευόταν και τον έδιωχνε από κοντά της. Και μια μέρα, η βασίλισσα αρρώστησε βαριά και κατάλαβε πως θα πεθάνει. Σκέφτηκε τότε πως είχε 4 συντρόφους, όμως σε λίγο δε θα 'χε κανέναν. Έτσι τους φώναξε όλους μπροστά της και ρώτησε πρώτα τον τέταρτο που ήταν η μεγάλη της αδυναμία: «Σ' αγαπήσα περισσότερο από τους άλλους, σε είχα πάντα στα πλούτη, ντυμένο με τα πιο όμορφα ρούχα και μες την καλοπέραση, δε σου χάλασα ποτέ χατίρι. Τώρα που πεθαίνω, θα με ακολουθήσεις για να έχω παρέα, εκεί που πάω?» «Δεν υπάρχει περίπτωση! Εσύ τον δρόμο σου κι εγώ τον δικό μου.» απάντησε εκείνος κοφτά και την παράτησε σύζυλη. Τα λόγια του την πλήγωσαν σα μαχαίρι στην καρδιά. Μετά ρώτησε τον τρίτο σύντρόφό της. «Σ' αγαπήσα σ' όλη μου τη ζωή και πάντα γύρευα την συντροφιά σου. Τώρα που πεθαίνω, θα με ακολουθήσεις στο θάνατο?» «Όχι, φυσικά» απάντησε εκείνος. «Η ζωή είναι πολύ ωραία για να την αφήσω. Όταν πεθάνεις, θα παντρευτώ μια άλλη.» Η Βασίλισσα ένοιωσε να της κόβεται η αναπνοή και η καρδιά της βούλιαξε... Ύστερα, ρώτησε τον δεύτερο σύντρόφό της. «Πάντα ερχόμουν σε σένα για βοήθεια και πάντα ήσουν εκεί για μένα. Όταν πεθάνω, θα με ακολουθήσεις για να μου κρατάς συντροφιά?» «Λυπάμαι, δε μπορώ να σε βοηθήσω τώρα. Το μόνο που μπορώ να κάνω, είναι να "περπατήσω" μαζί σου μέχρι τον τάφο σου.», απάντησε το παλικάρι κάνοντας την καρδιά της να ραγίσει από θλίψη... Τότε, ακούστηκε μια φωνή: «Εγώ βασίλισσα μου θα έρθω μαζί σου! Θα σε ακολουθήσω όπου κι αν πας!» Η βασίλισσα γύρισε να δει από πού ερχόταν η φωνή και είδε τον πρώτο της σύντροφο. Φαινόταν πολύ ταλαιπωρημένος και παραμελημένος. Θρηνώντας η βασίλισσα «Αχ τι λάθος που έκανα η δύστυχη, έπρεπε να σε είχα προσέξει περισσότερο, όταν είχα την ευκαιρία!» είπε και ξεψύχησε. Ήταν ήδη πολύ αργά. Εδώ τελειώνει το παραμύθι και αρχίζει η πραγματικότητα. Η Βασίλισσα είσαι εσύ και έχεις 4 συντρόφους στη ζωή σου Ο τέταρτος σύντροφος σου είναι το ΣΩΜΑ σου. Όση προσοχή κι αγάπη κι αν του δώσεις, όσα κι αν του προσφέρεις, όσο κι αν το στολίσεις, όση αδυναμία κι αν του δείξεις, όταν έρθει η στιγμή και πεθάνεις, θα σε εγκαταλείψει χωρίς οίκο. Ο τρίτος σύντροφός σου είναι η ΠΕΡΙΟΥΣΙΑ ΣΟΥ, ΤΟ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΚΟ STATUS και ό,τι υλικό κατέχεις. Βρίσκονται μαζί σου όσο είσαι εν ζωή. Όμως μπορεί να σε εγκαταλείψουν και σίγουρα όταν έρθει η ώρα να φύγεις ακολουθούν άλλους και σε έχουν κιόλας ξεχάσει. Ο δεύτερος σύντροφος σου είναι η ΟΙΚΟΓΕΝΕΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΟΙ ΣΟΥ. Όσο κι αν βρίσκονται κοντά σου, την ύστατη ώρα, μόνο να σε ξεπροβδίσουν μέχρι τον τάφο σου μπορούν...όχι όμως να έρθουν μαζί σου. Ο πρώτος σου σύντροφος είναι το ΠΝΕΥΜΑ σου, που σχεδόν είναι πάντα παραμελημένο από το κυνήγι του πλούτου, της δύναμης, της εξουσίας, των υλικών αγαθών. Όμως, το πνεύμα σου είναι το μόνο που θα σε ακολουθήσει όπου κι αν πας, το μόνο που θα είναι πιστό αιώνια! Καλλιέργησέ το, δυνάμωσέ το, διατήρησέ το ζωντανό, καθώς θα σε συντροφεύει για πάντα..

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## **PHILOPTOCHOS RUMMAGE SALE**

- **Saturday October 7, 2017**
- **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**
- **Betty Reckas Center**



**Your donated items can be dropped off at the hall beginning Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> thru Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Questions call the church office or Karen @ 562-416-5565**

## In the year of the Lord - September 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ✦ Αρχή της Ινδίκτου Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	2 Greek Festival opens the doors 12N - 9 pm	1 ✦ Β' Λουκά 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10:00 am  National Church Music Sunday	2	3	4 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am  Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	5	6 Futsal League 6 pm - 7:15 pm	7 Philoptochos Rummage sale 9 am - 3 pm
3 ✦ ΙΓ' Ματθαίου 13th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  Greek Festival 12N - 9 pm	4 Labor Day (Office closed)  Greek Festival 12N - 9 pm	5	6	7	8 ✦ Το Γενέθλιον Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου Nativity of the Theotokos Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10:00 am	9	8 ✦ Γ' Λουκά 3rd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10:00 am	9	10	11 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am  Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	12	13 Futsal League 6 pm - 7:15 pm	14
10 ✦ Προ της Υψώσεως Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  Ministry Fair & Registrations	11 Greek Dance registration 6pm - 8:30 pm	12	13 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am  Greek School registration 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	14 ✦ Υψώσεως Τιμίου Σταυρού Exaltation of the Holy Cross Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10:00 am	15 Futsal League 6 pm - 7:15 pm	16	15 ✦ Των Αγίων Πατέρων Sunday of the 7th Eccum. Council Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10:00 am	16 Senior Christians Potluck 11:30 am  Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am  Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	19 D. Liturgy for Young Adults & coffee w/ Fr. Christos 7 pm	20 Futsal League 6 pm - 7:15 pm	21
17 ✦ Μετά την Ύψωσιν Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	18 Senior Christians Potluck 11:30 am  Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am  Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	21	22 Futsal League 6 pm - 7:15 pm	23	22 ✦ ΣΤ' Λουκά 6th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10:00 am  Philoptochos General meeting	23	24	25 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am  Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	26 ✦ Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10:00 am	27 Futsal League 6 pm - 7:15 pm	28
24 ✦ Α' Λουκά 1st Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	25	26	27 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am  Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	28 D. Liturgy for Young Adults & coffee w/ Fr. Christos 7 pm	29 Futsal League 6 pm - 7:15 pm	30	29 ✦ Ζ' Λουκά 7th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10:00 am  Greek School OXI DAY Luncheon	30	31				