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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.*



**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER
2018**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Confidential Stewardship Commitment Card

Family Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Husband (or Individual over 18) _____ Wife (or Individual over 18) _____ Children & Birthdate _____

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

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

Monthly (12 Payments a Year) Quarterly (4 Payments a Year) Semiannually (2 Payments a Year) Annually

Please check the following:

1. Check: Mail/In person

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Name as it appears on card: _____

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BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS

6/30/18

Lucas Paul Silva

Proud Parents: Robert & Nicolette Silva
Godparents/Nonoi: Kyle & Gina Kopp

7/7/18

Robert James Ferguson II

Godmother/Nona: Dina Triantos

7/14/18

William Alexander Michel

Proud Parents: Erik & Jennifer Michel
Godparents/Nonoi: Goral & Alexandria Jovicic

8/4/18

Lucas Christopher Nicolaou

Proud Parents: Alexander & Teresa Nicolaou
Godmother/Nona: Despina Colette Collins

8/4/18

Stamatios Gossen

Proud Parents: Ryan & Jennifer Gossen
Godmother/Nona: Angelic Papacalos

Congratulations to the families & Godparents.



WITH SYMPATHY

Condolences are offered to the family and friends of **Penelope (Penny) Spirtos** who fell asleep in Lord on 7/4/18.

Condolences are offered to the family and friends of **Anastasia Talieres** who fell asleep in Lord on 7/18/18.

May their memory be eternal.

Announcements

Stewardship

If your name does not appear on the Stewardship list, or you are new in our Parish and want to become member Simply fill out and return to the office the 2018 Stewardship Card as soon as possible. Thank You.

Pledged Categories:

\$1 - \$99	9 cards
\$100 - \$500	116 cards
\$501 - \$1,000	74 cards
\$1,001 - \$3,000	55 cards
\$3,001 - \$10,000	7 cards
Pay but not Pledged	22 cards



September & October Prosforo

September's prosforo is donated by Yiota Beckas.

October's prosforo is donated by Loui & Mary Stavros, Gus & Gene Makridis, John & Christina Gillotti, Christos & Toula Marinakis & families

Thank you.

If you would like to donate the Prosforo



*Labor Day
Weekend*

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SEPT. 1-3, DOORS OPEN AT NOON

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FESTIVAL NECESSITIES

It is time to kick off and ADOPT some of the expenses for our 2018 Greek Festival & Cultural Event—Sept 1-3, 2018. 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: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

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

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

Dino Syrengelas

Festival Chairman

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

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 Michel Erik & Jennifer
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 Papadakis Nick & Alexandra
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 Zoolakis Anthony & Kari
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 Zoumberakis Stelio & Stacie

Panagia's Stewardship Family as of August 1, 2018

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 Darras Sam & Pinelopi
 Demos Christa
 Demos Eleni
 Demos George & Vickie
 Deneff Peter & Diane
 Deralas Dean
 Desalernos Stephen & Julia
 Desalernos Stephen & Stefanie
 Diacoumakos Marya
 Dimitropoulos Tom & Elaine
 Dimou Leonidas, Judith, Nikolaos
 Dogris Alex & Peggy
 Dolas Chris
 Dolas James
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 Dolas John & Theodora & Peter
 Dolas Thomas & Sofia
 Donlou Gordon & Maria
 Edwards Nickolas & Pamela
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 Fic Karen
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Ghilarducci Walt & Laura
 Giannoulis Anastasia
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 Hallock Rod & Shirley
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 Jordanides Dennis & Giselle
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 Kakaris Telis & Lia
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 Kanakis Panagiotis & Evangelia
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 Karatzis Spiros & Julie
 Karmiris Christopher & Christina
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 Koutsikas Coula
 Kopp Kyle & Gina
 Koromelas John & Tina
 Kostallas Anthony & Cathy
 Kotsakis Helen
 Koulos Peter & Emily
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 Kourtis Costa & Cecilia
 Kral Michael & Lisa
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LONG BEACH GREEK FESTIVAL & CULTURAL EVENT

Labor Day Weekend September 1st - 3rd 2018

69th Annual Festival Advertising Form

Contact Name _____ Business _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Ad Size Requested _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Page	Art Size	Ad Book Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page	8 1/2 x 5 1/2	\$700
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<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Imaging Loop		\$500

BONUS FOR 2018! ADD \$200 TO THE AD BOOK PRICE ABOVE AND YOUR AD WILL BE INCLUDED IN OUR DIGITAL IMAGING "LOOP" ON MULTIPLE MONITORS LOCATED THROUGHOUT OUR FESTIVAL GROUNDS. THIS IS A \$500 VALUE IF PURCHASED SEPARATELY BUT WE ARE OFFERING THIS SPECIAL PRICE TO OUR AD BOOK ADVERTISERS. DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE YOUR EXPOSURE TO OVER 10,000 VISITORS!

- In addition to the ad book, I would like my ad displayed digitally on the Monitors during the Festival. I have added \$200 to my payment.
- Please use my 2017 ad for this year's ad book.
- I am enclosing camera-ready graphics or artwork for my ad as an email attachment to lbgreekfestadbook@gmail.com

NOTE: If you cannot provide camera ready artwork, we are more than happy to assist in the design of your ad. Please provide us your special message below, attach a typed message or contact us by phone or email.

Submission Deadline: August 1, 2018

Please return this form with a check to:

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Philoptochos

CONGRATULATIONS to Kathy Bastas who was chosen at the National Philoptochos convention in Boston as **AGAPE AWARD** winner representing the Metropolis of San Francisco. Kathy was chosen over 12 other nominees in our Metropolis for her continual work not only in our Panagia but also with For the Child and Susan G. Koman. **Axia Kathy! Well deserved!**

This year Camp Agape/Kids n Cancer camp was held both at St Nicholas Ranch and in San Diego. Our faithful volunteer, Mary Lofton attended both camps. A 70's theme "Love Is in the Air" filled the campsite where there was an abundance of love shared by campers, their families and volunteers. Your generosity each year keeps Camp Agape running and gives children stricken with cancer a special four days in the summer.

Sincere thank you to Lia Kakaris and Denise Manos for heading the August 14th Lenten dessert buffet following Great Vespers. As always it was a beautiful event attended by parishioners from our church and neighboring churches. "Thank you" to all who so generously prepared those favorite Lenten sweets and shared with us all to honor Panagia. Once again, we want to thank Chris and Magda Kantzavelos for their donation of fresh fruit for this annual event.

Thank you, to all those ladies and men too, who week after week during the summer gave their time to bake delicious Greek sweets for our festival. A special BRAVO to Yiota Beckas and Kathy Bastas for chairing this job! Our festival still is one of the very few that bakes its own pastries! The line at the sweets booth at the festival is always never ending. Thank you to Demetra Bastas Bratkic for chairing the booth this year and all those ladies to worked hours over the Labor Day holiday to sell them to our guests. "Thank you" to those who donated lunch for the baking ladies during the baking period.

At the beginning of this summer you all received a notice in the mail to remind you of our backpack program. Your monetary donations, backpacks and supplies enabled us to reach our goal of 150 backpacks that were distributed through "For the Child" to children in Long Beach who were in need. Thank you all for your generosity and kindness.

Also, the Lovely Ladies of Philoptochos will participate in The Race For The Cure. On September 23rd so far over 30 ladies, men and even some children in wagons and strollers will be part of the walk/run at Fashion Island. This year Cindy Kezos will oversee our group of walkers. If you interested in being a part of The Race for the Cure you can contact Cindy or call the church office for more information. Contributions for the race will be taken through the month of October.

The General Philoptochos meeting will be held on Sunday, October 14th. We will also be recognizing "Go Pink Sunday" that day in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. All are welcome to attend the meeting where there will be a guest speaker with valuable information. Wear your favorite pink apparel and receive something special from Philoptochos. A lite lunch will be served.

It's getting closer and closer to Thanksgiving and time to think about why we are all thankful. One way to show this, is with our annual Philoptochos Thanksgiving food drive. A table will be set up in the hall for your donation. If you do not want to shop, you can write a check and we will do the shopping for you. Look for the flyer with the list of all the Thanksgiving food items we will be looking for. Again, the children of our Sunday School will help in the distribution of Thanksgiving food baskets.

UP COMING EVENTS:

November: Harvest Bake Sale - to be announced
Light The Path - November 17th

December: Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon December 9th
Trinity Christmas Party December 13th

Please check your Sunday Bulletin for any additional events that will take place.

Your Sister 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, yayias, 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 and children connected to our Orthodox faith from the start. The children, along with the adults, create strong friendships through this program. 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 12!

See you all soon,
Elizabeth Syrengelas
Elizabetsyrengelas@gmail.com

Greek School

We want to wish all our students KAAH APXH for the new school year!
Our teacher are looking forward to an amazing year, full of group activities and fun!

Important dates to add to your calendars!

September 12th, 2018 Wednesday – Greek School Registration - 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

September 19th, 2018 Wednesday – First day of class – 5:30 pm -7:00 pm

October 28th, 2018 Sunday – "OXI" Day Luncheon will be held after church.

Like us on Facebook! Assumption Greek School

Senior Christians

"Seniors will hold their monthly potluck meeting in September 18th at "Hof's Hut" on Bellflower and October 16th in the church hall. At the meeting we will discuss our November and December Holiday planning schedules. So please mark your calendars from now and plan on being at the September meeting.

Invite your friends and family. ALL are welcome to join us. The more the merrier! See you the 18th of September".

RSVP to Bobbie Soupos 714-307-1488 or Matoula Batshoun 714-705-9316



PANAGIAS'
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
Sponsored by You!

Goal: Thanksgiving meal for 150 families

To our Panagia Parishioners,

Thanksgiving is a day of giving thanks to God, enjoying good food, and above all, fellowship with family. Thanksgiving is the day that we reach out to those families who need our love and support to celebrate Thanksgiving with a warm and enjoyable meal.

As a community, we would like to reach out to 150 families this year. You can sponsor a family with a \$35.00 donation (made payable to Assumption Philoptochos) or bring in your non-perishable food items and frozen turkeys no later than *Sunday, November 19, 2018*. Representatives from *For the Child* will meet with our Sunday School children and pick up our donations for distribution to the families.

We can't stress enough how much your donation means to these families. Giving them an opportunity to have a Thanksgiving meal (like we are all so blessed to have) is priceless. We sincerely thank you and appreciate your continuous support!

*On behalf of those who are receiving your action of kindness,
 Thank You!*

A donation of \$35 and/or items needed:

Canned veggies, canned fruit, gravy, stuffing/dressing, cranberry sauce, bag of potatoes, dinner rolls, cake & frosting mix, peanut butter, bread, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, canned soup, dry pasta, uncooked rice/beans, pasta and frozen turkey. Grocery gift cards (Northgate, Superior, Ralphs/Food 4Less) (Please do not donate expired items.)

Mail checks to: Assumption Greek Church, 5761 E. Colorado Street, Long Beach, CA 90814, Attention: Philoptochos. Additional information: contact Kathy Bastas at kibastasi@aol.com

*For The Child, located in Long Beach builds healthy lives for children and families free of abuse, neglect and violence. www.forthchild.org

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched.
 They must be felt with the heart"*
 Helen Keller

Greatness starts with God
And follows with the
Lovely Ladies of Philoptochos.
A team, a
Key
To
Other fantastic and
Beautiful
Opportunities by
Unifying our
Raw potentials to help and
Extend this support with
Kindness and
Old fashioned Greek cuisine to others

On behalf of the 38 awesome Panagia Kitchen volunteers who came to the Assumption Kitchen between May 23rd and August 23rd to help prepare the pastries (also the dolmades, tiropitas and spanakopitas), we are extremely grateful to the following parishioners who so graciously provided us with the extra energy that was needed to get through the afternoon! It meant a lot to us and we really appreciate your kindness, love, and continued support! What a treat it was for all of us and how blessed we are to have all of **you** in our community to share your delicious culinary skills and wonderful luncheons: George & Rodoula Loizides (George's Greek Cafe), Pete Lafkas (Athens West), Gonzo & Alex Varonos (Valentinos), Fanis Pietris & Family (Pietris), Nancy Azer, George & Donna Stavros (Hot off the Grill), Toulia Syrengelas, Jim & Angeliki Contos (Golden Star restaurant), Ted & Olga Stavros, Jimmy Eleopoulos (Big E), Voula Kitsios, Yiota Beckas, Kathy Bastas

Until next year,
 Kathy Bastas & Yiota Beckas

Greek Column by Voula Michail

Τα πράγματα δεν είναι όπως φαίνονται

Δύο άγγελοι που ταξίδευαν σταμάτησαν να περάσουν την νύχτα σε ένα σπίτι μιας πλούσιας οικογένειας. Η οικογένεια ήταν αγενής και αρνήθηκε στους αγγέλους να μείνουν στο δωμάτιο των ξένων της βίλας.

Αντιθέτως, έδωσαν στους αγγέλους ένα μικρό μέρος σε ένα κρύο υπόγειο. Καθώς εκείνοι έφτιαχναν τα κρεβάτια τους στο σκληρό πάτωμα, ο μεγαλύτερος άγγελος είδε μια τρύπα στον τοίχο και την επισκεύασε. Όταν ο μικρότερος άγγελος τον ρώτησε γιατί, ο μεγαλύτερος απάντησε: "**Τα πράγματα δεν είναι πάντα όπως φαίνονται**".

Την επόμενη νύχτα οι δύο άγγελοι ήρθαν να ξεκουραστούν σε ένα πολύ φτωχικό σπίτι αλλά ο αγρότης και η γυναίκα του ήταν πολύ φιλόξενοι. Αφού μοιράστηκαν τη λίγη τροφή που είχαν, οι δύο άγγελοι κοιμήθηκαν στο κρεβάτι τους όπου μπορούσαν να έχουν μια ξεκούραστη νύχτα. Όταν βγήκε ο ήλιος, το επόμενο πρωί οι άγγελοι βρήκαν τον αγρότη και τη γυναίκα του να κλαίει. Η μοναδική τους αγγελάδα της οποίας το γάλα ήταν το μόνο τους εισόδημα ήταν νεκρή στο λιβάδι.

Ο μικρότερος άγγελος ήταν αναστατωμένος και ρώτησε το μεγαλύτερο πως ήταν δυνατόν και άφησε να γίνει κάτι τέτοιο.

Ο πρώτος άντρας είχε τα πάντα και παρόλα αυτά τον βοήθησε, τον κατηγόρησε εκείνος. Η δεύτερη οικογένεια είχε ελάχιστα και όμως ήταν πρόθυμη να μοιραστεί τα πάντα και εσύ άφησε την αγγελάδα να πεθάνει... "**Τα πράγματα δεν είναι πάντα όπως φαίνονται**", απάντησε ο μεγαλύτερος άγγελος.

"Όταν μείναμε στο υπόγειο της βίλας, πρόσεξα πως υπήρχε χρυσός αποθηκευμένος σε εκείνη την τρύπα στον τοίχο. Μιας και ο ιδιοκτήτης ήταν τόσο άπληστος και δεν είχε τη διάθεση να μοιραστεί την καλή του τύχη, σφράγισα τον τοίχο ώστε να μη μπορεί να βρει το χρυσό. Εχθές τη νύχτα καθώς κοιμόμασταν στο κρεβάτι του αγρότη ήρθε ο άγγελος του Θανάτου για τη γυναίκα του, κι εγώ έδωσα στη θέση της την αγγελάδα. Τα πράγματα δεν είναι πάντα όπως φαίνονται".

Μερικές φορές αυτό ακριβώς συμβαίνει όταν τα πράγματα δεν έχουν το αποτέλεσμα που πρέπει. Αν έχεις πίστη, θα πρέπει να μάθεις να εμπιστεύεσαι και να πιστεύεις ότι το κάθε αποτέλεσμα είναι πάντα προς όφελός σου. Μπορεί να μην το ξέρεις παρά μονάχα πολύ αργότερα.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Festival 12 - 9pm
2 ✦ 14 th Μαρτίου 14th Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am Festival: 12 - 9pm	3 Labor Day (office closed) Festival: 12 - 9pm	4	5	6	7	8 ✦ Γενέθλιον Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου Nativity of Theotokos Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10 am
9 ✦ Πρω της Υψώσεως Sunday before Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am Ministry Fair	10 Hall: Greek Dance Registration Night 6:00 pm	11	12 Panagia's Little lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School Registration 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	13	14 ✦ Ύψωση Τριψύρου Exaltation of Holy Cross Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10 am	15
16 ✦ Μετά την Ύψωση Sunday after Holy Cross Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	17	18 Senior Christians 11:30 am P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Panagia's Little lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7pm	20	21	22
23 ✦ Α' Λουκά 1st Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	24	25	26 Panagia's Little lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	27	28	29
30 ✦ Β' Λουκά 2nd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am						

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	1	2	3 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	4	5	6
7 ✦ Γ' Λουκά 3rd Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	8	9	10 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14 ✦ Δ' Λουκά 4th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	15	16 Senior Christians Potluck 11:30 am P. C. Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	18	19	20
21 ✦ ΣΤ' Λουκά 6th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am	22	23	24 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	25	26 ✦ Δημητρίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer Orthros 9:30 am D. Liturgy 10 am Hall: Halloween Party 6:00 pm	27
28 ✦ Ζ' Λουκά 7th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45 am D. Liturgy 10 am Gr. School: "OXI" Day luncheon	28	30	31 Panagia's Little Lambs 10:30 am - 11:30 am Greek School 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm			