

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GOYA

MEETING SCHEDULE - FALL 2016

(Meetings will begin at 7:30, we end at 9:00 p.m.)

"YOU ARE THE VOICE OF CHRIST IN A CHANGING WORLD"

MONTH

DAY/DATE

SUBJECT

SEPTEMBER

Monday 12 GOYA "Welcome Back" - Registration and Agiasmos Service
Welcome and getting to know each other - Plans for the year

Monday 19 Fireside Chat with Father Sotirios

Monday 26 Discussion "You Are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World"; Work on Videos for Groundbreaking Gala

OCTOBER

Monday 3 Prepare College Freshmen Care Packages

Monday 10 No GOYA Meeting - Columbus Day

Monday 17 Dinner Outing - Red Robin

Monday 24 OCCHI Deacon Alexander Koranda

Monday 31 No GOYA

NOVEMBER

- Monday 7 *Service Project: Feed My Starving Children*
- Monday 14 *GOYA Bowling at Hawthorne Lanes, Vernon Hills*
- Monday 21 *No Youth Meetings - Thanksgiving Break*
- Monday 28 *Christmas Tree Decorating; Discuss GOYA's responsibilities GHE; Sign-up to help*

DECEMBER

- Saturday 3 *Gingerbread House Event*
- Monday 5 *GARC Christmas Gifts Shopping; St. Nicholas Video*
- Monday 12 *Project Mexico Presentation: Timi Douvlis, Andrew Duros; Discussion St. Spyridon*
- Monday 19 *Meet @ Greek-American Rehab Center for Christmas Caroling with JOY/Jr. GOYA; Wheeling, IL - 5:30 p.m.*
- Saturday 24 *Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (CHRISTMAS EVE) - Vespers*
- Sunday 25 *THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY) - Orthros 8:15 a.m. / Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.*
- Monday 26 *No GOYA Meeting - Christmas Break*
- Wednesday 28 *Ice Skating @ Centennial Ice Arena in Highland Park*

MEETING SCHEDULE - WINTER-SPRING 2017

JANUARY

- Monday 2 No GOYA
- Monday 9 Vasilopita Cutting - Video of St. Basil
- Monday 16 No Youth Group Meetings - MLK Holiday
- Monday 23 Discussion of What our Ground Breaking Means for our Church and for all of us
- Monday 30 Discussion of Youth Sunday - responsibilities, program

FEBRUARY

- Monday 6 Finalize program, roles and responsibilities for YOUTH SUNDAY
- Sunday 12 YOUTH SUNDAY – GOYA serves as ushers, takes collections; GOYA hosts Brunch following Church services. Brunch to be prepaid; reservations are to be made prior to this date. All youth groups, parents, relatives, friends of Ascension invited to attend
- Monday 13 Guest Speaker - Peter Vlahos
- Monday 20 Presidents' Weekend - no meeting
- Monday 27 Clean Monday - Great Compline Service

MARCH

- Monday 5 Sunday of Orthodoxy - Procession of Icons at end of Divine Liturgy; Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 6:30 pm
- Monday 6 Discussion - Metropolis of Chicago St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival; Junior Olympics
- Fri-Sun 10-12 Winter Fanari Camp, SIRC

- Monday 13 Service Project (tbd)
- Monday 20 Discussion - Confession
- Monday 27 No Youth Group Meetings - Spring Break

APRIL

- Monday 3 Discussion and Confession with a time for Personal Reflection
- Saturday 8 SATURDAY of LAZARUS - Orthros 8:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. All youth and families encouraged to attend
- Sunday 9 Palm Sunday
- Monday 10 HOLY MONDAY - Nymphios Service - GOYAns serve as readers. All youth and families encouraged to attend.
- Friday 14 GOOD FRIDAY - Jr. GOYAns and GOYAns invited to attend services and help decorate the Kouvouklion, wrap eggs, Acolytes clean the Altar; 8:00 a.m. Reading of the Royal Hours, 9:30 a.m. Begin decorating, clean-up, etc 3:00 p.m. Apokathelosis (Un-nailing from the Cross) Service. Epitaphios Service 7:00 p.m. Lenten lunch will be served.
- Saturday 15 HOLY SATURDAY - Proti-Anastasi Divine Liturgy
Resurrection Service and Paschal Divine Liturgy
- Sunday 16 HOLY PASCHA - Easter Sunday - Great Vespers of AGAPE
- Monday 17 No Youth Group Meeting - BRIGHT MONDAY
- Friday 21 GOYA PASCHA Greek Night
- Saturday 22 Metropolis of Chicago St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival
- Monday 24 PASCHA Visit to Greek-American Rehab Center - Diakonia Project Presentation by Joy and Jr. GOYA

MAY

- Monday 1** tbd
- Monday 8** *Guest Speaker - Katerina Rallis "Mission Trips to Korea"*
- Sunday 14** *Mother's Day*
- Monday 15** *GOYA "Year in Review", planning for the upcoming year and Junior Olympics*
- Monday 22** *Final Meeting - Senior Recognition and 8th Grade Step-Up at location tbd*
- Friday 26-Sunday 28** *JUNIOR OLYMPICS - Metropolis of Chicago*

ATTENTION GOYANS AND PARENTS - PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING: (Reminder - Parents must be current PAID Stewards of the Ascension of Our Lord for the year)

1. Schedule subject to changes, if necessary. All meetings will be held at the Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church, unless a different location is specified.
2. Notices for special events, collections, etc. will be passed out at meetings and noted in the Sunday Bulletins prior to the event.
3. Any questions regarding the program or if a parent is interested in lending some assistance, may be directed to Father Sotirios or Carol Stamas by calling the Church at 847-482-1200.