

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

JOY AND JR. GOYA MEETING SCHEDULE

2016 / 2017

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(We begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. with dinner followed by the meeting; we end at 7:25 p.m.)

PARENTS: A combination of handouts, biblical passages and the book, "**Sacred Symbols that Speak**" by Fr. Anthony Coniaris will be used for this year's lessons.

Page numbers are listed in the schedule, when the lesson is taken from the book – as are the Biblical passages that will be studied.

Please take some time to read material before each meeting and discuss with your children, as well as review what they have learned after each lesson.

Total Book/Registration/Activity Fee - \$40.00. Checks should be payable to: **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** and earmarked "JOY/Jr. GOYA."

THIS YEAR'S THEME: Making it Real – Living our Orthodox Faith Daily

MONTH

DAY/DATE

SUBJECT

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 12 **JOY/Jr. GOYA "Welcome Back/Greet and Meet" and Agiasmos Service** (continue Registration / collection of fees)
Introduction to this year's theme
- Monday 19 **"The Flowering of the Cross: The Cross and Flowers" (p. 47)** – Learn hymn of the Holy Cross
- Monday 26 **Love of Enemies – Luke 6:31-36**

OCTOBER

- Monday 3 **St. Euphrosynos the Cook**
- Monday 10 **No Youth Group Meeting – Columbus Day**
- Monday 17 **St. Luke the Evangelist** **Thanksgiving Food Bag Distribution**
- Monday 24 **"Let our Prayers Arise as Incense Before You" (p. 15)** **Thanksgiving Food Bag Collection**
- Monday 31 **No Youth Group Meeting (Great Vespers at St. Demetrios, Elmhurst for SS. Anargyroi)**

NOVEMBER

- Monday 7 **Service Project: Meet at Feed My Starving Children (742 East Park Ave, Libertyville) from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.**

- [Sunday 13]** JOY and Jr. GOYA Poinsettia Sale Begins – 7th & 8th Graders take prepaid orders on Sundays Nov. 13th, 20th and 27th and Dec. 4th and 11th (**PICK-UP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th**)
- Monday 14** JOY and Jr. GOYA Bowling @ Brunswick Zone, Vernon Hills - 5:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.
- Monday 21** *No Youth Group Meeting* – Pre-Thanksgiving Week
- Monday 28** Diakonia Project for G/A Nursing Home Visit

DECEMBER

- Monday 5** Continue Diakonia Project for G/A Nursing Home Visit - Sign-ups for St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival
- Monday 12** **ST. SPYRIDON FEAST DAY-**
(Poinsettia Orders Due)
- [Sunday 18]** JOY and Jr. GOYA Poinsettia Sale Pick-up - Jr. GOYA to help carry plants to cars.
- Monday 19** Meet @ Greek-American Rehabilitation Center (Wheeling) for Caroling – 5:30 p.m.
- [Saturday 24]** Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (CHRISTMAS EVE) – Vespers @ 5:00 p.m.
All youth and families encouraged to attend services
- [Sunday 25]** THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY) – Orthros 8:15 a.m. / Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
All youth and families encouraged to attend services
- Wednesday 28** Parish Family Ice-Skating @ Centennial Ice Arena in Highland Park

JANUARY 2017

- [Sunday 1]** ST. BASIL THE GREAT / CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
Orthros 8:15 a.m. / Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
All youth and families encouraged to attend services

- [Thursday 5] **EVE OF THE EPIPHANY – Vespertine Divine Liturgy – 6:00 p.m. AGIASMOS**
All youth and families encouraged to attend services
- [Friday 6] **EPIPHANY DAY - Orthros 8:15 a.m. / Divine Liturgy 9:15 a.m. AGIASMOS**
- Monday 9 **"Epiphany & the Blessing of the Waters" (p. 195)** - Cutting of the Vasilopita – Learn Hymn "All those who have been baptized..."
- Monday 16 ***No Youth Group Meeting – Martin Luther King Jr.***
- Monday 23 **St. Anthony the Great: "Father of Monasticism"** – Video Presentation
- Monday 30 **The Publican and the Pharisee – Luke 18:10-14**

FEBRUARY

- Monday 6 **"Hesychasm: The Practice of Silence"** - Begin Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Project
- Sunday 12 **YOUTH SUNDAY**
- Monday 13 **The Judgment of Works – Matthew 25:31-46** – Finish Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Project
 Sign-up for Confession
- Monday 20 ***No Youth Group Meeting – Presidents' Day***
- Monday 27 **KATHARA THEFTERA – CLEAN MONDAY (Great Lent Begins)**
 Great Compline at 6 p.m. followed by Lenten Supper (For Youth, their families and all Ascension Parishioners – Jr. Goyans to be readers); Pass out Mission Boxes; Sign-up for Confessions

MARCH

- [Sunday 5] **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY – Procession of Icons at the end of the Divine Liturgy**
Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers – 6:30 p.m. Site TBA
- Monday 6 **The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebasteia**
- [Sunday 11] **Joy and Jr. GOYA Easter Lily/Spring Flower Sale Begins** – Joy/Jr. Goyans to take prepaid orders on Sundays – March 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st. (Plants to be picked up on Palm Sunday, April 8th.)

Monday 13 **"Take up Your Cross and Follow Me" – Mark 8:34-38, 9:1**
Ascension JUNIOR OLYMPICS SIGN – UP (JOY / Jr. GOYA / GOYA) - Presentation and Events Sign-up
Confessions – (5th, 6th, & 7th Graders)

Monday 20 **Begin DIAKONIA PROJECT** – for G/A Nursing Home Residents
Confessions – (4th & 5th Graders)

Monday 27 ***No Youth Group Meeting – Spring Break***

APRIL

Monday 3 **"The Ladder to Heaven" (p. 61) - Finish DIAKONIA PROJECT**

[Saturday 8] **SATURDAY OF LAZARUS** – Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. **All youth and families encouraged to attend services**

[Sunday 9] **PALM SUNDAY** - JOY & Jr. GOYA Easter Lily/Spring Flower Pick-up (Jr. GOYANS to help carry out plants to cars)

Monday 10 **HOLY MONDAY – Nymphios Service – 7 p.m.** **All youth and families encouraged to attend services, Goyans serve as readers.**

[Friday 14] **HOLY FRIDAY – Jr. Goyans and Goyans invited at attend services and decorate the Kouvouklion, wrap eggs, etc... Acolytes will have Altar Clean-up -- 8:00 a.m. – Reading of the Royal Hours, 9:30 a.m. – Begin decorating, clean-up, etc..., 3:00 p.m. – Apokathelosis Service, 7:00 p.m. Lamentations. Lenten lunch will be served.**

[Saturday 15] **HOLY SATURDAY – Proti-Anastasi Divine Liturgy - 8 a.m.**
Resurrection Service and Paschal Divine Liturgy - 10:30 p.m.

[Sunday 16] **HOLY PASCHA – Easter Sunday – Great Vespers of AGAPE - 11 a.m.**

Monday 17 ***No Youth Group Meeting – Bright Monday***

[Saturday 22] **Metropolis of Chicago - St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival (Location TBA)**

Monday 24 **Meet @ Greek-American Rehabilitation Center (Wheeling) / DIAKONIA PROJECT Presentations - 5:30 p.m.**

MAY

Monday 1 "Christ Pantocrator" (p. 137)

Monday 8 Meeting of the Generations III

Monday 15 TBA

Monday 22 Final meeting of the year – Pot-luck Dinner at Church

[Wednesday 24] Great Vespers for our Church's Feast Day – 7 p.m. **All youth and families encouraged to attend services**

[Thursday 25] Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord - Orthros at 8:15 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

[Friday 26-Sunday 28] JUNIOR OLYMPICS – Metropolis of Chicago

ATTENTION PARENTS - PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING: (Reminder – Parents must be current PAID Stewards of the Ascension of Our Lord for the year 2016.)

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. Parents are requested to get your child(ren) to dinner on time, so we may begin with prayer together and not delay our program. Also, please make sure you are at Church waiting to pick up your child(ren) by 7:25 p.m. If your child(ren) has/have to leave early, please let us know in advance and come inside to pick up your children.
4. All parents of the JOY and Jr. GOYA members are requested to share in the responsibility of hosting a dinner on a given Monday evening. Two families may host dinner together to share expenses, etc... Guidelines are available at the time of sign-up.
5. Any questions regarding the program or if a parent is interested in lending some assistance, may be directed to Fr. Sotiri, by calling the Church at 847-482-1200.