

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Religious Education: There is no Religious Education TODAY! Commencement/Promotion will be on Sunday, June 6. Please let Michelle Hawe know of any of our youth graduating high school and those moving into high school.

GOYA News: Tuesday evening the Jr. High and High School students will gather at the Church for a night of discussion and fellowship. This week the kids will be helping in Food Festival preparation. Join us for the fun and earn your community service hours.

JOY/HOPE News: JOY/HOPE is on Wednesday evenings. We will be meeting at 6:30 pm in the preschool rooms.

Summer Camp: During the summer our parish will go to St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center for the first week of Summer Camp, July 11-17. Throughout the week our youth will participate in the worship cycle, faith based discussions, swimming, arts and crafts, sports, a trip to the Sequoia's, and the annual Olympics. All the youth that have experienced camp love it and look forward to going back the next year because of their experiences and friendships that are made.

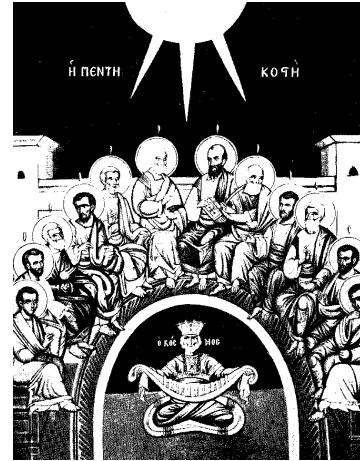


Save the Date

May 23 Pentecost- Family Worship Day
 June 6 Religious Education Commencement
 June 14-16 GOYA Disneyland Trip
 June 22 Discovery Kingdom Trip (JOY)
 July 11-17 Parish to Summer Camp

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, May 25	GOYA	6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 26	JOY and HOPE Meeting	6:30 pm
Friday, May 28	Food Festival	All Day
Saturday, May 29	Food Festival	All Day
Sunday, May 30	Food Festival	All Day



Apolytikion of Pentecost

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost (Trinity Sunday), Michael the Bishop of Synada, and Mary the Myrrbearer. The Epistle is found in Acts 2:1-11. The gospel reading is found in John 7:37-52, 8:12.

Pentecost

Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Pascha and ten days after the Ascension of our Lord. Pentecost is a feast of Jewish tradition. This day also celebrates the establishment of the Church through preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of thousands who believed in the gospel.

This Feast commemorates when the disciples were sitting in the room praying when suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. "Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:2-4). When the people heard them speaking they were amazed to hear them speaking the works of God in another language.

The Monday after Pentecost is known as the Day of the Holy Spirit. The prayer of the Holy Spirit is a prayer we should all know:

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us, cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

-Amen

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Sunday, May 23, 2010

Saints Constantine and Helen

Commemorated on May 21



St. Constantine and Helen are “Equal to the Apostles.” Many historians refer to St. Constantine as Constantine the Great. His parents were Constantius Chlorus, the ruler of the westernmost parts of the Roman empire, and St. Helen. In 306 Constantine took over the throne after his father passed away. In the year 312 Maxentius and Maximinus came together against Constantine, so he marched his troops to Italy. While Constantine was in front of the army of troops a cross appeared in the sky and below it said, “Be this shalt thou conquer.” The next evening the Lord appeared to St.

Constantine in a dream sharing with him the importance of the cross. The next day he went

and had a victory banner made in the form of the cross with the name of Jesus Christ. He attacked and mightily conquered Maxentius, who drowned in the Tiber River while fleeing. Constantine went to Rome the triumphant and was proclaimed Emperor of the West by the Senate. Once again Constantine fought for what he believed to be true. Christianity prevailed. He gathered the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea and personally addressed the crowd. In 324 he named Constantinople after himself and it was referred to as the New Rome. Constantine fell ill and asked to be baptized. After receiving the mystery of Holy Baptism, Constantine fell asleep in the Lord in 337 on Pentecost. His relics were placed in the Holy Apostles Church that he built.

Helen was Constantine’s mother. After Constantine had the first triumph of Orthodoxy his mother left and went to Jerusalem and found the cross that Christ was crucified on. Once she had found the cross she began developing Churches at over 80 locations. Some of those locations being important monumental places such as: the place of the Resurrection, the cave of his birth, Mount of Olives where Jesus ascended and more. As she spent time in Jerusalem she offered alms to the poor and performed good works. Constantine gave his mother orders to build a majestic church at the site of the Resurrection. Helen did not survive to see the temple dedicated. She fell asleep in the Lord in 327.

The Happiest Place on Earth Disneyland

The GOYA will depart for their annual Disneyland Trip on Monday, June 14- Wednesday, June 16. The cost is \$130 per child which includes two nights hotel, breakfast for two days, Disneyland entrance, and a BBQ. Transportation costs will be finalized in the coming days. Please let Michelle Hawe know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, May 21 so we can order tickets and reserve hotels.

Trip Itinerary:

Monday, June 14
Depart for Southern California
Day at the Beach
BBQ
Tuesday, June 15
Disneyland
Wednesday, June 16
Visit a Southern California Sister parish
Trip Home

Chaperones are still needed for the trip! Please contact Michelle Hawe if you would like to participate as a participant or chaperone!

JOY/GOYA Six Flag Discovery Kingdom Trip

This year we will be taking our JOY and GOYAnS who would like to attend to Marine World on Tuesday, June 22. We will be departing the Church at 9:00 am for a full day of fun and excitement. Tickets for the park are \$26 per participant. Transportation costs are not included in ticket price. Chaperones are needed! All release forms are located on the website. To reserve your families place please pay for tickets to Michelle Hawe no later than May 31.

Youth Website and Facebook

Join St. Anna Youth and Young Adult Ministries on the web! Stay up to date on all youth news and events by logging onto www.saintanna.org/youth. The site can also be found through the Parish homepage (www.saintanna.org).

Our site is a place for our youth to share pictures, join us on Facebook, and view my blog about hot topics, retreats, and more. Also join us on Facebook search for Saint Anna Greek Orthodox Shrine Youth and Young Adult Ministries and join the conversation.