



## St. Anna Orthodox Shrine Youth Weekly Bulletin

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### ***Apolytikion of All Saints***

*Adorned in the blood of Your Martyrs throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Your Church, through them, does cry unto You, O Christ God, "Send down Your compassion upon Your people; grant peace to Your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls."*

Today we commemorate All Saints. We also call to mind Isaakios Founder of the Monastery of Dalmato, and Macrina grandmother of Basil the Great. The Epistle is found in Hebrews 11:33-40, 12:1-2. The gospel reading is found in Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19: 27-30.

### **All Saints Sunday**

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of St. Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

# Religious Education Promotion and Commencement BBQ 2010

Next Sunday, June 6 we will promote our Religious Education students on to the next grade. We will also honor our parish graduates from High School, College, and Graduate school.

At the conclusion of Divine Services each class will be called forward to be given their certificate of promotion. After the Promotion/Commencement ceremony the Young Adults will offer a BBQ for all the families and children. It will be a fun filled BBQ with activities for the family.

Mrs. Angeliki Rosenberg is developing games and activities for our children to play. These games are not only meant for the children to play, but we ask the parents get involved too! If you have any ideas or suggestions for games/activities or would like to help on the day of please contact Angeliki at [rosenberg369@msn.com](mailto:rosenberg369@msn.com).

To add a touch of variety it was decided to add a potluck aspect to the afternoon! The young adults will provide the burgers and hot dogs, and the different classrooms are asked to provide the sides!

PreK-K Items for Activities (water balloons etc.)

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade-Veggies

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade-Fruit

6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade- Chips

High School- Desserts

If you would like to volunteer to BBQ or help with set up please contact Michelle Hawe.

The Religious Education staff looks forward to spending time with you and your family in a fun filled afternoon.

# The Happiest Place on Earth Disneyland

It is always a joy to take the children on a well earned trip. We will be departing for Southern California early on Monday, June 14. Monday will consist of travel, time at the beach, and a BBQ. Tuesday will be our day in Disneyland. Wednesday morning we will visit a sister parish and then depart back to Roseville. The cost is \$130 and it includes your Disneyland ticket, hotel, and breakfast on two mornings. Chaperones are needed! It is always a joy to have our parents join us, this is a great way for them to bond with the youth group. Parents that are interested in driving, please let Michelle Hawe know ASAP.

## 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.

### Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, June 1	GOYA	6:30 pm
Wednesday, June 2	JOY and HOPE Meeting	6:30 pm
Saturday, June 5	Young Adults	5:00 pm
Sunday, June 6	Religious Education Graduation	10:00 am

### *Save the Date*

June 6 Religious Education Commencement and Picnic  
June 14-16 GOYA Disneyland Trip  
June 22 Discovery Kingdom Trip (JOY)  
June 26 Folsom Lake Family Picnic  
June 27 Staff Religious Education Meeting  
July 11-17 Parish to Summer Camp

## 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 will join the community in praying a Paraclesis service at 6:30 pm followed by their pizza party. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or drink to share!



**JOY/HOPE News:** JOY/HOPE is on Wednesday evenings. We will meet in the preschool rooms. It is always a joy to have the whole group together. Next Wednesday, June 2 the JOY/HOPE group will have their end of the year celebration.

**Summer Camp:** During the summer our parish will attend St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center for the first session 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.

If you would like to go to camp please download the forms from [www.saintanna.org/youth](http://www.saintanna.org/youth). Each of our campers will receive a \$250 scholarship which makes camp more available. When submitting your family paperwork to the camp please keep a copy of the first page of the application and submit it to Michelle Hawe.



### 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](http://www.saintanna.org/youth). The site can also be found through the Parish homepage ([www.saintanna.org](http://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.