



St. Anna Orthodox Shrine Youth Weekly Bulletin

1001 Stone Canyon Drive
Roseville, CA 95661

Phone: 916.772.9372/ Fax: 916.773.9373

Clergy: Fr. Christopher Flesoras,
frchris@saintanna.org

Dn. Joseph Ruocco-Brown,
deacon@saintanna.org

Youth Director: Michelle Hawe
michelle.hawe@saintanna.org

Religious Education: Margaret Mueller
religiouseducation@saintanna.org

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the grave is He bestowing life.

Today is the Sunday of the Blind Man. The gospel reading is found in John 9:1-38.

Sunday of the Blind Man

Icons are used throughout the Orthodox Christian Church. Most saints, feasts, parables, and events are portrayed through icons. It is very easy for us to look at how beautiful the images are, but what is the meaning of each one? Let us look at the icon of the Blind Man to gain a better understanding of the icon.

We find the following about the icon of the healing of the blind man on the Archdiocese website (lent.goarch.org): Our Lord is shown placing the clay on the eyes of the man. He is with his disciples who are questioning Christ about the source of the man's affliction. The blind man is shown with his hand outstretched toward Christ expressing his faith and willingness to receive healing and grace from the Son of God. Our Lord has in His hand a scroll, which directs us to His statements, "I am the light of the world," (John 9:5), and "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed," (Luke 4:18). This are clear statements of the Gospel of salvation that comes through Christ. The scroll may also represent the role of Christ as Judge as depicted in Matthew and Revelation, and also later in the same passage on the healing of the blind man (John 9:39), "Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

Happy Mother's Day

All of us love and appreciate our Mom's for being special parts of our lives. We thank you for teaching us our faith and showing us how to live a Christian life. We also thank our Mom's for driving, cooking, and being supportive of HOPE, GOYA, JOY, and Young Adults—We love each of you!



To show our love to our Mom's Youth Ministry is offering a pancake breakfast TODAY! All donations collected will help send our youth to Disneyland.

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.

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!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Religious Education: There is no Religious Education on Sunday, May 9 so we can stay in Church and pray with our Moms on Mother's Day.

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!

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. Each evening there is a different activity such as game night, camp fire, skit night, a dance and more. 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.



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 21.

Save the Date

May 9 GOYA Mother's Day Breakfast
May 23 Pentecost- Family Worship Day
June 6 Religious Education Commencement
June 14-16 GOYA Disneyland Trip
June 22 Marine World Trip (JOY)
July 11-17 Parish to Summer Camp

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.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, May 11	GOYA	6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 12	JOY and HOPE Meeting	6:30 pm
Saturday, May 15	Young Adults	5:00 pm