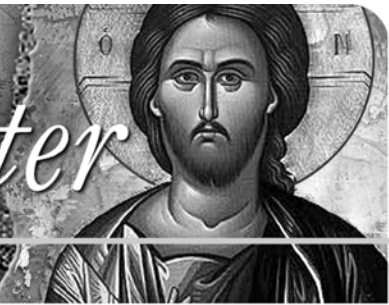


Mission Newsletter

The monthly communication of the Greek Orthodox Mission of South Orange County

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Our Mission Statement

"To establish a Greek Orthodox Church in South Orange County which follows, preserves and continues our timeless religious beliefs and traditions and emphasizes our Hellenic heritage, customs and values."

Please email David Derks at dderks1707@aol.com with any monthly newsletter items

Sunday School

by **IRENE TRAVIS**
Sunday School Administrator

Sunday School gives children an opportunity to learn about our Orthodox faith and socialize with others in a positive environment. Without the efforts of everyone in the community this would not be possible. In the spirit of recognition, I would like to thank Ariana Sfakianakis for all of her hard work and dedication for organizing and maintaining a high quality Sunday School during the past school year. The Sunday School Staff would like to thank all our teachers, children, and parents for partnering with us to help create a successful school year. Also, a big congratulation to our first graduating Senior class: Meredith Meyerhofer, Yeoryia Selberis, George Sfakianakis, and Nigel Wilson.

Here are a handful of thoughts from our children regarding the 2008/2009 Sunday School program:

"Sunday School has really taught me so much! It really means a lot to me"

Maggie Sfakianakis, 6th Grade

"Sunday School has taught me a lot about certain days of the church, and all the saints we have. It also taught me how to live my life in a great way"

Samantha Cutrone, 8th Grade

"Thank you for teaching me a lot. Sunday School"

Caroline Basdakis, 6th Grade

"Our Sunday School, I thought is the best Orthodox church in the world"

Nick Travis, 2nd Grade

"It was very fun and I learned a lot. I had a great time. Thank you!"

Ariana Selberis, 5th Grade

"It was really fun and I thought my teacher was nice."

John Redmond, 3rd Grade

"It has been a long great journey through Sunday school! Thank you to all that helped and God Bless!"

George Sfakianakis, Graduate 2009

If you would like to be a part of our teaching staff during the 2009/2010 school year, please contact Ariana Sfakianakis at (714) 879-7758 or Irene Travis at (949) 448-8946 or via email at travisclan@sbcglobal.net. We also welcome your comments and suggestions. For more information and Sunday School pdatyes, be sure to check the Education page at www.gomsoc.org. God Bless and have a safe and happy summer.

Daily Bible Readings for facebook and iGoogle

The Department of Internet Ministries has launched an enhancement to its Online Chapel service that will now provide Facebook and iGoogle users access to the daily Bible readings and lives of the saints directly from their customized home pages.

Visit the Online Chapel at <http://www.goarch.org/chapel> for more information on how to add the new Online Chapel for Facebook and Online Chapel for iGoogle to your home pages.

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At-A-Glance: Upcoming Events

July 9

Prime Timers
Luncheon at Arroyo
Trabuco Golf Club
Patio

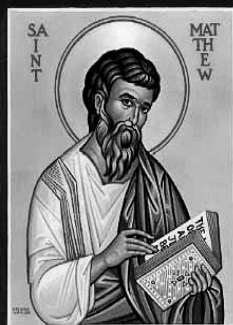
July 18

Fellowship Potluck at
Doheny Beach

August 25

St. Paul's Trip to the
Hollywood Bowl

For more information
on upcoming events,
visit our official website
at www.gomsoc.org
and go to the Calendar
page.



*"Come to me, all you
who labor and are
heavy laden, and I will
give you rest. Take My
yoke upon you and
learn from Me, for I am
gentle and lowly in
heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. For
My yoke is easy and
My burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28

Greek Dance Groups

We will be starting a new group of young dancers that will begin practicing on a weekly basis, with the intention of participating in the exhibition group (Division III) at FDF 2010. Our children are currently dancing under the direction of Cathi Halfhill and new dancers are welcomed to join.

For more information please contact Chrys Cutrone at (949) 295-1256 or via email at chryscutrone@yahoo.com.

Ladies Auxiliary

Congratulations to our new enthusiastic and energetic officers:

- ✝ President - Fran Karnazes
- ✝ Vice President - Melissa Kaffen
- ✝ Treasurer - Argie Cupples
- ✝ Corresponding Secretary – Cathy Antzoulatos
- ✝ Recording Secretary - Caroline Peros
- ✝ Sunshine Chairman - Erini Redmond
- ✝ Coffee Hour - Joanna Giangardella

For more information, please contact Fran Karnezes at frankarnazes@yahoo.com. The next general meeting and elections is June 7. Please be sure to attend this very important meeting!

Prime Timers Luncheon at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club



Our next lunch will be on the Arroyo Trabuco, Golf Club patio, 26772 Avery Pkwy, Mission Viejo, on Thursday, July 9th, at 12:30. For more information please contact

Bert Dumais (949) 412-9169.

Parents Needed for Children's Ministries

- ✝ Mommy and Me: infants-pre-k children.
- ✝ JOY: K-5th grade children

If you are interested in heading a group, please contact Maria Kraft at (949) 573-3390 or via email at m.kraft@cox.net.

Young Adult League YAL News

YAL ages (18-40) meet often for fellowship and activities. Meeting dates alternate between the 3rd Sunday and the 3rd Monday of each month. Join them at their monthly meeting and gathering. For more information contact Joanna Xipa at jxipa@yahoo.com.

Young Reader Program

Reading the Holy Scriptures as part of the Divine Liturgy is a great honor. A new class is starting up which began June 21. For more information contact Bert Dumais on Sunday or (949) 412-9169 or via email at Bert.Dumais@cox.net

Notes from the Choir

Come, help us sing the Glory of God. *"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live."* Ps. 104:33. Contact Sophia at sophia.konstantarakis@citi.com or (949) 637-0567.



Coffee Hour Hosts & Hostesses

A special thank you goes to Joanna Giangardella for making

our coffee hours wonderful. She will be leaving in August and will not return until mid-October. We are in need of someone to fill in for her while she is away. If you are available please contact Fran Karnazes at frankarnazes@yahoo.com or (949) 492-3299.

St. Paul's Trip to the Hollywood Bowl on August 25

St. Paul's has invited all sister parishes to join them for a concert with Plácido Domingo conducting the Los Angeles Philharmonic in the Cello Concerto by Dvořák with Yo-Yo Ma as the cello soloist and in the 5th Symphony by Tchaikovsky. The cost is \$15 for the ticket and \$8 for the round-trip bus ride from Lakewood for a total cost of \$23.

For further information please call Dean Langis at (949) 733-2366.

Fellowship Potluck at Doheny Beach

Don't miss out on the third annual Fellowship Potluck on Saturday, July 18! For more information please see the event flyer in this issue or visit the church's official website at www.gomsoc.org.

Memorials

If you are planning a memorial service for a loved one, please call Fr. Andrew at (909) 224-5046 to arrange for your family's memorial. To sponsor a Coffee Hour on your memorial Sunday, please coordinate with Joanna Giangardella at (949) 492-2465 or via email at joannasonya@aol.com.



Greek Orthodox Mission of South Orange County

invites you and your family to come and enjoy
an afternoon and evening
of fun and fellowship at our annual

Potluck Fellowship Picnic

Saturday, July 18 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Doheny Beach ♦ Dana Point Harbor ♦ Section 8
Lunch begins at 1 p.m. (leftovers will be for the evening along with a bon fire)

GOMSOC will provide paper products and meats (lamb, burgers)
which we will cook on the available grills at the beach

If you are coming, please bring food/drink according to your last name:

- **A – G:** appetizers (chips, dips, veggies, stuffed grape leaves, Spanakopita)
- **H – M:** salads (greens salads, fruit salads, potato salads, pasta salads)
- **N – S:** deserts
- **T – Z:** drinks (coolers with ice would be great)

Bring your Frisbees and other “Fun in the Sun” games too!

There is a \$10 parking fee for the day. We recommend parishioners carpool.
For more information on Doheny Beach, visit their official website at
www.dohenystatebeach.org

RSVP: contact **Bob Stavrou** at (949) 915-6909 or via email at bstavrou@cox.net
and tell us what food/drink you will be bringing. For more event information, contact
GOMSOC at (949) 350-1933 or visit www.gomsoc.org.

From Los Angeles and Orange Counties: Take Interstate 5 south to the Pacific Coast Highway/Camino Las Ramblas off-ramp (approximately 15 miles south of the Interstate 405 and 5 Interchange). As soon as you exit the freeway you will come to a fork; bear right. You are now on Pacific Coast Highway (northbound). Dana Point Harbor Drive is about 1 mile from the Freeway and is at the second traffic light. As you approach this intersection, Denny's restaurant will be on your right. Turn left onto Dana Point Harbor Drive. The State Beach entrance will be to your left at the first traffic light.

From San Diego County: Take Interstate 5 north to the Beach Cities/Camino Las Ramblas off-ramp. Once you leave the freeway get into the left lane. After you pass through the tunnel you will be on Pacific Coast Highway. Continue about 3/4 mile to the second traffic light which is Dana Point Harbor Drive. As you approach this intersection, Denny's restaurant will be on your right. Turn left onto Dana Point Harbor Drive. The State Beach entrance will be to your left at the first traffic light.

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26351 Junipero Serra Rd.
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Website: www.gomsoc.org

Sunday Liturgies

Orthros (Matins) 8:45 a.m.
Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Directions

From I-5 take the Junipero Serra Road exit. Go west on Junipero Serra Road. Just past the Shell gas station on your right, make a right into the next driveway. Proceed to the north end of the property (signs are posted).

Office and Greek School

28570 Marguerite Parkway #223, Mission Viejo (just north of Avery Pkwy)

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