



MISSION NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Message

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday night we celebrated our third year anniversary – an accomplishment we should all be very proud of. An anniversary is a great time to reflect on our accomplishments and to set the stage for the next anniversary. On June 11, the Steering Committee will formally present to the parish our accomplishments to date and our vision for the upcoming year. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Ever heard of the Greek mathematician Archimedes? He shocked people into seeing the power of leverage by boasting that he could lift the whole world—with a long enough lever. While it may not be initially evident, but we have the power of leverage right here in our community. When you consider that from a dozen or so original families we have grown to well over 100 families, you realize that a little leverage can go a long ways. The math is very simple. If, over the next year, we each invite a new family to our community, we will double our size – with three new families each, we triple our size and so on. How special would it be if at our next anniversary, we could announce that we now have well over 300 families?

In the last Chairman's message, I indicated that we had the need to fill a number of positions and that Irene Basdakis (Vice Chairperson) would accept responsibility for helping to get some of these groups started and the liaison responsibility for these groups. Through Irene's efforts, I am happy to report that we now have a functioning Senior's group (aka the Prime Time Players) that will be headed up by Peter Dames. I understand that they are already planning a number of events. Please see Peter if you have an interest in participating. Also, Reggie Sellas has agreed to accept responsibility associated with coordinating Narthex responsibilities. Help is always needed to both set up & tear down the narthex as well as ushering and managing the candle table. Please see Reggie if you are interested in helping.

In Christ,

Steve Dafnis
Chairman

GOMSOC's Open Positions

Youth Group Chairperson:

Responsible chairperson – responsible for developing and organizing our Mission's youth groups.

Mission Administrator:

Responsible administrator – responsible for managing our Mission's correspondence, email, telephone calls and, scheduling for and administratively assisting Fr. John.

Steering & Operations Committees:

FATHER JOHN KARIOTAKIS
Pastor

STEVE DAFNIS*
Chairman

IRENE BASDAKIS
Vice Chairperson
Operations

EJ CONSTANTINE*
Capital Formation and
Genesis Program Chair

DEMETRA LEWIS*
Stewardship Chair

CHRYSOULA CUTRONE
Events Chair

GEORGIANN ELLIS
Treasurer

MICHAEL SELBERIS*
Member

*Executive Committee Member

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.”

Email r.henning1@juno.com
with any monthly newsletter in-put
suggestions by the last week of the
month preceding publication.

Greek Orthodox Mission of South Orange County Parish Meeting

Sunday, June 11th
Immediately after liturgy

Share in the plan for growing our church family
at the mission together!

The Steering Committee will make a presentation of our Mission's financial and membership status as well as discuss future goals to build our mission. Volunteer opportunities and crucial areas of need will be identified.

Please come! We need everyone's ideas and support to help our Mission grow.

Prime Timers Update

Recently, the senior members of our church united and formed a group now called the Prime Timers. The group welcomes all those interested in participating socially to enjoy life. The first well attended event took place at the Cedar Creek Inn in San Juan where everyone enjoyed a beautiful Sunday luncheon on the restaurant's outdoor patio.

The Prime Timers are currently developing a calendar of future activities that may include a barbecue at the beach, visiting the museums in Balboa Park in San Diego and partaking some fun at a local casino, just to name a few.

The next scheduled event will take place on Sunday, June 18 at 7:00 pm at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach for the presentation of Late Nite Catechism 2. This sensational one-woman show opened shortly after Late Nite Catechism closed, and has been playing to packed houses. The show involves an audience gathered in a "classroom" for a refresher course taught by a tough, sarcastic and devastatingly funny Sister? You can visit lagunaplayhouse.com for additional play information.

Group tickets are \$34 per person (normally \$39 plus the \$4 service charge which has been waived for us) and parking is behind the theater and is \$4 a car. This is a "must not miss" event, a perfect way to celebrate Father's Day!

The Prime Timers are a lot of fun and full of energy. If you are ready to join, now is the time. For additional information on the Prime Timers or to purchase your ticket(s) for the June 18 play at the Laguna Playhouse, please call Peter Dames at 830-4466 or email him at figias2@aol.com. You can also contact Irene Basdakakis at 360-4447 or email her at lawyerirene@hotmail.com.

Announcements

Annual Parish Fundraiser Dinner Dance

On Saturday, June 3rd, approximately 180 people gathered at the home of Angelos and Fotini Theodossis to celebrate our third anniversary. It was a beautiful evening filled with fellowship and fun. We want to thank the Theodossis family for their generosity in hosting the event. We were able to raise a substantial amount for our Mission (detailed information at a later date).

Pascha Thank yous

So many people helped make Pascha a beautiful time for all of us. We would like to thank the following families who donated money towards flowers: Alexander, Antzoulatos, Basdakis, Colclasure, Dalis, Dames, Domingot, Duamis, Ellis, Farr, Georgantopoulos, Georgious, Henning, Herrie, Kilveros, Koclanankis, Sam and Eugenia Kollias, Kyriakis, Matty, Meyerhofer, Papas, Pergakes, Peros, Polis, Sellas, Sfakianakis and Trikounakis. The following families also generously made an Easter offering for the church: Alexander, Andrikos, Anest, Arapostathis, Biddle, Blonska, Christie, Dalis, Damigos, Domingot, Ferrell, Fidopiastis, Giziotis, Henning, Karnazes, Kenny-Heinzen, Keratzides, Kilveros, Kyriazis, Kyritsis, Nickolin, Roussakis, Selberis, Sellas, Terry and Tryforos.

Thank you to Georgiann Ellis and Michelle Selberis who once again organized the flowers and the women to make a beautiful epitaphion. Our Good Friday Retreat for the children was a great success with approximately 40 children attending. Thank you to Ariana Sfakianakis and her teachers for having such a wonderful program for our children.

Sunday School News

On Sunday, June 4th, teachers will be giving each registered student their Sunday School Book to keep. If the student will not be able to attend at that time, they may pick the book up before then. The very last day to pick up books will be on Sunday, June 11th. Books will not be mailed out. On Sunday, June 11th, we will have a Graduation Ceremony for our Sunday School. Father John will be presenting each registered student a Certificate of Participation. There will not be Sunday School classes on this day.

Greek School News

The Greek School will be having its end of the year party on Wednesday, June 14th at 5 pm. It will be held at Bob Stavrou's house, 26021 Red Corral RD Laguna Hills, CA 92653. The cost is \$20 per family for the dinner. You will need to RSVP by June 11th to Mia Domingot at (949) 637-5278.

Philoptochos News

The Philoptochos is always glad to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining or would like more



Pentecost– The Gift of the Holy Spirit

A reading from Acts 2:1-4

“When the Day of Pentecost (50 Days after Easter) had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And 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.”

As Greek Orthodox Christians, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Chrismation..

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Sunday Liturgies:

10:00 a.m.

JSerra High School Chapel
26351 Junipero Serra Rd.
San Juan Capistrano

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 JSerra High School. Proceed to the north end of the property (signs are posted).

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