



Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Youth Group Information: 2024-25

Sunday School helps strengthen our children's relationship with our Lord and Savior and their understanding of the Orthodox faith. They will learn about Saints, what is happening during Liturgy, fasting and its importance, Orthodox culture and traditions, and much more. It is for students K-12. We currently have teachers to split the children by grade level. The time of Sunday School has changed. Our amazing Sunday School teachers are trying to accommodate everyone. All grades will have a 9:15 and an 11:45 session. **The session at 9:15am** and will meet in the Sunday School rooms and come to church at 10 and sit with family. **The session at 11:45 will be different.** After communion they will sit on the left of the church, in the white pews, and teachers will escort them to the church hall for snack and class. Do not allow your child to go to the hall without adult supervision.

GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is a youth ministry for 7th-12th graders. It helps strengthen our youth's faith and sense of community and family. There are monthly meetings, either virtual or held at the church hall after Divine Liturgy. In addition to meetings they are learning and integrating the four elements of Orthodox youth (Worship, Service, Fellowship, Witness) they do this through fundraisers, volunteer work (that can count for school), both for the church and community, camp and much more.

HOPE (grades K-3) and **JOY** (grades 4-6) are youth ministries that help strengthen our youngest children's faith and sense of community and family at their levels. They learn and integrate the four elements of Orthodox youth (Worship, Service, Fellowship, Witness).

Greek Dance will teach your child traditional Greek dancing. They will perform at the Greek festival in October and several other important Greek holidays. There will be weekly practices at the church hall. Practices are Wednesdays and Fridays, and Sundays after church. Again the dance teacher is trying to accommodate all so please attend as many as possible.

Greek School: Contact Ted Kesoglou at 843-503-3893 or Jimmy Labrinos 843-446-4800, for further information.