



# Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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## Youth Group Information: 2025-2026

**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. **All grades will meet from 9:15 am to 9:55 am in the Sunday School rooms and will return to their parents by 10 am. There will be another session for Grades K-4 after communion.** After communion, Grades K-4 will sit on the left of the church and teachers will escort them to the church hall for a 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. The practices are Tuesdays and Sundays after church. Again, the dance teacher is trying to accommodate all so please attend as many as possible.

**Greek School:** To be determined.