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## Youth Group Information: 2024-25

Another year of school is about to begin, and our youth ministries are also preparing. There will be some changes. Please take note. Use the form above to register your children so program advisors can properly prepare. Return it to the pangari or Lisa Nicolaou thru the above email or address given.

\*A  **blessing** of the children, and their school book bags will be held  **August 18th**, after Divine Liturgy. This is to send them to school on the 19th, with happy hearts, a good frame of mind, ready to learn and God's protection.

**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. If we have enough students we would like to do grades K-3, 4-6, 7-12. The time of Sunday School has changed. Beginning  **September 8th grades 4-6** will continue to meet at  **9:15am** and will meet in the Sunday school rooms and come to church at 10 and sit with family.  **Grades K-3 and 7-12 will begin at 11:45**. 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.

**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.  **September 8th**, after church, will be the first monthly meeting. GOYA officers and elections will be discussed as well as discussing this year's tentative calendar. Thomas Carras is the advisor 802-379-4437.

**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 (10-13) and several other important Greek holidays. There will be weekly practices at the church hall. Possible days for practice are Wednesdays, Some Fridays, and Sundays after church. It will be based on the majority. Greek Dance classes will be held on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

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