

# The Vineyard

"I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES" (*John 15:51*)

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PROISTAMENOS MESSAGE

## PAIN



It is 5:00am and I am in the hospital experiencing severe pain.

No one likes to be in pain. Yet pain can serve us as a powerful tool, which alerts the patient that something is wrong with his body that the medical people may attend to its needs.

Yes, it would be a great mistake to look at pain in purely negative terms, as something to be avoided at all costs. For without pain, we would be in serious trouble.

God's gift of pain, yes it is a gift, benefits us in many ways. It allows us to pause and to seriously consider those things which truly matter in our life. Pain can often point to the direction our life should take. Pain can make us acutely aware of whether or not we live our life for the right reasons. It acts as a catalyst, the gadfly of Socrates, which awakens us to the reality of another world, the world of the spirit, the place where God dwells.

Pain serves to remind me of simpler days when things were more innocent but also points out to the wrong ways I have chosen. Pain may be pointing me down another way. Pain could be also trying to tell me that I need to re-examine my relationships with others and especially with God. Yes, all this time in pain, God may be whispering to me. Think about it.

Pain may awaken me to make radical changes. Pain can be physical or non-physical. Often times, the results of life's struggles to succeed provides us with some satisfaction but this satisfaction is short-lived. This may lead us to wrongly conclude that, that's true happiness. Some will never be able to make changes to rid them of this false security of hoping in "more and more". One story points out to what I am saying. There was a man by the name of Alfred Nobel. He was extremely wealthy and lived the good life. One day he awoke to the shock of his life. In big bold letters, he saw in the local newspaper his obituary with the tag line, "Alfred Nobel the inventor of dynamite which brought misery to the world, is dead." Shocked by the pain of what he would be remembered for, he marshaled his forces and made changes in his will and formed many foundations to assist humanity. And he is remembered as the founder of the Annual Nobel Peace Prize and other awards. Such is the power of pain. It can bring about great healing of body, soul and spirit.

I need to ask myself, is my faith grounded in Jesus Christ and my Orthodox Christian faith? Is the Lord Jesus someone I long for as the, "physician of our souls and bodies", or the one who is my very life? Can he be both? Absolutely, He is.

Friends, if Christ is not your life, if you don't feel goose bumps because every time you receive Him in your mouth, you have some serious work ahead of you. Your physical pain can assist you to turn from your bed of pain to Christ, the most compassionate truth. Yes pain can bring you a timely conversion. It can offer you a world of opportunities. Do it while your window is still opened.

Are you finally ready? Go for it!!!



# **THE VINEYARD**

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**Orthros & Divine Liturgy.....9:00 A.M.**

Memorials at Conclusion of Divine Liturgy  
Fellowship in Church Hall Following Divine Liturgy

**WEEKDAY/HOLY DAY SERVICES.....9:00 A.M.**

### *Parish Programs*

**ALTAR BOYS** - Each boy serves in the Altar once every four weeks.

**BIBLE STUDY** - Tuesdays 11:30 A.M.

**CHILDREN'S GREEK CLASS** - Tuesdays - 4:00 P.M.

**CLASS FOR THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED** - As scheduled.

**CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH** - Wednesdays - 7:00 P.M.

**FOLK DANCE GROUPS** - Rehearsals Sundays - 1:00 P.M.

**G.O.Y.A** - 1st Sunday and 3rd Friday of the month

**PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY** - First Wednesday of the month - 7:00 P.M.

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# THE SATIATION OF OUR HUNGER

God has armed us with certain instincts which motivate each of us to concern ourselves with not simply maintaining ourselves, physically, as well as spiritually, but also to constantly try to improve the quality of our life. The miracle of the multiplication of the five loaves of bread as well as the two fish affords us an opportunity to focus on one of these instincts, that is the instinct of hunger.

First of all, the instinct of hunger is necessary for the survival of the human race. If we do not eat, we will die within a short period of time.

From the moment that we arrive into this world, until the moment we leave, all humans demonstrate the need to survive in various ways. The first manner in which we demonstrate our need to survive, following our birth, is through crying. When a baby is hungry, it cries. It immediately attracts the attention of the parents, in order that the baby may be fed, thus satisfying one of its most basic needs. If this need is not met, the baby can experience serious health complications, eventually leading to its death.

Additionally, human beings experience other types of hunger. Specifically, each of us has both emotional and psychological needs which must be satisfied beginning at an early age.

Some of these needs include, but are not limited to a need to feel safe, as well as a need to belong and be accepted. In 1943 the psychologist Abraham Maslow expounded on these needs in a paper entitled A Theory of Human Motivation.

There is also another, deeper need that human beings need to satisfy. That is the need to know God. Not simply to know him in theory, but to have a very personal relationship with Him.

Since the expulsion of mankind from the Garden of Eden, mankind had been progressively moving further away from God. In the Old Testament, we read how God had sent the various prophets in an effort to motivate people to return back to Him. His infinite love for mankind, God conducts one final effort to bring people back to Him by sending His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who was subsequently crucified for the sins of the world.

During His three year earthly ministry, Jesus spoke to the people teaching them about God, thereby fulfilling their inherent need to better know God. Additionally, He performed a multitude of miracles, often utilizing common materials, such as fish, wine, bread and oil as well as curing people from illness and even raising people from the dead, in order to demonstrate His Divine Essence. With regard to Christ satisfying both the physical as well as spiritual needs of mankind, St. John Chrysostom writes the following with regard to Christ feeding the five thousand. "The hour has passed, but He, who is not subjected to time, speaks with you." Following this miracle the people flocked to Christ in order to learn the truth about God. Their spiritual hunger to know God was so great that they, and countless others, followed Christ wherever He went.

What about us? Are we hungry to know God? Just what are we realistically willing to do to satisfy this spiritual hunger? What time and what efforts are we willing to devote to better knowing God? What are we realistically willing to sacrifice to achieve this goal? Or are we just kidding ourselves? How high is this on our priority list?

The New Ecclesiastical Year, which began on September 1<sup>st</sup> affords us yet another opportunity to "recharge" our spiritual life, through participation in the various ministries of our church in order to help us achieve this goal. Don't allow yet another opportunity to pass by. Now is the time to rededicate our lives back to God. Let us take advantage of this opportunity as we don't really know if we will ever get another one.

In His service,

Fr. Nicholas

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome everyone back from their summer vacations or staycations (meaning staying at home) and hope that all our families and friends here at St. John's had a safe and enjoyable summer. My family and I enjoyed 7 weeks in my homeland, the island of Kefalonia located on the Ionian side of Greece. I'm now well rested, rejuvenated and excited to begin another productive year here at the church.

On Sunday, September 12th the Sunday School reconvened. Indeed, we have so many fine teachers so I know that our children will benefit greatly from the program. Also, the Greek School started on Tuesday, September 14th. I am very pleased to announce that this year's enrollment is the highest it's been in the last 3 years. There is an outstanding committee and excellent teachers who are dedicated to making this another successful year for all our students.

This past Labor Day weekend marked another year of participation by St. John's at the International Street Fair. We broke another record. Kudos goes to Larry Halfhill, Michael Gallanes and John Ohanian for their leadership and hard work. I would also like to thank all the chair people for the various booths and the volunteers who put in so many hours of hard work. We knew we had done quite well when we ran out of food by about 7:00pm, Sunday evening.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos visited our parish on Sunday, September 12th. Following Divine Liturgy, he met with the Parish Council. His Eminence informed the Council that he will announce the identity of the new, incoming proistamenos by late October. The new priest will take leadership on January 1st, 2011 following Father James' retirement date of December 31st, 2010. The Parish Council is looking forward to welcoming and working with the new priest.

Many thanks to Father Nicholas for stepping up and guiding our parish while Father James has been out ill for the last few months. Father Nicholas will be with us until May or June of 2011 to help with the transition and assist the new priest.

Lastly, the Parish Council is excited and busy preparing for the 50th Anniversary celebration. John Ohanian is our general chairman for the event. He is planning an outstanding program and is seeking everyone's help to assure a successful and enjoyable weekend.

**Harry Benetatos,**

**Parish Council President**

# PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

“There was never a person who did anything worth doing,  
that he did not receive more than he gave.” -Henry Ward Beecher

I am pleased to inform you that His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos, has appointed a new President of the Ladies Philoptochos Society for the Metropolis of San Francisco, Jeannie Ranglas. Jeannie has been Chairman for the Kids ‘n’ Cancer for many years and has helped raised money to build four Agape Camps. She is a very dedicated, hard working Philoptochos member that has a great heart. We are honored to have Jeannie Ranglas as our Metropolis Philoptochos President. We thank our past President, Valerie Roumeliotis, for all her 10 years of good work and dedication. Valerie will stay on the Metropolis Board as an advisor.

Freda Chrest and I, representing St. John’s Philoptochos, were part of the 382 Philoptochos delegates from throughout the U.S. to convene in Atlanta for the 2010 National Philoptochos Biennial Convention. We gathered in response to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrio’s call to ***Come and See: Witnessing our Faith in Christ Through Works***. The Philoptochos ladies attending the convention, representing the entire membership, demonstrated their commitment to freedom and affirmed their dedication to the mission of Philoptochos.

Important topics addressed included membership, leadership and through social services, how to cope with 21st century day-to-day stress that women face. We will have more information on this Convention at our October 6th General Meeting.

Fall is in the air! Here’s looking forward to cooler days, earlier sunsets and all the fall activities. We once again turn our attention to our needy families that need help with food this Thanksgiving. There is always much need to help and give a helping hand to the many children and families that are not as fortunate. In October, during the Sunday coffee hour, we will provide a box earmarked:

**“MONETARY DONATIONS TO HELP PROVIDE  
FOOD FOR OUR NEEDY FAMILIES.”**

We have many children with one parent who need our help. Your support and generosity helps make a difference. We will partner again with the Sunday School to help us in this worthwhile work. Thank you for always answering our plea.

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered for the Orange County International Street Fair, especially all our Philoptochos ladies. This was no easy task with the heat and the many hours of setting-up, standing and working on the street. We had a very successful Greek Street. Thank you to Julies Sarres for chairing the successful pastry booth and to all her incredible volunteers.

Our first ***General Philoptochos meeting is Wednesday, October 6th at 7pm*** in the small hall. Join us as we begin to plan the fall season for Philoptochos and share stories about our summer vacations.

***Mary Ohanian, President***

# CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to all our wonderful Church School students! The teachers and staff are excited about another great year. Our new on-line registration was a great success. We had 70 students registered through our website. We have a total of 127 students registered in Church School so far.

## THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS FALL

### **Back to Church School Picnic and Open House - October 10, 2010**

Come join us as we celebrate the start of the 2010-11 Church School year! Stop by the BBQ for food and then make sure to go by the classrooms to see what your children have been learning.

### **Prosforo Sunday - October 24, 2010**

This was a big hit last year and we're doing it again! Each class will make their own and learn its role in our liturgy.

### **Thanksgiving Fund Drive - November 2010**

For Thanksgiving, our Church School will again partner with St. John's Philoptochos to feed the needy. Our students will help collect money in the month of November and we will pool our money with donations raised by the Philoptochos. The money raised will go towards purchasing gift cards to give to needy families to be used to purchase food for a nice Thanksgiving dinner. There are many families with children who are hungry and whose parents can't afford to buy a nice meal. Our students can make a difference and help make a nice Thanksgiving for a family that may go without.

See you on Sunday!

Kally Attard and Patrica Bangos - Directors

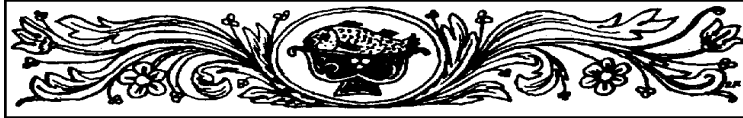


# OCTOBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 2nd Sunday of Luke, 9am -GOYA Meeting	4	5 -Bible Study, 11:30am -Greek School, 4pm -Parish Council Meeting, 7pm	6 -Orthodox Faith Class, 7pm -Philoptochos Meeting, 7pm	7 -Choir Practice, 7pm	8	9
10 3rd Sunday of Luke, 9am  Sunday School Picnic and Open House	11	12 -Bible Study, 11:30am -Greek School, 4pm	13 -Orthodox Faith Class, 7pm	14 -Choir Practice, 7pm	15 -GOYA Activity	16
17 Sunday of the 17th Ecumenical Council, 9am	18	19 -Bible Study, 11:30am -Greek School, 4pm -Parish Council Meeting, 7pm	20 -Orthodox Faith Class, 7pm	21 -Choir Practice, 7pm	22	23 St. John's 49th Anniversary Dinner/Dance
24 6th Sunday of Luke, 9am	25	26 -Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrhbearer, 9am -Bible Study, 11:30am -Greek School, 4pm	27 -Orthodox Faith Class, 7pm	28 OXI Day -Choir Practice, 7pm	29	30 Choir Workshop
31 5th Sunday of Luke, 9am						

Remember to change your clocks back on November 7, 2010 for Daylight Savings Time!!

# Worship Services



## OCTOBER 2010

**Sunday, October 3, 2010**

**2nd Sunday of Luke**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

**Sunday, October 10, 2010**

**3rd Sunday of Luke**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

**Sunday, October 17, 2010**

**Sunday of the 17th Ecumenical Council**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

**Sunday, October 24, 2010**

**6th Sunday of Luke**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

**Tuesday, October 26, 2010**

**Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrhbearer, 9am**

**Sunday, October 31, 2010**

**5th Sunday of Luke**

Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

## **PROSFORO SCHEDULE**

October 3..... Mrs. Maria Mendonis  
October 10..... Mrs. Katherine Glavas  
October 17..... Mrs. Anastasia Mandas  
October 24..... Mrs. Dimitra Klentos  
October 26..... Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos  
October 31..... Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos

## **WOMEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE!!!**

We are looking for additional volunteers to help in this vital and ongoing aspect of Orthodox Church life. If you like to bake, and are willing to offer the Prosforo for Communion, please call the church office or Joanne Kalogeropoulos (714) 991-8126.





# Church Registry

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## BAPTISMS

**APRIL 24, 2010**

**CHRISTOS IASON COLE**

*Proud Parents: Christopher & Stephanie Cole  
God Parents: Christopher & Christine Turner*

**EVANGELOS ALLEN COLE**

*Proud Parents: Christopher & Stephanie Cole  
God Parents: Barbara Nonis*

**JULY 31, 2010**

**ATHANASIOS WELSBIE**

*Proud Parents: Derek & Kristi Welsbie  
God Parent: George C. Chapralis*

**AUGUST 7, 2010**

**EVANGELOS ANDREW STANITSAS**

*Proud Parents: Andrew & Ashley Stanitsas  
God Parents: Christos & Sophia Syrengelas*

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2010**

**IOANNIS DEMETRIADI**

*Proud Parents: Spyridon & Fotini Demetriadi  
God Parents: Dionyssios & Vasiliki Nicolopoulos*

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2010**

**LOUKAS VASILIOS GATSINARIS**

*Proud Parents: Vasili & Sara Gatsinaris  
God Parents: Thomas & Athanasia Solowczuk*

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2010**

**PANIYIOTIS LATTIN**

*Proud Parents: Trevor & Mary Lattin  
God Parents: Andreas & Nicky Syrengelas*

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2010**

**ELAINA SOPHIA GIANNETAKIS**

*Proud Parents: Paul & Patricia Giannetakis  
God Parents: Vasileia Mathioudaki*

## MEMORIALS

**AUGUST 22, 2010**

**Philio Mestakides - 6 Month  
George Massouris - 6 Month**

**AUGUST 29, 2010**

**Aspasia "Alberta" Keffelas - 40 Day  
Nancy Dramatinos - 2 Year**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2010**

**Gus Sigas - 3 Year**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2010**

**Athanasios Kolligris - 3 Month  
Eleni Kyriacou - 25 Year  
Michael Kyriacou - 25 Year  
Ekaterene Karafotis - 1 Year**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2010**

**William Mitchell - 40 Day**

**+ FELL ASLEEP IN THE LORD +**

**JUNE 5, 2010**

**GEORGE ALAVIZOS**

**AUGUST 2, 2010**

**WILLIAM MITCHELL**

**+ *May their memory be eternal* +**



## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

If you know someone celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, please forward the information to the Church Office.

# ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2010



TEAM 1	TEAM 2
<p>George Dalis Nicholas Foutris Kosta Dalis Gregory Roumpos Nicholas Pieratos Alexios Angeletakis</p>	<p>Dimitri Pappas Bradley Jung Kyriakos Alyousef Michael Bangos Kyriakos Psaras Stephen Stylianides Anthony Christofer</p>
<p>October 3, 2010 October 31, 2010</p>	<p>October 10, 2010 November 7, 2010</p>
TEAM 3	TEAM 4
<p>John Hourigan Stefan Malmlund Alexander Malmlund Aristos Malmlund Carl Cantonis Aleko Culp Dean Athanasiou</p>	<p>George Alexopoulos Niko Begakis Argirios Alexopoulos Speros Mantas Dimitri Dimopoulos Paul Stephens Kyle Manes</p>
<p>October 17, 2010 November 14, 2010</p>	<p>October 24, 2010 November 21, 2010</p>

- 1.) The Divine Liturgy begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Please be vested no later than 10:05 AM.
- 2.) Clothing preference is white (or light) shirt and tie with dark shoes. NO SNEAKERS PLEASE.

# The Stewardship of St. John Koukouzelis

## October 1



Christian Orthodox Stewardship is a practice that is often misunderstood and misused in the Church. Many think of Stewardship solely from a monetary perspective, as a means to financially support the sacred work of the Church. This is, of course, important, but Stewardship should not be limited to this - it is much more!

Christian Orthodox stewards are taught to give their Time, Talents, and Treasure to the glory of God. There are many opportunities in parish life that enable us to support the Lord's work. It is a sacred privilege for each of us to participate in the life of the Church. We pledge ourselves to the Lord so that our offerings may be faithful and obedient to His teachings and the Sacred Traditions of our Christian Orthodox Faith.

Among the many ways we can participate in our parish ministries is as a chanter, a reader, or member of the choir. We emulate the angelic choirs in heaven when we sing to the glory of God. There are also a number of saints whose example we follow by managing our Time and using our musical Talent to sing to the Lord. Among them are: St. Romanos the Melodist,

St. John of Damascus, St. Andrew of Crete, Joseph the Hymnographer, and St. Kassiane. There is also another saint who is known for his love for the music of our Church, a pious man who possessed a marvelous voice, and a steward of the Faith who gave his Time and Talent to the glory of God. Who was the person? St. John Koukouzelis!

As a young man, St. Koukouzelis was recognized for his musical talent. He was sent to the Conservatory of Music in Constantinople, where he became a popular singer for the Imperial Court. The success he enjoyed as an entertainer for the Emperor and his court should have given him every satisfaction, but John was not content with his life. He was concerned about the flattery and praise brought upon him for his musical talent and felt that his voice was not being used for its real purpose. John knew that the Emperor would never allow him to leave his position, so he fled to the Holy Mountain to search his soul and to pray to God for guidance. The Emperor became concerned about the disappearance of his favorite singer and offered a reward to anyone who could give him information about him.

At the Great Lavra Monastery, John did not reveal who he was or what position he had held in the Imperial Court. He simply wanted to be a shepherd and monk. While taking care of the flock, John would sing hymns to the Lord and to the Theotokos. One day, a couple of monks heard him singing with a voice so sweet and melodic that they thought that it was that of an angel. They moved quietly, hoping to see the vision of an angel but instead they saw John with his flock. The monks rushed back to the monastery and told the abbot what they had heard and seen. When John returned, he was summoned by the abbot who asked him why he was not willing to use his voice during the divine services. John explained his story to him, but the abbot assured him that the Emperor would understand and accept his desire to pursue the monastic life. The abbot instructed him to never hide the Talent that God had given him, but to use it to praise and glorify His Almighty Name. From that moment on, John served as the lead chanter in the monastery. As the Akathist Hymn was being sung during Great Lent one year, John was exhausted and sat down and fell asleep near the icon of the Holy Mother of God and soon fell asleep. The Theotokos appeared to him and said: ***"Greetings, John! Sing, and don't stop singing; and for this, I will never leave you."*** She then placed a gold coin into his hand and disappeared. John woke up immediately, and in his hand was the gold coin.

The life of St. John Koukouzelis is an example of how important it is to manage our Time so that we may use our Talents properly. We have all been entrusted with blessings from God, and He desires that we put them to good use. Take a moment from your busy schedule and ask yourself: "Am I managing God's blessings as a good and faithful steward?" May St. John Koukouzelis intercede on your behalf and be an inspiration so that you use your Talents for the glory of God.

LOVING NEVER EMPTIES  
YOUR HEART NOR GIVING,  
YOUR HAND.



# Stewardship 2010

The following have submitted their 2010 pledge cards.  
We thank them and we invite the others to make their gift to their church.

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Mrs. Arlene Agalos  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Akkerman  
Ms. Constance Alavizos  
Mr. & Mrs. George Alavizos  
Mr. & Mrs. Themis Alexopoulos  
Ms. Mary Amandos  
Mr. George Ambatielos  
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Mrs. Georgia Anasis  
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Mr. & Mrs. Peter P. Attard  
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Mr. & Mrs. William Christian  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Christides  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Christofer  
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Dr. Demetrios Dalietos  
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Mr. George Damascus  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Darling  
Mr. & Mrs. Spyridon Demetriadi  
Mr. Chris Deralas  
Mr. & Mrs. William Deralas  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Diamant  
Mr. & Mrs. Argirios Dimopoulos  
Mr. & Mrs. John Dimopoulos  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dorlis  
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Dourbetas  
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Dourbetas  
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As of  
**September 20, 2010**  
**Total Pledges: 347**  
**Goal: 600**  
**Total Pledged:**  
**236,828.00**  
**Budgeted Goal:**  
**\$285,000.00**  
**Amount left to reach**  
**Goal:**  
**\$48,172.00**



## YOUTH CORNER

Once again the summer passed too quickly. I hope that everyone got a chance to relax.

This year there will be no JOY or Little Angels and HOPE Ministries, due to the F.D.F practice, which conflicts with these ministries. The emphasis will be on GOYA as well as the Acolyte Ministry.

### G.O.Y.A

As in previous years, GOYA will conduct its monthly business meeting on the first Sunday of the month following the Divine Liturgy in the Board Room.

A GOYA activity will be held on the third Friday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3** - First GOYA meeting. Election of officers will be held. Activity curriculum as well as upcoming events of various neighboring churches will be distributed.

### ACOLYTES

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10** - An acolyte training session will be held in the church following the Divine Liturgy. This class **is required** for all new acolytes. More experienced acolytes are strongly urged to attend, in order to review procedures.

**Watch for PhilanthroPizza  
upcoming dates  
in the Sunday Bulletin.**

### PARKING UPDATE



Additional parking is available in the empty lot next to the Church School classrooms. We graciously ask that you refrain from parking in the designated, "No Parking" areas or fire lanes. Signs have been posted in the "No Parking" locations.

## NEW TABLES AND CHAIRS



As the new school year starts I hope you all notice we have new chairs and tables. Thanks to Steve Kitsigianis for his detective work in finding a local vendor who turned out to be a fellow Armenian, a member of Saint Sophia in Los Angeles and also married to a Greek Lady. What a great combination! As we saw, the same chairs in his warehouse that Steve found on the internet, we also saw some great tables. With the blessing of the Parish Council, and a generous donation from Georgia Soles of \$1,000.00 in memory of her husband Dean, to go towards the chairs, we have 400 new chairs and 40 new tables. Our final expense after selling the old tables and chairs should be just under \$6,500.00, which is \$500.00 over what the General Assembly passed for just the chairs. Thanks again Steve and Georgia.

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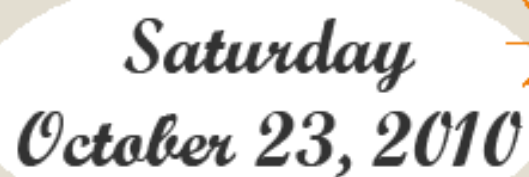
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*Saturday  
October 23, 2010*

**Saint John the Baptist**

**Greek Orthodox Church**

**Cordially Invites You to Celebrate**

**Our 49th Anniversary**

**Dinner/Dance Celebration**

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*(Mark 1:2-3)*

