



FAMILY YOUTH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



Nativity Pageant: December 14, 2014 **Mark your calendars!!!**

The scripts are in and the actors have been casted. Ms. Elissa will be handing out the scripts to all the actors today during coffee hour. First rehearsal is on Sunday, October 12, right after Sunday school. All actors in scenes 1; 2a; 3a; and 2b should read their part and be ready for rehearsal.



GOYA FALL RETREAT!

**Register NOW for the 2014
Southern Region GOYA Fall Retreat.**

It will be held November 14-16, 2014, at Pine Cove Outback Retreat Center in Columbus, Texas. GOYAnS, ages 11-18, are welcomed to retreat away from every day challenges and focus on their relationship with Christ. The link for information and online registration can be found here:

<http://youth.denver.goarch.org/events/2014-events/2014-southern-region-fall-retreat-ii>

Online registration will close at midnight Mountain time on November 1, 2014.



Nativity Pageant rehearsal schedule



- 10/12— 12:30pm-1pm scene 1
1pm-13:30pm scene 2a
1:30pm-2pm scene 3a
2pm-2:30pm scene 2b
- 10/19 - 12:30pm-1pm scene 4
1pm-13:30pm scene 3b
1:30pm-2pm scene 5
- 10/26 1pm-1:30pm scene 6
1:30pm-2pm scene 8b
2pm-2:30pm scene 8a

Levendia Dance up-coming practices

(all students entering middle school or in middle/high school are welcome, no previous experience required!)

- 10/19 - 12:45pm, at the church
- 11/1 - Performance at the Taste of Greece

Contact: Eleni Ackerman, 512.560.2063, eleni_ackerman@yahoo.com

Other: Please wear comfortable shoes



Ellinakia Greek Dancing Group

Marilena Kostouros is the new dance teacher for the Ellinakia. Right now Ellinakia meets on Fridays at 8pm, right after Greek school.

To register your kids please contact her directly at :
marilena@mail.com

Hope/Joy

Saturday, October 18 after Great Vespers

HOPE/JOY Holy House

Join us for Great Vespers and then our annual Holy House for all HOPE/JOY kids.

--Come dressed up as a saint or in some other friendly costume

--Dinner will be served after the skits, so feed your kids a snack if necessary

RSVP on the Punchbowl invitation at this link:

<http://www.punchbowl.com/parties/ac85bfc350ff58629475>



Something New for Our Little Ones

We now have a children's book display case in the Narthex!

Feel free to pick up a book or two for your children to read during the services; but please return them to the case when the service is over. These books are also available at the bookstore for purchase! :-)

As you will see, we also have coloring pages next to the display and in the cry-room for your children

GOYA NEWS

October 12th: **Movie, dinner and discussion** at the Phocas residence: 3909 Alabaster Cove, Round Rock, TX 78681. Parents are also invited. Please click on the link below to sign up for Potluck dinner and let us know you're attending: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C4DACA72AA6FA7-october

Note that it is **NOT** necessary to sign up to Signupgenius.com in order to volunteer. We just need your name and email, so you don't need to check the box that says "sign up to SignUpGenius"

October 18th: **Goya to volunteer at Holy House.** We need "actors"!!! In order for the Holy House to be a success your help.

November 8th: **29th Anniversary Gala.** GOYAns will be participating in the Gala in two different ways:

1) Silent Auction Basket: The GOYA basket theme is "Family Night" and we're looking for donations to fit that theme. The donations could be family appropriate movies, board games, gift cards to movies, restaurants, ice cream shops, books, prayer books etc. Please bring your donations to the GOYA basket which will be in Mount Tabor foyer the next two Sundays 09/28 and 10/05

2) Volunteers for the Gala: There are two volunteer opportunities at the Gala

a) Babysitting – at the moment we're not sure how many we'll need, but sign up if you're interested, and

b) Manning the Silent Auction – we need about 5-6 Senior Goyans to walk around the Silent Auction while the partying is going on in the Ballroom at the Gala. Click on this link to go to the Sign Up Sheet:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1M8FIn_DX54Y5KICp213dWZONxc9FIDwQw9mDNgjXUHo/viewform?usp=send_form

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November 25 or 26th : **Operation Turkey** – details to follow

December 20th: **Service Project** – details to follow



The Martyr Charitina

The Martyr Charitina of Rome was orphaned in childhood and raised as a slave of a rich man named Claudius. Claudius appreciated her and respected her for her character and charisma; she was hardworking, conscientious and behaved with respect and love towards her master as well as her fellow servants. The young woman was very pretty, very sensible, kind and fervent in faith. She imparted to other people her love for Christ, and she converted many to the way of salvation.

During a time of persecution under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), St Charitina was subjected to horrible torments for her strong confession of the Lord Jesus Christ, and she died in the year 304.



St Methodia

St Methodia was born on 10 November 1861 on the island of Kimolos (Greece), the third of eight children. She was baptized Irene and from a young age she stood out by her piety, modesty and love towards the Church. When she was at an age "suitable for marriage" she was married off to a sailor from Chios, who soon after died at sea. Irene became a nun, took the name Methodia and, as there was no nunnery on the island, she slept alone inside a makeshift cell in the inner Kastro of Kimolos next to the 16th century Church of the Nativity. During Lent, she shut herself in completely, but at other times, she preached and performed the usual miracles using anointed oil. At the age of 47 and after a brief illness she died on 5 October 1908, while it was generally believed by her compatriots that God placed her amongst His Saints. She was officially declared a Saint on October 5, 1991.

