



St. Anna Orthodox Shrine Youth Weekly Bulletin

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Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the grave is He bestowing life.

Today is the Sunday of the Samaritan woman. The gospel reading is found in John 4:5-42

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Kontakion: *The Samaritan Woman, having come to the well in faith, beheld You, the Water of Wisdom from which she drank plentifully and inherited the Heavenly Kingdom as one who is blessed forever.*

As Orthodox Christians we should read scripture daily. The prescribed reading s for each day and can be found on the youth website, the archdiocese website, and the weekly bulletin. After reading any text we should take a few moments to synthesize the information by asking ourselves questions or finding a way to implement something into our lives. Below are a few questions to help each of us understand the gospel and how it shapes each of us.

Thinking about the Gospel Reading

1. If you lived in Sy'char would you go to see Jesus? If so why or why not?
2. If Jesus told you about your life would you gather your friends and family to come meet this person so they would believe? Why?
3. The Samaritan woman shared what she learned with the people and invited them to come and see Jesus. Do you share your faith with your friends? Do you invite your friends to come and see for themselves?

Religious Education Helpful Resources for Parents and Religious Educators

Saint Anna Main and Youth Websites- Our main site offers a live feed of events and stories from throughout the Orthodox world. The youth site offers an up to date calendar of all youth activities and youth blogs about different items. www.saintanna.org and www.saintanna.org/youth

Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC)- This site offers articles, curriculum and history of the Church. The site is geared more to the parent and educator. <http://www.orthodoxed.org/>

Orthodox Church of America (OCA) Department of Religious Education: OCA Department of Religious Ed. offers lessons and units to teachers. With every lesson they offer more resources to help the teacher with the unit. The site also offers many free downloads of icons to color. One can also sign up to stay informed on their listserv. <http://dce.oca.org/>

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Department of Religious Education: Our Department of Religious Education offers different types of lessons that include learning to chant and the feasts. As another way to reach children they provide multimedia resources for different content topics including chanting, the Sacraments and more. www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religioused

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of North America Christian Education: On their site you can find the Sunday gospel reading in terms different age groups understand, lesson plans, information on youth tithing, and more. There are articles and other links that you can follow from their website. <http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation>

Saints Alive: This is a great place for kids to play games on the internet and learn about Orthodoxy. There are plenty of games ranging from word puzzles and pacman to memory and catching the Manna. This is a fun way to learn! www.games.goarch.org

The Happiest Place on Earth Disneyland

The GOYA will depart for their annual Disneyland Trip on Monday, June 14–Wednesday, June 16. The cost is \$130 per child which includes two nights hotel, breakfast for two days, Disneyland entrance, and a BBQ. Transportation costs will be finalized in the coming days.

Trip Itinerary:
Monday, June 14
Depart for Southern California
Day at the Beach
BBQ
Tuesday, June 15
Disneyland
Wednesday, June 16
Visit a Southern California Sister parish
Trip Home

Chaperones are still needed for the trip! Please contact Michelle Hawe if you would like to participate as a participant or chaperone!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Religious Education: There is a Religious Education Staff Meeting TODAY after Liturgy. There will be no Religious Education on Sunday, May 9 so we can stay in Church and pray with our Moms on Mother's Day.

GOYA News: Tuesday evening the Jr. High and High School students will gather at the Church for a night of discussion and fellowship. *Next Sunday the GOYA will host a Pancake Breakfast coffee hour for Mother's Day.*

JOY/HOPE News: JOY/HOPE is back on Wednesday evenings. We will be meeting at 6:30 pm in the preschool rooms.

Summer Camp: During the summer our parish will go to St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center for the first week of Summer Camp, July 11-17. Throughout the week our youth will participate in the worship cycle, faith based discussions, swimming, arts and crafts, sports, a trip to the Sequoia's, and the annual Olympics. Each evening there is a different activity such as game night, camp fire, skit night, a dance and more. All the youth that have experienced camp love it and look forward to going back the next year because of their experiences and friendships that are made.



JOY/GOYA Six Flag Discovery Kingdom Trip

This year we will be taking our JOY and GOYAnS who would like to attend to Marine World on Tuesday, June 22. We will be departing the Church at 9:00 am for a full day of fun and excitement. Tickets for the park are \$26 per participant.

Transportation costs are not included in ticket price. Chaperones are needed! All release forms are located on the website. To reserve your families place please pay for tickets to Michelle Hawe no later than May 21.

Save the Date

- May 9 GOYA Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 23 Pentecost- Family Worship Day
- June 6 Religious Education Commencement
- June 14-16 GOYA Disneyland Trip
- June 22 Marine World Trip (JOY)
- July 11-17 Parish to Summer Camp

Youth Website and Facebook

Join St. Anna Youth and Young Adult Ministries on the web! Stay up to date on all youth news and events by logging onto www.saintanna.org/youth. The site can also be found through the Parish homepage (www.saintanna.org).

Our site is a place for our youth to share pictures, join us on Facebook, and view my blog about hot topics, retreats, and more. Also join us on Facebook search for Saint Anna Greek Orthodox Shrine Youth and Young Adult Ministries and join the conversation.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, May 4	GOYA	6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 5	JOY and HOPE Meeting	6:30 pm
Saturday, May 8	Susan B. Komen Race for Cure Cal Expo	7:00 am
	Vespers	5:00 pm
	Young Adults	5:30 pm