

•SUNDAY SCHOOL•

Christian Education happens in many settings on any day of the week. That's why Sunday School this year is preparing our students to *let their light shine before others on a daily basis*. We are starting to dress with the "whole armor of God." Designer labels don't matter when we're wearing the Helmet of Salvation, the Breastplate of Righteousness, a Belt of Truth, Shield of Faith, Sword of the Spirit, and battle shoes. Join us on **October 11** while we celebrate Sunday School at an Open House in the Education Building immediately following Liturgy. Meet the teachers and discover our classroom Patron Saints and the Saints Hall of Fame; you might even see someone you know. We've started our journey in becoming BRAVE LIKE A SAINT! ✦

•BABY & TODDLER PLAYGROUP•

We will be gathering together with our babies and toddlers on the second **Wednesday, October 14th** at **9:30 am**. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact **Betty Arapostathis** at (619) 564-6963 or **Melanie Dellas** (858) 442-7916. ✦

•GOYA NEWS•

Thanks to everyone who joined us at the **Youth Kick-Off BBQ** last month – it is wonderful to see so many St. Spyridon families enjoying a fun afternoon together!

The next **GOYA** event will be **Friday, October 16th, 6:00 pm**. All kids grade 6 – 12 are invited to come to our first meeting where we will be holding elections, eating dinner and playing BUNKO (complete with prizes)!! *Look for details to follow!!* Everyone welcome!! ✦

•YAL NEWS•

The Young Adult League has 2 events planned for October - anyone who is 18 years and older is welcome to join us!!

Sunday, October 18th - we will be holding a Bake Sale during fellowship - please bring baked goods packaged and ready for sale.

Saturday, October 24th - we are participating in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk - please join us in helping find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

For more information about these events, or about YAL in general, please contact YAL at yalstspyridon@gmail.com ✦

•GREEK SCHOOL NEWS•

Greek Language classes started the week of September 13th. If you have not registered your child by now please do so. It's never too late. We offer classes, at all levels, for children and adults. For more information related to the Greek school please call me at 619-282-3160. I will be happy to talk to you and know that I always keep an open mind to any suggestions that might improve our program.

Some information you might find interesting. The Webster dictionary contains 166,724 English words and 35,136 of them are Greek or of Greek origin. Greek society is one of the two primary influences on the western world. The Greeks set the foundation and framework of our intellectual lives. They are responsible for our vocabulary and logic and our entire system of categorizations. ✦

Respectfully yours, Helen Gevas, Director

•JOY AND HOPE•

Welcome back **JOY** and **HOPE** members! We are very excited about our new year and hope all children in grades 2nd-5th will be able to attend our functions throughout the year.

Our events will be posted on the church website and through emails and fliers. If you are not receiving emails, please notify me. Some activities we have planned are *pie baking for Mama's Kitchen, making holiday gifts for the shut-in members of our community, the Walk for Missions, Godparent Sunday activity and luncheon, and Pascha activities*. Your suggestions for other fun activities are always welcome.

JOY and HOPE welcomes extra adult supervision at all of our activities. If you can help out, please let me know. ✦

Looking forward to seeing you at JOY/HOPE!

God Bless, Sophia Thiros, Director

GAMES ONLINE TO EXPLORE AND LEARN THE ORTHODOX FAITH

The Department of Internet Ministries is pleased to announce an exciting new web site at <http://games.goarch.org>

where kids and adults of all ages can explore, create, play, learn, discover, and grow in the Orthodox Faith.

The site features online games and puzzles in a colorful, engaging environment, all with an Orthodox theme.

The games are suitable for kids from ages 5 on up and currently features a coloring book, jigsaw puzzles, a memory game, a word finder, crossword puzzles, and more.

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