



**MAMA'S PIE IN THE SKY!**

**WHAT:** Pecan Pie Baking !

**WHEN:** Sunday Nov. 22nd following Sunday School

**WHO:** JOY/GOYA GROUPS

*Parent helpers needed!*

**WHERE:** St. Spyridon Church Hall

*Lunch will be provided*

**WHY:** We will donate the 25 pies we bake to Mama's kitchen to help support their fundraiser that benefits victims of HIV/AIDS.

*Hope to see everyone there to help with this worthy cause during the Thanksgiving season! Bring your rolling pin and a joyful heart!*

**•GOYA NEWS•**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 22 - GOYANS** will help bake at our Second Annual Pie Baking for Mama's Kitchen on Sunday, November 22, starting after church (after choir practice and in place of dance practice so around 1:00pm). Please wear clothes that can messy from cooking, bring an apron if you wish. We will be baking pecan and apple pies. This is lots of fun and a great way to give back to our community at Thanksgiving.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 27 - SAVE THE DATE!!!** All Goyans (grades 6 - 12) should plan to spend this Friday after Thanksgiving with their St. Spyridon friends! Look for details in upcoming emails and snailmails! ❀



**DON'T FORGET**...Sign-up and/or renew your Von's Card, Macy's Card, or any Card in our Sunday School **ESCRIP** program. - Questions? Contact Paulette Gallanis. ❀

**•BABY & TODDLER PLAYGROUP•**

**W**e will be gathering with our babies and toddlers on the second Wednesday of the month, **November 11th at 9:30 am.** We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact **Margaux Merziotis** at (619) 370-6733 or **Zoi Trakas** at (619) 917-3273. ❀

**•GREEK SCHOOL NEWS•**

**T**he school year is on its way and the Greek School is off to a very good start. Registrations are still open for children and adults. For any information related to the Greek classes, please call Helen Gevas at 619-282-3160.

Please allow me to ask you to be extra careful when you enter the church parking lot, especially on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, and Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. There are many children who attend Greek classes and they might be in the parking lot.

Let's all show our interest in the Greek School and support the fund raising activities this coming year. We should encourage American born children of Greek descent to learn to read, write and communicate in Greek. It is a privilege that will bring many rewards to them throughout their public school years and college education. ❀

Respectfully yours, Helen Gevas, Director

**•SUNDAY SCHOOL•**

**A** special thank you to all of those who attended our Sunday School Open House! As you can see, we are having fun while we are learning about our faith.

November 1 starts our annual Holiday Food Drive and will continue through December. This will be a class contest wherein the class that collects the most food will win a lunch with Father Andrew. Our 7th and 8th grade class has their own service project happening with Operation Christmas Child; they are filling shoe boxes for needy children around the world. The students are learning that saintly lives are about giving. Some students are even receiving outside assignments concerning this and reporting back about their experiences. You can check the church website for more Sunday School class information.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for **SSS (Sunday School Snack)** at [marianneseare@yahoo.com](mailto:marianneseare@yahoo.com).

The annual Bible and History Tournament will be held on Saturday, December 5, at Saint Sophia's in Los Angeles. The competition is against different Orthodox churches and involves 6th – 12th graders. Please contact the Sunday School teachers for more information. ❀

**\*RUMMAGE SALE REMINDER\***

**T**he Annual Parish rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2009. Please save all your unwanted items, furniture, clothing, books, toys, jewelry, collectables, etc. All the proceeds will benefit St. Gregory of Nyssa Greek Orthodox Church ministries. For more information please call the church office at 619-593-0707. ❀