

September 6, 2018

Dear Parents, Youth Leaders/Advisors and Parishioners of Saint Demetrios,

I would like to welcome all of you back from your summer vacation. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and that you are ready to participate in the youth events planned for 2018-2019.

As you know, the purpose of our youth programs is to lead our young people into a living and active relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. When a GOYA or JOY member signs his or her application, he or she pledges to faithfully practice the Greek Orthodox Faith, to attend Church Services and Sunday School faithfully, to partake in the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion, to devote time to prayer, and to share in the fellowship of the Church.

The **G.O.Y.A.** Program (ages 13 - 17) will begin **Monday, September 17**, from **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, with registration, and will continue every other Monday with various activities. A schedule of events will be given that day.

The **J.O.Y.** Program (ages 7 - 12) will begin **Saturday, September 29**, from **9:30 – 11:30 a.m.** and will be meeting once a month with breakfast, arts and crafts, religion and gym time. The main goal of the J.O.Y. Program is to aid in the spiritual development of our children. Parents are also asked to volunteer their time to help out. A schedule of events will be mailed to the parents.

Moreover, whoever wants to register their child in our athletic programs, you can contact our Athletic Director, Mrs. Nicole Katsorhis-Rodriguez at nkatsorhis@gmail.com We are accepting JOY and GOYA Basketball Registrations. All new applicants must bring a copy of their baptismal certificates.

May our Lord Jesus Christ always keep you and your families under His care.

Καλή και ευλογημένη Χρονιά!

With Love in Christ,

+ Rev. Father Konstantinos Kalogridis
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