



## Jesus Ascends into Heaven



The Lord Jesus spent forty days on earth after His Resurrection from the dead, appearing continually in various places to His disciples, with whom He also spoke, ate, and drank, thereby further demonstrating His Resurrection. On Thursday, the fortieth day after Pascha, He appeared again in Jerusalem. After He had first spoken to the disciples about many things, He gave them His last commandment, that is, that they go forth and proclaim His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. But He also commanded them that for the present, they

were not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait there together until they receive power from on high, when the Holy Spirit would come upon them.

Saying these things, He led them to the Mount of Olives, and raising His hands, He blessed them; and saying again the words of the Father's blessing, He was parted from them and taken up. Immediately a cloud of light, a proof of His majesty, received Him. Sitting on the cloud as though on a royal chariot, He was taken up into Heaven, and after a short time was concealed from the sight of the disciples, who remained where they were with their eyes fixed on Him.

At this point, two Angels in the form of men in white raiment appeared to them and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into Heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into Heaven" (Acts 1:11). These words, in a complete and concise manner, declare what is taught in our Orthodox Christian Faith concerning the Son and Word of God. Therefore, having so fulfilled all His dispensation for us, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended in glory into Heaven, and sat at the right hand of God the Father. As for His sacred disciples, they returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, rejoicing because Christ had promised to send them the Holy Spirit.

Χριστός Ανέστη Christ is Risen !

Fr. Bill Tragus

Holy Friday  
Retreat  
April 13



### May

- Tues 1st: St Sophia Camp Registration
- Thurs 3rd: AHEPA 7:00 p.m.
- Tues 8th: Bible Study 7:15 p.m.
- Sun 13th: Mother's Day
- Hors d' oeuvres & Champagne Reception
- Sun 20th: Greek School Graduation
- Mon 21st: Liturgy SS Constantine & Helen
- May 24th: Liturgy / Ascension 9:30 a.m.
- Sat 26th: Greek Night 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

### June

- Sun 3rd: Pentecost
- Mon 4th: Liturgy Holy Spirit 9:30
- Sun 10th: Family Picnic HTC Park 12 noon
- Sunday School Graduation
- Sun 17: Father's Day
- Fri June 22 - 24: St. Paul's Greek Fest
- Tues 26: Tour L.A. w/ Fr. Bill 9:00 a.m.
- Fri 29th: Liturgy SS Peter & Paul 9:30 a.m.

### July

- Wed 4th: SJC Beer Booth Fundraiser
- Sun 22nd: St. Sophia Camp (week 1)

### August

- Sat 4th: St. Sophia Camp (week 2)
- Mon 20 - Fri 24: Vacation Church School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prime Timers ~ May 1st:** Prime Timers Luncheon will be at Marie Callender's in SJC. 313791 Del Obispo, at 12:30 p.m. No reservations necessary. Contact Bert for more info at: (949) 412—9169

**AHEPA ~ May 3rd:** We will meet at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club at 7:00 pm. For further information please contact BobStavrou: bstavrou@cox.net.

**Bible Study ~ May 8th** We welcome John Coroneus Ph.D., M.Div., our guest speaker on Tues, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. upstairs in the Church hall. John graduated from Holy Cross Seminary with Fr. Bill. He has a Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from UCI. John will talk on Holiness and Holy Things. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP so we can plan. RSVP to Fr. Bill at [frbill@gomsoc.org](mailto:frbill@gomsoc.org) Everyone is welcome.

**Mother's Day Reception:** We will be having Hors d' oeuvres & Champagne to honor our mothers following the Divine Liturgy in the courtyard. \$5 donation per adult. Kids are free. Please join us as we remember everything our mothers do for us.

**Greek Night 2012 ~ May 26:** Please join us for dinner, dancing, drinks and friends on Saturday Evening, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the San Juan Capistrano Community Hall. Our Greek Dance team will be performing. Hosted by the Greek Dance and GOYA as a fundraiser for dance & youth ministry programs. For info, contact Bob Stavrou at: [bstavrou@cox.net](mailto:bstavrou@cox.net).



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### *Youth Calendar - May*

**May 1st ~ St. Sophia Camp Registration:** Please sign up for St. Sophia Camp at [www.stsophiacamp.org](http://www.stsophiacamp.org) The camp does fill up every year. To be sure you have a spot, please sign up as early as you can.

**May 20th Greek School Graduation:** Please join us for Liturgy and a short presentation by our Greek School.

**May 26 ~ Greek Night 2012:** Our dance group and other youth groups are hosting a Greek Glendi at the SJC Community Center. Please join us at 6:00 for a great evening and to support our youth.

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### Family Picnic ~ Sun June 10th

Please save the date for our 2nd annual family picnic at HTC Park in old San Juan.

Enjoy great food (lunch), games & fellowship



### 2012 Stewardship Update

<b>Annual Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$375,000.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 97,920.</b>
<b>% of budget pledged</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>\$ 45,768.</b>
<b>% of budget received</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>2012 Stewards</b>	<b>72</b>