

GOYPA

GREEK
ORTHODOX
YOUTH OF
PORT
ADELAIDE



The Nativity of Christ Port Adelaide Church
chanting *Χριστός Ανέστη*

The Holy Fire

Where & when does the miracle occur?

The ceremony, which awes the souls of Christians, takes place in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. It must be a first Sunday after the spring equinox and Jewish Passover. Therefore, most of the time it differs from the date of Catholic and Protestant Easter, which is determined using different criteria. The Holy Fire is the most renowned miracle in the world of Eastern Orthodoxy. It has taken place at the same time, in the same manner, in the same place every single year for centuries. No other miracle is known to occur so regularly and so steadily over time. No other miracle is known to occur so regularly and so steadily over time. It happens in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the holiest place on earth, where Christ was crucified, entombed, and where he finally rose from the dead.

How the miracle occurs?

"I enter the tomb and kneel in holy fear in front of the place where Christ lay after His death and where he rose again from the dead... (Narrates Orthodox Patriarch Diodor – ed.). I find my way through the darkness towards the inner chamber in which I fall on my knees. Miracle of God. At a certain point the light rises and forms a column in which the fire is of a different nature... See also a line of lights at bottom-left here I say certain prayers that have been handed down to us through the centuries and, having said them, I wait. Sometimes I may wait a few minutes, but normally the miracle happens immediately after I have said the prayers. From the core of the very stone on which Jesus lay an indefinable light pours forth. It usually has a blue tint, but the colour may change and take many different hues. It cannot be described in human terms. The light rises out

of the stone as mist may rise out of a lake — it almost looks as if the stone is covered by a moist cloud, but it is light. This light each year behaves differently. Sometimes it covers just the stone, while other times it gives light to the whole sepulchre, so that people who stand outside the tomb and look into it will see it filled with light. The light does not burn — I have never had my beard burnt in all the sixteen years I have been Patriarch in Jerusalem and have received the Holy Fire. The light is of a different consistency than normal fire that burns in an oil lamp... At a certain point the light rises and forms a column in which the fire is of a different nature, so that I am able to light my candles from it. When I thus have received the flame on my candles, I go out and give the fire first to the Armenian Patriarch and then to the Coptic. Hereafter I give the flame to all people present in the Church."



MAY

16-18
Clare Valley Gourmet
Weekend

23
Nikos Ganos Concert

18
RSPCA Million Paws Walk

29
Disney on Ice Opening

21
Constantin, Costantina &
Helen

30
Themis Adamatidis

Relay for life

One cold evening the GOYPA committee joined up to have a meeting, as we went through our normal agenda, one committee member raised their hand and spoke out saying “why don’t we do something to help the greater community?” instead of a typical fundraiser for our church, we wanted to do something beyond that and as we were all brainstorming, we finally came to a conclusion to make a team and participate in the Relay-for-Life as Mexicans!!!

It was settled, the GOYPA team were going to take part in the Relay-for-Life. Our team captain Natasha for the event hit the ground running getting everything organised and planned for our team including fundraising money for the cancer council. After weeks of planning we got our costumes sorted, tents, food and decorations. The day came on May the 4th, it was time set up and before we knew we were walking our last lap on the 19th hour.

Relay for life is an incredible overnight event that is an opportunity for family, friends and colleagues to get together with the community and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones, and fight back against a disease that takes so much.

It’s a unique event where teams challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight. Each event is unique and you can stay for the whole event, camp overnight, or just visit and enjoy the free entertainment, prizes and ceremonies that make relay for life so inspirational.

Even though this year was in side, it was still a great event and experience. We are all proud of each other for what we accomplished, and how much we fundraised. From the success of this year, we believe that we are going to be doing this wonderful event next year and we want YOU to join us. We would sincerely like to thank all those who donated, thank you!



Easter Fun!

In being Greek Orthodox, one of the biggest celebrated feasts of the year is Easter. With the organisation of the Greek School, a morning of Easter activities was held at our local Parish.

The students from our Port Adelaide Greek School were all invited to attend the morning to take part in a myriad of Easter related activities, learning about the customs and traditions of our Greek Orthodox faith.

From baking κουλούρια, to dyeing red eggs, making palm leaf crosses and taking part in craft activities, the morning was filled with excitement, fun and a great way for the community to come together to teach our youth about Easter.

It was a fun filled morning had by all and GOYPA look forward to attending next year.



GOYPA's Mexican themed banner used for the Relay-for-Life event 2014



GOYPA SOCIAL

SPASTA!

Club Kappa is Adelaide's Greek bouzoukia bringing you interstate and local artists, supported by Stassi and Joanna together with live band Kosmos for a night of non-stop Greek music and dancing. Held at Krystal Function Centre every month, artists including Kallia, Kaliroy, Adonis Lyras and Maria Stavropoulou put on a magnificent show for everyone to enjoy. Prices starting from \$20pp (standing) to \$30pp inc reserved seats and hot meze.

SAVE THE DATE!! Next Club Kappa held on 4th July ft. CARLY VELAYIOTIS! This is definitely a show NOT to be missed!! For bookings and enquiries, contact Joanna on 7225 4949 or add the 'Krystal Function Centre' Facebook page for upcoming Club Kappa events.

Ready, set, lets bowl!

On the 5th of April, GOYPA held their first social event for children aged 5-12 at AMF bowling. It was a very successful afternoon where the kids, from

both Greek school and Sunday school, including their parents, got to enjoy playing a couple of games of bowling with each other. It was a great way for everyone to get together and socialise. Follow our Facebook page for upcoming GOYPA social events.



June

Don't forget these dates....

Now till 30 June

Rocky Horror Show-
Festival Theatre

Long Weekend 6-9

Mclaren Vale Sea & Vines
Festival

6 June

Giorgos Tsalikis Concert-
HQ Complex

8 June

Nikos Kourkoulis & Keli
Kelekidiou Concert-
Krystal Function Centre

10 June

Q&A- Pt Adelaide Church

July

4 July

Club Kappa-
Krystal Function Centre

8-13 July

Shadowland- Her
Majesty's Theatre

10 July

Hi-5 House Hits Concert-
Adelaide Entertainment

Fun Fact....

Did you know that 13% of the English dictionary is derived from the Greek language!

Α	Β	Γ	Δ	Ε	Ζ	Η	Θ	Ι	Κ	Λ	Μ
Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta	Eta	Theta	Iota	Kappa	Lambda	Mu
Ν	Ξ	Ο	Π	Ρ	Σ	Τ	Υ	Φ	Χ	Ψ	Ω
Nu	Xi	Omicron	Pi	Rho	Sigma	Tau	Upsilon	Phi	Chi	Psi	Omega



COMMUNITY

Semaphore

The Semaphore Greek Festival had the best year in its long proud history in 2014 – record attendance, record profits and the support of over 200 volunteers. The Semaphore Greek Festival has come to represent a great source of pride for the local Greek community of Port Adelaide, who have seen the Festival flourish and grow and become what is now the biggest cultural festival in South Australia with over 30,000 attendees, and one of the biggest Greek festivals in Australia.

GOYPA would like to thank each and every one of the volunteers who supported the festival this year with their time and effort. Whether it was one hour or two full days, every little bit counts. One only had to walk around the Semaphore Foreshore to see each generation, those of us born in Greece and those of us born in Australia, and particularly in the Port Adelaide area, standing as one supporting our culture proudly and representing our community on the national stage.



We would particularly like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation for the support given to us from our sponsors, especially this year's naming rights sponsor Delphi Bank and the Port Adelaide Enfield Council and State Government.

A special mention also goes to those who played a role in the entertainment, starting with our brilliant MC George Donikian, who impressed with his knowledge of Greek history, and felt as much a part of the community as anyone else. We hope to see George again in 2015. Congratulations to Maria Stavropoulou and Kosmos, Zeus, DJ's Valandi and Apostal, and all our other acts and dance groups (particularly our Port Adelaide Dance Groups). The entertainment continues to impress, and only promises to improve yet again in 2015.

In the coming months the planning process starts yet again, in preparation for the 2015 festival. Please provide any feedback and ideas to the Semaphore Greek Festival Committee, or GOYPA, and continue to spread the great word about our festival.



Want to know more...

As the focus for involving the youth in our local Parishes is becoming more apparent, GOYPA along with other Youth Groups are holding monthly events in English to connect our religion and language in a way we are all able to understand.

GOYPA key focus will be to hold monthly Q and A sessions where we will discuss various topics with Father John in English. This forum is open to any member of the community and is encouraged to ask and explore any questions you may have about our religion and traditions.

We also endeavour to hold monthly English liturgies, where an hour service will be held in English. Join us on Facebook to keep up to date on these events and much more!

The next English Liturgy will be held Tuesday the 10th of June followed by a Q and A session in the Church office.

Come along and delve into the religious point of view about the 'Mati', does the Church recognise the 'Mati?', what is the 'Mati'? and any other questions you may have.

And for our youngsters Sunday School is held every Sunday after Communion in the Church Office, where teacher Christina Moutos along with our GOYPA crew explain the basis of our religion.