



Church Builders



The Feast-day of Saints Peter & Paul is celebrated every June 29th. Many Icons depict them together holding a church, giving recognition to their Apostleship and the building of the early church. After the Resurrection of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter preached in Judea, Antioch, and certain parts of Asia, and finally came to lead the Church in Rome, where he was crucified upside down by Nero, leaving two Epistles to the Church of Christ.

Paul, the Apostle to many Nations and teacher to the Community of faithful, was a Jew by race. He was a Roman citizen, fluent in the Greek language, an expert in knowledge of the Law, a Pharisee and notable teacher of the Law in Jerusalem. He went to Damascus to bring the disciples of Christ back to Jerusalem in bonds. As he was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from Heaven shone upon him. Falling on the earth, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he asked, "Who art you, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus Whom you are persecuting." (Acts 9:4) His wondrous transformation was beyond all expectation, he spoke with boldness in the synagogues, proclaiming that "Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 9:1-21). He preached the Gospel throughout the Mediterranean and Asia and suffered afflictions of diverse kinds such as wounds, prisons, beatings, stoning, shipwrecks, and many perils on land & sea. He cared greatly for all the churches, and for the salvation of all. Having completed the work of his ministry, his life ended in martyrdom when he was beheaded in Rome during the reign of Nero, at the same time, some say, when Peter was crucified.

Saints Peter & Paul were very successful in establishing Christ's Church and continuing His ministry here on earth. St. Paul especially was very skilful at planning and developing churches. With the power of the Holy Spirit and his God-given talents, St. Paul was able to establish many church communities visiting them himself and sending those he ordained to visit them. During this time, he wrote Epistles to these Churches, of which we still read from today during every Divine Liturgy. Our young community, which is in the process of being built up, can learn much from St. Paul's mission to establish the earthly Church. Building a Church takes the Holy Spirit, faith, prayer & skill. Dedication is important, but it will take more than dedication to build up the mission in SJC. It will take skill! St. Paul had skill. The reason he was so successful was that he was a skilled Apostle of God. He admits this in 1st Corinthians 3:10, "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder." He did good work because he was skilled at using the right tools. I am thankful for all the skilled work that has been done thus far. Our Church will continue to grow through the power of God & through the skilled effort of people. We cannot do it without God, but he has decided not to do it without us. We are all commissioned to learn more about our faith, scripture, prayer, sacrifice and service. God wants us to bear good fruit. In the book of Joshua, God told the Israelites to take possession of the land, he did not do it for them. He offered a partnership and gave them a role to play. But because of their fear and passivity, the Israelites died in the wilderness. While we wait for God to work for us, God is waiting to work through us. We're called to bear fruit. "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit ... fruit that will last." (John 15:16)

June

- Sun 3rd: Pentecost
- Mon 4th: Liturgy Holy Spirit 9:30 a.m.
- Thur 7th: AHEPA 7:30 p.m.
- Sun 10th: Family Picnic HTC Park 12 noon
* Sunday School Graduation
- Tues 12: Speaker John Coroneus Ph.D. 7:15
- Wed 13th: Elder Pavlos @ Cardiff 7:00 p.m.
- Thur 14th: Elder Pavlos @ Irvine 7:00 p.m.
- Sun 17th: Father's Day
- Fri June 22 - 24: St. Paul's Greek Fest
- Tues 26th: 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, Taco Booth and Loukoumades fundraiser
- Sun 22nd: St. Sophia Camp (week 1)

August

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

Prime Timers ~ June 5th Prime Timers Luncheon will be at Tommy's in San Clemente at 12:30 p.m. Tommy's 1409 S. El Camino Real. No reservations necessary. Contact Bert for more info at: (949) 412-9169

AHEPA ~ Tues, June 7th: Our AHEPA will meet at church at 7:30 pm. If you would like to become a member, please contact Bob Stavrou at: bstavrou@cox.net

Family Picnic ~ June 10th: Please join us for Lunch, picnic games, coffee hour and fellowship at HTC Park in Historical San Juan Capistrano. We will begin immediately following Divine Liturgy at 12:00 noon. This is our 2nd annual Family Picnic. Please RSVP to Anna Nicole at annanicole777@gmail.com so we can plan for lunch. Lunch is \$5 per person, drinks included. Coffee hour is at the park.

Bible Study ~ June 12th: We welcome John Coroneus Ph.D., M.Div., our guest speaker, for his 2nd presentation on Tues, June 12th at 7:15 p.m. upstairs in the 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 "Temple of God." Coffee and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP so we can plan. RSVP to Fr. Bill at frbill@gomsoc.org. Everyone is welcome.

Beer Booth, Taco Booth & Loukoumades ~ 4th of July: We will be selling food and beer at the SJC 4th of July Picnic. Attendance is free. There will be bands playing and a great firework show. Please plan to attend with friends for lunch, dinner or snacks to support our fundraiser. If anyone would like to volunteer to work a shift at any booth, please contact Ann Rhodes at office@gomsoc.org.



Paralia Dance Team / Greek Night, May 26, 2012

Youth Calendar - June

June 10th Sunday School Graduation: Please join us for Liturgy and a family picnic following at HTC Park in San Juan Capistrano.

June 26th ~ Tour LA w/ Fr. Bill: Goya (7—12 grade) will be going on Tour w/ Fr. Bill on Tues, June 26th. We'll visit St. Katherine's in Redondo Beach and Fr. Michael Kourey will speak to us about Icons. After we will have lunch, walk beach trails, go to Venice Beach, Santa Monica Pier, and a few other places. Please RSVP to frbill@gomsoc.org because the van only holds 15 people.

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- Parish Directory (2012):** Sally: meyerhofer@cox.net

Family Picnic ~ Sun June 10th

Please join us for our 2nd annual family picnic at HTC Park in old San Juan. 12:00 noon - 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy great food (lunch), games & fellowship. \$5 Lunch includes drinks. Coffee hour will be at HTC Park



Greek Night
May 26, 2012

2012 Stewardship Update

Annual Operating Budget	\$375,000
Amount Pledged	\$105,750
% of budget pledged	28%
Amount Received	\$59,425
%of budget received	16%
2012 Stewards	76