



**St. Stephen the Protodeacon
GOYA Patron Saint**

FALL 2022

**STS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS, AND IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH of AMERICA (GOYA)**

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WHO: Middle School and High School age teens of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas and Irene Greek Orthodox Church (6 – 12)

MISSION AND GOAL OF GOYA MINISTRY: The mission and goal of GOYA ministry is to lead our young people into experiencing the Holy Orthodox Faith. By developing a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and becoming active sacramental members of the living Church, our young people will be equipped with tools necessary to assist them in their journey toward salvation.

The four principles of GOYA ministry are meant to assist our young people on their journey toward salvation:

- Worship
- Fellowship
- Service
- Witness

Sts. Raphael, Nicholas and Irene Greek Orthodox Church GOYA program:

- Church attendance
- Volunteering at your local parish
- Volunteering with local charities
- Video and multimedia presentations and subsequent discussions
- Discussions with local priest
- Camp, retreat/festival programs:
 - o St. Stephen's Camp (www.saintstephenscamp.org); summer timeframe
 - o St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival
 - o Winter Youth Rally (www.atlgoc.org/metropolis-programs/wyr.html)
 - 2022 – includes Grades 9-12 (high school students only)

