



Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

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GOYA Registration Forms 2023-2024

GOYAN INFORMATION:

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

GOYAN Email address: _____ Home Phone #: _____

GOYAN Cell #: _____

Birth date: _____ Present Age: _____ Present Grade: _____

Name-day: _____

School Attending (Name/City): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PARENT/GUARDIAN MAILING LIST INFORMATION:

Primary Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Secondary Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

SIGNATURES & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

YES ___	I have read and signed the GOYAN Rules & Regulations Form.*
YES ___	I have read and signed the Code of Conduct for parents & Spectators.
YES ___	I have read and signed the Church Participation Requirements.
YES ___	I have read and signed the Liability Waiver and Permission Form.
YES ___	I have completed the Health Forms.
YES ___	I have included the \$40 Registration Fee.

*Must be read by the applicant along with their Parent/Guardian.

GOYAN's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Membership is \$40 per child per year and must accompany this application.

Make Checks Payable to: St. Demetrios GOYA

Return all forms in this packet to complete registration.

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GOYA Rules & Regulations 2023 - 2024

As a participant of GOYA & the Greek Orthodox Church, I realize that I represent my family, my parish & church in all activities. I agree to comply with all of the rules & meet all of the expectations stated below:

- I will come to GOYA activities with an open heart and mind, ready to have fun, learn, work for the organization and grow in my faith.
- I will fully participate in the GOYA activities that I attend.
- I will treat the clergy, my advisors, my fellow participants/GOYANs, and visitors with respect.
- I will listen to and respect the advisors, coaches, adult leaders and chaperones while attending GOYA functions.
- I will attend Church Services faithfully and abide by GOYA Church Participation requirements.
- I will not drive an automobile to any, Local, District or State Youth functions without the specific permission of my Parent/Guardian. No passengers will be permitted without the permission my Parent/Guardian.
- I will not leave the grounds of any GOYA functions without receiving advisor/chaperone permission.
- I will attend meetings, practices, and GOYA events, faithfully.
- I will adhere to ALL deadlines (function and monetary), for each GOYA event. If I miss any deadlines, I understand that no special considerations or privileges may be made.
- If I have "signed up" for any given event, I am financially responsible for this event, whether or not I attend.
- I will not bring tobacco, alcohol, drugs, weapons, fireworks, or inappropriate/illegal material to any GOYA event. I understand that my parent/guardian will be notified, and that I may be sent home at parent/guardian expense if I fail to meet this expectation.
- I will follow the Metropolis dress code for GOYA events and understand that the dress code will be enforced at the discretion of the advisors.
- I will use appropriate language, will not curse, use obscene hand gestures, or participate in vulgar conversations. I will not harass my advisors, fellow participants, or visitors in any way.
- I will treat the property of others, the GOYA Room and the church with respect. I understand that I will be held responsible to pay for any property that I willfully or recklessly damage, destroy, or steal. All damages that I am responsible for will be paid within 30 days of incident. Failure to do so may result in not being able to participate in events/functions.
- I will not leave an event before all clean-up has been done and I will notify an advisor that I am leaving.
- I will filter all GOYA ideas and activities through the advisors and the GOYA Board.
- I will not take it upon myself to schedule a GOYA activity without the full consent of the GOYA advisors.
- When GOYA hosts an event, I understand that all GOYANs are required to set up and clean up.
- I will make sure I notify my parent/guardian of the start and end time of an event. I will always strive to be on time. I will let my parent/guardian know when I will need to be picked up, giving them plenty of time to arrive by the end of the event.
- When I accept a leadership position, I will make sure I understand what is expected of me. If I have a question, I will follow-up with my advisors.
- I understand that, for my safety and the safety of others, advisors may search my baggage and belongings on GOYA excursions. I will be present if my items are searched and I will know why they have decided to search my belongings.
- I will not post or send any pictures, written communications or verbally communicate anything that is negative, defamatory, and accusatory or in any way harmful of hurtful to other GOYANs, the advisors or clergy.
- I will not post anything on social media that represents GOYA without an advisor's approval and direction.
- I will not use the GOYA email/text list to send bulk correspondence for personal or other purposes.

**If any of the above rules & regulations are broken,
the privilege of attending & participating in youth functions may be SUSPENDED OR DENIED.**

The Parish Priest and Youth Advisors will review, with input from church leadership, all serious infractions.

GOYAN's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

CODE OF CONDUCT for Parents & Spectators 2023 - 2023

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child and other children participating in GOYA events and abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- I will demonstrate true Christian behavior by supporting all GOYANs, not just St. Demetrios GOYANs.
- I understand that the advisors are trying to help the youth grow as responsible and respectable Greek Orthodox Christians.
- I understand that our youth are learning by our example and we all should ALWAYS act accordingly.
- I realize that the advisors are reasonable and caring people who are trying to make things fair for all GOYANs. I will support advisors, clergy, coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the GOYA is for the youth, not adults and I will remember that children participate to have fun. I will do my very best to make youth activities and sports fun for my child.
- I must find productive, positive ideas to help solve problems or conflicts rather than negative complaints.
- I (and my guests) will be positive Orthodox Christian role models for our children, and I will encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to our GOYANs, advisors, clergy, coaches, officials, players, parents, opponents, etc.
- I will maintain self-control, refrain from using profanity or profane gestures.
- I will take into consideration the amount of time and effort that the advisors put into the program to assure that my child has a positive GOYA experience.
- I will make sure that my child is on time to all GOYA events.
- I will pick up my child on time after every event, game, and/or practice.
- I will adhere to ALL deadlines including monetary, for each GOYA event that my child has agreed to participate in. If I miss any deadlines, I understand that no special considerations or privileges may be made for my child. If my child "signed up" for any given event, he/she is financially responsible for this event, whether or not he/she attends.
- If my child is responsible for any damage to property of others, the GOYA Room, or the church, I will make sure that reimbursement is made within 30 days of the incident.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the participants and my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will help provide a safe and healthy environment. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the participants.
- I will bring my questions and concerns directly to the advisors.
- I will filter all GOYA ideas and activities through the advisors.
- I will not take it upon myself to schedule a GOYA activity without the full consent of the Parish Priest and advisors.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth activities and sports experiences by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, providing transportation, assisting with event setup, etc. as agreed upon by the advisors.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence and hostility.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, clergy, advisors, chaperones and spectators with respect regardless of any differing opinions and regardless of race, creed, color, or ability.
- I will show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team and will be a "team" fan, not a "my child" fan.
- I will help my child learn that success is measured by the development of skills, not winning or losing and I will show respect in defeat and modesty in victory.
- I will not post or send any pictures, written communications or verbally communicate anything that is negative, defamatory, accusatory or in any way harmful or hurtful to other GOYANs, advisors or clergy.
- I will not post anything on social media that represents GOYA without the Parish Priest's and advisor's approval and direction.
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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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GOYA Church Participation Requirements 2023-2024

1. All GOYANs are expected to attend Divine Liturgy every Sunday/as often as possible (but especially on Youth Sundays).
2. On game days, all GOYANs must attend Divine Liturgy or might not take part in/start in the scheduled game.
3. GOYANs who are not part of the Sunday School program or Altar Service are expected to be in the Church. If you are visiting another church for a tournament or event, you are expected to attend the hosting church's Divine Liturgy.
4. All GOYANs are expected to be at church by 10:00 am. Attendance will be noted.
**Attendance will be a determining factor throughout the year where GOYANs wish to start/play in sports, take on leadership roles, participate in dances, etc.*

The above rules are a requirement for participation in the GOYA program. If the above requirements are not followed, I, _____, understand that I might not be allowed to participate in upcoming events. In addition, athletes who do not follow the above requirements might be suspended from game play.

GOYAN's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Liability Waiver and Permission Form 2023 - 2024

Nature of the Youth Ministry Events: Youth Ministry events are sponsored by St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Union, NJ, and is affiliated with the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. By signing this waiver, you agree that you may be giving up legal rights and remedies available to yourself and your family. Read and complete this waiver carefully. If you have questions, please contact an attorney.

I understand that the nature of Youth Ministry events are both social and spiritual. Youth Ministry events will take place at a variety of locations throughout the year, including but not limited to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Union, NJ.

Nature of Risks: I understand that voluntarily traveling to and attending the various Youth Ministry events may involve certain risks beyond the reasonable control of the SPONSOR, its staff, directors, volunteers and agents in connection with the various Youth Ministry events, et al., and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and all parishes participating in it, and their respective officers, directors, volunteers and agents, and chaperones or representatives associated with the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al., including but not limited to accidents, emergencies, exposure to reckless conduct of other persons, and/or negligence of and that Sponsor, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al. disclaim any and all responsibility for any such risks. If at any time during the various Youth Ministry events, attendees attempt to leave the event, they do so without the permission of the Sponsor, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al., and will be subject to dismissal from participation in the event.

Waiver of Liability/Hold Harmless: By signing this liability waiver, I agree and acknowledge that I may be giving up important legal rights and remedies available to myself, my family, my heirs, successors, and assigns. For value received, I agree on behalf of myself, my child's other parent if known or living, my child named herein, and our heirs, successors, and assigns ("Our Behalf") that I assume all risks and waive any liability of any nature whatsoever against and agree to hold harmless Sponsor, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al., with respect to any and all actions, claims or demands that may be made or brought on our Behalf against Sponsor, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and/or the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al. arising out of or in connection with my child's attendance at the various Youth Ministry events, or any other activity my child may engage in while in transport to them. Further, for value received, for any injury to third parties that may arise because of my child's actions or omissions, I agree to hold harmless and defend Sponsor, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al., with respect to any and all actions, claims, expenses or demands arising there that may be made or brought against Sponsor, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and/or the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al., including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

Media Waiver: We consent to the use by Sponsor, et al any videotape, photograph, slide, audiotape, or any other visual or audio reproduction in which my child may appear. I understand that these materials are being used for promotion of various Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry events by and for the Sponsor, et al. Such promotional activities extend to recruitment, fund-raising, advocacy, etc. I release the staff, volunteers, etc. of the Sponsor, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al., from any liability connected with the use of my or my child's picture or voice recording as part of any of the above or similar activities.

Medical Permissions (Limited): As a condition attending the various events, I grant permission in the event of an emergency or accident for emergency medical care to be administered to my child within the Facility and/or during or after transportation to a hospital or doctor for emergency medical care. I further understand that it is not the responsibility of Sponsor, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of NJ and/or the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, et al., to attempt to reach my child's emergency contacts and that I remain responsible for my child's medical expenses.

Medical Information

Pertinent information about allergies or health problems, present medication and dosage which your child may be taking and any other information that will enable the adult leaders to obtain safe medical treatment for your child, must be included on the attached GOYA Health Permission Forms.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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GOYAN's Last, First name: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Is the participant covered by family medical/hospital insurance? (Circle one) YES NO

If yes, carrier or plan name _____

Group # _____ Member ID _____

**Photocopy of health insurance card (front and back) must be attached to this form.*

HEALTH HISTORY

List all known allergies. Please describe symptoms, reaction and management of the reaction.

Medication Allergies

Medication	Symptom/s	Reaction & Management

Food Allergies

Food	Symptom/s	Reaction & Management

Other Allergies (insect stings, hay fever, asthma, etc.)

Type	Symptom/s	Reaction & Management

MEDICATIONS BEING TAKEN (Check one)

____ This person takes NO medications on a routine basis.

____ This person takes medications as follows:

Med #1 _____ Dosage _____ Specific times taken each day _____

Reason for taking _____

Med #2 _____ Dosage _____ Specific times taken each day _____

Reason for taking _____

Attach additional page/s for more medications.

****Additional forms will be required for GOYANs with medical issues, such as life-threatening allergies, asthma, diabetes and seizure disorders.****

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please use this space to provide any additional information about the participant’s physical, emotional, or mental health about which St. Demetrios GOYA should be aware.

This health history is correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge. The person herein named has permission to engage in all Youth Program activities except as noted. I hereby give the St. Demetrios GOYA Ministry permission to provide, seek, and consent to routine health care, administration of prescribed medications, and emergency treatment for my child, as may be necessary, including, but not limited to x-rays, routine tests and treatment, and/or hospitalization. I also give permission for St. Demetrios GOYA to arrange related transportation. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes.

It is my intention that the St. Demetrios GOYA Ministry be treated as acting *in loco parentis* if the person herein named is a minor. Further, it is my intention that the appropriate representatives of the St. Demetrios GOYA Ministry be treated as “personal representatives” for the purposes of disclosing protected health information pursuant to the privacy regulations promulgated pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. I hereby agree (pursuant to 45 CFR 164.510(b)) to the disclosure to the St. Demetrios GOYA Ministry representatives of the protected health information of the person herein described, as necessary: (i) to provide relevant information to the St. Demetrios GOYA Ministry representatives related to the person’s ability to participate in the St. Demetrios GOYA Ministry activities, and (ii) in the case of minors, to provide relevant information to the St. Demetrios GOYA Ministry representatives to keep me informed of my child’s health status. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the St. Demetrios GOYA Ministry to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. This completed form may be photocopied for trips away from St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.

GOYAN’s Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____