



# ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Strategy Objectives – Ελληνική Νεολαία Association (ENA)

**Background** After the overall success and amazing time we had at the Greek Festival this past year, (those of us who are too old for GOYA but young enough to \_\_\_\_\_). We enjoyed working side by side, performing the Greek dances, and just reconnecting and were fired up about how great it felt to be together again enjoying our Greek heritage and doing what we love. ENA is not exclusive by any means - we want to draw our young adult population, both Greek and non-Greek of our church together and enjoy wonderful παρέα.

**Objective** Simple: to bring our community together and to have a good time. Each of us grew up in this amazing community and so many of our memories and friendships came from within these walls. Now that we're "older," we believe it is our responsibility to foster that sense of community, belonging and pride for the next generations. Of course it is much easier to attend events than to plan them - but it is definitely time for us to take some of the flame...maybe not the whole torch yet!

**Accomplishments thus far** To bring everyone back together again in the fall, ENA hosted the Oxi Day Panigiri on October 22nd. We prepared and cooked the food ourselves, decorated our beautiful hall, played some music... and voila! It was a successful first event and we are so grateful to those who came and supported and celebrated with us.

**1 year goal** is to host another event and engage more people in the young adult age group to not only attend, but also to help plan and host the event(s).

**3 and 5 year goals** Currently this is emerging. Our plan is to form an ad hoc board (no dues or membership requirements) to discuss future events. We want to keep our communication and organization casual, working around work and family commitments.

**Budget** - we don't have one. We raised some money from a few generous donors to help throw the Oxi Day Panigiri and we were able to turn a profit! Our intention was not necessarily to profit, but it's always good to be in the green!