

**NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED IN COSTA MESA APRIL 1
(please sign up by tomorrow)**

This Night to be Much Observed group opportunity will be Wednesday evening, April 1, at the **Pom & Olive restaurant in Costa Mesa** (1400 Bristol). A Mediterranean dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. but you can come earlier.

A delicious Mediterranean dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The menu includes your choice of the following items: **Baked Lamb Shank** with mashed potatoes (\$28), **Lamb Shish Kebab** with rice mixed with lentils & raisins (\$28), **Filet Mignon Shish Kebab** with rice mixed with lentils & raisins (\$28), **Chicken Shish Kebab** with rice mixed with lentils & raisins (\$23) and new this year: **Koobideh (\$26)** (two strips of seasoned ground beef or chicken). You can order a combo (one strip of each) or both beef or both chicken – with rice mixed with lentils & raisins. Note: you can substitute the side with mashed potatoes or Basmati rice upon advance request. There is a **Children's menu at \$15** per child.

Each meal includes Matzos and hummus, a Mediterranean salad, your choice of coffee, tea, or soft drink, and Baklava for dessert. The price includes tax and tip. Please sign the list on the Information Table or contact Jean Updegraff (phone 714-546-4695) or email her at jeanupde@sbcglobal.net. The deadline to pay Jean is the Sabbath of March 28– cash or check payable to her or Zelle to her email.

NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED IN ANAHEIM APRIL 1

There is another group opportunity for the Night to be Much Observed on Wednesday evening, April 1, at 6:30. The location is a Mediterranean Buffet at **Dimassi's Restaurant** (5711 E La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807 (Imperial Ave area near the 91 freeway)). The menu includes salads, soups, rice, potatoes, veggies, chicken & beef kabob, lamb shank, baked fish, gyro, drinks & coffee, desserts.

Prices: Adults \$25 includes tips and taxes; Children 3-9 - \$10. Donations will be accepted to help subsidize those in need. If you would like to join this group, sign the list on the Information Table. Since this is a buffet, please pay at the restaurant.



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Hymn Leader: Mr. Mike Masten
Sermonette: Mr. Ron Guizado
Sermon: Mr. Mario Seiglie

Sabbath Thought

Ps. 3:7-8, "Arise, O Eternal; save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; you have broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongs to the Eternal. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah."

The Bible Knowledge Commentary mentions, "Deliverance comes from the Eternal. God's people should pray to Him under similar circumstances, so that they may share this blessing. So, the psalm instructs those who are in the midst of danger to trust in the Lord for protection while they sleep."

-- submitted by Mario Seiglie

BIBLE STUDY AFTER SERVICES TODAY

Bible Study will be after services today at 4:30 when we will continue in the study of 1 Corinthians.

"DEACONS/ELDERS" MEETING NEXT SABBATH, MARCH 28

There will be a meeting of the elders, deacons, deaconesses and spouses after services next Sabbath. The main focus is Passover duties.

“GETTING TO KNOW OUR UCG-ORANGE COUNTY BRETHREN” CONTINUING – Anna Moore is featured today.

Our project of “Getting to Know Our UCG-Orange County Brethren” is continuing. Today we feature the interesting of Anna Moore. Extra copies of the profiles of Anna and Brian Higa are on the Information Table, We would like to feature others in our congregation. If you have any questions or would like the guidelines emailed to you, please contact Jean Updegraff at jeanupde@sbcglobal.net. If you have previously submitted a bio and want to update it for distribution, please contact Jean.

SPRING HOLY DAYS

PASSOVER SERVICE TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 31

The Passover service will be **Tuesday evening, March 31,** at 7:30 in our regular church facility. Please bring your Bible and towel. Note that we **will not be webcasting the Passover service and will not have translation or child care available.** There will be a Mother’s Room area but the children will be taken care of by their siblings. **If you plan on bringing your children, please contact Caty Seiglie.**

NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

The Night to be Much Observed will be Wednesday evening, April 1. Some will have their own gatherings but there will be group opportunities in the north area and south area. Details are on the back of this bulletin. For the South, please sign up today if you plan to join that group.

FIRST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD THURSDAY, APRIL 2

The First Day of Unleavened Bread will be Thursday, April 2, here at our church facility with one service at 2:00 p.m. Some recipes for unleavened bread were in the O.C. Newsletter this past Thursday evening.

LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD WED., APRIL 8

The Last Day of Unleavened Bread will be Wednesday, April 8, here at our church facility with services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. with the Fellowship Hall open during the lunch time for those who want to bring their own lunches.

A restaurant guide for nearby restaurants will be available on the Information Table and on our church website. You can also bring your lunches and eat here at this facility between services. Drinks will be provided. We will only set up tables and chairs, and participants are asked to do their own area cleanup.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCDs) FOR HOLY DAY OFFERINGS

We would like to share important information regarding the use of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) when making Holy Day offerings.

A QCD is a direct distribution of funds from an individual’s Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization, such as the United Church of God, *an International Association (UCGIA)*. Because QCDs must be handled differently than standard cash donations, they require specific identification and acknowledgment.

If you plan to make a Holy Day offering using a QCD, please follow these instructions:

- Do not place QCD donations in your local congregation’s Holy Day offering collection.
- Mail or remit your QCD directly to UCGIA: United Church of God, P.O. Box 541027, Cincinnati, OH 45254-1027
- Clearly indicate that the donation is a Qualified Charitable Distribution and specify the Holy Day offering it is intended for.

We are deeply grateful for your continued faithfulness and generous support of God’s Work.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact UCGIA at (513) 576-9796 or email Sarah Howard, Donations Processing Manager, at Sarah_Howard@ucg.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wolfgang Spengler, Roy Tower, Linda Kozachenko, Knox Anson, Rebeca Azar, Christa Sanchez, Nancy Dailey, Cheri Musser, Irene Larvie, Lincoln Marini, Jeff Lewis, Ramona Morrissette-Nagai, Mark Dyches, Enrique Vidal, Pam Snyder, Jimmy Ortiz, Carmel Cini, Brad & JoAnn Slater, Helene Rosenberg, Melanie Bryan and Brennan Hilgen

COFFEE SOCIAL ROTATION

Mar. 21	#3 –(Central) - Seiglies
Mar. 28	#4 (South) - Marinis
April 4	#1 (West) – Moore family
April 11	#2 (North & East) = Towers
April 18	#3 –(Central) - Seiglies
April 25	Sabbath in the Park

SUNSET: Sunset this evening is at 7:05 p m; next Friday at 7:09 pm.