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**ARCHDIOCESE COMMEMORATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Commemorating Black History Month

RESPONDING TO RACISM: THE ORTHODOX WITNESS IN AMERICA

a miniseries

with

Fr. Samuel Davis



In commemoration of Black History Month, throughout the month of February, The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations will release a weekly video presented by Rev. Samuel Davis, acting rector of St. Simon of Cyrene Orthodox Mission in New Brunswick, NJ of the Orthodox Church in America.

Each episode will highlight one important leader of the Orthodox Church who broke through racial tensions and redefined Orthodox missionary work. This project proposes to share a message of hope and healing towards reconciliation.

WATCH HERE: <https://youtu.be/Y0BfFSYMV08>

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Today we commemorate

[Sunday of the Canaanite click here](#)

- [Epistle Reading click here](#)
- [Gospel Reading click here](#)

GOSPEL and EPISTLE READINGS

EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Προς Ἑβραίους 7:26-28, 8:1-2 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

□δελφοί, τοιοῦτος γὰρ □μιν □πρεπεν □ρχιερεὺς, □σιος, □κακος, □μίαντος, κεχωρισμένος □π□τ□ν □μαρτωλ□ν, κα□ □ψηλότερος τ□ν ο□ραν□ν γενόμενος· □ς ο□κ □χει καθ' □μέραν □νάγκην, □σπερ ο□ □ρχιερε□ς, πρότερον □π□ρ τ□ν □δίωv □μαρτι□ν θυσίας □ναφέρειν, □πειτα τ□ν το□ λαο□· το□το γὰρ □ποίησεν □φάπαξ, □αυτ□ν □νενέγκας. □ νόμος γὰρ □νθρώπους καθίστησιν □ρχιερε□ς, □χοντας □σθένειαν· □ λόγος δ□ τ□ς □ρκωμοσίας τ□ς μετ□ τ□ν νόμον, υ□□v ε□ς τ□ν α□□να τετελειωμένον. Κεφάλαιον δ□ □π□ το□ς λεγομένοις· τοιοῦτον □χομεν □ρχιερέα, □ς □κάθισεν □ν δεξι□ το□ θρόνου τ□ς μεγαλωσύνης □ν το□ς ο□ρανο□ς, τ□ν □γίων λειτουργός, κα□ τ□ς σκην□ς τ□ς □ληθιν□ς, □ν ἔπηξεν ὁ κύριος, καὶ οὐκ ἄνθρωπος·

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 15:21-28 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τ□ καιρ□ □κείν□, □ξελθ□ν □κε□θεν □ □Ιησο□ς □νεχ□ρησεν ε□ς τ□ μ□ρη Τ□ρου κα□ Σιδ□νος. κα□ □δο□ γυν□ Χανανα□α □π□ τ□ν □ρ□ων □κε□νων □ξελθο□σα □κρα□γαζεν α□τ□ λ□γουσα· □λ□ησ□ν με, Κ□ριε, υ□□ Δανιδ· □ θυγ□τηρ μου κακ□ς δαιμον□ζεται. □ δ□ ο□κ □πεκρ□θη α□τ□ λ□γον. κα□ προσελθ□ντες ο□ μαθητα□ α□το□ □ρ□των α□τ□ν λ□γοντες· □π□λυσον α□τ□ν, □τι κρ□ζει □πισθεν □μιν. □ δ□ □ποκριθε□ς ε□πεν· ο□κ □πεστ□λην ε□ μ□ ε□ς τ□ πρ□βατα τ□ □πολωλ□τα ο□κου □Ισρα□λ. □ δ□ □λθο□σα προσεκ□νησεν α□τ□ λ□γουσα· Κ□ριε, βο□θει μοι. □ δ□ □ποκριθε□ς ε□πεν· ο□κ □στι καλ□ν λαβε□ν τ□ν □ρτον τ□ν τ□κνων κα□ βαλε□ν το□ς κυναρ□οις. □ δ□ ε□πε· να□, Κ□ριε· κα□ γὰρ τ□ κυν□ρια □σθ□ει

□π□ τ□ν ψυχ□ων τ□ν πιπτ□ντων □π□ τ□ς τραπ□ζης τ□ν κυρ□ων α□τ□ν. τ□τε □ποκριθε□ς
□ □Ιησο□ς ε□πεν α□τ□· □ γ□ναι, μεγ□λη σου □ π□στις! γενηθ□τω σοι □ς θ□λεις. κα□ □□θη
ή θυγάτηρ αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκεῖνης.

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Senior Citizen Individual or Couple \$350

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Sunday of the Canaanite

Photios, Pat. Constantinople [click here](#)

8:30am-11:30 a.m.,

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Godparents Sunday

**1:00 p.m. The Greek School Celebration
of the Feast of the Three Hierarchs
& Greek Letters Day,
in the Community Center**

Monday, February 7, 2022

Parthenios, Bp. of Lampsakos [click here](#)

9:00 am Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

6:00 p.m. Paraklisis

**8:00 p.m. Conversation & Fellowship
with Fr. Christos via [ZOOM](#)**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Greek School

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Haralambos the Martyr [click here](#)

9:00 am Orthros, Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Inter-Club Calendar Meeting

Friday, February 11, 2022

4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Greek School

GOYA Valentine's Day Dance at Roseland

Saturday, February 12, 2022

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

Κυριακή, 6 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022

ΙΖ' Ματθαίου (Χαναναίας)

Φώτιος Πατριάρχης Κωνστ [click here](#)

8:30 πμ - 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

*1:00 μ.μ. Πρόγραμμα του Ελληνικού Σχολείου
για την εορτή των Τριών Ιεραρχών &
Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων
στο Κοινοτικό Κέντρο*

Δευτέρα, 7 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022

Παρθένιος Λαμπάκου [click here](#)

9:00 πμ Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Τρίτη, 8 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022

6:00 μ.μ. Παράκληση

Τετάρτη, 9 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022

4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ. Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Πέμπτη, 10 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022

Χαράλαμπος Ιερομάρτυς [click here](#)

9:00 πμ Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

7:00 μ.μ. Συνεδρίαση Όλων των Οργανώσεων

Παρασκευή, 11 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022

4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ. Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Σάββατο, 12 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022

11 π.μ. - 12 μ.μ. Ελληνικοί Χοροί (GOYA)

LIVE STREAM [click here](#)

LIGHT a CANDLE and SAY a PRAYER [click here](#)

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday, February 6, 2022

**We are holding a memorial service in memory
of our Great Benefactors of Our Greek School
Constantine & Stamatis Polychronis**

**Τελούμε μνημόσυνο εις μνήμη των
Μεγάλων Ευεργετών του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου
Κωνσταντίνου & Σταματίου Πολυχρόνη**

**40 days: Antonios Papadimitriou
40 μέρες: Αντώνιος Παπαδημητρίου**

**3 months: Stylianos Fasolas
3 μήνες: Στυλιανός Φασόλας**

**3 months: Aikaterini Nicolaou
3 μήνες: Αικατερίνη Νικολάου**

**4 years: Olga Mihalos
4 χρόνια: Όλγα Μίχαλος**

**10 years: Georgios Haritos
10 χρόνια: Γεώργιος Χαρίτος**

***Coffee is offered by the
Papadimitriou, Fasolas, Nicolaou and Haritos Families***

***Ο καφές προσφέρεται από τις Οικογένειες
Παπαδημητρίου, Φασόλα, Νικολάου και Χαρίτος
Που τελούν τα μνημόσυνα εις μνήμη των κεκοιμημένων.***

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER



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Protopresbyter

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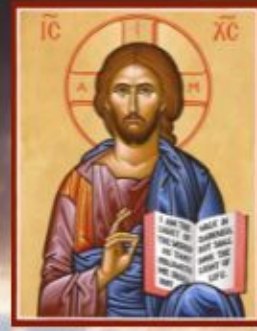
GODPARENTS SUNDAY

February 6, 2022

We encourage our faithful community, young and old, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and Holy Communion together with their Godchild. Feel free to attend church, even if, your Godparents are unable. Mom, dad, a grandparent, a special aunt or uncle can attend with you.

The Greek School Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters Program will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the community center.

Conversation & fellowship



with
Fr. Christos Pappas

next meeting

will take place on

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Zoom @ 8:00 pm

Meeting ID: 865 3931 6032

Passcode: 856974

Any questions call Fr. Christos @ 201.707.4737

Conversation and fellowship with Father Christos has been a blessing to be able to meet everyone on zoom and share a meaningful evening with our spiritual leader. **PLEASE NOTE** that we will continue to meet via zoom but the meeting times have been moved to Tuesday evenings twice a month.

The next meeting will be on

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 8 pm.

Please click on the link below and join us on ZOOM

[click here to join ZOOM](#)



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΟΣΟΛΥΜΕΥΣ

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey
with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America
is organizing an

Essay Contest

to honor the Feast of the Three Hierarchs and the
Greek Letters Celebration for the students of our Hellenic
Schools in the 6th to 9th Grades.



*The best essay from each region will
receive a monetary award of \$500!*

Please submit your essay
to: dtrianta@aol.com by Friday, February 25, 2022

The 2 topics are:

1. Τι διδάγματα μπορούν να λάβουν οι νέοι της εποχής μας από τη ζωή και το έργο των Τριών Ιεραρχών;
2. Πώς η ζωή των Τριών Ιεραρχών μπορεί να αποτελέσει παράδειγμα για τους σύγχρονους νέους της Αμερικής;

For questions and information please contact our Metropolis offices at 908-301-0500 or your local Parish



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

January 26, 2022

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy
And the Esteemed Principals/Directors and Teachers
Of the Greek Education Schools of the Sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

I hope and pray this email finds you well. As was announced in a previous communication, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, this year our Metropolis has changed the format for the Annual Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Celebration, as instead of an in person gathering we have organized an Essay Contest for the students of the Hellenic Education Schools.

This Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Essay Contest is open to all of the students who are currently in the 6th and 7th grades in their parish Greek School and will be competing against other children within their geographical region. Therefore, for this contest the Metropolis will recognize a winner in each of the five regions of our sacred Metropolis (Northern New Jersey District 1, Northern New Jersey District 2, Delaware Valley, Maryland, and Virginia). In addition, please know that we will also have a Metropolis wide category of the Essay Contest that is open to all students in the 8th and 9th grades where there will be one winner from the Metropolis.

The two topics that the students may choose from for this Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Essay Contest are:

1. *Τι διδάγματα μπορούν να λάβουν οι νέοι της εποχής μας από τη ζωή και το έργο των Τριών Ιεραρχών;*
2. *Πώς η ζωή των Τριών Ιεραρχών μπορεί να αποτελέσει παράδειγμα για τους σύγχρονους νέους της Αμερικής;*

Please know that all essays must be written in Greek (150 to 300 words), must include the name of the student, his/her grade in Greek School and the name of the parish. All essays must be submitted to the Chairman of Greek Education for our Sacred Metropolis, Mr. Demosthenes Triantafillou by email dtrianta@aol.com and must be submitted **by Friday, February 25, 2022**. The results of the essay contest will be

announced in the beginning of March and each of the six winners will receive a \$500.00 monetary prize.

I ask that all of you please wholeheartedly encourage all of the eligible students within your parish Greek Schools to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about their faith and heritage by participating in this first ever Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Essay Contest. If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Metropolis offices at 908-301-0500.

Conveying to you the paternal love and blessings of His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros and thanking you in advance for all of your assistance with this essay contest, I remain

At the Direction of the Archbishop,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Archim. Christof. Oikonomidis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a blue line.

+ Archimandrite Christoforos Oikonomidis
Chancellor



COURAGE TO RESIST

~ 2022 ~

NJ Hellenic American Heritage Commission



Essay Contest
&

Leontarakis Family Scholarship Awards



NJ High School Students of Hellenic descent are invited to submit an essay that will be judged by the NJ Hellenic American Heritage Commission and the NJ Department of Education.

Two winning authors will each receive a \$2,000 Scholarship.
The Gus Leontarakis Hellenism Award and the Irene Leontarakis Agape Award.

Awards will be presented at the NJ Greek Independence Day reception on March 19, 2022.

~ 2022 Scholarship Essay ~

Background: Personal treasures and unique artifacts often provide us with memories of the past that help us maintain a connection to our history and culture. Whether a piece of art or an item of sentimental and family value, they can bring a smile to our face or tears to our eyes while filling our hearts with love and appreciation for the people and experiences that preceded us. For the same reasons, global discussions have expanded to include the return of cultural artifacts and historical treasures to their country of origin.

Essay Question: Should cultural treasures, which are a source of national pride, historical legacy and cultural and religious identity, be returned to their country of origin? Examples of such treasures may include the Parthenon Marbles, artwork stolen by Nazi Germany, or artifacts maintained in private collections throughout the world.

Submit your response of less than 1,000 words before February 28, 2022

To apply, click here or visit the address below:

<https://www.state.nj.us/state/hellenic-essay-contest.shtml>

For further information, please contact: Gigigette@aol.com

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

What does it mean to Be The Bee?

"...be the bee, an awesome metaphor that goes back at least to St. Basil the Great... just like bees only take the good nectar from flowers, we should only take the good from whatever situation in which we find ourselves, and leave the rest behind. St. John Chrysostom... explained the reason why bees work so hard to collect the good nectar. 'The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others'.. Taking what's good out of every situation and sharing it with others ... goes right to the heart of

what it means to be a Christian...Elder Paisios of Mount Athos:... 'It only knows the good things in life and is ignorant of all evil'..."

~ Steve Christoforou, Director of the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Check out this great series of videos to share with your children on "Finding God" and "Living Orthodoxy."

#BeTheBee #OrthodoxChristianity #StBasiltheGreat #StJohnChrystostom

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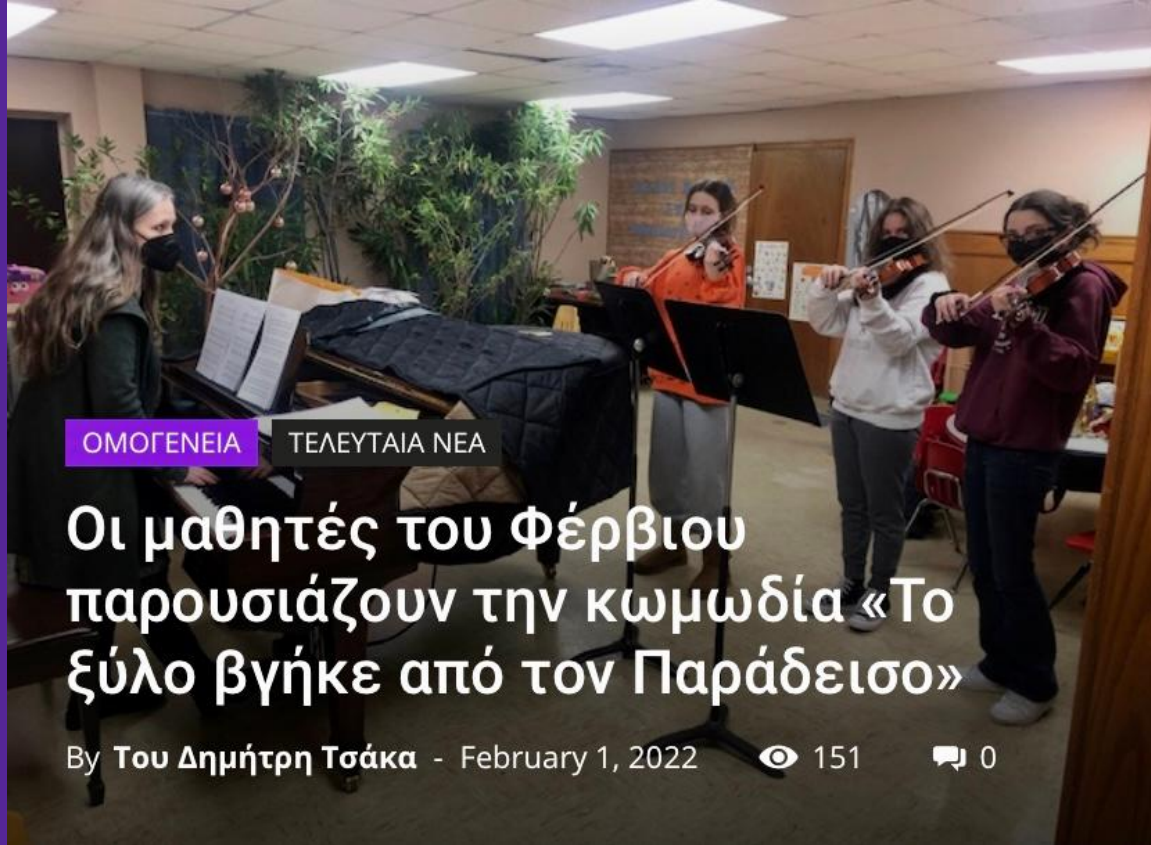
For more information and to
register to be a youth worker,
contact:

Evelyn Tsugranis
Parish Youth Safety Administrator
youthsafetyascension@gmail.com
201-658-1801

COMMUNITY NEWS



We are thankful that His Grace Bishop Aposotolos joined Father Christo on February 2, 2022, to officiate The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.



ΟΜΟΓΕΝΕΙΑ

ΤΕΛΕΥΤΑΙΑ ΝΕΑ

Οι μαθητές του Φέρβιου παρουσιάζουν την κωμωδία «Το ξύλο βγήκε από τον Παράδεισο»

By Του Δημήτρη Τσάκα - February 1, 2022



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Our Greek School was featured in the e-paper "Anamniseis" on February 1, 2022 about the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters Day Program scheduled on February 6, 2022 after the Divine Liturgy.

READ STORY HERE: <https://www.anamniseis.net/oi-mathites-tou-fairview-paroysiazoun-tin-komodia-to-ksylo-bgike-apo-ton-paradeiso/>



Congratulations to our Junior GOYA girls volleyball team on being crowned the NJ GOYA State Champions! This is the culmination of an undefeated season

and winning the District 1 championship as well. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments and would also like to congratulate and thank our coaches Costa Rakkou and Jordan Nicholas.

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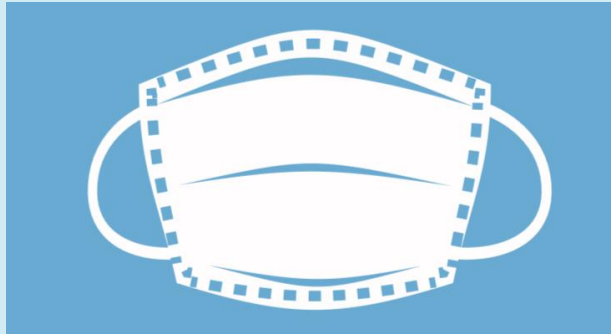
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The Divine Liturgy is live streamed on our church website. You can watch from home or in our Church Hall downstairs and come up for Holy Communion at the appropriate time OR at the end of the Liturgy. Please let Fr. Christos know in advance what you decide to do.

Here's the link to Order your Free At-Home COVID Tests

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