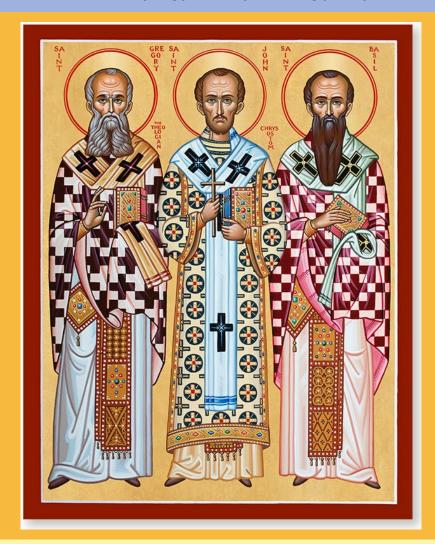




ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



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ARCHDIOCESE LAUNCHES CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Please see His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros' message as the Archdiocese formally launches the beginning of it's 2022 Centennial celebrations in the first of a series that will be released online in the lead-up to the Clergy Laity Congress in New York City July 3-7, 2022

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Today we commemorate

The Three Hierarchs click here

- Epistle Reading click here click here
- Gospel Reading click here click here

GOSPEL and EPISTLE READINGS

EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their lives, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So, Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Πρός Έβραίους 13:7-16 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 5:14-19 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

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δ' ὰν ποιήση καὶ διδάξη, οὖτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῆ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

2022 Ascension Church Membership Dues

Individual or Couple \$450 Senior Citizen Individual or Couple \$350

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Three Hierarchs click here 8:30am-11:30 a.m., Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 1, 2022
Forefeast of the Presentation
Tryphon the Martyr click here
9:00 am Orthros, Divine Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Paraklisis

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Presentation of our Lord click here

9:00 am Orthros, Divine Liturgy

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

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Symeon & Anna the Prophetess click here
9:00 am Orthros, Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Board Meeting

Friday, February 4, 2022 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Greek School

Saturday, February 5, 2022

11 a.m. - 12 noon Greek Dances (GOYA)

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

Κυριακή, 30 Ιανουαρίου, 2022

Των Τριών Ιεραρχών click here 8:30 πμ - 11:30 π.μ. Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Τρίτη, 1η Φεβρουαρίου, 2022 Προεόρτια Υπαπαντής click here 9:00 πμ Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία 6:00 μ.μ. Παράκληση

Τετάρτη, 2 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022 Η Υπαπαντή του Κυρίου click here 9:00 πμ Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία 4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ. Ελληνικό Σχολείο Πέμπτη, 3 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022

Συμεών ο Θεοδόχος και 'Αννα η Προφήτης click here

9:00 πμ Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία 7:00 μ.μ. Συνεδρίαση της Φιλοπτώχου

Παρασκευή, 4 Φεβρουαρίου, 2022 4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ. Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Σάββατο, 5 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, January 30, 2022

10 years: Georgios Haritos 10 χρόνια: Γεώργιος Χαρίτος

Coffee is offered by the Haritos Family

Ο καφές προσφέρεται από την οικογένεια Χαρίτου που τελεί το μνημόσυνο εις μνήμη του κεκοιμημένου

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER



Rev. Christos L. Pappas

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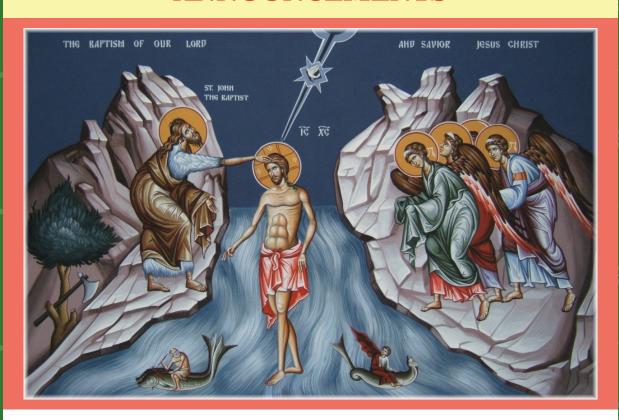
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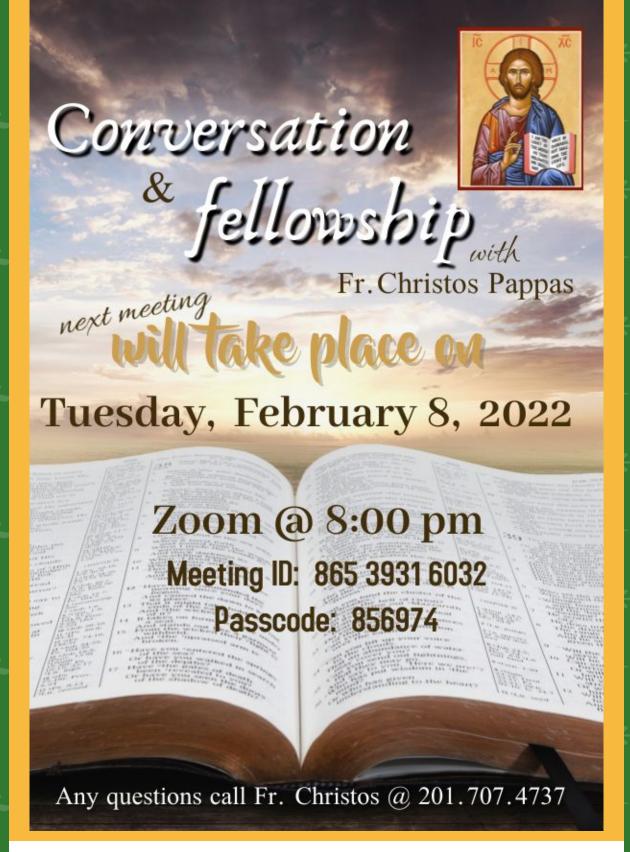
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Theophany Home Blessings

According to the Greek Orthodox tradition, the month of January is the time for home blessings. If you wish for Fr. Christo to come and bless your home, you may respond to this email and provide your name, address, phone number, and provide possible dates and times for scheduling blessing. Or you may contact Anastasia, Office Administrator, at 201-945-6448 or email us at info@ascensionfairview.org



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



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

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:

- Τι διδάγματα μπορούν να λάβουν οι νέοι της εποχής μας από τη ζωή και το έργο των Τριών Ιεραρχών;
- 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

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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,

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+ Archimandrite Christoforos Oikonomidis Chancellor



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 predceeded 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

Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music (ASBM) Reopens



ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOL OF BYZANTINE MUSIC (ASBM)

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has reopened online registration for The Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music. The ASBM will train competent cantors to better serve the contemporary musical and liturgical needs of parishes within the context of the divine services. The classes will be in a virtual setting which will greatly improve access to students from all over the Archdiocese. The ASBM is designed to meet the various needs of its students, regardless their musical knowledge or experience, while still following the same model as traditional music conservatories in both Greece and the United States. For further information concerning registration and the school itself, call 646-519-6726.

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 Chrystostom... explained the reason why bees work so hard to collect the good nectar. 'The bee is more honored than other animals,

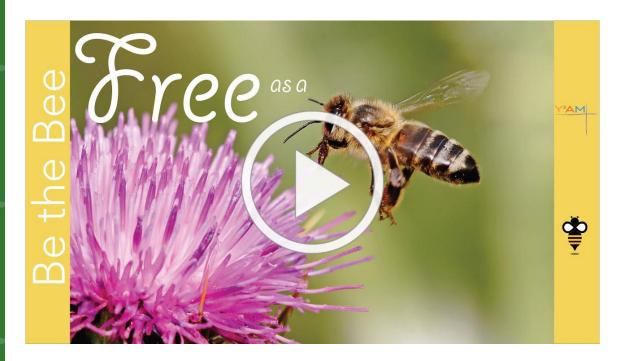
not because she labors, but because she labors for others'.. Taking what's good out of every situation and sharing it with others ... goes right to the heart of what it means to be a Christian...Elder Paisios of Mount Athos:... 'It only knows the good things in life and is ignorant of all evil'..."

~ 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

click below to view video 4:44 minutes



For more information on the **Youth & Young Adult Ministries** follow on:

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If you would like to volunteer in one of our youth ministries, you must comply with the

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Policies for the Safety of Children and Youth

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

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

www.SWAB4ANDREA.com

Andrea is a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff. She has leukemia and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. As of today, **Be The Match** has not found a donor. The ideal donor is of Greek or Cypriot descent and is in the age range of 18-40. You can help by gently swabbing the inside of your cheek and test to determine if you are a possible stem cell match. For more on becoming a donor please see the information below.

ANDREA NEEDS
OUR HELP TO
CONQUER
CANCER





Hi, my name is Andrea (Demetriou) Kalliaras. My family and I are members of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Wyckoff, NJ I am 49 years old. My husband Constantinos (Gus) and I are proud parents to two young teens, Sophia and Nikolas.

A few months ago, I received devastating news that I have a rare form of Leukemia that can only be cured by a stem cell transplant. Unfortunately, at this point, the doctors have not found a match for me and so we are now praying for the generosity of others and reaching out to our fellow community. My mom, Fannie is Cypriot, and my dad John is Greek and Cypriot. So, we are looking for anyone that is of Greek or Cypriot descent, however, on occasion, matches are found between patients and donors of different ethnic groups.

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Eligibility will vary based on the cooperative registry guidelines. Use the links to determine your eligibility.

- In good health
- Willing to donate blood stem cells to any patient in need

There are two ways to donate blood stem cells: 80% of donors are asked to provide blood stem cells collected from circulating. This is an optimized complexed blood stem cell (DRSC) repeation it is similar.

20% of donors are asked to provide blood stem cells collected from bone marrow. The

MY FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP!! A few months ago, we received devastating news that my sister, Andrea (Demetriou) Kalliaras, has a rare form of Leukemia that can only be cured by a stem cell transplant. I have always been very protective of my sister and always looked out for her. But this time I can't personally help her which tears me apart inside. My sister is not only my best friend but literally like a second mother to my three girls ages 16, 14, and 12.

We are looking for an Angel on this Earth of Greek and/or Cypriot descent between the ages of 18 and 55 to check and see if they are a match to help my sister. On occasion, matches are found between patients and donors of different ethnic groups, so even if you are not Greek or Cypriot, please register! To determine if someone is a

match It is a 10-second cheek swab in the convenience of your home via a free kit that is mailed directly to you. If you are a match, technology has advanced so much that the 80% of stem cell donations are now given through blood collection. Additionally, for whoever is a match all costs including transportation, if needed, to and from the nearest blood lab is 100% covered. Please help us in this time of need!

I am asking everyone to please like and share this post and even share via other social media outlets as well as possibly emailing the information directly to any Greek or Cypriot; people, organizations, associations and/or churches you know in the USA as well as Greece, Cyprus, Germany, the UK or anywhere in the world!

For more information or to register to be a donor visit www.swab4andrea.com or https://lnkd.in/d8h4baJ4

To receive a free swab kit please see below or visit **www.swab4andrea.com**:

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In Greece visit https://www.xarisezoi.gr/

In Germany visit https://www.dkms.de/

In the UK visit https://www.dkms.org.uk/

All other countries visit Swab The World | Become a stem cell donor

~ Marc Demetriou

COMMUNITY NEWS



Congratulations to the Parish Council members of 2022!

Maria Bournias Peter A. Frangiskou Ioanna Georgiadis **Emmanuel Hatzakis** Christos Kanakis Niki Kaousias **Stelios Kontolios** Themmy Kontolios Stelios Kyprianou Martha Liosatos Mihaelos N. Mihalos **Athanasios Peppas** Constantine J. Rakkou Panagiotis Sardis Michael Siderias Kimon Skarlatos Flourentzo Toumazou Agisilaos Triantafyllopulos



Father Christos cuts the Vasilopita for the children and teachers of the Catechism Program.



Father Christos cuts the Vasilopita for the children, teachers, and Principal Triantafillou of the Afternoon Greek School.



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.



COVID SAFETY MEASURES

You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask or face covering in church for the protection of those who cannot wear a mask, have a weakened immune system, or cannot receive the vaccine. Try to physically distance yourself as best as possible while in church. If you have the symptoms of COVID-19, or suspect you might have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, please stay home.

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.

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