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Metropolis Church of
New Jersey



Ascension Greek
Orthodox Church
Fairview, NJ

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FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



The LIGHT of the ASCENSION
Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως



Sunday, March 13, 2022

Today we commemorate

[Sunday of Orthodoxy click here](#)

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



In response to the tragic humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, and the immediate aid needed there, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros announced the GOARCH Ukraniann Relief Fund, established in collaboration with the IOCC, aiming to raise \$1 million for both immediate and long-term support of the Ukrainian people. "We find ourselves in deep pain and sorrow of the soul over the horror that has ensued from the invasion of Ukraine."

~ His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

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GOSPEL and EPISTLE READINGS

EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in

two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Προς Ἑβραίους 11:24-26, 32-40 το Ανάγνωσμα

□δελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσ□ς μέγας γενόμενος □ρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υ□□ς θυγατρ□ς Φαραώ, μ□λλον □λόμενος συγκακουχε□σθαι τ□ λα□ το□ θεο□ □ πρόσκαιρον □χειν □μαρτίας □πόλυσιν· μείζονα πλο□τον □γησάμενος τ□ν Α□γύπτου θησαυρ□ν τ□ν □νειδισμ□ν το□ Χριστο□· □πέβλεπεν γ□ρ ε□ς τ□ν μισθαποδοσίαν. Κα□ τί □τι λέγω; □πιλείπει γ□ρ με διηγούμενον □ χρόνος περ□ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε κα□ Σαμψών κα□ □εφθάε, Δαβίδ τε κα□ Σαμου□λ κα□ τ□ν προφητ□ν· ο□ δι□ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, ε□ργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, □πέτυχον □παγγελι□ν, □φραξαν στόματα λεόντων, □σβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, □φυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, □νεδυναμώθησαν □π□ □σθενείας, □γενήθησαν □σχυρο□ □ν πολέμ□, παρεμβολ□ς □κλιναν □λλοτρίων. □λαβον γυνα□κες □ξ □ναστάσεως το□ς νεκρο□ς α□τ□ν· □λλοι δ□ □τυμπανίσθησαν, ο□ προσδεξάμενοι τ□ν □πολύτρωσιν, □να κρείττονος □ναστάσεως τύχωσιν· □τεροι δ□ □μπαιγμ□ν κα□ μαστίγων πε□ραν □λαβον, □τι δ□ δεσμ□ν κα□ φυλακ□ς· □λιθάσθησαν, □πρίσθησαν, □πειράσθησαν, □ν φόν□ μαχαίρας □πέθανον· περι□λθον □ν μηλωτα□ς, □ν α□γείοις δέρμασιν, □στερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - □ν ο□κ □ν □ξιος □ κόσμος - □ν □ρημίαις πλανώμενοι κα□ □ρεσιν κα□ σπηλαίοις κα□ τα□ς □πα□ς τ□ς γ□ς. Κα□ ο□τοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες δι□ τ□ς πίστεως, ο□κ □κομίσαντο τ□ν □παγγελίαν, το□ θεο□ περ□ □μ□ν κρε□ττόν τι προβλεψαμένου, □να μ□ χωρ□ς □μ□ν τελειωθῶσιν.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:44-52 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὕρισκε Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκε Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλῆτις, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι,

ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν σικκὴν εἰδὼν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἰπὼν σοι, εἰδὼν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς σικκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνευγόμενα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

2022 Ascension Church Membership Dues

Individual or Couple \$450

Senior Citizen Individual or Couple \$350

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, March 13, 2022

[Sunday of Orthodoxy click here](#)

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

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Catechism Program

Fasolada Fundraiser

by the Philoptochos

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. *Vespers for Contrition*

(Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church

285 French Hill Rd, Wayne, NJ 07470)

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

6:00 p.m. Holy Unction

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

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

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. *Presanctified Liturgy*

Friday, March 18, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. *Presanctified Liturgy*

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

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *2nd Salutations*

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

Κυριακή, 13 Μαρτίου, 2022

[Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας click here](#)

8:30 πμ - 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κατηχητικό Πρόγραμμα
Φασολάδα από την Φιλόπτωχο
5:00 μ.μ. - 6:00 μ.μ. [Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός Click here](#)
(Ναός - Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church
285 French Hill Rd, Wayne, NJ 07470

Τρίτη, 15 Μαρτίου, 2022
6:00 μ.μ. Άγιο Ευχέλαιο

Τετάρτη, 16 Μαρτίου, 2022
4:30 μ.μ. - 6:30 μ.μ. Ελληνικό Σχολείο
6:00 μ.μ. - 7:30 μ.μ. Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

Παρασκευή, 18 Μαρτίου, 2022
9:00 π.μ. - 10:30 π.μ. Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία
4:30 μ.μ. - 6:30 μ.μ. Ελληνικό Σχολείο
7:00 μ.μ. - 8:30 μ.μ. Β' Χαιρετισμοί

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Saturday, March 13, 2022

40 days: Arhontia Kalymnios
40 μέρες: Αρχοντία Καλύμνιου

1 year: Peter Douros
1 χρόνος: Παναγιώτης Δούρος

7 years: Efstathios Papanikolaou
7 χρόνια: Ευστάθιος Παπανικολάου

Coffee is offered by the Douros Family

*Ο καφές προσφέρεται από
την Οικογένεια Δούρου
που τελεί τα μνημόσυνο εις
μνήμη του κεκοιμημένου*

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER



Rev. Christos L. Pappas

Protopresbyter

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Anastasia Perdikos

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M, W 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

T, Th, F 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 - 1:30 p.m.

info@ascensionfairview.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASCENSION PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
101 ANDERSON AVENUE
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY 07022**

**WILL BE HOLDING A «FASOLADA» FUNDRAISER
WITH OTHER LENTEN FOOD SELECTIONS
COFFEE & GLYKA**

**AFTER LITURGY ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022**

DONATION \$10.00



WE WILL ALSO HAVE "TO GO" CONTAINERS

"KALI SARAHOSTI"

**ALL PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR
PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER'S PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS.**

Join thousands of teens across the nation & **#shareorthodoxy!**

2022 ORATORICAL FESTIVAL



EXPLORE a deeper knowledge of your Orthodox faith
THINK critically about current issues
SPEAK to a gentle and loving audience

Share Your
FAITH

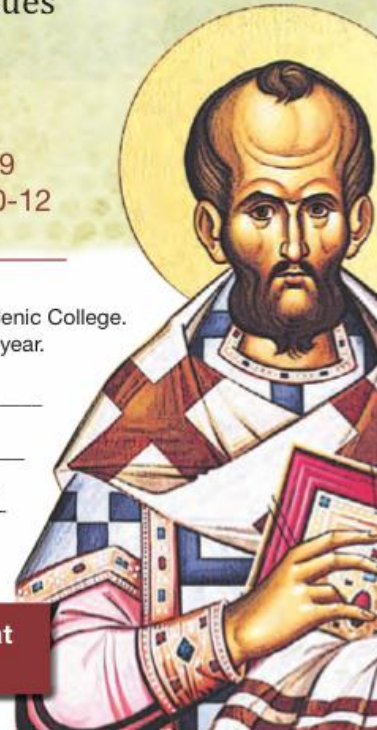
Junior Division for Grades 7-9
Senior Division for Grades 10-12

AWARDS - The Chrysostom Scholarship for Hellenic College
The 2022 finalists are eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College.
This scholarship provides awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year.

Parish Festival Date **March 25, 2022**
Parish Chairperson **Stacy Pinou-Melizanis**
Contact Information **pinoustacy@hotmail.com**

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a Ministry of the Department of Religious Education from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

Find the topics, rules, guidelines, and prize information at
www.goarch.org/oratorical



The Greek Orthodox Church of the Ascension St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Friday, March 25, 2022

Students in **grades 3 through 12** are invited to participate in the **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 7:30 pm in Ascension Church.**

Students are to prepare a speech/response that answers one of the questions found in the attached guidelines and present it to the community.

Speeches/Responses need to be **typed** and **submitted** to the Parish Chairperson by **March 20, 2022**, in order to assist the student in putting the final touches on their entry. Entries can be emailed to pinoustacy@hotmail.com

Length of Presentation:

Elementary Division (Grades 3 -6) should prepare a response between 30 seconds and 90 seconds.

Junior Division (Grades 7-9) should prepare a response between 3 and 4 minutes.

Senior Division (Grades 10-12) should prepare a response between 4 and 5 minutes.

There are many benefits in participating in such an event:

1. It is a great opportunity for your child to build public speaking skills in a safe, supportive environment while applying their religious knowledge and beliefs.
2. Our current and former participants have noted this event on their college resumes which has resulted in curiosity from colleges and recommendations to participate in leadership activities.

All participants will receive a certificate and gift for their participation.

Feel free to contact Stacy Pinou at pinoustacy@hotmail.com with questions and concerns. Those who are interested in participating should let me know as early as possible. I will conduct writing workshops for all interested.

Sincerely,
Stacy Pinou-Melizanis
Oratorical festival Chairwoman





ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL 2022 Topics

Junior Division (Grades 7-9)

Topic 1

Share what you learned about yourself after a “technology fast” of at least 21 days. What can we learn about our relationship to God and the world by fasting?

Topic 2

In our personal prayer and liturgy, we usually make requests of God. Discuss why we make these petitions and how God fulfills them.

Topic 3

Choose a saint whose life has been important to you or your family. Discuss what you find most inspiring about this saint and what others can learn from how they lived their life.

Topic 4

Discuss how you would share your Orthodox Christian faith with a visitor to your parish.

Topic 5

Discuss your favorite Church service of the year and why it is meaningful to you.

Senior Division (Grades 10-12)

Topic 1

Discuss the significance of Orthodox iconography (historically, symbolically and/or artistically) and how icons enhance our worship.

Topic 2

From the earliest days, Christian worship has been community-based, not only solitary, and Christians formed communities where the members learned from and took care of one another. Why is it important to be part of a Church community, and how is this relevant today?

Topic 3

The Orthodox faithful pray to the saints for physical healing and we have examples of saints like Cosmas and Damian who were doctors. What does this teach us about the Orthodox perspective on faith, health, and medicine?

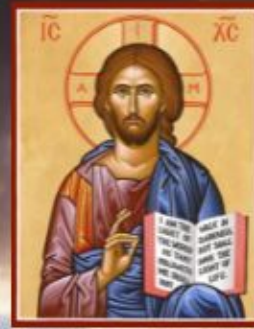
Topic 4

Discuss ways that a young person can respond to God's call to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength and one's neighbor as oneself (see Luke 10:27).

Topic 5

In every Church service, we pray for "peace in the world," usually many times. Yet, war and violence persist. What is the Orthodox Christian approach to war and violence?

Conversation & fellowship



with
Fr. Christos Pappas

next meeting

will take place on

Tuesday, March 22, 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 will continue twice a month on Tuesdays via zoom. It has been a blessing to be able to meet everyone on zoom and share a meaningful evening with our spiritual leader.

The next meeting will be on

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 8 pm.

Please click on the link below and join us on ZOOM

[click here to join ZOOM](#)



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February 21, 2022

To the faithful of the Metropolis of New Jersey:

As the parish priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Egg Harbor Twp., New Jersey, I write this letter on behalf of a most beloved member of our church family. Melina Galias is an eighteen year old young adult who graduated from high school last spring and has been accepted to Drexel University.

Unfortunately, she is in need of a kidney transplant and has been on dialysis since June 2021.

We are making a general appeal to all concerned people who would be willing to register with the VirtuaHealth Kidney Donor Program on behalf of Melina. A kidney donor needs to be older than 18 years of age and in good overall physical and mental health. Living donors are preferred, along with O and B blood types that can be positive or negative.

For more information pertaining to the registration process, please log onto virtua.org/KidneyDonation or call Jennie Roggio at 856-796-9376.

Over the years, Melina has been a very active member of our parish youth ministries, but now she has had to defer her college matriculation due to her health condition. While we are thankful for the dialysis treatments that she has been receiving, her doctors have indicated that a kidney transplant is what she really needs in order to enjoy good quality of life.

On behalf of Melina and her family, I thank you for prayerfully considering this most important request.

With love in Christ,

Father George Liacopoulos

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

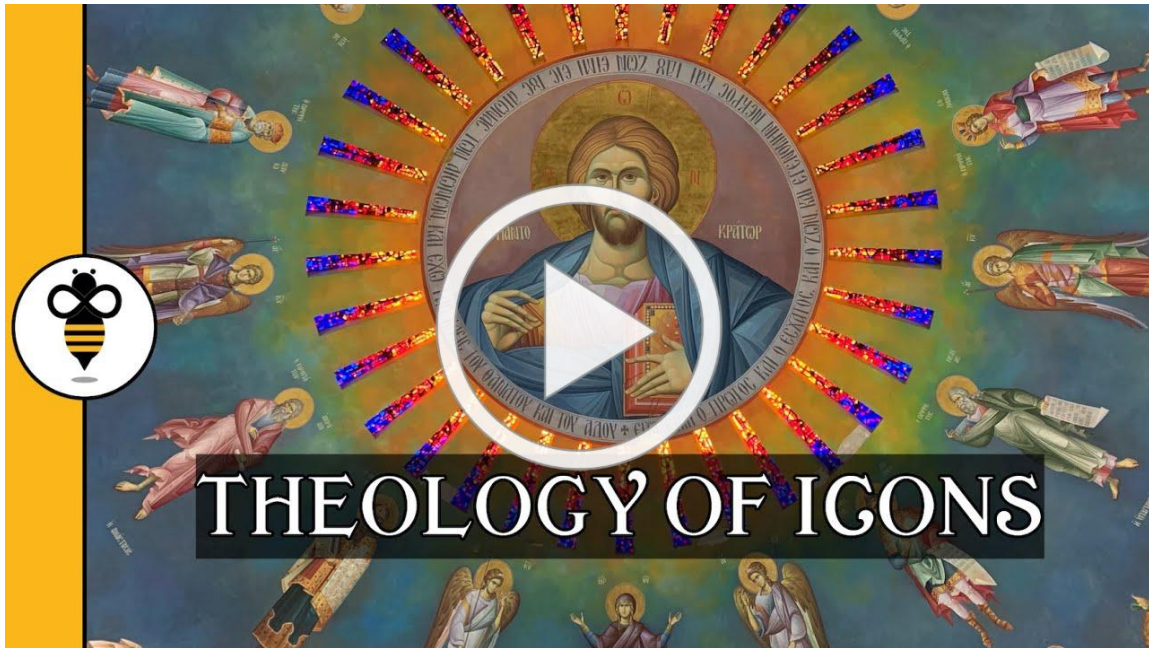
We commemorate the restoration of the holy and venerable icons.

~ 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 #Orthodoxy

click below to view video 15:04 minutes



For more information on the
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YouTube - [youtube.com/y2am](https://www.youtube.com/y2am)

www.y2am.org

y2am@goarch.org



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

GOYA SIGHTS and SOUNDS 2022

On March 5, 2022, our GOYAns participated in the 50th Anniversary of Sights and Sounds at the Holy Trinity Church, Westfield. Our GOYAns worked tirelessly over the last several weeks so that they could represent our church and our community. The hours were long and the effort was great, and they certainly made us proud. Congratulations to all!

Here are the categories below that our GOYAns won:

SOUNDS

Greek Play ~ 2nd Place
Singing Solo, Alexi Horne ~ 1st Place
English Monologue,
Alexi Horne ~ 2nd Place
English Singing group ~ 4th Place
Greek Singing Group ~ 4th Place

SIGHTS

Original Design on Ready Made Clothing, Constantine Tsugranis ~ 2nd Place
Collage Art, Sophia Lazarou ~ 2nd Place
Computer Art, Constantine Tsugranis ~ Honorable Mention







Greek Theatre ~ 2nd Place

GREEK PLAY ~ 2nd Place



SINGING SOLO, Alexi Horne ~ 1st Place
ENGLISH MONOLOGUE,
Alexi Horne ~ 2nd Place



GREEK SINGING GROUP

~ 4th Place



ENGLISH SINGING GROUP

~ 4th Place



ORIGINAL DESIGN ON READY MADE CLOTHING,
Constantine Tsugranis ~ 2nd Place
COMPUTER ART, Constantine Tsugranis ~ Honorable Mention



COLLAGE ART,
Sophia Lazarou ~ 2nd Place



INSTRUMENTAL GROUP





GREEK DANCE GROUP



ALL THE AMAZING SIGHTS at the Showcase at our Ascension Church!

COMMUNITY NEWS



It was an honor to have His Grace Bishop Athenagoras visit the Ladies Philoptochos on Kathera Monday for a lenten luncheon.

THANK YOU: I'L

THANK YOU!!

Thank you So much from Edgar

thank you-Dom

Thank You-Elijah



Thank you -Jeremiah

THANK YOU!!
-Juliana

Thank you for all the presents this year!
Love, Mariana

THANK YOU
-M
-Jennara



THANK YOU ASCENSION CATECHISM PROGRAM

The children and families of St. Basil Academy sent beautiful messages and cards thanking the Ascension Catechism Program for sending gift cards to all the children for Christmas. Thank you to all that supported the Holiday Gift Shop Fundraiser and the children of St. Basil Academy, Garrison, NY and St. Tabitha School and Orphanage, Kenya, Africa.







On February 6, 2022, we were so blessed to have our own Fr. Elias officiate his first Divine Liturgy with his father, Father Christos! The day was extra special on Father Christos' 60th birthday. Πάντα Ἀξιος!

READ STORY HERE: <https://www.anamniseis.net/plousia-se-sygkiniseis-i-teipli-giorti-tis-koinotitas-tis-analipseos-sto-fairview-tis-neas-ierseis/>





Our Greek School was featured in the e-paper "Anamniseis" on February 8, 2022 about the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters Day Program performed on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

READ STORY HERE: <https://www.anamniseis.net/evmeni-sholia-gia-to-ksilo-vgique-apo-ton-paradeiso-kai-tin-giorti-ton-grammaton-tou-fairview/>

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