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Ascension Greek
Orthodox Church
Fairview, NJ

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FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



The LIGHT of the ASCENSION
Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως



December 1st, 2024

Today we commemorate
14th Sunday of Luke

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

December 1, 2024

14th Sunday of Luke

[\(click here\)](#)

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

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Catechism School

Coffee is served by

the Philoptochos

Monday

December 2, 2024

Cyril of Phileus

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 a.m. Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Tuesday

December 3, 2024

John, Bishop & Hesychast

9:00 a.m. Orthros, Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vespers

Saint Barbara Church (Toms River)

Wednesday

December 4, 2024

Barbara the Great Martyr

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 a.m. Orthros, Divine Liturgy

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

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Paraklisis &

Bible Study

Thursday

December 5, 2024

Savvas the Sanctified

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 a.m. Orthros, Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Vespers

Saint Nicholas—Wyckoff

Friday

December 6, 2024

Nicholas the Wonderworker

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9:00 a.m. Orthros, Divine Liturgy
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Greek School

Saturday

December 7, 2024

[Ambrose, Bishop](#)

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 a.m. Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Sunday

December 8, 2024

10th Sunday of Luke

[\(click here\)](#)

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

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Catechism School

Coffee is served by

the P.T.O.

Parish Council Elections

6:00 p.m. *Vespers - Agia Anna (Flemington)*

Κυριακή

1η Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

[ΙΔ' Λουκά](#)

[\(click here\)](#)

8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κατηχητικό Σχολείο

Ο καφές σερβίρεται από

την Φιλόπτωχο

Δευτέρα, 2 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

[Κύριλλος ο Φιλεώτης](#)

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος,

Θεία Λειτουργία

Τρίτη

3 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

[Αγ. Ιωάννης Ησυχαστής](#)

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

6:00 μ.μ. *Εσπερινός*

Ναός Αγ. Βαρβάρας (Τομς Ρίβερ)

Τετάρτη, 4 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

[Αγ. Βαρβάρας](#)

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 π .μ. Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία

4:30 - 6:30 μ.μ.

Ελληνικό Σχολείο

6:00 - 7:30 μ.μ. Παράκληση &
Μελέτη Αγίας Γραφής

Πέμπτη

5 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

Σάββας ο Ηγιασμένος

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 π .μ. Όρθρος,

Θεία Λειτουργία

6:00 μ.μ. *Εσπερινός Αγίου Νικολάου*

Ναός Γουαϊκοφ

Παρασκευή

6 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

Αγ. Νικολάου

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 π .μ. Όρθρος,

Θεία Λειτουργία

4:30 - 6:30 μ.μ.

Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Σάββατο

7 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

Αγ. Αμβρόσιος

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 π .μ. Όρθρος,

Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή

8 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

Γ' Λουκά

[\(click here\)](#)

8:30 π .μ. – 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κατηχητικό Σχολείο

Ο καφές σερβίρεται από

το ΠΤΟ

Εκλογές Συμβουλίου

6:00 μ.μ. *Εσπερινός*

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

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MEMORIAL SERVICES – ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ - SUNDAY

1η Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

**40 μέρες: Τριαντάφυλλος Θανασούλης
40 days: Triantafyllos Thanasoulis**

**3 μήνες: Θεόδωρος Κοντόπουλος
3 months: Theodoros Kontopoulos**

**6 μήνες: Ευάγγελος Θωμά
6 months: Vangjel Thoma**

***Ο καφές προσφέρεται από τις οικογένειες
Θανασούλη, Κοντόπουλος & Θωμά
που τελούν τα μνημόσυνα
εις μνήμη των κεκοιμημένων***

***The coffee is offered by the
Thanasoulis, Kontopoulos &
Thomas Families
that have the Memorial Services***

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ - SATURDAY

7 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024

**40 μέρες: Ελευθέριος Σέκκας
40 days: Eleftherios Sekkas**

SACRAMENTS – ΜΥΣΤΗΡΙΑ

Saturday, November 30th, 2024

12:00 noon - BAPTISM

Mr. & Mrs. Sean Kaiser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8, 2024

Parish Council Elections

December 15, 2024

Catechism School
Christmas Retreat

December 18, 2024

5:30 p.m. Greek School Christmas Program

December 20, 2024

6:00 p.m. Metropolis Christmas Lighting

December 22, 2024

Catechism Nativity Program
GOYA Breakfast with Santa

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024

Προς τα μέλη της Ελληνικής Ορθοδόξου
Κοινότητας Θείας Αναλήψεως, Φέρβιου, Νέας Ιερσέης

Στη τελευταία Γενική Συνέλευση της Κοινότητας που έγινε την Κυριακή, 27 Οκτωβρίου, 2024, τα κάτωθι μέλη προτάθηκαν ως υποψήφιοι σύμβουλοι δια το Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο δια τα έτη 2025-2027.

1. Ντέιβιτ Κάπεζ
2. Παντελής Φραγκίσκου
3. Σπύρος Λέκκας
4. Μιχάλης Μίχαλος
5. Στέλιος Σωκράτους
6. Φλουρέντζος Τουμάζου

Σύμφωνα με τους κανονισμούς της Κοινότητας, (6) έξι μέλη πρέπει να εκλεγούν δια το Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο, προτάθηκαν έξι (6). Μπορείτε να ψηφίσετε από έναν, (1) μέχρι έξι (6) υποψήφιους.

**ΟΙ ΕΚΛΟΓΕΣ ΘΑ ΓΙΝΟΥΝ ΤΗΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 8 ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2024
ΜΕΤΑ ΤΗ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΙΘΟΥΣΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΩΣ ΤΙΣ 2:00 .μ.**

Από τη Γενική Συνέλευση μέλη της Εφορευτικής Επιτροπής εξελέγησαν οι κ.κ.: Αργυρώ Ανδριόπουλος, Κική Γκάρκας και Κατερίνα Λάκκας.

Δικαίωμα ψήφου έχουν μόνο όσοι έχουν πληρώσει τη συνδρομή τους διά το 2024. Όσοι διέκοψαν τη συνδρομή τους εις το παρελθόν, πρέπει να καταβάλουν τη

συνδρομή τους πριν την ημέρα των εκλογών ή την ημέρα εκείνη πριν ψηφίσουν.

Παρακαλούμε όλα τα μέλη να προσέλθουν κατά την ημέρα των εκλογών δια να ψηφίσουν. Με τη ψήφο σας δείχνετε ότι έχετε ενδιαφέρον δια την κοινότητά μας.

To all members of the Ascension Greek Orthodox Church

Dear Parishioners,

At the General Assembly Meeting of the Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, held on Sunday, October 27th, 2024, the following names were placed in nomination for the Office of the Parish Council, for the years 2025-2027.

- 1. David Cabej**
- 2. Peter A. Frangiskou**
- 3. Spyros Lekkas**
- 4. Mihaelos N. Mihalos**
- 5. Stelios Socratous**
- 6. Flourentzos Toumazou**

According to the Parish By-Laws, (6) six members must be elected to the Ecclesiastical Council, six (6) members have been proposed; therefore, you will vote from one, (1) to six, (6), candidates.

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024, AT THE CHURCH HALL, FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY UNTIL 2:00pm

The General Assembly has also elected the following members to serve on the Election Committee: Argyro Andriopoulos, Kiki Gargas and Kathy Lakkas.

You are reminded once again that in order for one to be eligible to vote, one must have his/her financial obligation paid for the year of 2024. Members, who have missed their dues in the past, in order to vote, should make their contributions before Election Day or the day before voting.

We urge all the members of our Parish to come to the Elections on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at the Church Hall. Remember, with your vote, you show concern and interest in our community.

PTO

ASCENSION FAIRVIEW PTO



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

**DURING GREEK SCHOOL HOURS
STARTING DECEMBER 6TH - 20TH**

AND

**SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 8TH AND 15TH
AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY**

\$20 - SMALL PLATTER

\$30 - LARGE PLATTER

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
GREEK SCHOOL!
ΚΑΛΕΣ ΓΙΟΡΤΕΣ!**



ASCENSION PTO NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Christmas Bake Sale



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

In preparation for our Christmas Bake Sale in December, we are asking for volunteers to bake koulourakia, kourambiedes, melomakarona and baklava!

We are also seeking volunteers to help us assemble the cookie platters on Friday, December 6 at 4:30. If you'd like to help in any way, please click on the link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9A82FA4F9C16-46251504-christmas#/
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9A82FA4F9C16-46251504-christmas#/)

Special Thanks

This month we'd like to extend special thanks to **Mythos Restaurant** and the **Beacon Diner** for their generosity in providing food for our Greek School community. We thank you for your continued support!

Reminders



Collection of PTO Dues for the 2024-2025 are still ongoing. The price for dues is \$50 per family. Please use the QR code to pay for dues.

BRING AN ORNAMENT ON 12/6: We ask all students to bring or make an ornament to decorate our Christmas tree during Greek school!

SAVE THE DATE: Our 19th Annual **TAVERNA NIGHT** will be held on February 1, 2025 at 7:30 pm.

Have questions? E-mail us! ascensionfairviewpto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- **December 4** - PTO Meeting at 5pm
 - **December 6** - Christmas Bake Sale Begins & Christmas Tree Decoration
 - **December 8** - PTO Serves Coffee
 - **December 18** - Christmas Program at 5:30pm
 - Week of December 23 - **NO SCHOOL**
 - **SCHOOL REOPENS January 3**
- PTO wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

GOYA

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Fairview, NJ

VASILOPITA SALE



Order by
12/8

GOYA
fundraiser

Pre-Order Today \$23

Pick-Up on Sunday, December 22nd, after Divine Liturgy
Baked by the Sisters at Agia Skepi Monastery in PA

NAME _____

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Return/Mail Order Form with payment to Ascension Church

Make checks payable to Ascension GOYA or Venmo @Ascensiongoya

Any questions contact Christina Papas at (201) 658 - 2766

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**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**2024 SAINT BASIL ACADEMY
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
11 AM-2 PM**

For more info or to RSVP, please
contact L.Biniaris@sbagoa.org

www.sbagoa.org

A decorative wreath of holly leaves, pine needles, and red berries, identical to the one at the top, frames the bottom of the text.

Save the Date

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey



Music & Dance Festival
Philadelphia: February 14-16, 2025

*President's Day Weekend (February 14 – 16, 2025) at the
Sheraton Hotel - Downtown Philadelphia.*

Categories include:

- *Greek Folk Dancing
(JOY, GOYA and Young Adult Groups)*
- &
- *Parish Youth and Young Adult Liturgical Choirs*

Registration Packets will be coming shortly

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS OF NEW JERSEY
&

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INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OUR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
PRESENTING,



YOUTH CHOIR, KIMISIS CHOIR,
NJ CHAMBER ORCHESTRA,
& CHORUS FROM THE
TRI STATE METROPOLITAN AREA
OF NY & NJ
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
MAESTRO DIMITRIOS M. FOUSTERIS
WITH TRADITIONAL SONGS & CAROLS
AND SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL'S
"MESSIAH"

DEC 14TH 2024, 6:00PM
20 HILLCREST RD
HOLMDEL NJ

ADULTS \$40
STUDENTS \$20

COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
IN OUR COMMUNITY CENTER

FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION
CALL 732-739-1515
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OR SCAN QR



**A JOURNEY OF FAITH
To Thessaloniki, Mt. Athos and Constantinople
Led by His Eminence Apostolos of New Jersey
February 21-March 3, 2025: 11 Days / 9 Nights**



Thessaloniki & Mt. Athos: See the most important religious sites in Northern Greece. Visit Greece's second largest city, Thessaloniki. Attend Liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Demetrios, visit the Monastery of St. John the Theologian in Souroti to venerate the grave of St. Paissios and visit the awe inspiring Meteora Monasteries. Men will depart for the Holy Mountain for two nights and the women will enjoy a visit to Ormylia Monastery and a visit to a museum in Thessaloniki.

Constantinople: Visit the important Greek Orthodox sites: the Ecumenical Patriarchate and St George Cathedral, Agia Sophia, Panagia Vlacherna where the "Te Ypermahou" was first chanted, Chora and Baloukli Monastery - Zoodochos Peghe. Also, visit the Underground Cisterns. Shop at the exciting Grand Bazaar! Enjoy a birthday banquet for His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew as well as a private audience with the Patriarch (subject to confirmation).

SPACE IS LIMITED and on a FIRST-COME BASIS

RATE: Per person double occupancy \$4700* & single occupancy \$5635*

*Rates include the air tax/fuel of approximately \$475 which is not guaranteed until ticketing a month prior to departure. Rate above reflects a 4% check discount which does not apply if payment is made any other way. Due to Aegean Airlines group reservations policy, the air fare between Thessaloniki and Istanbul is not guaranteed and may be subject to fare increases depending on when you make your reservation to join the group. An air supplement may apply.

Deposit of \$800 due by November 20, 2024 or late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply.

YOUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE:

- *Round-trip airfare on Turkish Airlines: EWR / IST / Thessaloniki & IST / EWR & Aegean Airlines: Thessaloniki / ATH / IST
- *Private arrival and departure transfers in a deluxe air conditioned motorcoach with English speaking escort
- *7 1/2 days of private sightseeing for men & 6 days for the women. All entrance fees are included.
- *Women: 6 nts first class hotel in Thessaloniki at the Electra Palace or similar including daily breakfast, all taxes and service fees.
- *Men: 4 nts first class accommodation in Thessaloniki at the Electra Palace or similar including daily breakfast, all taxes and service fees & 2 nts accommodation on the Holy Mountain including meals and transportation on the Holy Mountain & roundtrip private ferries
- *All: 3 nts first class accommodation in Constantinople at the Divan Istanbul Hotel or similar including daily breakfast, all taxes & service fees.
- *1 welcome dinner in Thessaloniki, 1 dinner in Constantinople & a banquet for His. All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
- *Private audience with His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (subject to confirmation)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, November 24, 2024, will be a day to remember in our community's history. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America presided in the offering of the Divine Liturgy, also celebrated by Father Christos Pappas, Nicholas Matarangas, and Elias Pappas as well as archdeacon Dionysios. In the altar, 15 altar boys of all ages from our community served in a pious way. Students from the Catechism and Greek Schools chanted a hymn in the church for the first time adding a celebratory note to the magnificent service attended by a big crowd. At the end of service, Archbishop Elpidophoros bestowed the offikion of the Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne to our spiritual leader Father Christos. Axios! This is the highest honor a married priest can ever be awarded. Following the service at church, during a reception in our community

center, students from our Greek School sang three great songs dedicated to the Archbishop, Father Christos, and all attendees under the direction of Mrs. Erasmia Voukelatos. Our GOYAns helped serving lunch and subsequently danced under the supervision of Mr. John Theodorou, closing the day with a masterful performance.

Many thanks to all leaders of our youth groups, Mr. Traintafillou, Greek School Principal; Mrs. Evelyn Tsugranis, Catechism School Director; Mr. Billy Theodorakos and Ms. Maria Skyriotis, GOYA co-head advisors; Mrs. Dimitra Baltzis, HOPE & Joy Supervisor. Their commitment to our community and the help to prepare our youth are sincerely appreciated. Many thanks to the Parish Council, the Philoptochos Society, and all fellow parishioners who helped with preparing desserts and with attending to the kitchen.

What a glorious day!















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