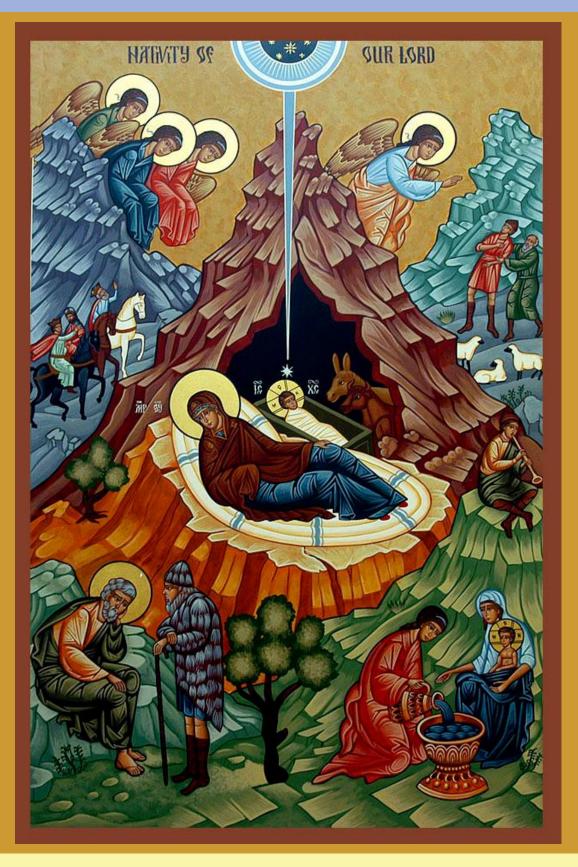




ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



The LIGHT of the ASCENSION Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως





Today we commemorate Sunday before Nativity

- Epistle Reading (click here)
- Gospel Reading (click here)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

December 22, 2024

Sunday Before Nativity

11th Sunday of Luke

(click here)

Anastasia the Great Martyr

(click here)

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

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Catechism

Nativity Peagant

Breakfast with Santa

Coffee is served

by the GOYA

Monday,

December 23, 2024

Ten Martys of Crete

(click here)

9:00 a.m. Orthros,

Divine Liturgy

Tuesday,

December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve

(click here)

9am-10:30

a.m. Orthros,

Royal Hours, NO Liturgy

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.,

Christmas Vespers,

D. Liturgy

Wednesday,

December 25, 2024

Christmas Day

THE NATIVITY

OF OUR LORD,

(click here)

9a.m.-11:30a.m. Orthros,

Divine Liturgy

Greek School

Christmas Recess



Thursday,
December 26, 2024
Synaxis of the Theotokos
(click here)

9:00a.m.-11a.m. Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Friday,
December 27, 2024
Stephen the Protomartyr
(click here)
9:00a.m.-11a.m.

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Greek School

Christmas Recess

Sunday,
December 29, 2024
Sunday After Nativity
(click here)
9:00a.m.-12noon,
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Catechism School
Christmas Recess
Coffee is by
the Parish Council

22 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024
Προ της Χριστού Γεννήσεως
(click here)
Αναστασία Μεγαλομάρτυς
(click here)
8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος
Θεία Λειτουργία
Πρόγευμα με
τον Άη Βασίλη
Ο καφές σερβίρεται
από την GOYA

Δευτέρα, 23 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024 Οί έν Κρήτη 10 Μάρτυρες (click here) 9:00 π .μ. Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Τρίτη,



24 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024
Παραμονή
Χριστουγέννων
(click here)
9π.μ.-11π.μ.
Όρθρος Μεγάλαι
Ώραι Άνευ
Θ. Λειτουργίας
6μμ-8:30μ.μ.
Εσπερινός
Χριστουγέννων
Θεία Λειτουργία

25 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024
Γέννησις του
Ιησού Χριστού
(click here)
9π.μ.-11:30π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
των Χριστουγέννων
Κλειστό το
Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Τετάρτη,

Πέμπτη,
26 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024
Σύναξις της
Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου
(click here)
9π.μ.-11π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Παρασκευή,
27 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024
Στεφάνου Πρωτομάρτυρος
(click here)
9π.μ.-11π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Κλειστό το
Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Κυριακή,
29 Δεκεμβρίου, 2024
Μετά την Χριστού Γεννήσιν
(click here)
8:30 π .μ. – 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Κλειστό το
Κατηχητικό Σχολείο
Ο καφές σερβίρεται
από το Συμβούλιο

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Rev. Christos L. Pappas

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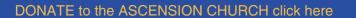
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Office hours:

Monday, Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 22, 2024

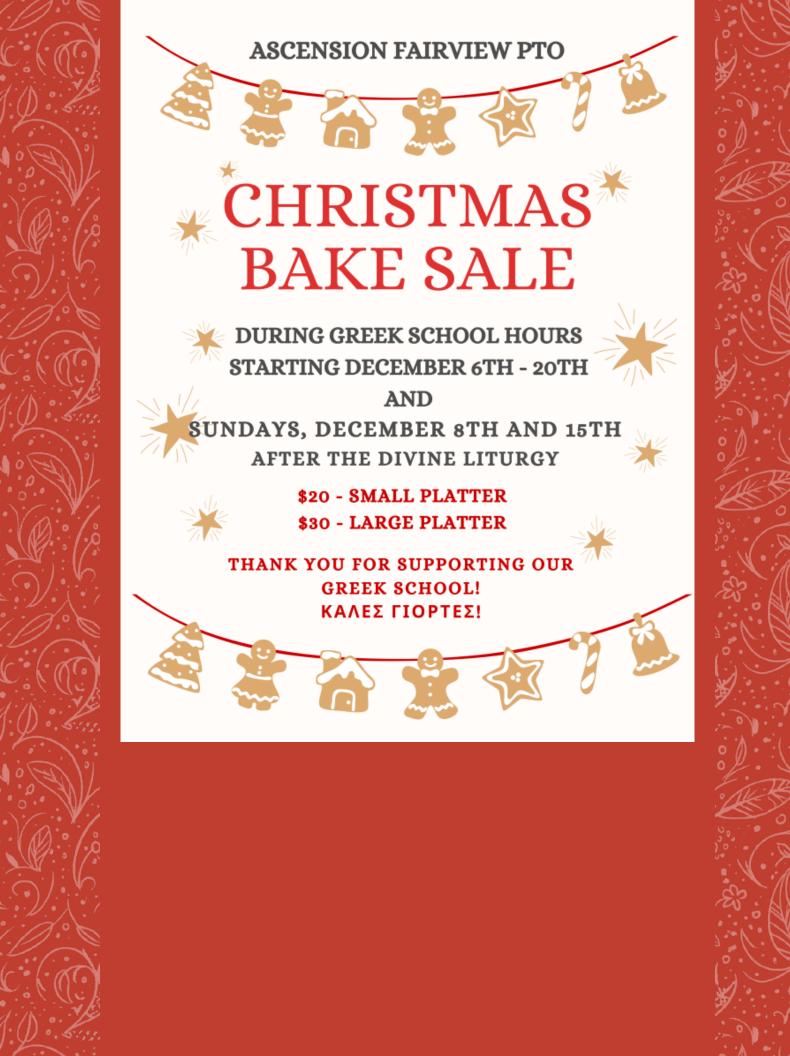
Catechism Nativity Program GOYA Breakfast with Santa

February 1, 2025

PTO

Taverna Night

PTO



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/10C094EA9A 82FA4F9C16-46251504-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!

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!

Reminders



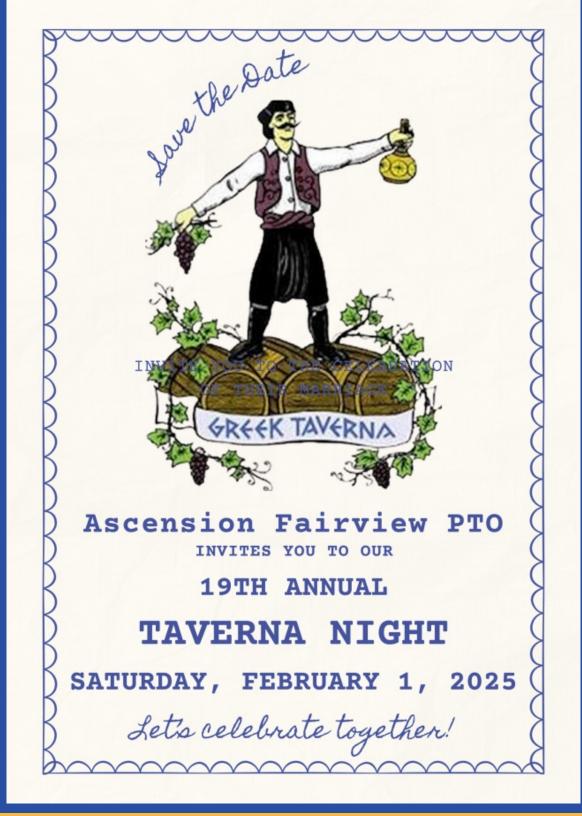
Collection of PTO Dues

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

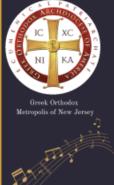


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METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY VASILOPITA CUTTING WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW

Thursday, January 2, 2025 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Hosted by: St. George Greek Orthodox Church 1101 River Road Piscataway, New Jersey 08854



Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Orthros and
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the
Theophany of our Lord, God, and
Savior Jesus Christ

Monday, January 6, 2025 9:00 A.M.

Ascension Greek Orthodox Church 101 Anderson Avenue Fairview, NJ 07022





GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

December 3, 2024

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy Of the Northern New Jersey Region of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved Fathers,

I pray you and your families are well, both spiritually and physically, as continue to prepare ourselves the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is with much joy that I inform you that the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey Annual Epiphany Celebration and the Blessing of the Waters Service will take place on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 2:00pm. Please know that this year's celebration will once again be taking place on the pier of Molos Restaurant, located at 1 Country Rd. 682, Weehawken, NJ 07086.

Please know that your participation is expected at this beautiful Annual Celebration. You are asked to arrive no later than 1:45pm so that the service may begin in a timely manner. Please bring your Rasso and Epitrachelion with you, so that you may participate in the service of the Blessing of the Waters.

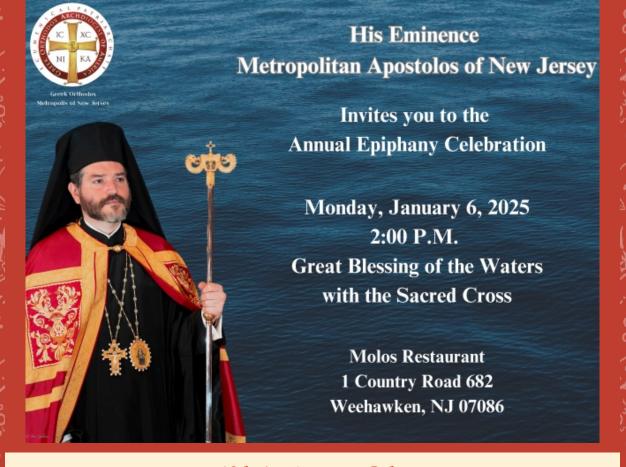
In addition to your presence, you are kindly requested to bring at least 10 persons from your community with you to Molos to attend this Annual Epiphany celebration in order to add to the celebratory atmosphere.

I sincerely look forward to your participation and the participation of the devout faithful from your community whose presence will enrich the Epiphany Celebration. Praying that our loving Lord grants you and your families an abundance of health, joy, and His bountiful blessings during this holiday season, I remain

With paternal love and blessings,

+ Metrogolitum Agos

Metropolitan of New Jersey



10th Anniversary Gala In Honor of the Episcopal Ordination of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey





Greek Orthodox

10th Anniversary Gala

in Honor of the Episcopal Ordination of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Monday, January 13, 2025 5:30 P.M. Cocktail Hour 6:30 P.M. Dinner

The Venetian 546 River Drive, Garfield, NI 07026

Tickets......\$160.00 per person

For more information contact the Metropolis at 908-301-0500 or Email 10th Anniversary N.J.@gmail.com

For Sponsorships, please complete and submit the Sponsorship Form

All ticket purchases and sponsorships are due by January 3, 2025

Sponsorship Program Levels of Support

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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

December 9, 2024

The Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy,
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, Philoptochos Sisterhoods and the PTO/PTA,
Directors/Principals and Teachers of the Afternoon Greek Schools of the
Northern New Jersey Region of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved in the Lord,

I pray that my letter finds all of you well. It is with much joy and excitement that I write to Inform you that the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey will once again be celebrating Greek Letters and the Feast Day of the Three Hierarchs, St. Basil the Great, St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory the Theologian, the Ecumenical Teachers of our Holy Orthodox Faith and profound supporters of Education.

Therefore, please know that the Metropolis Three Hierarchs/Greek Letters Celebration for the Northern New Jersey Region will take place on <u>SATURDAY</u>, JANUARY 25, 2025, AT 6:00 PM AT THE ST. ATHANSIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY. The beautiful program will include the students of the area Greek Schools, as they narrate various poems, sing songs, and Greek dance with great pride. Please know that all the Greek Schools of the Northern New Jersey Region are invited to participate in this wonderful event, and I ask that the parish Greek schools please confirm your participation in this event by contacting the parish office at 201-368-8881.

In addition, please know that this event is open to all and I ask that all those wishing to attend this beautiful celebration please R.S.V.P. by contacting the St. Athanasios Parish Office at 201-368-8881 no_later than Friday, January 17, 2025 so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Praying that our loving Lord continues to bless you and all the devout faithful of our sacred Metropolis with every good and perfect gift from above, I remain,

With paternal love and blessings,

† APOSTOLOS

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Ο Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης Νέας Ιερσέης κ. ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Σας προσκαλεί να συνεορτάσουμε «Την Εορτή των Τριών Ιεραρχών και την Ημέρα των Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων»



Σάββατο 25 Ιανουαρίου 2025, ώρα 6:00 μ.μ.

Ιερός Ναός Αγίου Αθανασίου 51 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652

Παρακαλούμε RSVP στο γραφείο του Ναού (201-368-8881) <u>έως τις 17 Ιανουαρίου 2025</u>



His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey Cordially invites all the dedicated Faithful of the Northern New Jersey Region to the Annual

Greek Letters Day Celebration

Honoring the Three Hierarchs of our Orthodox Church



St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory the Theologian

Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm

St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church

51 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ, 07652

Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 201-368-8881 by January 17, 2025



Save the Date

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey



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

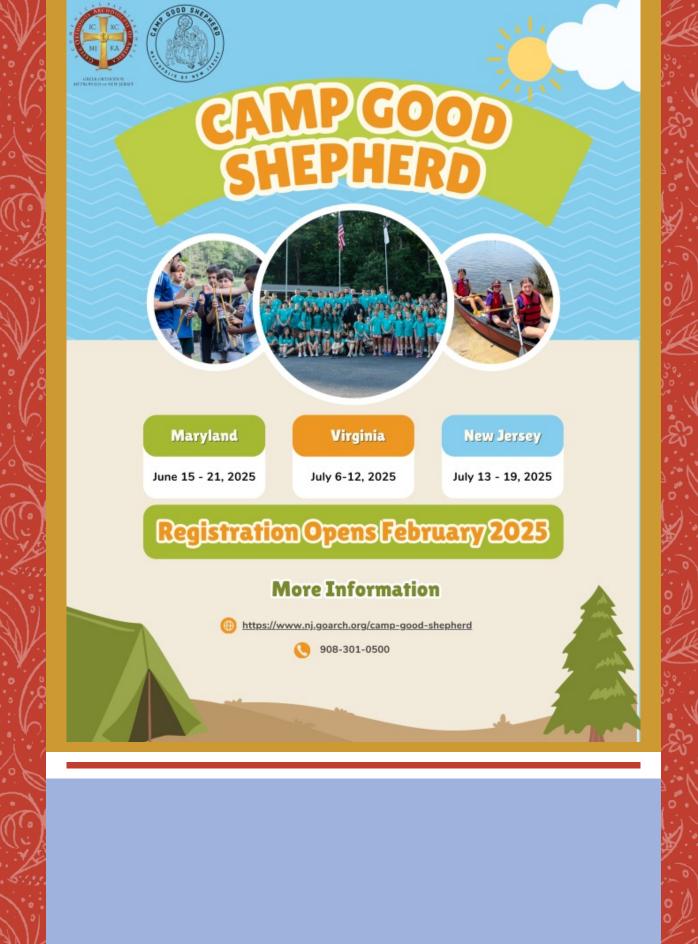
President's Day Weekend (February 14 – 16, 2025) at the Sheraton Hotel - Downtown Philadelphia.

Categories include:

- Greek Folk Dancing (JOY, GOYA and Young Adult Groups)

- Parish Youth and Young Adult Liturgical Choirs

Registration Packets will be coming shortly





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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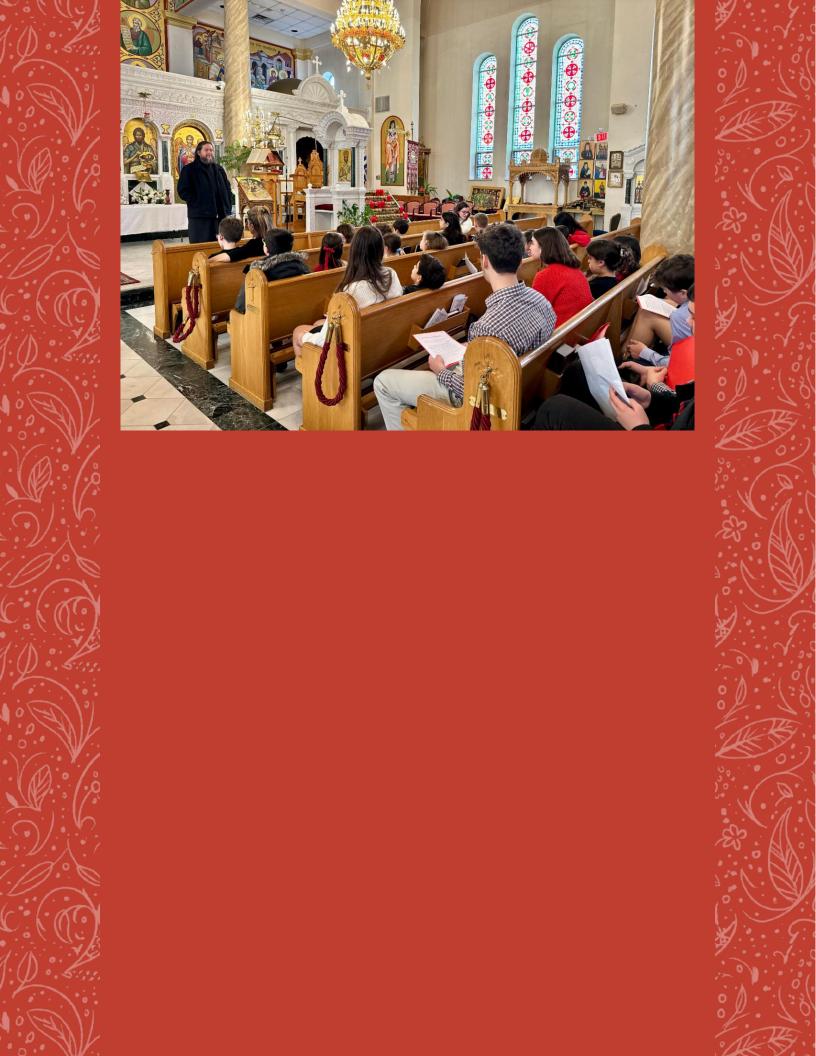
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COMMUNITYNEWS

CATECHISMSCHOOL

On Sunday, December 15, 2024, the Catechism School gathered for a Christmas Retreat to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. Father Christos shared a lesson, we rehearsed for the pageant scheduled for Sunday, sang Christmas carols, made ornaments for our tree, made Christmas cards for the ministries of our community, had lunch prepared by our Neokoro, Kyrie Dimitri, and drank hot chocolate! A big thank you to our youth Irena Avalos, Andrew Lakkas, and Demetri Lakkas who volunteered and earned community service credits.























GREEK SCHOOL

Christmas Program

Christmas Spirit and the visit of our PTO Santa with presents for all our students!

A fantastic Greek School Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 18 combining the spirit of Christmas and the New Year with the visit of our PTO Santa (Nikolaos Kotsiotas)! Bravo Santa! Bravo PTO! Bravo Teachers! Bravo Parents! Ένα φανταστικό πρόγραμμα του Ελληνικού μας σχολείου για τα Χριστούγεννα: Τετάρτη, 18 Δεκεμβρίου συνδυάζοντας το Πνεύμα των Χριστουγέννων και την επίσκεψη του Άη - Βασίλη του PTO με δώρα για όλους τους μαθητές μας! Εύγε PTO!

The glory of the Christmas Spirit was revealed with the joyful performance of all our students from Pre-K to Grade 9. The presentation of the Nativity was emotionally explosive!

Here are some pictures of the Christmas Program of our Greek School:

The Nativity of Christ on the stage of the Greek School Αναπαράσταση της Γέννησης του Χριστού!



Το θεατρικό των μαθητών του Γυμνασίου μας κατέπληξε το ακροατήριο με τα υπέροχα ελληνικά τους!

An amazing performance of the students of our Greek afternoon Junior High School
From left: Gregoria Mihalatos, Xanthi Georgiou,
Anastasia Antoniou and Kalliopi Petrakis!
Teachers Mrs. D. Baltzis and Mrs. V. Tzionas



Below: The students of Pre- K and Kindergarten stole the show with their angelic voices! Teachers: Miss E. Baltzis and Presbytera Maria Pappas



Our First Graders captivated the audience with their articulation!

Teacher: Mrs. Th. Kallopoulos



Our 6th Graders eloquently expressed their feelings about Christmas! Teacher: Ms. M. Sardi



Below: Second and Third Graders reciting their Christmas poem! Teachers: Mrs. V. Tjionas and Miss Eleni Oikonomou



Mrs. Kallopoulos and Presbytera Maria Pappas coordinated and presented the Christmas program along with Mrs. Erasmia Voukelatos in charge of our wonderful choir!



Below: A view of the packed Community Center during the Christmas program on Wednesday night, December 18!

From Left: Mrs. M. Mitrogogos, Mrs. V. Chrepa, Fr. Christos Pappas,

Mr. P. Frangiskou, Mrs. I. Georgiadis, Mrs. N. Antoniou, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lapiotis



Kalanda

On Saturday, December 14, our PTO with our Principal Mr. Traintafillou, parents, and students visited local Greek businesses and sang kalenda wishing everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!







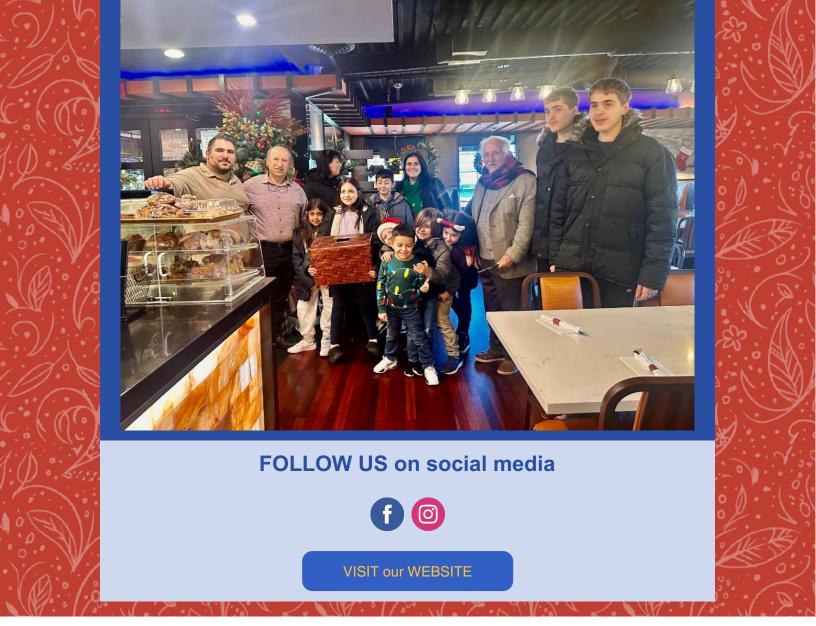












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