

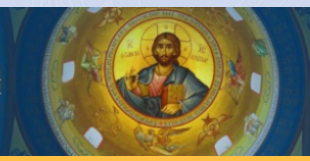


Greek Orthodox
Metropolis Church of
New Jersey



Ascension Greek
Orthodox Church
Fairview, NJ

ASCENSION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



The LIGHT of the ASCENSION Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως



March 23, 2025

**Today we commemorate
Sunday, March 23, 2025**

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025



ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΙΑΣ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ



REV. CHRISTOS L. PAPPAS
PROTOPRESBYTER

January 7, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Parish Council first and foremost we wish to extend Our warmest New Year greetings to each member of our beloved Ascension Greek Orthodox Church.

As members of our community, we deeply appreciate your loyalty and support. Your membership plays a vital role in the life of our Parish. It has been several years since membership dues were increased and the Parish Council and General Assembly, recent meetings found the need to raise yearly dues effective January of 2025

The stewardship is as follows:

Families will now start at \$500

Seniors will now start at \$400

You can also pay in installments.

We are hopeful that you understand that additional funds enable us to Meet Church obligations as well as continue to run the various programs And ministries of the church. Your annual dues can be payable at the Church office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or click the Link or QR code for online payments.

Once again, please know how grateful we are to each one of you Commitment over the past many years. We look forward to many more "May the God of Peace be with you all."

Sincerely,

Peter A. Frangiskou
Peter Frangiskou,
Parish Council President

Nikki Antoniou
Nikki Antoniou
2nd Vice President

Rev. Christos L. Pappas
Rev. Christos L. Pappas
Protopresbyter



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7 Ιανουαρίου 2025

Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Εκ μέρους του Εκκλησιαστικού Συμβουλίου θέλουμε να σας εκφράσουμε τις θερμότερες ευχές μας για μία καλή χρονιά σε εσάς και κάθε μέλος της αγαπημένης μας, Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας της Αναλήψεως.

Ως μέλος της κοινότητας μας, εκτιμούμε βαθύτατα την πίστη και την υποστήριξη σας. Η συμμετοχή σας παίζει ζωτικό ρόλο στην ζωή της Ενορίας μας. Έχουν περάσει αρκετά χρόνια από τότε που αυξήθηκαν οι συνδρομές μελών και το Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο και η Γενική Συνέλευση, από πρόσφατες συνεδριάσεις αποφάσισαν Πως είναι ανάγκη να αυξηθούν οι ετήσιες εισφορές από τον Ιανουάριο 2025

Οι συνδρομές έχουν ως εξής:

Οι οικογένειες θα ξεκινούν από \$500

Οι ηλικιωμένοι θα ξεκινούν από \$400

Διαθέτουμε Ευκολίες πληρωμών.

Ελπίζουμε ότι καταλαβαίνετε ότι η αύξηση εξόδων δεν μας επιτρέπει να ανταποκριθούμε στις υποχρεώσεις της Εκκλησίας καθώς και να συνεχίσουμε τα διάφορα προγράμματα και διακονίες της Εκκλησίας. Οι ετήσιες εισφορές σας μπορούν να καταβάλλονται στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας, από Δευτέρα έως και Παρασκευή από τις 9 π.μ. έως τις 4 μ.μ. ή κάντε κλικ στον σύνδεσμο ή τον κωδικό QR για ηλεκτρονικές πληρωμές.

Για άλλη μία φορά, σας ευχαριστούμε και σας είμαστε ευγνώμονες για την βοήθεια σας και την στήριξη του Καθενός σας τα τελευταία χρόνια. Και πάλι Καλή χρονιά, Ο Θεός να σας ευλογεί.

Με εκτίμηση,

Peter A. Frangiskou
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Parish Council President

Nikki Antoniou
Nikki Antoniou
2nd Vice President

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[Click to PAY Membership DUES HERE](#)



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday,

March 23, 2025

Sunday of the Holy Cross

[\(click here\)](#)

8:30 am-11:30 a.m.,
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
**Greek Independence Day
Program Greek School
(Honoring of Principal Mr.
Triantafillou)**
*Coffee is served by
the Parish Council*

Tuesday,

March 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. Orthros,

Hierarchical

Divine Liturgy

Archipastoral visit

of His Eminence

Metropolitan Apostolos

of New Jersey

Annunciation

of the Theotokos

[\(click here\)](#)

6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Bible Study

Wednesday,

March 26, 2025

4:30 p.m.- 6:30

p.m. Greek School

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday,

March 28, 2025

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.

3rd Salutations

Sunday,

March 30, 2025

Sunday of St.

John Climacus

[\(click here\)](#)

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Orthros, D. Liturgy
Greek Independence
day parade

Κυριακή,
23 Μαρτίου, 2025
Γ' Νηστειών -
Σταυροπροσκυνησεως
(click here)

8:30 π.μ. - 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος,
Θεία Λειτουργία
Πρόγραμμα
Ελληνικού Σχολείου
(Τιμητική Αναγνώριση των 31
χρόνων υπηρεσίας του Διευθυντή
του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου
Κ. Τριανταφύλλου)
Ο καφές σερβίρεται
από το Εκκλησιαστικό
Συμβούλιο

Τρίτη,
25 Μαρτίου, 2025
9:00 π .μ. Όρθρος, Αρχιερατική
Θεία Λειτουργία υπο του
Μητροπολίτου Νεας Ιερσείας
κ.κ. Αποστόλου
Ευαγγελισμός
της Θεοτόκου
(click here)
6:00 μ.μ. Μέγα Απόδειπνο
Μελέτη Αγ. Γραφής

Τετάρτη,
26 Μαρτίου, 2025
4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.
Ελληνικό Σχολείο
6:00 μ.μ. – 7:30 μ.μ.
Προηγιασμένη
Θεία Λειτουργία

Παρασκευή,

27 Μαρτίου, 2025

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.

Γ' Χαιρετισμοί

Κυριακή,

30 Μαρτίου, 2025

Δ' Νηστειών -

Ιωάννου Κλίμακος

(click here)

8:30 πμ - 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος,

Θεία Λειτουργία

(Εορτασμός της

Ελληνικής Επανάστασης του 1821)

Παρέλαση στην Νέα Υόρκη

LIVE STREAM click
here

LIGHT a CANDLE and SAY a PRAYER click here

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23, 2025

Greek Independence

Day Program

Greek School

March 30, 2025

Greek Parade in New York

April 6, 2025

Catechism School Easter Retreat

April 13, 2025

BAKALIARO LUNCHEON

MEMORIAL SERVICES – ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ

1 Χρονος: Παράσχος Φασόλας

1 Years : Parasxos Fasolas

Fundraiser - Support - Our GOYA



We are currently selling Pascha Tsourekia
and Palm Crosses for gravesites.

Please

consider supporting our fundraiser, and
feel free to share the link with family and friends!

(click below to order)

Fundraiser - Support OUR GOYA

Parish Council

Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, Fairview NJ



BAKALIARO LUNCHEON

April 13, 2025

Immediately Following Divine Liturgy



COME JOIN US FOR BAKALIARO & SCORDALIA!

ΜΗΑΚΑΛΙΑΡΟ ΜΕ ΣΚΟΡΔΑΛΙΑ!

Beets, Gigantes, Wine, Soda, Coffee & Desserts Included

Ziti with tomato sauce will be available for the children-FREE

Donation: \$30

TAKE OUT



LARGE ORDERS OF 10 OR MORE (packaged in trays)
REQUIRE ADVANCE NOTICE BY CALLING THE
CHURCH OFFICE @ 201 945 6448



PTO

ASCENSION PTO NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

Important Dates

Greek Independence Day
Program – March 23
Greek Parade – March 30
Lambades Sale– March
23–April 13
Palm Sunday Raffle – April
13
Dine to Donate– April 30–
May 2

After School Activities

Greek Dance and
Painting– April 4th

Next PTO Meeting

April 4th @ 4:45

Have questions? E-mail us!

ascensionfairviewpto
@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23 - Greek Independence Day Program

The Greek school will have their Independence Day celebration after the Divine Liturgy. We will also honor our principal, Mr. Triantafillou for his 31 years of service and founder of our Junior High School.

March 30 - Greek Parade in NYC

PTO will provide jackets for students that are marching. Polos and sweatshirts are also available for purchase via the QR code.



March 23 - April 13 - Easter Lambades Sale

PTO will be selling Easter lambades for \$20. We will start selling after church on March 23 and during Greek school up until Palm Sunday on April 13. Please support our Greek school!

April 13- Palm Sunday

If your family or business would like to make a monetary donation to help purchase a lamb to be raffled off, please let us know. Gift certificates or baskets are also welcome.

April 30 - May 2 - Dine to Donate

Come dine at the Boulevard Diner in North Bergen and 20% of your dine in or take out orders will be given back as a donation from the diner to the PTO.

**Join us on Sunday, March 23rd,
as we honor our incredible principal,
Mr. Triantafillou, for 31 years of dedicated
service to our school. His leadership,
passion and commitment have shaped
generations of students and educators.**

**Let's come together to celebrate
his remarkable impact and express our
gratitude for his years of excellence!**



ASCENSION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



We thank you, Mr. Triantafilou



Our PTO is honoring our Principal on Sunday, March 23, 2025!

Thousands of students were educated in his 31 years

Dear Parish Council Members, Philoptochos Board Members, Sunday School, GOYA members and Community members. You are invited to attend the honoring of our Principal on Sunday, March 23 during the School program! Join us in honoring an educational leader who made history in our Community Greek School!

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PTO
FAIRVIEW, NJ



Easter
LAMBADES SALE

SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH

3/23, 3/30, 4/6 AND 4/13

AND DURING GREEK SCHOOL

\$20 EACH

Thank you for supporting our Greek School!



GREEK PARADE - ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗ

Την Κυριακή 30 Μαρτίου όλοι στην Πέμπτη Λεωφόρο.
On Sunday, March 30th everyone please join our
community for the Greek Parade on Fifth Avenue.

Αγαπητά μέλη και φίλοι της Θείας Αναλήψεως,
Σας παρακαλούμε να δηλώσετε την συμμετοχή
σας στην παρέλαση όσο το δυνατόν πιο
γρήγορα για να κανονίσουμε τα λεώφορεια.
Τηλεφωνήστε στο γραφείο, 201-945-6448
να κλείσετε θέση και να πληρώσετε.
Σας ευχαριστούμε.

Dear members and friends of The Ascension,
We are hoping that everyone will participate
in the Greek Parade on March 30th.

Please call the office on 201-945-6448 to
reserve and pay for your seat. If you haven't
paid for it, we cannot guarantee your seat.

Thank you.

GREEK PARADE

Celebrating the 204th Anniversary
of Hellenic Independence



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***“GREECE: The Birthplace of Democracy
& Strategic Partner of America”***

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 - 1:30 PM

FIFTH AVENUE • NEW YORK CITY • 64TH TO 79TH STREET

FEDERATION OF HELLENIC SOCIETIES OF GREATER NEW YORK
22-51 29th Street, Astoria, NY 11105 • 718.204.6500
✉ nyhellenicsocieties@gmail.com

 www.nycgreekparade.org 

 @FederationNY  @NYGreekParade **REGISTER ONLINE**

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Greek Independence Day Parade information & Guidelines

Dear parishioners, members of all church organizations and Greek School,

Our community will participate in the Greek Independence Day Parade on Sunday, March 30th. We will also have a float with participation of all organizations and Greek School.

The church will provide transportation for the parade. Please contact the church office at 201-945-6448 to reserve and pay for your seat(s) by Friday, 3/28. This will also help us determine if we will need a second bus.

The bus(es) will leave from the front of the Church at 12:00 noon sharp, immediately following church services. Teachers, students and Goyans are free. All others will be charged \$25.00.

Dress code: Business attire preferably blue and white, our flag colors.

GREEK SCHOOL: Please follow dress code directions from Mr. Triantafillou.

GOYA: Please follow dress code directions from your advisors.

Ethnic costumes are recommended. Or, white shirts for boys, white tops for girls, with navy blue or black bottoms (slacks, knee length skirt, or sports uniform.) Black shoes (weather permitting).

T-shirts with advertising are not permitted. No jeans, leggings or cut-off tops.

- When we get to New York and get off the bus please stay on the sidewalk and wait for final instructions. The float participants will be directed to the float by the persons in charge. The rest of the participants will go to the assigned street to line up for the parade. We will line up and be ready to march behind our float once directed by the parade organizers. Please do not leave and go far.
- Once our unit gets on 5th Avenue, no stragglers will be allowed to join. Families with strollers may march with the community after the last group of Ascension Organizations.
- All Organizations should check their banners, sashes and flags ahead of time.

It is our obligation as a parish to march in the parade with our community. We expect all organizations to be present in marking our 73rd year. Together we stand strong. We should march with pride of our culture & heritage.

For additional info: contact the church office at 201-945-6448 or visit the Hellenic Federation website at www.hellenicsocieties.org.

SEE YOU ALL ON FIFTH AVENUE!!!!!!



PHILOPTOCHOS

SAV
E
THE
DAY



Ascension Greek Orthodox Church
Fairview, New Jersey
Ascension Philoptochos Society
Membership Brunch

SAVE THE DATE
for
BRUNCH IN PARIS

APRIL 26, 2025
11 AM - 3PM

*The Graycliff
122 Moonachie Ave.
Moonachie, NJ*



*All proceeds will be used for the
philanthropic endeavors of our Chapter.*

METROPOLIS OF NJ



2/28/2025 TO:

**THE VERY REVEREND & REVEREND CLERGY AND PARISHIONERS OF
THE BELOVED NORTHERN PARISHES OF THE METROPOLIS OF NJ**

RE: FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION/ΕVANGELISMOS

On behalf of the Parish Council of the Parish of Evangelismos, Jersey City, NJ, we cordially invite you to join us at our parish Feastday which will be held on March 24th & 25th.

Hierarchal Great Vespers with His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of NJ Presiding/Artoklasia will begin at 6pm on Monday, March 24th followed by a dinner for the CLERGY ONLY after the service.

Orthros will begin at 9am followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:15am on Tuesday, March 25th.

Wishing all of you a blessed Lenten Period,

Fr. Nicholas Rafael & The Parish Council



Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey



Archpastoral Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Feast of the
Annunciation of the Theotokos
Orthros, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
and Doxology for the
Remembrance of the Greek Revolution

Tuesday, March 25, 2025
9:00 A.M.

Ascension Greek Orthodox Church
101 Anderson Avenue
Fairview, NJ 07022



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ
ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθμ. Πρωτ.: 88/2025

Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκύκλιος για την εθνική εορτή της 25^{ης} Μαρτίου.

25 Μαρτίου 2025

Πρός τους Σεβασμιωτάτους και Θεοφιλεστάτους Αρχιερείς, τούς Εύλαβεστάτους Τερείς και Διακόνους, τις Πρεσβυτέρες και τις Διακονίσεις, τούς Μοναχούς και τις Μοναχές, τούς Προέδρους και τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τούς Εντιμολογιωτάτους Αρχόντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερησία και Απογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τῖς Φιλοπτώχους Αδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τῖς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις και ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

«Νέαν εἰδεξε κτίσις, ἐμφανίσας ὁ Κτίστης, ἡμῖν τοῖς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ γενομένοις» (Ακάθιστος Ὕμνος, Στάσις Γ', Ν).

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ και ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Ἡ «καινὴ κτίσις» ποὺ εορτάζουμε καθὲ 25^ῃ Μαρτίου εἶναι ταυτοχρόνως και πνευματικὴ και πολιτικὴ πραγματικότητα γιὰ τούς ὀρθόδοξους χριστιανούς ἑλληνικῆς καταγωγῆς, ἀλλὰ και γιὰ τούς ἀνά τὸν κόσμο φιλέλληνες, και γιὰ κάθε ἄνθρωπο. Ὅτι συνέβη στὴ μέτρα τῆς ἀειπαρθένου δὲν εἶναι τίποτε λιγότερο ἀπὸ τὴν ἀναδημιουργία τοῦ ἀνθρωπίνου γένους και, μέσῳ ἡμῶν τῶν χριστιανῶν ὡς οἰκονόμων τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁλοκληροῦ τοῦ κόσμου. Ὅτι συνέβη τὸ 1821 μὲ τὴ γενναιότητα και τὴν αὐτοθυσία τῶν ἑλλήνων πατριωτῶν δὲν εἶναι τίποτε ἄλλο παρὰ ἡ ἀναγέννηση τοῦ ἔθνους μας, πρὸς τὸ ὅποιο ἔχουμε χρεὸς εὐθύνης γιὰ τὴ συνέχειά του.

Ὁ Εὐαγγελισμὸς τῆς Θεοτόκου ἐπιτελέσθηκε μὲ τὴν ἐλεύθερη βούληση και συγκατάθεση τῆς Παναγίας μας, ἡ ὁποία ἐκπροσωπεῖ κάθε ἄνδρα, γυναῖκα και παιδί ἀπὸ τὴν ἀρχὴ ἕως τῆς συντελείας τοῦ κόσμου. Καὶ ἡ ἐπανάσταση τοῦ 1821 ἀπέτελεσε μία συγκλονιστικὴ πράξη ἐλευθερίας, καθὼς ὡδήγησε στὴν ἀνεξαρτησία και τὴν ἀναγέννηση τῆς πατρίδας μας Ἑλλάδας. Ἡ πρότῃ πράξη ἦταν θεῖα βούληση, ποὺ ἐπιτεύχθηκε μὲ τὴ συνεργασία τοῦ ἀνθρώπου· ἡ δευτέρῃ πράξη ἦταν ἀνθρώπινη προσπάθεια, ποὺ ἐνισχύθηκε ἀπὸ τὸ χεῖρ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καὶ στῖς δύο περιπτώσεις, τὸ πρόσωπο τῆς ἀειπαρθένου κεχαριτωμένης νεαρῆς Παναγίας μας ἦταν παρὸν ὡς τὸ κατ' ἐξοχὴν σκεῦος ἐκλογῆς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐνορκώνοντας τὰ ὑψηλότερα ὄνειρά μας γιὰ ἐλευθερία.

Ἀς μὴ ξεχνοῦμε ποτέ τὴν ἀειπάρθενο προστάτιδά μας, ἡ ὁποία μᾶς δείχνει τί σημαίνει νὰ εἶναι κανεὶς πραγματικὰ ἐλεύθερος μὲ τὸ Θεό. Καὶ ἂς μὴ ξεχάσουμε ποτέ τούς ἀθάνατους ἥρωες τοῦ 1821, ποὺ μὲ τῖς θυσίες τους εἰδεξαν στὸν κόσμο τὸ τί σημαίνει νὰ πολεμάς και νὰ νικάς τὴν τυραννία, νὰ προστατεύεις, νὰ ὑπερασπίζεσαι και νὰ ὡδηγεῖς στὴν πρόοδο τῶν ἑλληνικῶ λαῶ. Ἀς ἔχουμε λοιπὸν κι ἐμεῖς ὡς στόχο νὰ γίνουμε «καινὴ κτίσις ἐν Χριστῷ».

Ζήτω τὸ 1821! Ζήτω ἡ δημοκρατία! Ζήτω ἡ Ἑλλάδα!

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

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Prot. No. 88/2025

Archiepiscopal Encyclical on Greek Independence Day

March 25, 2025

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christnamed Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America:

**The New Creation revealed the Creator by showing Himself to us whom He created
(Akathist Hymn, Third Stasis, N)**

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The “New Creation” that we celebrate every March 25th is both a spiritual and a political reality for Orthodox Christians of Greek descent, for Philhellenes around the world, and indeed for every human being. What occurred within the Ever-Virgin’s womb is nothing less than the re-creation of the human race and, through us as God’s chosen stewards, the entirety of the created cosmos. And what occurred in 1821 within the hearts and minds of Greek patriots, is nothing less than the re-creation of a Nation, to which we – as stewards – owe a debt of responsibility and fidelity.

The Annunciation of the Theotokos was perfected by the exercise of her freedom on behalf of every man, woman, and child who would ever live. And the Revolution of 1821, an astonishing exercise of liberty, led to the independence and ultimate rebirth of Hellas. The former was a Divine Act enabled by a human being; the latter, a human endeavor empowered by a Divine Hand. In both, there was the grace of a Virgin Full-of-Grace, a young girl who incarnated the best of our aspirations to freedom and was the Vessel of the Incarnation of God.

Let us never forget our Virgin Champion who manifests what it means to be truly free in God. And let us never forget the Immortal Heroes of 1821, whose sacrifices showed the world what it means to fight and overcome tyranny, and to protect, defend, and prosper the People of Greece. Let us always choose to be that New Creation in Christ.

Long live 1821! Long live Democracy! Long live Greece!

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS Archbishop of America



THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

*His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
cordially invites you to the*

**Hellenic College and
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Benefit Luncheon**



St. George Greek Orthodox Church
1200 Klockner Road, Trenton (Hamilton), New Jersey, 08619

March 29, 2025 | **11:00am** | **\$125**
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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΕΣΗΣ

February 7, 2025

To the Very Rev. and Rev. Clergy,
Distinguished Members of the Metropolis Council, Beloved Archons of the Order of St. Andrew,
Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils and Philoptochos Sisterhood,
Dedicated Members of the Parish Organizations, and
Devoted Orthodox Faithful of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved in the Lord,

I hope and pray this letter finds you all well, experiencing almighty God's heavenly blessings.

It is with much excitement that I announce to you an upcoming fundraising benefit event of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey entitled *The Light of the Cross*. The sole purpose of this beautiful event will be to raise much needed funds for Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology located in Brookline, Massachusetts. Our beloved "Scholi" is in much need of our assistance and our efforts so that it may continue on its divine mission, to educate and train the future Clergy and lay leaders of our sacred Archdiocese.

It is with much joy that I write to inform you that *The Light of the Cross Benefit Luncheon* will take place on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Trenton (Hamilton), New Jersey beginning at 11:00am. Please know that tickets are now available for purchase at a cost of \$125.00 per person and may be purchased by following the link on the accompanying flyer. In addition, there are also various levels of Sponsorship Opportunities available for individuals, parishes, Philoptochos Chapters, parish organizations and faithful supporters, to offer a much-appreciated contribution to this most worthwhile cause to benefit the official institution of higher learning of our Archdiocese, Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

For questions or more information please contact the event chairman, the V. Rev. Archimandrite Philotheos Tomczewski at frphilotheos@nj.goarch.org or at 908-301-0500.

Thanking you in advance for your love and support for our beloved "Scholi" and praying that our loving Lord continues to bless you with every good and perfect gift from above, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings

† APOSTOLOS

Metropolitan of New Jersey



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

Cordially invites you
to the

**2025 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION
HONOREE GRAND BANQUET**

on

Monday, May 12, 2025

at

"The Venetian"

546 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07026

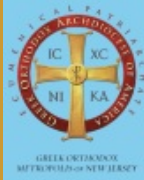
Your presence will be greatly appreciated

Program and Dinner: 6:00pm

Tickets: Adults: \$145.00 per person

Please contact and make checks payable to your
local parish to purchase tickets.

RSVP by Friday, April 25, 2025



CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD



Maryland

June 15 - 21, 2025

Virginia


July 6-12, 2025


New Jersey

July 13 - 19, 2025

Registration Opens February 2025

More Information

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Membership Application



I hereby wish to: *(Check one only)* Join as a new member into: Reinstate into: Transfer into:
 Chapter # _____, District # _____ located in: (City) _____ (State/Prov.) _____

Prefix (Mr./Dr.) _____ Last Name _____ Suffix (DDS,Esq.) _____

First Name _____ Nickname _____ M.I. _____

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City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____ Country _____

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Fax (____) _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Are you a citizen of the United States or Canada? Yes No

Were you a member of the Sons of Pericles? No Yes, Chapter # _____ City & State/Prov. _____

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 I hereby apply for reinstatement of my AHEPA membership into Chapter # _____
 I was previously a member of Chapter # _____ located in _____, _____.
 I hereby certify that I have paid my dues up to _____, 20____ to Chapter # _____.

FOR MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER ONLY Serial # _____ Date Initiated _____
 I hereby wish to transfer my AHEPA membership from Chapter # _____ located in _____, _____.
 To Chapter # _____ located in _____, _____.
 I hereby certify that I have paid my dues up to _____, 20____ to Chapter # _____.

I believe myself worthy of the rights and privileges enjoyed by the members of AHEPA. I know no reason why I should not become a member, and I promise, if accepted, to observe the laws and traditions of AHEPA, and will not take advantage of or abuse my privileges as a member thereof. I believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please remit this form to:
 Your local AHEPA chapter representative or send to AHEPA, 1909 Q Street, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20009-1007
 Phone: (202) 232-6300 Fax: (202) 232-2140 Email: ahepa@ahepa.org

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Member Endorsement

(New Members Only)

Mindful of our sacred duties and obligations to the Order of AHEPA, and as members in good standing, we hereby endorse this applicant and recommend that he be admitted into the AHEPA, and vouch for his good character, sincerity of purpose, and worthiness of the privilege to become a member.

First Endorser _____

Second Endorser _____

Certification to the Supreme Lodge

(to be completed by Chapter Secretary)

I certify that the applicant/brother _____
 was duly initiated/accepted by _____ Chapter # _____
 on (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) _____
 Signature _____

Report of Investigating Committee

(New Members Only)

We have examined the foregoing application, investigated the applicant and recommend that he be:

Accepted Rejected

Investigating Committee _____

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Dear Brothers,

We hope that this email finds you well. This year, our Chapter #54 Alexander Hamilton, will be distributing their Annual Scholarship awards during the AHEPA Conference luncheon we are hosting on June 21, 2025 (Details coming soon). If you have a High School Senior student that would like to be a candidate for our District's Annual Scholarship and the scholarship offered by the NATIONAL AHEPA chapter, please reply to this e-mail with your contact information Ahepachapter54@gmail.com and the candidate's contact information so that we can e-mail them both applications and any additional details. The candidate must be referred/sponsored by a member in good standing. Please respond to this e-mail by March 31st so that there is plenty of time for the candidate to receive and complete the application by the Spring due date.

Thank you for your immediate attention.

Happy New Year to you and Your Families!

COMMUNITY NEWS

HENRY STREET PARKING CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

Parking Lot Day 1



Parking Lot Day 2



President's Message

Our Parish is reaching a new milestone by bringing to light the construction of our new parking lot on Henry Street.

This has been a long-winded process and much needed project. However, this was not an easy task. It involved a great length of time for engineering, licensing, design, resolutions, numerous meetings, and town approvals.

Our combined love for our community did not prevent us from conceding. As you will see, construction has already been launched, and we ask our community to be generous with their donations to help fund this project.



Με μεγάλη χαρά σας ανακοινώνουμε ότι άρχισε η κατασκευή του παρκιν στην οδό Ηενρυ. Η διαδικασία για την έγκριση και τις άδειες από την πολιτεία ήταν μακροπρόθεσμη, αλλά με την βοήθεια του Θεού όλα πήγαν καλά και έφτασε η ώρα που όλοι περιμέναμε.

Ascension Church is on the rise as we continue to implement improvements and new projects for our community.

Wishing everyone a good Lent, as Lent bring you peace, renewal and closer to the heart of Christ.

Best wishes

Peter A. Frangiskou,
Parish Council President



2nd Salutations

We were honored to have His Eminence Metropolitan of New Jersey Apostolos celebrate with us the 2nd Salutations to the Most Holy Theotokos.



His Eminence was welcomed
and greeted by Father Christos Pappas,
our Greek School
Principal Mr. Triantafilou,
our School Board President Mr. Socratous,
our teachers and our 9th Grade students.
The students, under the direction of our teacher
Mrs. Baltzis chanted the hymn of «Τη Υπερμάχω»

Ο Σεβασμιότατος Μητροπολίτης
Νέας Ιερσέης κ. Απόστολος μας
τιμησε με την παρουσία του και
εορτάσε μαζί μας τους Β' Χαιρετισμούς
στην Υπεραγία Θεοτόκο.
Τον Σεβασμιώτατο υποδέχθηκαν
ο Πατήρ Χρήστος Παππάς,
ο Διευθυντής του Ελληνικού
Σχολείου μας κ. Τριανταφυλλου,
ο Πρόεδρος της Σχολικής Επιτροπής
κ. Σωκράτους, οι δάσκαλες μας
και οι μαθητές της 9ης τάξης.
Οι μαθητές, υπό τη διεύθυνση
της δασκάλας μας κας Μπαλτζή,
έψαλλαν τον ύμνο «Τη Υπερμάχω»



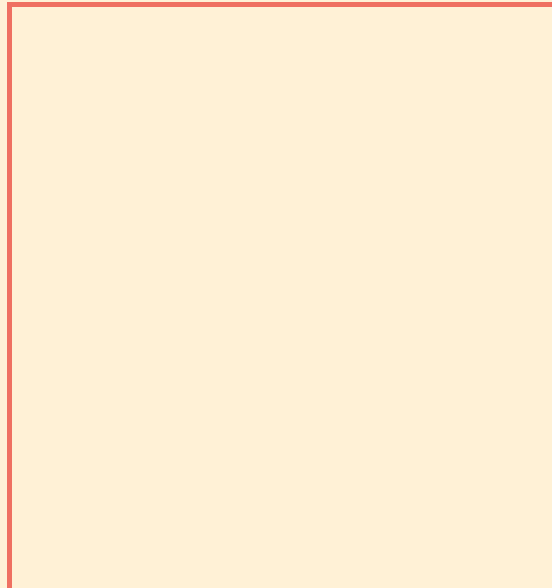
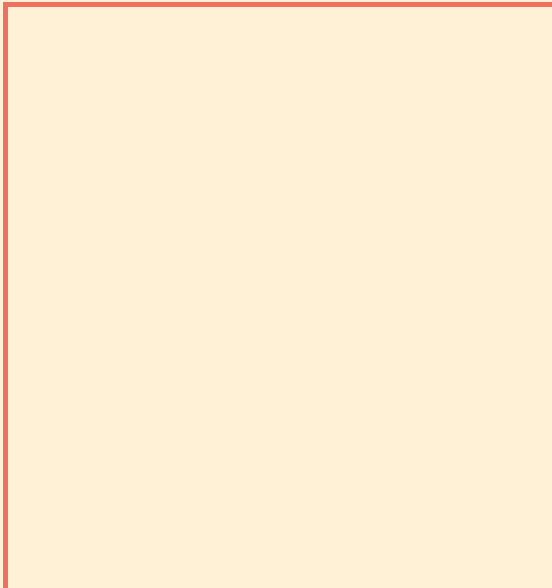


CATECHISM SCHOOL

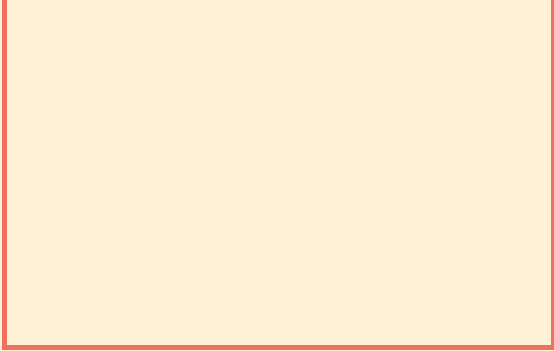
2025 Oratorical Festival

Last Sunday, March 16, 2025, our Catechism School held their Oratorical Festival.

All participants gave an amazing speech on their topic, and we are very proud of them. Congratulations to all the participants and best luck to Themis Lapiotis and Dionysia that will represent our community at the Districts' Oratorical Festival. We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Stacy Pinou and her assistants for organizing this event, to our judges and all that attended.









GOYA RETREAT



Agiasmos 1st Day of the month, March 1st.
Αγιασμός στην αρχή του μήνα, 1η Μαρτίου.





Our Parish Council had a loukoumades fundraiser on 3/9. All proceeds will go towards our new parking lot project. Thank you to all that helped us with this fundraiser and to all that supported us.

Το Συμβούλιο έκανε λουκουμάδες την Κυριακή 9 Μαρτίου, με σκοπό την συγκέντρωση χρημάτων για ενίσχυση του ταμείου κατασκευής του νέου μας πάρκιν.

Ευχαριστούμε όλους που μας βοήθησαν και όλους που μας υποστήριξαν.





**Congratulations to all
the GOYans
from Ascension
Greek Orthodox
Church!**

**☐ This weekend was
an incredible display
of talent, teamwork,
and dedication.
Our church proudly**



GOYA



placed 5th overall at Sights and Sounds, but the greatest reward was seeing all our kids united, supporting one another, and share this unforgettable experience. A huge congratulations to all the participants and winners!

- Sights Winners
 - 3rd Place
 - Sewing – Katerina Gialias 2nd Place
 - Junior Short Story – Lydia Psofakis
 - Senior Poetry – Yianni Kalarakis
 - 1st Place
 - Junior Poetry – Stavros Kalarakis
 - Hand Thrown Ceramics – Katerina Gialias
 - Sounds Winners
 - Solo Events
 - 4th Place
 - Junior Solo Singing – Irene Stilanessis
 - Senior Greek Monologue – Anthia Psofakis 2nd Place:
 - Senior English Monologue – Demetrios Lakkas □
 - Group Events 4th Place
 - Folk Dance 3rd Place
 - English Singing 2nd Place • Greek Singing
 - 1st Place
 - Lead Actor – Phevos Lapiotis
 - Choral Speaking

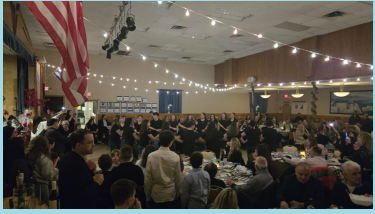


We are beyond proud of every GOYAn who participated, performed, and supported their fellow teammates. Your hard work and dedication shine brightly, And we can't wait to see what next year brings!



Taverna Night 2025

Taverna Greek Night fundraiser was an unforgettable evening filled with vibrant energy, delicious food, and lively



entertainment, all in support of a great cause. Guests were transported into a Greek-inspired atmosphere, enjoying traditional dishes while the sounds of music filled the air. The atmosphere was electric as people joined in spirited Greek dancing, with the GOYA kids showcasing their amazing performances, and everyone celebrating together. The generosity of attendees and sponsors made the event a huge success, raising significant funds while bringing the community closer. It was truly a night to remember, where culture, joy, and philanthropy blended perfectly.



THE PARISH COUNCIL

Tsiknopempti 2025



The Ascension Parish Council organized an event to celebrate Tsiknopempti. Everyone had a wonderful time. We express our thanks and gratitude to Father Christos who is always there to help and guide us, all the Ascension members and friends who attended and supported us, all our volunteers and kitchen staff, and all our sponsors. Special Thanks to Vasilis Psofakis who was the DJ for the night.



Το Συμβούλιο της εκκλησίας μας διοργάνωσε μία ωραία βραδιά για να γιορτάσουμε την Τσικνοπέμπτη. Ευχαριστούμε θερμά τον πατέρα Χρήστο που είναι πάντα δίπλα μας και μας βοηθάει, τους ενορίτες και φίλους που μας υποστήριξαν με την παρουσία τους, τους εθελοντές που βοήθησαν στη διοργάνωση, προετοιμασία, και κουζίνα για την πραγματοποίηση της βραδιάς, καθώς επίσης και τους δωρητές μας. Θερμά ευχαριστώ στον Βασίλη Ψωφάκη που είχε τη μουσική επιμέλεια της βραδιάς.



Father's Birthday

On Tsiknopempti we also celebrated Fr. Christo's birthday. The delicious cake was donated by the Athens Bakery. Χρόνια Πολλά πάτερ Χρήστο! Wishing you many years of health and blessings!





CATECHISM SCHOOL

Godparent Sunday



Today, February 23, 2025, we observed Godparent Sunday and the important role Godparents play in the lives of Godchildren. After the Divine Liturgy a pastitsio luncheon fundraiser was held to raise money for new myrrophores dresses.

We would like to express our appreciation to Father Christos, our Catechism teachers, parents, students, our generous donors, and all the supporters for a successful event.





GREEK SCHOOL

Greek School Library Re-opening

The Re-opening of the Library of our Greek School.

Took place on Wednesday, February 4 with Agiasmos by Father Christos, the presence of our Principal Mr. Demosthenes Triantafillou , the School Board Chairman Mr. Stelios Socratous, Mrs. Ioanna Georgiades and Mrs. Nikki Antoniou of the Parish Council , and the participation of many PTO Board Members including the Vice- President Mrs. Mariana Mitrogogo, The Treasurer Mrs. Vivi Giraldo, our new Church Secretary Mrs. Maria Tsesmelis and others !

With the more than 400 Greek books, the library will enrich the Greek School Curriculum , will stimulate the student reading interest and enhance the learning of the Greek language and culture! Read, read a Greek book!

Mrs. Demetra Baltzis has created a program for all the classes to visit the library and borrow one or more Greek books for pleasant reading and writing during the months of March and April.

A great educational project for the benefits of our students and Parents!

Congratulations to all our teachers for working together to re- open the library! This is real progress!

Η επαναλειτουργία της Βιβλιοθήκης μας! Με Αγιασμό από τον Πρωτοπρεσβύτερο πάτερ Χρήστο Παππάς άνοιξε ξανά η πλούσια σε βιβλία Βιβλιοθήκη του ελληνικού μας σχολείου την Τετάρτη , 4 Φεβρουαριου!

Οι μαθητές μας μπορούν να δανειστούν ελληνικά βιβλία με ευχάριστα θέματα και να γράφουν και μια μικρή περίληψη !

Η υπεύθυνη της Βιβλιοθήκης κ. Δήμητρα Μπαλτζή έχει καταρτίσει προγραμμα επισκέψεων όλων των τάξεων για τους μήνες Μάρτιο και Απρίλιο! Συγχαρητήρια για το υπέροχο εκπαιδευτικό αυτό επίτευγμα!







We would like to thank the following families who have already met their financial obligation for 2025.

Ευχαριστούμε τις παρακάτω οικογένειες που έχουν ήδη τακτοποιήσει την συνδρομή τους για το 2025

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KALLIS JOHN & PATRICIA
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KALLOPOULOS PARTHENA
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MIHAELOS MIHALOS
MIHALATOS DIONISIOS & EUGENIA

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SOPHIAS JOHN & KATERINA
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