

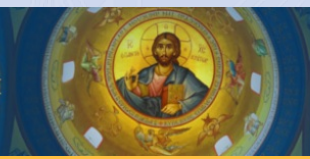


Greek Orthodox
Metropolis Church of
New Jersey



Ascension Greek
Orthodox Church
Fairview, NJ

ASCENSION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



The LIGHT of the ASCENSION Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως



March 30, 2025

**Today we commemorate
Sunday, March 30, 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
PROTOPREBYTER

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
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EST. 1952

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

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2nd Vice President

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[Click to PAY Membership DUES HERE](#)



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Tuesday,

April 1, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Great Canon

Bible Study

Wednesday,

April 2, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Presanctified Liturgy

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

Greek School

6:00 p.m. Evzones

Grand Celebration

(St. John, Tenafly)

Thursday,

April 3, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 4, 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.

The Akathist Hymn

Saturday,

April 5, 2025

Saturday of the

Akathist Hymn

(click here)

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Sunday,

April 6, 2025

Sunday of St.

Mary of Egypt

([click here](#))

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

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Coffee is served

by the Philoptochos

1:00 p.m. General

Assembly Meeting

Κυριακή,

30 Μαρτίου, 2025

Δ΄ Νηστειών -

Ιωάννου Κλίμακος

([click here](#))

8:30 π.μ. - 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος,

Θεία Λειτουργία

(Εορτασμός της

Ελληνικής Επανάστασης του 1821)

Παρέλαση στην Νέα Υόρκη

Τρίτη,

1 Απριλίου, 2025

Μέγας Κανών

Μελέτη Αγ. Γραφής

Τετάρτη,

2 Απριλίου, 2025

9:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.

Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.

Ελληνικό Σχολείο

6:00 μ.μ.

Εορτασική Εκδήλωση για

τους Εύζωνες

(Αγ. Ιωάννης, Tenafly)

Πέμπτη,

3 Απριλίου, 2025

9:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.

Προηγιασμένη

Θεία Λειτουργία

Παρασκευή,

4 Απριλίου, 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.

Ακάθιστος Ύμνος

Σάββατο,

5 Απριλίου, 2025

Σάββατο του Ακαθίστου

([click here](#))

9:00 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ.

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή,

6 Απριλίου, 2025

Ε΄ Νηστειών -

Μαρίας Αιγυπτίας

([click here](#))

8:30 π.μ. - 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία

Ο καφές σερβίρεται

από την Φιλόπτωχο

1:00 μ.μ. Γενική Συνέλευση

LIVE STREAM [click here](#)

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

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 30, 2025

Greek Independence Day Parade

April 2, 2025

**6:00 p.m. Evzones Grand Celebration
(St. John, Tenafly)**

April 6, 2025

1:00 p.m. General Assembly Meeting

April 12, 2025

Catechism program Easter retreat

April 13, 2025

BAKALIARO LUNCHEON

April 16, 2025

**Philoptochos "Branch in Paris" Membership Luncheon at
Graycliff**

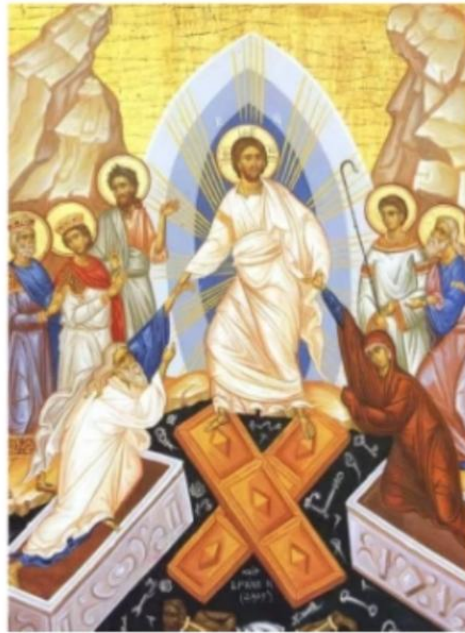
MEMORIAL SERVICES – ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ

40 ημέρες: Μαρίκα Τσαμούταλης

40 Days : Marikas Tsamoutalis

Catechism school

Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, Fairview NJ Catechism Program Easter Retreat



Please join us for a day filled with fun, activities, games, learning, and crafts as we prepare for Pascha.

Saturday, April 12 2025

10:00- 11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

11:30- 3:00 PM - Activities



Lunch will be served.

Open to all children of our Community, Pre-K - 12th grade

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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.

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

To all Parade participants,
Our order is # 50, 2nd Battalion and our Float is # 28. Buses will leave the church at 12:00 sharp. Seats are still available. Wear your blue and white and lets all march with pride on 5th Avenue.
Meeting point is 64th street between 5th and Park.

ZHTΩ Η ΕΛΛΑΔΑ

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



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REGISTER
ONLINE

2025 GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Commemorating the 204th Anniversary of Greek Independence
1821 – 2025



Sunday, March 30, 2025

****** Step off at 1:30 p.m. ******

2025 PARADE GRAND MARSHALS	HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN CHRYSOSTOMOS OF PATRAS GENERAL ANDREW P. POPPAS, UNITED STATES ARMY EVANGELIOS MARINAKIS, PRESIDENT OLYMPIACOS FC
2025 PARADE HONORARY MARSHALS	PYRROS DIMAS CHRISTOFOROS PAPAKALIATIS
PARADE GENERAL CHAIRMAN	PHILIP CHRISTOPHER
PARADE CHAIRMAN	YIANNIS STROUMBAKIS
PARADE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	GEORGEA KONTZAMANIS
PARADE ANNOUNCERS	ANTHOULA KATSIMATIDES DEMETRIS A. FILIOS DIMITRIS FILIPPIDIS MICHAEL STRATIS

BATTALION TO LINE UP64th Street, Fifth to Park Avenues

- 43) GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY
- 44) HELLENIC FEDERATION OF NEW JERSEY
Yonkers Military Band
- 45) **FLOAT # 25– ST. GEORGE OF PISCATAWAY**
ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PISCATAWAY, NJ
- 46) ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PERTH AMBOY, NJ
- 47) **FLOAT #26 – ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN OF TENAFLY**
GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN, TENAFLY, NJ
- 48) **FLOAT # 27– KIMISIS OF HOLMDEL**
KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF HOLMDEL, NJ
- 49) ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CLIFTON, NJ
- 50) **FLOAT # 28 – ASCENSION OF FAIRVIEW**
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ASCENSION OF FAIRVIEW, NJ
- 51) ST. ATHANASIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PARAMUS, NJ
- 52) **FLOAT # 29 – ST. DEMETRIOS OF UNION**
ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF UNION, NJ
- 53) **FLOAT # 30 – STS. NICHOLAS OF ROSELAND**
STS. NICHOLAS, CONSTANTINE AND HELEN OF ROSELAND, NJ
- 54) HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, WESTFIELD
- 55) ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF WYCKOFF, NJ
- 56) ST. ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF RANDOLPH, NJ
- 57) DIVISION 57 TEMPE
- 58) ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF OCEAN, NJ
- 59) **FLOAT # 31– JOANNA SOPHIA FOUNDATION**
- 60) ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT
- 61) GOC OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THEOTOKOS OF DANBURY, CONNECTICUT
- 62) **FLOAT # 32– ST. BARBARA OF ORANGE, CT**
ST. BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ORANGE, CONNECTICUT
- 63) HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

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

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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/ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ

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



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ
ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθμ. Πρωτ.: 88/2025

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

25 Μαρτίου 2025

Πρός τους Σεβασμιωτάτους και Θεοφιλεστάτους Αρχιερείς, τους Εύλαβεστάτους Τερείς και Διακόνους, τις Πρεσβυτέρες και τις Διακονίσσεις, τους Μοναχούς και τις Μοναχές, τους Προέδρους και τα Μέλη των Κοινοτικών Συμβουλίων, τους Εντιμολογιωτάτους Αρχόντες του Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου, τα μέλη της Ηγεσίας των 100, τα Ήμερησια και Απογευματινά Σχολεία, τις Φιλοπτώχους Αδελφότητες, τη Νεολαία, τις Έλληνορθόδοξες Οργανώσεις και όλοκληρο το Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής.

«Νέαν έδειξε κτίσιν, έμφανίσας ό Κτίστης, ήμιν τοίς ύπ' αυτού γενομένοις» (Ακάθιστος Ύμνος, Στάσις Γ', Ν).

Προσφιλείς άδελφοί και άδελφές έν Χριστώ,

Η «καινή κτίσις» που έορτάζουμε κάθε 25^η Μαρτίου είναι ταυτοχρόνος και πνευματική και πολιτική πραγματικότητα για τους όρθόδοξους χριστιανούς έλληνικής καταγωγής, αλλά και για τους άνα τον κόσμο φιλέλληνες, και για κάθε άνθρωπο. Ότι συνέβη στη μήτρα της άειπαρθένου δέν είναι τίποτε λιγότερο από την αναδημιουργία του ανθρώπινου γένους και, μέσω ήμών των χριστιανών ως οίκονόμων του Θεού, όλοκληρου του κόσμου. Ότι συνέβη το 1821 με τη γενναιότητα και την άυτοθυσία των έλλήνων πατριωτών δέν είναι τίποτε άλλο παρά ή άναγέννηση του έθνους μας, προς τό όποιο έχουμε χρέος ευθύνης για τη συνέχειά του.

Ό Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου έπιτελέσθηκε με την έλευθερη βούληση και συγκατάθεση της Παναγίας μας, ή όποία εκπροσωπεί κάθε άνδρα, γυναίκα και παιδί από την άρχη έως της συντελείας του κόσμου. Και ή επανάσταση του 1821 αποτέλεσε μία συγκλονιστική πράξη έλευθερίας, καθώς όδηγησε στην άνεξαρτησία και την άναγέννηση της πατρίδας μας Ελλάδας. Η πρώτη πράξη ήταν θεία βούληση, που έπιτεύχθηκε με τη συνεργασία του άνθρώπου· ή δεύτερη πράξη ήταν ανθρώπινη προσπάθεια, που ενισχύθηκε από τό χέρι του Θεού. Και στις δύο περιπτώσεις, τό πρόσωπο της άειπαρθένου κεχαριτωμένης νεαρής Παναγίας μας ήταν παρόν ως τό κατ' έξοχήν σκεύος έκλογής του Θεού, ένορκώνοντας τά ύψηλότερα όνειρά μας για έλευθερία.

Άς μη ξεχνούμε ποτέ την άειπάρθενο προστάτιδά μας, ή όποία μάς δείχνει τί σημαίνει να είναι κανείς πραγματικά έλεύθερος με τό Θεό. Και άς μη ξεχάσουμε ποτέ τους άθάνατους ήρωες του 1821, που με τις θυσίες τους έδειξαν στον κόσμο τό τί σημαίνει να πολεμάς και να νικάς την τυραννία, να προστατεύεις, να υπερασπίζεσαι και να όδηγεις στην πρόοδο τον έλληνικό λαό. Άς έχουμε λοιπόν κι έμεις ως στόχο να γίνουμε «καινή κτίσις έν Χριστώ».

Ζήτω τό 1821! Ζήτω ή δημοκρατία! Ζήτω ή Ελλάδα!

† ό Αμερικής Έλπιδοφόρος



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**
per ticket



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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΟΣΟΛΙΜΑΣ

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

 <https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd>

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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. _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

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. _____

FOR REINSTATEMENT ONLY Serial # _____ Date Initiated _____
 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 _____

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 _____

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 _____

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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

Metropolitan Myron of New Zealand

We were honored to have Metropolitan Myron of New Zealand at our Community on March 19th for Presanctified Liturgy. A presentation followed about the Orthodox Apostolic Ministry of the Holy Metropolis of New Zealand. Contributions to help their ministry can be made by visiting [www.Orthodox Pacifika](http://www.OrthodoxPacifika.com).







HENRY STREET PARKING CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

Parking Lot Day 1



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



Parking Lot Day 2



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

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.

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



GREEK SCHOOL

The March 25 miracle in our Greek School
Το θαύμα του εορτασμού της 25ης Μαρτίου
στο ελληνικό μας σχολείο

On Sunday, March 23, our Ascension Community witnessed a miracle in our Greek School with the celebration of March 25 , 1821 and the Annunciation of the Theotokos!

The Community Center was packed with attendees and representatives of all the church ministries who applauded and congratulated our students and Teachers!

Our students from Kindergarten to Grade 9 stunned the audience with their outstanding performance reflecting our National and religious heritage.

The presentations included highlights of the Revolution of 1821 that liberated Greece and Europe from the Ottoman Empire and the event of the Evaggelismos. Of the Theotokos!

It was an amazing program with our students dressed as Evzones and Amalies and our fantastic school choir singing songs of the Revolution of 1821 and Τη Υπερμάχω!

The students and teachers revived on stage the golden pages of our heritage . Congratulations to all!

Here are some pictures of the miracle of the Greek School program:





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. Triantafyllou,



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 τιμήσε 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»



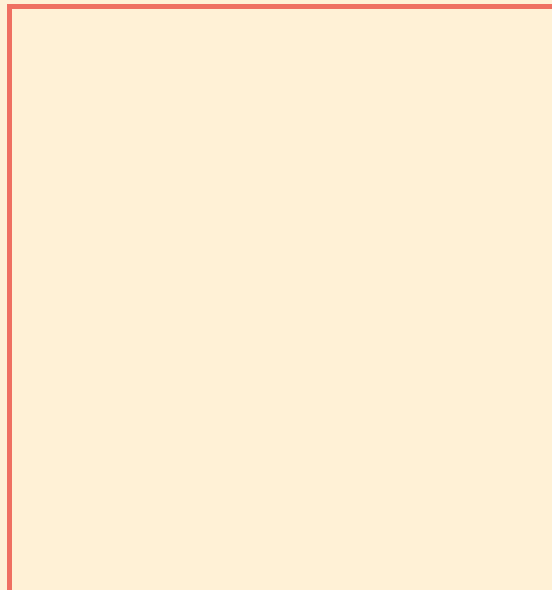
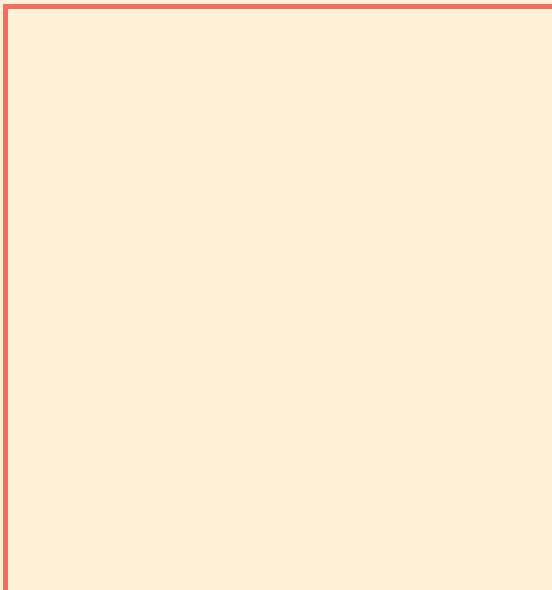


CATECHISM SCHOOL

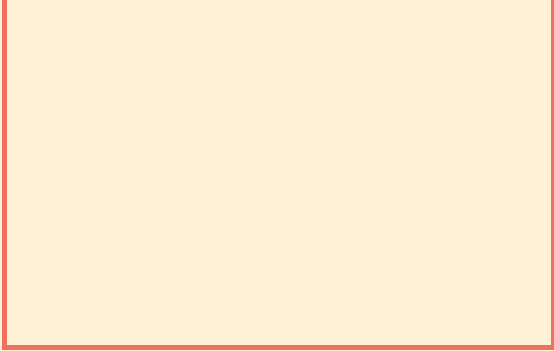
2025 Oratorical Festival

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.





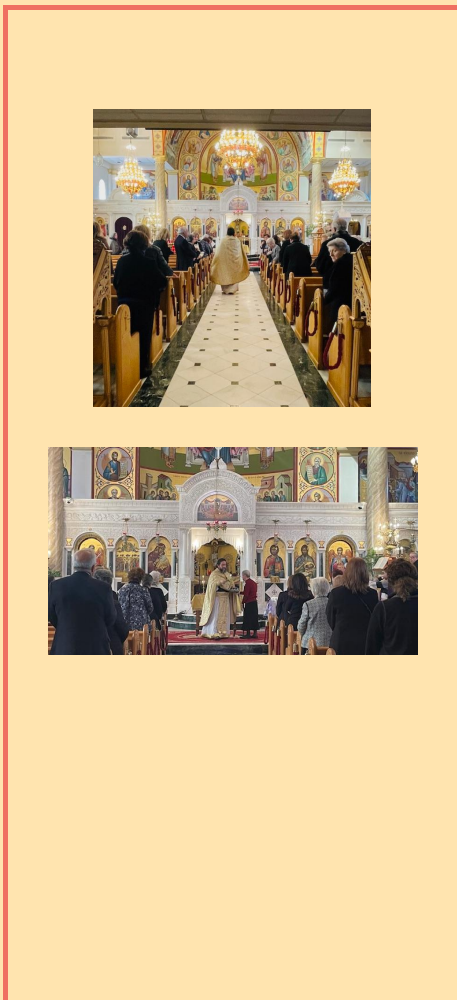




GOYA RETREAT



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!



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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GIANNAROS, JAMES & ATHENA
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HAIDINIS KONSTANTINOS
IOANNIDES CHRISTINA
IZZO MICHAEL & ELENI MARIA
KALATZANTONAKIS TZENI
KALLIS JOHN & PATRICIA
KALLOPOULOS ANASTASIOS & THEANO
KALLOPOULOS PARTHENA
KALOGERAS STELIOS & ANNA
KALOGNOMAS PETROULA & EMMANUEL
KANAKIS CHRIS
KAOUSIAS NIKI
KARKANTZELIS MARGARITA
KIOURETZIS PETER
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KOUIMANIS CHRYSOVALANTIS & SOPHIA
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