



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 9, 2025**

**Today we commemorate  
Sunday, March 9, 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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



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ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
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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*  
Peter Frangiskou,  
Parish Council President

*Nikki Antoniou*  
Nikki Antoniou  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sunday,**  
**March 9, 2025**

**Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
**(click here)**

**8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Orthros, D. Liturgy**  
**Catechism School**  
**Parish council–**  
**Loukoumades**  
**(fundraiser)**  
**Coffee is served**  
**by the GOYA**  
**6:00 p.m. Vespers**

**Wednesday,**

**March 12, 2025**

**4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.**  
**Greek School**  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Presanctified Liturgy**  
**7:00 p.m. School**  
**Board Meeting**

**Friday,**

**March 14, 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.**  
**2nd Salutations**

**Sunday,**

**March 16, 2025**

**Sunday of St.**

**Gregory Palamas**

**(click here)**

**8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Orthros, D. Liturgy**  
**Catechism School**  
**Coffee is served by**  
**the Philoptochos**  
**Philoptochos**  
**Fasolada (fandraiser)**

**Κυριακή,**

**9 Μαρτίου, 2025**

**Της Ορθοδοξίας**

**(Α' Νηστειών)**

**(click here)**



**8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.**  
**Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία**  
**Κατηχητικό Σχολείο**  
**Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο-**  
**Λουκουμάδες (fundraiser)**  
**Ο καφές σερβίρεται**  
**από την GOYA**  
**6:00 μ.μ. Εσπερινός**

**Τετάρτη,**  
**12 Μαρτίου, 2025**  
**4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.**  
**Ελληνικό Σχολείο**  
**5:00 μ.μ. – 8:00 μ.μ.**  
**Προηγιασμένη**

**Παρασκευή,**  
**14 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.**  
**Β' Χαιρετισμοί**

**Κυριακή,**  
**16 Μαρτίου, 2025**  
**Γρηγορίου Παλαμά**  
**(Β' Νηστειών)**  
**(click here)**  
**8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.**  
**Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία**  
**Κατηχητικό Σχολείο**  
**Ο καφές σερβίρεται**  
**από την Φιλόπτωχο**  
**Φιλόπτωχος**  
**Φασολάδα**  
**(fundraiser)**

**LIVE STREAM click**  
**here**

# OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER







**Rev. Christos L. Pappas**

**Protopresbyter**

**office: 201-945-6448**

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**[fatherchristos@yahoo.com](mailto:fatherchristos@yahoo.com)**

**Maria Tsesmeli**

**Office Administrator**

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**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Friday**

**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**[info@ascensionfairview.org](mailto:info@ascensionfairview.org)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 8, 2025**  
Sights & Sounds

**March 9, 2025**  
Parish Council  
Loukoumades

**March 16, 2025**  
Philoptochos  
Fasolada

**March 23, 2025**  
Greek Independence  
Day Program  
Greek School

**March 30, 2025**  
Greek Parade in New York

# Parish Council Loukoumades



# ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

101 Anderson Avenue, Fairview, NJ

## PARISH COUNCIL **Loukoumades** **Fundraiser**

Sunday March 9, 2025

After the Divine Liturgy

**DONATION**

**\$12.00**

**Please support our Church!**

All proceeds will be going to the construction of the new parking lot.

**Philoptochos Society Fasolada**

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ASCENSION PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY  
WILL BE HOLDING A «FASOLADA» FUNDRAISER  
WITH OTHER LENTEN FOOD SELECTIONS  
COFFEE AND GLYKA

Απολαύστε Γνήσια Ελληνική Φασολάδα  
AFTER LITURGY ON SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025  
DONATION - \$15.00 (FOR ONE ORDER)  
OR  
DONATION - \$20.00(FOR TWO ORDERS)



«KALI SARAKOSTI», «Καλή Σαρακοστή»



TAKE OUT  
AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER'S  
PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS.  
101 ANDERSON AVENUE  
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY 07022

## CATECHISM SCHOOL 2025 Oratorical Festival

Join us in Church to listen to our very own children reflect on their faith during their Lenten journey and express how they live their faith

Please contact Stacy Pinou-Melizanis, Chairwoman,  
to participate and be part of a very important ministry.

201-724-7626



**Ascension Greek Orthodox Church  
101 Anderson Ave., Fairview, NJ**

**The Catechism Program  
is hosting the  
2025 Oratorical Festival**

**SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025 @1:00 PM**

**Join us in church**

**Listen to our very own children reflect on their faith  
during their Lenten journey and express how they live  
their faith.**



**“For where two or three are  
gathered in my name, there I  
am in the midst of them.”**

**Matthew 18: 20**

*The Hellenic Civic Club Of Fort Lee*

# THE HELLENIC CIVIC CLUB OF FORT LEE

President and Board of Directors

INVITE YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL



*Celebration of the  
204<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 @ 2:00PM**

**Lewis F. Cole Intermediate School  
467 Stillwell Avenue, Fort Lee, NJ**

**Keynote speaker: Mr. Savas C. Tsivicos, Supreme President of AHEPA**

Performance by the

**Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey**

and the Greek folk dancers from regional churches

**Lunch, Coffee and Desserts will be served**



## **FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00PM**

**FORT LEE BOROUGH HALL**

**309 MAIN STREET, FORT LEE, NJ**



**GOYA**  
*Sights & Sounds*

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Ascension GOYA

# 2025

*Sights &  
Sounds*

# *Showcase*

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025  
COMMUNITY CENTER 6 PM  
FREE ADMISSION

JOIN US FOR FUNDRAISER DINNER TO SUPPORT OUR  
GOYA

Optional Dinner Price \$20.00 per  
person

\$10.00 GOYAns and kids under 12

## 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.

Περισσότερες πληροφορίες θα σταλούν σύντομα.



# 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 • 64<sup>TH</sup> TO 79<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.nycgreekparade.org)  @FederationNY  @NYGreekParade 

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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/EVANGELISMOS**

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 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

Hierarchal Great Vespers with His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of NJ Presiding/Artoklasia will begin at 6pm on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

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



Salutations to the  
Most Holy Theotokos

Friday, March 14, 2025  
7:00 P.M.

Ascension Greek Orthodox Church  
101 Anderson Avenue  
Fairview, NJ 07022



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





# 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



Scan or Click for Ticket and  
Sponsorship Information

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# *THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS*

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



**Grand Benefactor - \$10,000+**

**Contributer - \$1,000**

**Benefactor - \$5,000**

**Sponsor - \$500**

**Patron - \$2,500**

**Sponsorship Form Found Here**



All Proceeds Will Go To Benefit Hellenic College and  
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology





## 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](mailto: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>

 908-301-0500



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

----- **Chapter Use Only** -----

**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](mailto: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!

## 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.

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



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

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



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Congratulations to all  
the GOYAnS  
from Ascension**





GOYA



**Greek Orthodox Church!**

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

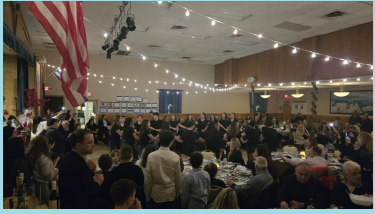
**We are beyond proud of every GOYAn who participated, performed, and supported their fellow teammates. Your hard work and dedication shine brightly, And we can't wait to see what next year brings!**



## 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 πρόγραμμα επισκέψεων όλων των τάξεων για τους μήνες Μάρτιο και Απρίλιο! Συγχαρητήρια για το υπέροχο εκπαιδευτικό αυτό επίτευγμα!









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