



**ASCENSION**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



**The LIGHT of the ASCENSION**  
**Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως**



**February 12, 2023**

**Today we commemorate  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

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

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sunday**

**February 12, 2023**

**Sunday of the  
Prodigal Son  
(click here)**

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Orthros, D. Liturgy  
Catechism School  
Godparents Sunday  
*Coffee is served by  
the PTO*

**Tuesday**

**February 14, 2023**

*6:00 p.m. Paraklisis*

**Wednesday**

**February 15, 2023**

**Anthimus  
the Elder of Chios  
(click here)**

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

**Friday**

**February 17, 2023**

**Theodore the Tyro  
(click here)**

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

**Saturday**

**February 18, 2023**

**A' Saturday  
of the Souls**

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 a.m. Orthros

Divine Liturgy

**Sunday**

**February 19, 2023**

**Judgment Sunday**

[\(click here\)](#)

**(Meatfare Sunday)**

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

Orthros, D. Liturgy

*No Catechism School*

*Winter Recess*

*Coffee is served by the GOYA*

**Κυριακή**

**12 Φεβρουαρίου, 2023**

**ΙΖ' Λουκά**

**Του Ασώτου**

[\(click here\)](#)

8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος,

Θεία Λειτουργία

Κατηχητικό Σχολείο

Κυριακή των Αναδόχων

*Ο καφές σερβίρεται από το ΠΤΟ*

**Τρίτη**

**14 Φεβρουαρίου, 2023**

*6:00 μ.μ. Παράκληση*

**Τετάρτη**

**15 Φεβρουαρίου, 2023**

**Όσιος Άνθιμος**

**9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος,**

**Θεία Λειτουργία**

**4:30 μ.μ. - 6:30 μ.μ.**

***Ελληνικό Σχολείο***

**Παρασκευή**

**17 Φεβρουαρίου, 2023**

**Θεόδωρος Μέγα.**

**Τήρων**

[\(click here\)](#)

9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος,

Θεία Λειτουργία

**4:30 μ.μ. - 6:30 μ.μ.**

***Ελληνικό Σχολείο***

Σάββατο  
18 Φεβρουαρίου, 2023

Α' Ψυχολογικό  
(click here)

9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος,  
Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή  
19 Φεβρουαρίου, 2023

Της Απόκριου  
(click here)

8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.  
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία  
*Το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο*  
*είναι κλειστό*  
*Ο καφές σερβίρεται*  
*από την GOYA*

LIVE STREAM [click here](#)

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

**OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER**



**Rev. Christos L. Pappas**

**Protopresbyter**

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**Office hours:**

**Monday, Wednesday**

**9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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

**[DONATE to the ASCENSION CHURCH click here](#)**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**



ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
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REV. CHRISTOS L. PAPPAS  
PROTOPREBYTER

January, 2023

**PARISH COUNCIL**

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Dear Parishioners, Family and Friends,

The Parish Council and all the Ascension Organizations wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year 2023!

Over the last 2 years, the Ascension organizations did their best to help sustain our Parish that is important to our families and children.

Membership is an important factor in keeping our Community alive. Please take the time to ascertain that your paid membership is up to date. If you have not yet paid, *either mail a check to the Ascension Church or call the office to pay via credit card or online.*

Your generosity supports our church liturgical, administrative, Greek School and philanthropic work.

Membership dues/stewardship begin at a minimum of \$450; seniors begin at \$350.

**Please seriously consider giving extra towards your stewardship to support our church.**

We thank everyone for their love and support of our membership/stewardship fund.

**May the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!**

Best wishes,

Peter A. Frangiskou  
Parish Council President

Michael Siderias  
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Rev Christos L. Pappas  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 12, 2023**  
**Godparent's Sunday**

**March 4, 2023**  
**GOYA Sights & Sounds**  
**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Westfield**

**March 12, 2023**



**GOYA Sights & Sounds Showcase**  
**Ascension Church**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**March 17, 2023**  
**Oratorial Festival**  
**Ascension Church**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**April 30, 2023**  
**Greek Independence Day**  
**Parade, New York**

## CATECHISM



**GODPARENT'S SUNDAY  
ARTOKLASIA  
February 12, 2023**

Please join Father Christos for the Divine Liturgy and Artoklasia Service to honor and celebrate all Godparents. We encourage our faithful community, young and old, to celebrate together with their Godchild. Feel free to attend church, even if your Godparents are unable. Mom, dad, a grandparent, a special aunt or uncle can attend with you.

**The Orthopraxis of Godparents in the Orthodox Church**  
*It is a rule of the Orthodox Faith that every person, child or adult,*



***should have a Godparent at Baptism.*** To serve as a Godparent is both a special honor and imposes responsibilities, which last a lifetime. Along with the parents, the Godparent is charged with the responsibility of assisting in the spiritual development of the child. In some cultures, the Godparent is addressed by a special name (an example is *nouno/nouna* in Greek.) Whether a blood relative or not, the Godparent becomes a part of the "spiritual family" of that Godchild.

The Responsibilities of the Godparent only begin at baptism, the role really expands and hopefully blossoms as the Godparent and Godchild develop a close and loving relationship. As with any relationship, this spiritual one needs to be fostered and cared for in order for it to develop. The best way for this relationship to grow is through prayer. Pray for your Godchild and his or her parents, and the parents should encourage their child to pray for the Godparents. By doing this you are encouraging a relationship and giving it the spiritual basis on which to mature.

The Sponsor (Godfather or Godmother) must be an Orthodox Christian. If the Sponsor is married, the marriage must have been blessed by an Orthodox priest.

The role of the Sponsor is directly related to infant baptism. Since the infant is unable to make the necessary confession of faith, the Sponsor stands and vouches for it. The Sponsor should be ready to recite the Nicene Creed either in Greek or English. For three consecutive Sundays after the baptism, the Sponsor should carry the neophyte for the Holy Altar to receive Holy Communion.

According to the tradition of the Orthodox church, one name of Orthodox Christian origin should be given to the child at the time of baptism.

**JOIN THOUSANDS  
OF YOUTH ACROSS  
THE NATION AND  
SHARE YOUR FAITH!**



**2023 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL**  
Senior Division (Grades 10-12) • Junior Division (Grades 7-9)

**AWARDS**

National finalists are eligible to receive the following:

**St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship: \$500 to \$2000**

**FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism:** to be announced

Finalists at any level are eligible to receive the following:

**Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College: \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year**

Parish Festival Date & Time: March 17, 2023 ~ 7:30 pm

Parish Chairperson: Stacy Pinou

Contact Information: pinoustacy@hotmail.com

Find the topics, tips, manual & award information at:

**[www.religioused.goarch.org](http://www.religioused.goarch.org)**

Department of Religious Education (DRE), Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



**St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival**

Contact our Parish Chairperson,  
Stacy Pinou,  
for the opportunity to share and learn your faith.

Click below to review this year's topics

[https://www.goarch.org/documents/32058/7302557/SJCOF\\_Topics\\_Final\\_2023-web.pdf/2fc240fa-e714-4fca-a062-dcab7f9e85c7](https://www.goarch.org/documents/32058/7302557/SJCOF_Topics_Final_2023-web.pdf/2fc240fa-e714-4fca-a062-dcab7f9e85c7)

**GOYA**

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
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# TSOUREKI SALE

**GOYA  
fundraiser**



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PRE-ORDER

BAKED BY THE SISTERS AT AGIA SKEPI  
PLACE ORDER BY APRIL 1, 2023



small tsoureki (braid) \$18  
large tsoureki (round) \$23

**PICK-UP DATES APRIL 7, 8, 9, 2023**

Make Check Payable to Ascension GOYA or Venmo (@Ascensiongoya)

Any questions contact Christina Papas (201) 658-2766

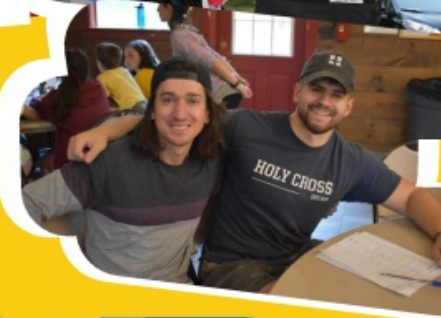
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APRIL 1, 2023



Chesapeake  
2-7 JULY  
2023

Virginia  
8-15 JULY  
2023

New Jersey  
15-22 July  
2023

### Are You...

- ✓ Looking to grow your Faith?
- ✓ Hoping to make meaningful relationships?
- ✓ Seeking to boost your resume?

**Stipend for Overnight Staff!**  
**Registration Link Scan or Click Below**



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

*Click here for Registration Link*





# Holy Metropolis of New Jersey Altar Server Retreat

Instructed By:

His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia

On the Theme:

*Come, Receive the Light!*

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

1033 W. Park Ave., Ocean, NJ 07712



Register online at  
[www.stgeorgeap.org](http://www.stgeorgeap.org)

Tel: 732-775-2777



# IONIAN VILLAGE 2023



**GLYFA, GREECE**

IV NEXT: JUNE 2 – JUNE 13  
SESSION ONE: JUNE 19 – JULY 8  
SESSION TWO: JULY 19 – AUGUST 7

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 21ST AT 12 NOON EST



**WWW.IONIANVILLAGE.ORG**



**Registration for the Ionian Village Summer Camp is now open!**

Click on registration link to sign-up  
<https://www.ionianvillage.org/register>

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**











On February 4, 2023, the PTO held the 17th Annual Taverna night with Yianni Papastefanou and Orchestra. There was a special performance by our GOYA dance group and wonderful raffle prizes. Special thanks to Father Christos, the kitchen crew, all the donors, and everyone in attendance and supported the event.





On Sunday, January 29, 2023, Father Christos officiates Artoklasia honoring the Greek School Teachers on the Three Hierarchs Day.



On January 29, 2023, the Greek School celebrated the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters Day. Congratulations to all the teachers and principal, Mr. D. Triantafillou. A special thank you to  
Mrs. Athena Kromidas,  
President, High Council of Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese,  
Mr. D. Kontolios, Ridgefield City Council Member,  
Professor Manolis Aprilakis who read Homer in Ancient Greek,  
Rev. Christos L. Pappas, Protopresbyter,  
Mr. P. Frangiskou, Mr. C. Rakkou,





The Greek School Band with the Dancing Groups performing dances of Smyrna. Mrs. Erasmia at the piano at the Greek Letters Program dedicated to 100 years since the destruction of Smyrna.





On Saturday, January 21, 2023, our Greek School participated in the Metropolis Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters Program at SS. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Roseland. Our school participated with our school band, choir, and dancing groups.



If you would like to volunteer in one of our



youth ministries, you must comply  
with the  
**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America**  
**Policies for the**  
**Safety of Children and Youth**

For more information and to  
register to be a youth worker,  
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