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

**Sunday**

**February 19, 2023**

Judgment Sunday
(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
IZ Γ' Λουκά
Του Ασώτου
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
9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος,
Θεία Λειτουργία
4:30 μ.μ. - 6:30 μ.μ.
Ελληνικό Σχολείο
Σάββατο
18 Φεβρουαρίου, 2023
Α’ Ψυχοσάββατο
(click here)
9:00 π.μ. Όρθος,
Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή
19 Φεβρουαρίου, 2023
Της Απόκρεω
(click here)
8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο
είναι κλειστό
Ο καφές σερβίρεται
από την GOYA

LIVE STREAM click here

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MEMBERSHIP DUES
January, 2023

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,

[Signatures]

Peter A. Frangiskou
Parish Council President

Michael Siderias
Treasurer

Rev. Christos L. Pappas
Protopresbyter

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
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.
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

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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
Tel: 732-775-2777
Registration for the Ionian Village Summer Camp is now open!

Click on registration link to sign-up
https://www.ionianvillage.org/register
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.
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For more information and to register to be a youth worker,
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