



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



September 3, 2023

Today we commemorate

13th Sunday of Matthew

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

PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW NEW ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR MESSAGE



† B A R T H O L O M E W
BY GOD'S MERCY ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE-NEW ROME
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
TO THE PLENITUDE OF THE CHURCH
GRACE, PEACE AND MERCY FROM THE MAKER OF ALL CREATION
OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
* * *

Most reverend brother Hierarchs and beloved children in the Lord,

With the grace of the Chief and Perfector of our faith, we are today entering a new ecclesiastical year and celebrating with psalms and hymns, for the thirty-fifth time, the Day of protection of the natural environment.

We rejoice in the repercussions of the ecological initiatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate not only in the Christian world, but also in other religions, in parliaments and among politicians, in the field of civil society, science, the ecological movements and the youth. After all, the ecological crisis as a global challenge can only be addressed through international sensitization and mobilization.

We further express our satisfaction that people have definitively understood the immediate connection between ecological and social issues, and especially the fact that the destruction of the natural environment primarily affects the poor among us. The combination of ecological and social activities constitutes the hope for our future because we can only have sustainable development and progress when we are simultaneously concerned about the integrity of creation and the protection of human dignity and human rights.

It is characteristic that today there is an emphasis on “ecological expansion” of human rights. Indeed, people speak of a “fourth generation” of rights—along with individual and political, social, cultural as well as solidarity rights—which refers to the securing of their environmental preconditions. The struggle for human rights cannot ignore the fact that these rights are threatened by climate change, by the shortage of potable water, fertile soil and clean air, but also by “environmental degradation” in general. The consequences of the ecological crisis must be confronted above all on the level of human rights. It is self-evident that these rights, in all their aspects and dimensions, comprise an undivided unity and that their protection is inseparable.

It is in this context that we must also include and appreciate the terrible effects created by the invasion of Russia in Ukraine, which is associated with horrible ecological devastation. Every act of war is also a war against creation inasmuch as it is a grievous threat against the natural environment. The pollution of the atmosphere, of water and earth by bombings, the risk of nuclear holocaust, the emission of dangerous radiation from nuclear plants producing electrical energy, the carcinogenic dust from exploding buildings, the destruction of forests and depletion of arable agricultural property—all these bear witness to the fact that the people and ecosystem of Ukraine have undergone and continue to undergo incalculable losses. We repeat emphatically: The war should cease at once and sincere dialogue should commence.

Before all these challenges, the Holy Great Church of Christ continues its struggle for the integrity of creation, in full knowledge that its concern for the natural environment is not merely an added activity in its life, but its essential expression and realization as an extension of the Holy

Eucharist in every form and dimension of our good witness in the world. This was also the precious legacy of the pioneer of ecological theology, the late Metropolitan John of Pergamon. In recognizing his immense contribution, we conclude this Patriarchal Message on the occasion of the Feast of the Indiction with what he writes on the Holy Eucharist as a wholistic response to the current ecological problems: "In the Divine Liturgy, the natural and material world, along with all of the senses, participate in an inseparable unity. There is no antithesis between subject and objective reality, there is no stance of human mind's conquest of the surrounding world. This world does not exist against, is not an object of man, but is assumed and communed. Holy Communion is not only our union with God and others, but also the assumption of food, the acceptance and appreciation of the natural environment, the incorporation and not merely consumption of matter. The sacredness that accompanies such an attitude, the divine shudder that pervades such a relationship, is the diametrical opposite of Technology and the answer to our ecological problem. The Holy Eucharist is, for this reason as well, the very best that Orthodoxy has to offer the contemporary world."

We wish you a blessed ecclesiastical year, brothers and children in the Lord!

September 1, 2023

† Bartholomew of Constantinople
Fervent supplicant for all before God

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ΠΑΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΔΗΜΙΟΥΡΓΟΥ ΠΑΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΚΤΙΣΕΩΣ
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Τιμιώτατοι ἀδελφοί Τεράρχαι καί προσφιλέστατα τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ,

Εὐδοκία τοῦ Ἀρχηγοῦ καί Τελειωτοῦ τῆς πίστεως ἡμῶν, εἰσερχόμεθα σήμερον εἰς τό νέον ἐκκλησιαστικόν ἔτος καί ἐορτάζομεν ἐν ψαλμοῖς καί ὕμνοις, διά τριακοστήν πέμπτην φοράν, τήν Ἡμέραν προστασίας τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος.

Χαιρόμεθα διά τήν ἀπήχησιν τῶν οικολογικῶν πρωτοβουλιῶν τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου ὄχι μόνον εἰς τόν χριστιανικόν κόσμον, ἀλλά καί εἰς ἄλλας θρησκείας, εἰς κοινοβούλια καί πολιτικούς, εἰς τόν χώρον τῆς κοινωνίας τῶν πολιτῶν, τῆς ἐπιστήμης, τῶν οικολογικῶν κινημάτων καί τῆς νεολαίας. Οὕτως ἢ ἄλλως, ἡ οικολογική κρίσις, ὡς παγκόσμιον πρόβλημα, μόνον μέ παγκόσμιον εὐαισθητοποίησιν καί κινητοποίησιν δύναται νά ἀντιμετωπισθῇ.

Ἐκφράζομεν ἐπίσης τήν ἱκανοποίησιν μας, ἐπειδή ἔχει ὀριστικῶς κατανοηθῆ ἡ ἄμεσος συνάφεια οικολογικῶν καί κοινωνικῶν προβλημάτων, καί δὴ τό γεγονός ὅτι ἡ καταστροφή τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος θίγει πρωτίτως τούς πτωχοῦς τῆς γῆς. Ὁ συνδυασμός περιβαλλοντικῶν καί κοινωνικῶν δράσεων ἀποτελεῖ ἐλπίδα διά τό μέλλον, ἐφ' ὅσον μόνον τότε ὑπάρχει βιώσιμος ἀνάπτυξις καί πρόοδος, ὅταν μεριμνῶμεν συγχρόνως διά τήν ἀκεραιότητα τῆς δημιουργίας καί τήν προστασίαν τῆς ἀξιοπρεπείας καί τῶν δικαιωμάτων τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

Εἶναι χαρακτηριστικόν, ὅτι τονίζεται σήμερον ἡ ἀναγκαιότης μιᾶς «οικολογικῆς διευρύνσεως» τῶν δικαιωμάτων τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. Γίνεται μάλιστα λόγος περὶ «τετάρτης γενεᾶς» δικαιωμάτων, ὁμοῦ μετά τῶν ἀτομικῶν καί πολιτικῶν, κοινωνικῶν καί πολιτισμικῶν καί τῶν δικαιωμάτων ἀλληλεγγύης, ἡ ὁποία ἀναφέρεται εἰς τήν ἐξασφάλισιν τῶν περιβαλλοντικῶν προϋποθέσεων των. Ὁ ἀγών διά τὰ δικαιώματα τοῦ ἀνθρώπου δέν εἶναι δυνατόν νά ἀγνοήσῃ τό γεγονός ὅτι αὐτά ἀπειλοῦνται ὑπό τῆς κλιματικῆς ἀλλαγῆς, ὑπό τῆς ἐλλείψεως ποσίου ὕδατος, εὐφόρου ἐδάφους καί καθαρᾶς ἀτμοσφαιρας, καί γενικώτερον ὑπό τῆς «περιβαλλοντικῆς ὑποβαθμίσεως». Αἱ ἐπιπτώσεις τῆς οικολογικῆς κρίσεως ὀφείλουν νά ἀντιμετωπίζωνται ἐξόχως εἰς τό ἐπίπεδον τῶν δικαιωμάτων τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. Εἶναι αὐτονόητον ὅτι αὐτά, εἰς ὅλας τῶν τάς πτυχάς καί διαστάσεις, ἀποτελοῦν ἀδιάσπαστον ἐνότητα καί ὅτι ἡ προστασία των εἶναι ἀδιαίρετος.

Εἰς αὐτήν τήν συνάφειαν ἀνήκει καί ἡ ἀντιμετώπισις τῶν δεινῶν, τά ὁποῖα προεκάλεσεν ἡ ἐπίθεσις τῆς Ρωσσίας κατά τῆς Οὐκρανίας καί συνδέονται μέ φοβεράς οικολογικάς καταστροφάς. Κάθε πολεμική ἐνέργεια εἶναι καί πόλεμος κατά τῆς κτίσεως, εἶναι μία σοβαρωτάτη ἀπειλή κατά τοῦ φυσικοῦ περιβάλλοντος.

Η ρύπανσις τῆς ἀτμοσφαιράς, τῶν ὑδάτων καί τοῦ ἐδάφους ἀπό τοὺς βομβαρδισμούς, ὁ κίνδυνος πυρηνικοῦ ὀλοκαυτώματος, ἀπελευθερώσεως ἐπικινδύνου ἀκτινοβολίας ἀπὸ τοὺς πυρηνικοὺς σταθμοὺς παραγωγῆς ἠλεκτρικῆς ἐνεργείας, ἡ καρκινογόνος σκόνη τῶν βομβαρδισμένων κτιρίων, ἡ καταστροφή τῶν δασῶν καί ἡ ἀχρήστευσις καλλιεργησίμων ἀγροτικῶν ἐκτάσεων, ὅλα αὐτὰ μαρτυροῦν ὅτι ὁ λαὸς καί τὸ οἰκοσύστημα τῆς Οὐκρανίας ὑπέστησαν καί συνεχίζουν νὰ ὑφίστανται ἀνυπολογίστους ἀπωλείας. Ἐπαναλαμβάνομεν γεγυυνία τῆ φωνῆ: Νὰ τερματισθῆ ἀμέσως ὁ πόλεμος καί νὰ ἀρχίσῃ ὁ εἰλικρινῆς διάλογος.

Ἐνώπιον ὄλων αὐτῶν τῶν προκλήσεων, ἡ Ἁγία τοῦ Χριστοῦ Μεγάλη Ἐκκλησία συνεχίζει τὸν ἀγῶνα τῆς ὑπὲρ τῆς ἀκεραιότητος τῆς δημιουργίας, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὅτι ἡ μέριμνά τῆς διὰ τὸ φυσικὸν περιβάλλον δέν εἶναι μία πρόσθετος δραῖσις εἰς τὴν ζωὴν τῆς, ἀλλὰ οὐσιαστικὴ ἔκφρασις καί πραγμάτωσις αὐτῆς, ὡς προέκτασις τῆς Θείας Εὐχαριστίας εἰς ὅλας τὰς μορφάς καί διαστάσεις τῆς καλῆς μαρτυρίας τῆς ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ. Αὐτὴ ὑπῆρξε καί ἡ τιμαλφεστάτη παρακαταθήκη τοῦ εἰσηγητοῦ τῆς οἰκολογικῆς θεολογίας μακαριστοῦ Μητροπολίτου Περγάμου Ἰωάννου. Τιμῶντες τὴν μεγάλην προσφορὰν του, κατακλείομεν τὸ παρὸν Πατριαρχικὸν Μήνυμα ἐπὶ τῇ ἑορτῇ τῆς Ἰνδίκτου μέ ὅσα ἔγραψε περὶ τῆς Θείας Εὐχαριστίας ὡς ὀλιστικῆς ἀπαντήσεως εἰς τὰ σύγχρονα περιβαλλοντικά προβλήματα: «Στῆ Θεία Λειτουργία ὁ φυσικὸς καί ὑλικὸς κόσμος καί ὅλες οἱ αἰσθήσεις μετέχουν σέ μία ἐνότητα ἀδιάσπαστη. Δέν ὑπάρχει ἀντίθεση μεταξύ ὑποκειμένου καί ἀντικειμενικῆς πραγματικότητος, δέν ὑπάρχει ἡ κατακτητικὴ στάσις τοῦ ἀνθρώπινου λόγου ἀπέναντι στὸν κόσμο πού τὸν περιβάλλει. Ὁ κόσμος δέν κείται ἔναντι, δέν (εἶναι) ἀντικείμενον τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἀλλὰ προσλαμβάνεται καί κοινωνεῖται. Ἡ Θεία Κοινωνία εἶναι ὄχι μόνο ἐνωσὴ μας μέ τὸν Θεό καί τοὺς ἄλλους, ἀλλὰ καί πρόσληψη τροφῆς, ἀποδοχῆ καί καταξίωσις τοῦ φυσικοῦ μας περιβάλλοντος, ἐνσωμάτωσις τῆς ὕλης καί ὄχι χρῆσις τῆς ὕλης. Ἡ ἱερότητα πού συνοδεύει αὐτὴ τῆ στάσις, τὸ θεῖο ρίγος πού διαπερνᾷ αὐτὴ τῆ σχέση, εἶναι ὁ ἀντίποδας τῆς Τεχνολογίας καί ἡ ἀπάντησις στὸ οἰκολογικὸ μας πρόβλημα. Ἡ Θεία Εὐχαριστία εἶναι καί γι' αὐτὸν τὸν λόγο ὅ,τι καλύτερο ἔχει νὰ προσφέρῃ ἡ Ὀρθοδοξία στὸν σύγχρονον κόσμο».

Εὐλογημένον ἐκκλησιαστικόν ἔτος, ἀδελφοί καί τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ!

Ἰβγύ' Σεπτεμβρίου α'

Ὁ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως

διάπυρος πρὸς Θεόν εὐχέτης πάντων ὑμῶν

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

September 3, 2023

13th Sunday of Matthew

([click here](#))

Anthimos of Nicomedeia

([click here](#))

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

Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Coffee is served
by the Philoptochos

Thursday
September 7, 2023
7:00 a.m. Vespers
Nativity of the Theotokos

Friday
September 8, 2023
Nativity of the Theotokos
(click here)
9:00 a.m. Orthros,
Divine Liturgy

Saturday
September 9, 2023
Joachim & Anna
(click here)
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Sunday
September 10, 2023
Sunday Before Holy Cross
(click here)
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Coffee is served by
the Philoptochos
Lunch is offered by
the Association of Kambousion Chios
“Panagia Despina”

Κυριακή
3 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2023
ΙΓ' Ματθαίου
(click here)

Άνθιμος Ιερομάρτυς
(click here)
8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ. Όρθρος,
Θεία Λειτουργία
Καφές σερβίρεται από
τη Φιλόπτωχο

Πέμπτη
7 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2023

7:00 μ.μ. Εσπερινός
Γενέθλιον της Θεοτόκου

Παρασκευή
8 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2023
Γενέθλιον της Θεοτόκου
(click here)

9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος,
Θεία Λειτουργία

Σάββατο
9 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2023
Σύναξις Ιωακείμ και Άννης
(click here)

9:00 π.μ. - 11:00 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή
10 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2023
ΙΓ' Ματθαίου
8:30 π.μ. - 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Φαγητό από την Ομοσπονδία Συλλόγου
«Παναγίας Δέσποινας»
Καμπουσίων - Χίος

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14, 2023
First GOYA Meeting

September 15, 2023
First Day of Greek School

September 16, 2023
Enthronement of His Eminence
Apostolos of NJ
Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian

September 24, 2023
First Day of Catechism School
Open House & Registration Day

September 24, 2023
Holy Cross Celebration
St. George, Ocean Township

ENTHRONEMENT HIS EMINENCE APOSTOLOS OF NEW JERSEY



His Eminence
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America
Patriarchal Vicar of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of New Jersey

cordially invites you to

The Enthronement of
**HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS
of NEW JERSEY**

Saturday, September 16, 2023
10:30am

Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian
353 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey 07670

Your presence and prayerful participation
at this sacred and historical event
is most appreciated.

Please find below the link to the
online attendance registration
for the Enthronement Service of
His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos
of New Jersey,
which will take place
on Saturday,
September 16, 2023,
at the St. John the Theologian
Greek Orthodox Cathedral
in Tenafly, New Jersey at 10:30am
(*must be at the Church by 9:30am)

Reservation-for-Enthronement-Service

Please note that even if you have submitted names for the Luncheon, you must also submit your name for the actual service.

Greek School & Catechism School Registration
Εγγραφές για το Ελληνικό μας Σχολείο



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you're having a wonderful summer!

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the Ascension Afternoon Greek School and the Catechism Church School.

This year we are initiating a new system of Online Registration and Payments. Please click on the registration links below and complete the following:

1. [Registration Form for Greek School 2023-2024](#)
2. [Health Form for School Registration](#)
3. [Pay Greek School Tuition HERE](#)
4. [Pay Church Annual Membership Dues HERE](#)

5. Registration Form for Catechism School

Parents also have the option to visit the church office during office hours to register in person prior to September 13, 2023

Afternoon Greek School Classes begin September 15, 2023

See [GREEK SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023 \(PRINTABLE\)](#)

See [GREEK SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024 \(PRINTABLE\)](#)

Catechism School Classes begin September 24, 2023

See [CATECHISM SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-24 \(PRINTABLE\)](#)

[Greek School Bell Schedule/Membership & Tuition Fee Schedule \(PRINTABLE\)](#)

***Any questions, please call
the Church Office
(201) 945-6448***



GOYA

Ascension Greek Orthodox Church



FIRST MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPT 14

at 6:30 PM church hall

12 - 18 years old

(12 year olds must be in 7th grade)

GOYA is excited to welcome everyone back and welcome new members to the start of another year.

First Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2023
at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall

REGISTRATION FEE

\$50

Please click on all 3 links below to complete registration

****Registration Form***

****Health Permission Form***

****Rules & Regulations Acknowledgement***

Annual Holy Cross Celebration

The new date is
September 24th at
St. George in Ocean Township, NJ

However, all Parishes will remain
open on that Sunday.



**2023 EFGOCM
ANNUAL CHOIR CONFERENCE**
&
**76th ANNUAL
HOLY CROSS CELEBRATION**



September 21 - 24

Guest Conductor Ryan J. Kiel

For More Information & Registration

[https://www.newjersey.churchmusic.
goarch.org/news and events/2023-
annual-conference/](https://www.newjersey.churchmusic.goarch.org/news-and-events/2023-annual-conference/)

Saint Basil Academy



SAINT BASIL ACADEMY

Please join us for the Saint Basil Academy

2023 Walk-a-Thon!



Saturday, September 30, from 11AM-2PM

Blessing of the Waters, Beautiful Campus Walk, Cookout, Bounce
Castles, Games, and More!

\$25 suggested donation per person

All are welcome!



For more information, email Lauren at l.biniaris@sbagoa.org

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