The LIGHT of the ASCENSION
Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως

ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS
NEW YEAR MESSAGE
Archepiscopal Encyclical on the New Year 2024

January 1, 2024

Ωσε ει τις εν Χριστω καινη κτισις· τα αρχαια παρηλθεν· ιδον γεγονε καινα τα παντα.  
(Προς Κορινθιους Β 5:17)  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation! What’s past has passed.  
Behold! Everything is new!  
(II Cor 5:17)

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 Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America:

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this first day of the New Year of 2024, let us embrace the newness in Christ, which He has appointed for our renewal and salvation. The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are, in fact, new creations! And that whatever has transpired is beyond us, forgiven and even forgotten. For every new year — whether this civil one, or the Ecclesiastical New Year on September 1 — is a call and opportunity to begin again. Why? Because in Christ, “everything is new.”

This is the truest and the best optimism. Neither a false hope for the future, nor a denial of mistakes in the past. We press forward in Christ, Who is an ever-flowing fountain of love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. This is how we are called to live — in the dynamic flow of God’s grace through the Holy Spirit. Whether it is by our participation in the Sacred Mysteries of the Church, or by applying the teachings of our Savior in our everyday lives. When we pray, “give us this day our daily bread,” it is much


more than an invocation of the Eucharist, as precious and profound as it is. We are affirming that the gift of life itself is a constant source of God’s nourishing love and care.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, let us embrace 2024 with the optimism that is grounded in the truth of God. And as we base our hopes in the promises of His Grace, let us remember the Saint of this Day, and the sacred institution of our Archdiocese that bears his righteous name. Saint Basil Academy is a literal incarnation of new beginnings. It is a place of God’s love and His promise where newness of life flourishes. Let us always generously remember the Academy and its mission. And may the New Year of God’s grace bestow upon you and all those you love the blessings of good health of body and soul, and the newness of life that propels you to reach for even greater spiritual heights.

With much paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

Note: To be read in every parish of the Archdiocese on Monday, January 1, 2024.
ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ
ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Άρθρο Πρωτ. 363/2023

Αρχιεπισκοπική Εγκύκλιος για το νέο έτος 2024.

1 Ιανουαρίου 2024

Προς τους Σεβασμιωτάτους και Θεοφιλεστάτους Αρχιερείς, τους Ευλαβεστάτους Ιερείς και Διακόνους, τους Μοναχούς και τις Μονάχες, τους Προέδρους και τα Μέλη των Κοινωνικών Σωματείων, τους Εντυπωσιακούς Άγιους του Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου, τα μέλη της Εγκυκλίας των 100, τα Μητρόπολες και Απογευματινά Σχολεία, τις Φιλοπάτους Αδελφότητες, τη Νεολαία, τις Ελληνορθόδοξες Οργανώσεις και όλους το Χριστιανόνυμο πλήθος της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής.

«Ωςτε είς τις ἐν Χριστῷ καινὴ κτίσιν· τὰ ἁρχαῖα παρῆλθεν, ἵδιον γέγονεν καινὰ τὰ πάντα» (Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β’ 5:17).

Προσευχείς ἄδελφοι καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Αυτὴ τὴν πρῶτη ἡμέρα τοῦ νέου έτους 2024, ἀς ἀνανεωθοῦμε ἐν Χριστῷ, ὅπως μᾶς ἔδειξε τὸν δρόμο τῆς σωτηρίας ο ἅγιος με τὴν ἑνανθρώπωσή του. Ὁ αὐτός τοῦ τῶν ἔθνων Παύλου μᾶς ὑπενθυμίζει, ὅτι στὴν πραγματικότητα εἰμαστε νέα δημουργῆμα! Ὡς ὁ παρελθόντος και εἰς τὸ παρόν ἐστε ἑμεῖς, ὡς συνεχείς ἑως τὸ πρόσωπο τῆς εὐκαρίας γιὰ ἑπανεκκαίνησή. Γιατί ἄραγε; Διότι «ἐν Χριστῷ γέγονεν καινὰ τὰ πάντα!»

Αυτὸ ἀκριβῶς σημαίνει νὰ εῖσαι ἀληθινὰ αἰώνιοι. Οὔτε ἰδιότητες ἐλπίδεις γιὰ τὸ μέλλον, οὔτε ἀγνοήσει τῶν λαθῶν τοῦ παρελθόντος. Προχωροῦμε μπροστά με τὸ Χριστὸν ὑδραγιόν, ὁ ὅπως εἶναι ἡ ἀριστερότητη τηγῆς τῆς αἰγάπης, τοῦ ἐλεους, τῆς συμπανίας καὶ τῆς συγχωρήσεως. Γιὰ αὐτό, ὡς χριστιανοὶ καλούμεστε νὰ ζήσουμε ἑρατός στὴ ζωὴ μας τὴ χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ διὰ τοῦ Ἀγίου Πνεύματος, εἰς τὴν συμμετοχή μας στὰ ζωὴ μυστηρία τῆς Εκκλησίας μας, εἰς τὴν ἐφαρμογὴ στὴ ζωὴ μας τῆς διδασκαλίας τοῦ
Today we commemorate
Sunday Before Epiphany

- Epistle Reading (click here)
- Gospel Reading (click here)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, 12-31-2023
Sunday before Theophany
(click here)
New Year's Eve
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Orthros, D. Liturgy

* Happy New Year *

Monday
1-1-2024
Circumcision of Christ
(click here)

St. Basil the Great
(click here)
9:30am-12:00 noon
Orthros, Divine Liturgy,
Doxologia

Thursday, 1-4-2024
Saint Nikephoros the Leper
(click here)
9:00 a.m. Orthros,
Divine Liturgy

Friday
1-5-2024
Great Hours,
Vespers, Divine Liturgy
Agiasmos
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday
1-6-2024
Holy Epiphany
(click here)
9:00 a.m. -12 noon
Orthros and
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
Metropolitan Apostolos
of New Jersey
1:30 p.m. Annual Epiphany Celebration
Mega Agiasmos,
Blessing of the Waters at
«Molos Restaurant»
1 County Rd 682,
Weehawken, NJ 07086

Sunday
1-7-2024
Saint John the Baptist
(click here)
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.,
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Coffee is served by
the PTO

Κυριακή, 31-12-2023
Κυριακή προ των Φώτων
(click here)
Παραμονή Πρωτοχρονιάς
9 π.μ. – 11:30 μ.μ.
Όρθρος,
Θεία Λειτουργία

*Καλή Χρονιά –Χρόνια πολλά*

Δευτέρα
1-1-2024
Περιτομή του Χριστού
Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου
(click here)
9:30 π.μ. – 12 μ.μ., Όρθρος
Θεία Λειτουργία

Πέμπτη, 4-1-2024
Αγιος Νικηφόρος ο Αειπρός
(click here)
9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος
Θεία Λειτουργία

Παρασκευή
5-1-2024
Παραμονή των Φώτων
Νηστεία
9 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ., Μ. Όρες,
Εσπερινός, Θ.Λ., Μέγας Αγιασμός

Σαββάτο
6-1-2024,
Τα Άγια Θεοφάνεια
(click here)
9 π.μ. – 12 μ.μ.
Αρχιερατική, Θεία Λειτουργία
Μέγας Αγιασμός
Υπό του Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτου
Νέας Ιερσέης, Αποστόλου
1:30 μ.μ. Αγιασμός,
Κατάδυση του Σταυρού στο
«Εστιατόριο Μόλος»
1 County Rd 682
Κυριακή, 7-1-2024
Σύναξις του Προδρόμου
(click here)
8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Ο καφές σερβιρεται από το ΠΤΟ

MEMORIAL SERVICE
6 months:
Maria Dramas

Coffee is offered by the Gondevas & Scanlon Families that have the Memorial Service

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Join Us for
Epiphany Celebration
Blessing of the Waters at the Hudson River
Saturday, January 6, 2024
Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
9 a.m. - 12 noon
Blessing of the Waters 2:00 p.m.
at Molos Restaurant
1 Country Road 682, Weehawken, NJ 07086
Celebrated by
His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
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Metropolitan Apostolos
of New Jersey

Cordially Invites you to the

ANNUAL
METROPOLIS of NEW JERSEY
VASILOPITA CELEBRATION
Tuesday, January 9, 2023
6:00 – 9:00pm

hosted by:
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
1101 River Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854
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THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF THE
ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

VASILOPITA LUNCHEON ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
RIGHT AFTER DIVINE LITURGY
ADULTS - $30.00 PER PERSON (includes raffle tickets)
CHILDREN - $10.00

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND CAN BE MADE
BY CONTACTING OUR CHAIRLADIES BY JANUARY 10, 2024

VICKY DIAMANTOPOULOS - 201-945-0375
CATHE LERKAS - 201-916-2892
MARTHA LIOSATOS - 201-941-2535

IN FURTHERANCE OF OUR PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS
WILL BE DONATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. BASIL’S ACADEMY
Το Γυμνάσιο της Κοινότητας μας εντυπωσίασε με τη συμμετοχή του στο Χριστουγεννιάτικο πρόγραμμα του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου.
Το Γυμνάσιο μας είναι το μοναδικό στη Νέα Ιερσέη με τάξεις 7,8 και 9.
The students of our Junior High School, the only one on New Jersey with Grades 7,8 and 9, impressed us all with their participation in the program of our Greek School. Special visit by Santa Claus.

From the left: D. Lapiotis, L. and L. Spyropoulos, Mrs. V. Tzionas, M. Christou, Mrs. D. Baltzis, S. Kalarakis, X. Georgiou, G. Mihalatos, A. Antoniou and our Principal for 30 years, Mr. Demosthenes Triantafillou

Congratulations to all our students and teachers!

Reserve Sunday, January 28:
An amazing program for the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters presented by all our students from Pre-K to Grade 9.

Our students will present the Ancient Greek Tragedy "Antigone" on Sunday, January 28, after the Divine Liturgy for all the members of our Community, parents and friends and supporters of the Greek schools, language and culture!

Fr. Christos starts the program with the prayer. Next to him Presbytera Maria and Mrs. Theano Kallopoulou who presented so successfully the whole program!
Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grades present the Nativity
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