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Fairview, NJ

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



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



**ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS**  
**NEW YEAR MESSAGE**



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 363/2023

**Archepiscopal Encyclical on the New Year 2024**

January 1, 2024

Ὡστε εἴ τις ἐν Χριστῷ καινὴ κτίσις· τὰ ἀρχαῖα παρῆλθεν, ἰδοὺ γέγονε καινὰ τὰ πάντα.  
(Πρὸς Κορινθίους 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

Αριθμ. Πρωτ. 363/2023

**Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκύκλιος για τὸ νέο ἔτος 2024.**

1 Ιανουαρίου 2024

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἀρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἑγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Απογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

«Ὡστε εἴ τις ἐν Χριστῷ καινὴ κτίσις· τὰ ἀρχαῖα παρῆλθεν, ἰδοὺ γέγονε καινὰ τὰ πάντα» (Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β΄ 5:17).

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Αὐτὴ τὴν πρώτη ἡμέρα τοῦ νέου ἔτους 2024, ἃς ἀνανεωθοῦμε ἐν Χριστῷ, ὅπως μᾶς ἔδειξε τὸν δρόμο τῆς σωτηρίας ὁ ἴδιος μὲ τὴν ἐνανθρώπισή του. Ὁ ἀπόστολος τῶν ἐθνῶν Παῦλος μᾶς ὑπενθυμίζει, ὅτι στὴν πραγματικότητα εἴμαστε νέα δημιουργήματα! Καὶ ὅ,τιδήποτε κακὸ ἔχει συμβεῖ, ἃς μείνει πίσω μας, συγχωρεμένο καὶ ξεχασμένο! Γιατὶ κάθε ἀρχὴ νέου ἔτους, εἴτε αὐτὸ εἶναι ἐκκλησιαστικὸ, τὴν 1<sup>η</sup> Σεπτεμβρίου, εἴτε πολιτικὸ, ὅπως ἡ σημερινὴ ἡμέρα, ἀποτελεῖ μία μοναδικὴ εὐκαιρία γιὰ ἐπανεκκίνηση. Γιατὶ ἄραγε; Διότι «ἐν Χριστῷ γέγονε καινὰ τὰ πάντα»!

Αὐτὸ ἀκριβῶς σημαίνει νὰ εἶσαι ἀληθινὰ αισιόδοξος. Οὔτε ψεύτικες ἐλπίδες γιὰ τὸ μέλλον, οὔτε ἄρνηση τῶν λαθῶν τοῦ παρελθόντος. Προχωροῦμε μπροστὰ μὲ τὸ Χριστὸ ὁδηγό, ὁ ὁποῖος εἶναι ἡ ἀστείρευτὴ πηγὴ τῆς ἀγάπης, τοῦ ἐλέους, τῆς συμπόνιας καὶ τῆς συγχωρήσεως. Γιὰ αὐτὸ, ὡς χριστιανοὶ καλούμαστε νὰ ζήσουμε ἔχοντας στὴ ζωὴ μας τὴ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ διὰ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, εἴτε μὲ τὴ συμμετοχὴ μας στὰ ἱερὰ μυστήρια τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας, εἴτε μὲ τὴν ἐφαρμογὴ στὴ ζωὴ μας τῆς διδασκαλίας τοῦ



Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἡ ἐπίκληση στὴν κυριακὴ προσευχὴ «τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον», εἶναι κάτι περισσότερο ἀπὸ μία πολίτιμη εὐχαριστηριακὴ ἐπίκληση! Ἐπιβεβαιώνουμε μὲ αὐτὸ τὸν τρόπο ὅτι αὐτὸ τὸ μοναδικὸ δῶρο τῆς ζωῆς ἀποτελεῖ σταθερὴ πηγὴ τῆς θρησκευτικῆς ἀγάπης καὶ φροντίδας τοῦ Θεοῦ πρὸς ἡμᾶς.

Ἐπομένως, ἀγαπητοὶ μου ἀδελφοί, ἄς ὑποδεχθοῦμε τὸ 2024 μὲ αἰσιοδοξία, ἡ ὁποία θεμελιώνεται στὴν ἀλήθεια τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καθὼς στηρίζουμε τὶς ἐλπίδες μας στὴν ἐμπειρία τῆς Θείας Χάριτος, ἄς θυμηθοῦμε καὶ τὸν ἅγιο τῆς ἡμέρας καὶ τὸ καθίδρυμα τῆς Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς μας ποῦ φέρει τὸ ὄνομά του. Ἡ Ἀκαδημία τοῦ Ἁγίου Βασιλείου εἶναι πραγματικὰ ἡ ἐνσάρκωση τῆς νέας ἀφετηρίας. Ἀποτελεῖ τόπο τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τῆς ὑπόσχεσής του γιὰ τὴν ἀνθιση νέας ζωῆς. Ἄς θυμηθοῦμε γεναιόδωρα τὴν Ἀκαδημία καὶ τὴν ἀποστολὴ τῆς καὶ εἶθε ἡ νέα χρονιά μὲ τὴ χάρη τοῦ Θεοῦ, νὰ φέρει ὑγεία ψυχῆς καὶ σώματος μὲ πολλὰς εὐλογίες σὲ ἐσᾶς καὶ σὲ ὅλους ὅσους ἀγαπᾶτε, προσεγγίζοντας ἀκόμη ὑψηλότερα πνευματικὰ ὕψη!

Μετὰ πολλῆς ἐν Χριστῷ πατρικῆς ἀγάπης,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

Σημείωσις: Νὰ ἀναγνωσθεῖ σὲ ὅλες τὶς ἐνορίες τῆς Ἀμερικῆς τὴν Δευτέρα, 1 Ἰανουαρίου 2024.

**December 31, 2023**

**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. -11:30a.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

Άγιος Νικηφόρος ο Λεπρός  
([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. Ώρες,  
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

Weehawken, NJ 07086

***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***

**LIVE STREAM [click  
here](#)**

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





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**Monday, Wednesday**

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

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

101 Anderson Ave, Fairview, NJ



## 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

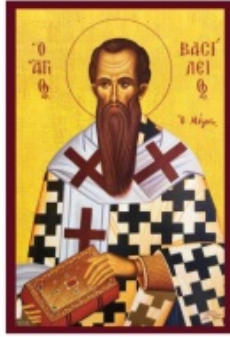


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METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY



***His Eminence  
Metropolitan Apostolos  
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*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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saving lives by helping kidney donors and recipients  
navigate all aspects of the transplant process.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## CATECHISM NATIVITY PROGRAM

















PHILOPTOCHOS  
Christmas Party



**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 LEKKAS - 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**









## GREEK SCHOOL

**Το Γυμνάσιο της Κοινότητας μας εντυπωσιάσε 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**



**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 Triantafyllou  
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**











GREEK SCHOOL/PTO  
Sing Kalanda









## GOYA Breakfast with Santa



























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