March 17, 2024

Today we commemorate
Most honorable brother Hierarchs and blessed children in the Lord,

The grace of our God of love has once again vouchsafed for us to enter the soul-benefiting period of the Lenten Triodion and arrive at Holy and Great Lent, namely to the arena of ascetic struggle replete with gifts from above and the joy of the Cross and Resurrection. During this blessed period, the spiritual treasure and dynamism of the ecclesiastical life as well as the soteriological reference of all its expressions are revealed with clarity.

We have already learned much from the impasse and self-righteous arrogance of the Pharisee, from the barren moralism and hard-heartedness of the elder son in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and from the callousness and condemnation on the Day of Judgment of those who proved indifferent to the “least of our brothers” that were hungry, thirsty, foreigners, naked, ill, and imprisoned. Moreover, the value and power of humility and repentance, of forgiveness and mercy were revealed to us as attitudes that the Church emphatically calls us to nurture in the period that opens up before us.

Holy and Great Lent is a welcome time of spiritual, inner and physical purification and discipline, which—as we just heard in the Gospel passage that was read—traverses through fasting, which should not be practiced “so that others may see,” and through forgiveness of our brothers and sisters: “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you” (Mt. 6.14). After all, this is what we confess each day with the Lord’s Prayer, when we say: “as we forgive the sins of our debtors” (Mt. 6.12).
Yesterday, on Cheesefare Saturday, the Church honored the memory of the saintly men and women who shone in ascetic life. Saints are not only models for the faithful in the good fight of life in Christ and according to Christ. They are also our fellow travelers, friends and supporters in the ascetic journey of fasting, repentance, and humility. We are not alone in our effort, but we have God, who encourages and blesses us, as well as the Saints and Martyrs, who stand beside us, and above all the First among the Saints and Mother of God, who intercedes for us all to the Lord. Sanctity is proof of the power of divine grace and the human synergy in the Church, which takes place through participation in the holy sacraments and fulfillment of the divine commandments. There is no “gratuitous piety” or “easy Christianity,” just as there is no “wide gate” or “spacious way” that leads to the heavenly Kingdom (cf. Mt. 7:13–14).

The Church constantly reminds us that salvation is not an individual, but an ecclesiastical event, a common discipline. During the God-guarded Holy and Great Lent, what becomes apparent for the spiritual life of the faithful is the definitive meaning of participation in the life of the community—that is to say, in the Christian family and parish, or else in the monastic coenobium. We would like to highlight the function of the Christian family as a community of life for the experience of Great Lent’s spirituality. Our predecessor among the Saints, John Chrysostom, described the family as “a small Church.” Indeed, it is in the family that occurs the rendering of our existence into that of the church; it is there that the sense of the social and communal character of human life and the life in Christ as well as the love, mutual respect and solidarity are developed; and it is there that the life and joy of cohabitation are experienced as a divine gift.

The joint endeavor to apply the ecclesiastical rule and ethos of fasting in the context of the family manifests the charismatic dimension of ascetic life and, more broadly, the conviction that whatever is true, honorable, and rightful in our life comes to us from above; that despite our own cooperation and contribution, in the end they transcend whatever is humanly achievable and accessible. After all, the communal aspect of life, the love for one another that does not seek its own, and the virtue of forgiveness, do not allow room for human rights-ism and complacency. An expression of such a spirit of “common freedom” and eucharistic asceticism is precisely the inseparable connection between fasting, charity, and participation in the parish and liturgical life of the Church. Living out this “Lenten spirit” within a Christian family leads us to the depth of truth in the ecclesiastical experience and constitutes the birthplace and source of Christian witness in our secularized contemporary world.

Brothers and children, pray that we may all travel with godly zeal along the way of Holy and Great Lent with fasting and repentance, in prayer and contrition,

1 Commentary on the Letter to the Ephesians 20, PG 62.143.
making peace within ourselves and with one another, sharing in life and showing ourselves to be “neighbors” to those in need through charitable works, forgiving one another and glorifying in all circumstances the God of mercy’s name, which is above the heavens, beseeching Him to deem us worthy of reaching Holy and Great Week with purified minds and of worshipping with joy and delight His splendid Resurrection.

Holy and Great Lent 2024

* BARTHOLOMEW of Constantinople
  Fervent supplicant for all before God

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To be read in churches on Cheesefare Sunday, March 17, 2024, immediately after the Holy Gospel.
ΛΟΓΟΣ ΚΑΤΗΧΗΤΗΡΙΟΣ
ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΝΑΡΞΗ
ΤΗΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗΣ

+ΒΑΡΘΟΛΟΜΑΙΟΣ
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ΚΑΙ ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΟΣ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΗΣ
ΠΡΟΣ ΟΛΟ ΤΟ ΠΑΙΡΩΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ,
ΧΑΡΗ ΚΑΙ ΕΠΙΡΡΗΣΗ
ΑΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΣΩΤΗΡΑ ΚΑΙ ΚΥΡΙΟ ΜΑΣ ΗΘΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟ,
ΑΠΟ ΕΜΑΣ ΔΕ ΕΥΧΗ, ΕΥΛΟΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΓΧΩΡΗΣΗ

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Τιμώται αδελφοί Αρχιερείς και τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ εὐλογημένα,

Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ τῆς ἀγάπης μᾶς ἀδίωπε καὶ πάλι νὰ εἰσέλθουμε στὴν ψυχωφελὴ περίοδο τοῦ Κατανυκτικοῦ Τριωθίου καὶ νὰ φθάσουμε στὴν Αγία καὶ Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή, στὸ στάδιο τῶν ἀσκητικῶν ἁγίων, ποὺ εἶναι πλῆρες ἀπὸ δυρχήματα τοῦ υἱονκοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ εὐφροσύνη σταυροκαστασία. Κατὰ τὸ εὐλογημένο αὐτό διάστημα εἰσοδεύσει ἡ πνευματικὴ πλούτος καὶ ὁ δυναμισμὸς τῆς ἐκκλησιαστικῆς ἔως καὶ ἡ σωτηριολογικὴ ἀνάφορα ὅλων τῶν ἐκφάντων τῆς.

Πολλά διδαχθήκαμε ἢδη ἀπὸ τὴν ὑπερηφάνεια τοῦ Φασσαϊοῦ, ἡ ὁποία εἶναι αὐθεντικὴ καὶ δικαίων τὸν ἑαυτὸ μας. Διδαχθήκαμε ἀπὸ τὸν ἄγιον ἡμών καὶ τὴν σκληροκαθαρία τοῦ μεγαλότερου αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τὴν παραβολὴ τοῦ ἀπόστολου. Διδαχθήκαμε ἀπὸ τὴν απονοία καὶ τὴν καταδίκη εἴκειν, οἱ ὁποῖοι ἀδιάφορησαν γιὰ δῶσας «ἐλάχιστους αὐτός ὑμῖν» τοῦ Κριτή εἶναι πείνασμένοι, λυπημένοι, ἐνοχλούμενοι, φυλακισμένοι. Φανερώθηκε σῶς ὁ Θεὸς μας ἡ ἁίματα καὶ ἡ δύναμις τῆς ταπείνωσεως καὶ τῆς μετανοίας, τῆς συγχωρητικότητας καὶ τῆς ἐλεημοσύνης, στασινών, στὴν καλλιέργεια τῶν ὅποιον μᾶς καλεῖ μὲ ἐμφάνισθα η Ἐκκλησία κατὰ τὴν περίοδο που ἀρχίζει ἀπὸ σήμερα.

Ἡ Αγία καὶ Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή εἶναι ὁ καταλληλότερος καιρός γιὰ πνευματική, ψυχική καὶ σωματικὴ κάθεσις καὶ ἀπόκρυση. Αὐτὰ περιάλλη, ὅταν ἀκούσαμε στὴν εὐαγγελικὴ περιοχὴ ποὺ διαβάσαμε πρὸ ὑλίκου, μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν ὅρετα, ἡ ὁποία δὲν ἐπιτρέπεται νὰ τηρεῖται «πρὸς τὸ θεαθήκην» ἀπὸ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους. Αὐτὰ περιάλλη ἡ πραγματικότητα πρὸς τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς μας: «Εἰνόν αἴρετος τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ Πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ υἱόν»1.

1 Ματω. 20, 34.
Αυτό ἔξαλλο τὸ ὁμολογοῦμεν καθήμερα στὴν Κυριακή προσευχή μὲ τὸ «ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίσαμε τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν».2 Χάρις, Σάββατο τῆς Τεταρτάγιας, ἡ Ἑκκλησία τίμησε τὴν μνήμη τῶν ἀνδρῶν καὶ γυναικῶν ἁγίων ποὺ ἐλεημόνασαν μὲ τὴν ἀσκησία τους. Οἱ ἁγίοι δὲν εἶναι μόνο πρότυπα τῶν πιστῶν στὸν καλὸ ἠγώνα τῆς ζωῆς μας μὲ τὸν Χριστό καὶ συμμορφώνται μὲ τὸν Χριστό, ἀλλὰ καὶ συνοδεύταις, χρίστους καὶ ἀρχιποικοὶ στὸν ἀσκητικὸ δρόμο τῆς νηστείας, τῆς μετανοιας καὶ τῆς ταπεινώσεως. Δὲν εἶμαστε μόνοι στὴν προσπάθεια μας, αἱλά ἔχουμε τὸ Θεό νὰ μὰς ἐυλογεῖ, τοὺς ἁγίους καὶ τοὺς μάρτυρες νὰ μᾶς συμπαραστέκονται, καὶ τὴν πρόταση τῶν ἁγίων Θεοτόκου νὰ μεσιτεύει γιὰ ὅλους μας πρὸς τὸν Κύριο. Ἡ ἁγιοτήτα εἶναι τεκμήριο τῆς δυνάμεως τῆς χάριτος τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τῆς συνεργίας τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, μέσα στὴν Ἑκκλησία, μὲ τὴν συμμετοχὴ στὰ ἱερὰ μυστήρια καὶ μὲ τὴν τήρηση τῶν θειῶν προσταγμάτων. Δὲν ὑπάρχει «ἀδόκημος εὐλάβεια» καὶ «ἐκκλησίας Χριστιανισμος», οὔτε «πλατεία πιστῆ» καὶ «εὐχάριστος δρόμος», ποὺ νὰ ὀδηγεῖ πρὸς τὴν οἰκύναι Βασιλεία.3

Ἡ Ἑκκλησία συνεχεῖς μᾶς ὑπενθυμίζει ὅτι ἡ σωτηρία δὲν εἶναι ἀτομικὸ, ἀλλὰ ἐκκλησιαστικὸ γεγονός, κοινὸ άθλημα. Κατὰ τὴν θεοσκέπαστη Ἀγία καὶ Μεγάλη Θεοσαρακοστή, ἀποκαλύπτεται τῇ καθοριστικῇ γιὰ τὴν πνευματικὴ ζωὴ τοῦ πιστοῦ συμμετοχῆς στὴν ζωή τῆς κοινότητας, στὴ σωστιανῆς συνογόνεια καὶ τὴν ἐνόσια καὶ αντίστοιχα, στὸ μοναστικὸ κοινόβιο. Επιθυμοῦμε νὰ ἐξάψουμε τὴν λειτουργία τῆς σωστιανῆς συνογόνειας ὡς κοινότητα ζωῆς γιὰ τὴν βίαση τῆς πνευματικῆς τῆς Ἑκκλησίας τῆς Μεγάλης Θεοσαρακοστῆς. Ο προκαταχῶς μας ἁγίος Ιωάννης ὁ Χρυσόστομος ἀποκάλεσε τὴν συνογόνεια «Εκκλησία Μικρῆ»4. Οταν, στὴν συνογόνεια συνελείποι ἡ ἐκκλησιοποίηση τῆς ὑπάρξεως μας, αναπτύχθηκε ἡ αἰσθηθεῖ τοῦ κοινωνικοῦ καὶ κοινοτικοῦ χαρακτῆρα τοῦ ἀνθρώπου βίου καὶ τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ζωῆς, ἡ αγάπη, ὁ ἀληθινοκεφαλαίο ποίησις καὶ ἡ ἀληθινῆς εγκυμοσύνη, βιώνονται ἡ ζωή καὶ ἡ χαρά τῆς συμβίωσις ὡς θεία δοξά. Η κοινὴ προσπάθεια ἐφαρμογῆς του ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ κανόνα καὶ τοῦ ἱδίου τῆς νηστείας στὰ πλαίσια τῆς συνογόνειας, ἀναδεικνύει τὸν χαρακτήρα τῆς ἀσκητικῆς βιοτῆς καὶ, εὔφρατε, τὴν βεβαιότητά ὅτι ὡσαὶ τὰ αληθινὰ, τὰ σεμεία καὶ τὰ δίκαια στὴ ζωή μας προέρχονται ἀνωθεν, ὅτι παρὰ τὴ δικὴ μας συνεργία καὶ συμβολὴ, ὑπερβαίνουν, εἶναι, τὸ ἀνθρώπινον ἐφικτὸ καὶ τὰ ἀνθρώπινα μέτοχα. Εἴτε, καὶ κοινότητα τοῦ βίου, ἡ ἁγία πρὸς ἀλλήλους ποὺ δὲν ἀναιρεῖ τὸ προσωπικὸ συμφέρον, καὶ ἡ συγχαρητικήτητα δὲν αφήνουν χωρὸ στὸν δικαιωματικὸ καὶ τὴν αὐτοπρόειστη. Εὐφρασία αὐτοῦ τοῦ πνεύματος «κοινῆς ἐλευθερίας» καὶ εὐχαριστικῶς ἀσκητικοῦ ἀποτελεῖ ἡ ἀδιάφανα σύνεσθη νηστείας, φιλανθρωπίας καὶ συμμετοχῆς στὴν ἐνορευκὴ καὶ λειτουργία ζωῆς τῆς Ἑκκλησίας. Ἡ βίασι τοῦ «σαρακοστιανοῦ κλάματος» στὴ σωστιανὴ συνογόνεια ὀδηγεῖ στὸ βαθὺς τῆς ἀλήθειας τῆς ἐκκλησιαστικῆς ἐμπειρίας καὶ ἀποτελεῖ κοινωνία καὶ ἀφιερωμάτως σωστιανής μαρτυρίας στὴν ἐκκοιμευμένη σύγχρονη κοινωνία.

2 Μαθ. 16, 12. 3 Πολ. Μαθ. 6, 13-14. 4 1. Χρυσόστομος, Τάξιμη εἰς τὴν πρὸς Ἀφειλέως ἐπιστολὴν, κ’, ΠΓ62, 143.
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
3-17-2024
Forgiveness Sunday
(Cheesefare Sunday)
(click here)
8:30 a.m. -11:30a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Catechism School
Coffee is served by the GOYA
6:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers
(St. George G. O. Church, Piscataway, NJ)

Monday
March 18, 2024
Clean Monday
(Lent Begins)
(click here)
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Great Compline
(click here)

Tuesday
March 19, 2024
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Great Compline

Wednesday
March 20, 2024
4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Greek School
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Presanctified Liturgy
(click here)

Thursday
March 21, 2024
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Great Compline
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Meeting

Friday
March 22, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Presanctified Liturgy
4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Greek School
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
1st Salutations
(click here)
8:30 p.m. Oratorical Festival

Saturday
March 23, 2024
St. Theodore the Tyro
3rd Saturday of the Souls
9:00 am Orthros
Divine Liturgy

Sunday
March 24, 2024
Sunday of Orthodoxy
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Catechism School
Coffee is served by
the Parish Council

Κυριακή, 17-3-2024
Κυριακή της Συγχωρήσεως
(Τυρινής)
8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Κατηχητικό Σχολείο
Ο καφές σερβίρεται από την GOYA
6:00 p.m. Εσπερινός της Συγχωρέσεως
(Ναός Αγ. Γεωργίου, Πισκάταγοιεί)

Δευτέρα
18 Μαρτίου, 2024
Καθαρά Δευτέρα
(Αρχίζει η Νηστεία)
5:00 μ.μ. – 6:00 μ.μ.
Μέγα Απόδειπνο

Τρίτη
19 Μαρτίου, 2024
5:00 μ.μ. – 6:00 μ.μ.
Μέγα Απόδειπνο

Τετάρτη
20 Μαρτίου, 2024
4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.
Ελληνικό Σχολείο
5:00 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.
Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

Πέμπτη
21 Μαρτίου, 2024
5:00 μ.μ. – 6:00 μ.μ.
Απόδειξινο
(click here)
7:00 μ.μ. Συνεδρίαση της Φιλοπτώχου

Παρασκευή
22 Μαρτίου, 2024
9:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.
Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.
Ελληνικό Σχολείο

7:00 μ.μ. – 8:30 μ.μ.
Α’ Χαιρετισμοί
(click here)

8:30 Oratorical Festival

Σάββατο
23 Μαρτίου, 2024
Αγ. Θεοδώρου του Τήρωνος
(click here)
Γ’ Ψυχοσάββατο
9:00 πμ Όρθρος
Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή
24 Μαρτίου, 2024
Της Ορθοδοξίας
(A’ Νηστειών)
(click here)
8:30 π .μ. – 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Κατηχητικό Σχολείο
Ο καφές σερβίρεται από
το Συμβούλιο

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MEMORIAL SERVICES
SUNDAY
March 17, 2024

6 months:
Maria Christodoulakos

11 years:
Panagiotis Goudelis

34 years:
Evangelia Goudelis

Coffee is offered by the Christodoulakos & Goudelis Families that have the Memorial Services

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ

March 9, 2024

March 16, 2024

March 17, 2024

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.
The tradition of our church is to always remember our departed loved ones. Although they are gone, they are not forgotten. We, as the members of the church, offer prayers that end up being beneficial to both us and to the deceased.

You may offer your list of the Names for the Repose of the Souls by completing the form below and submitting it by email to Anastasia, Office Administrator, at info@ascensionfairview.org or by dropping off during office hours.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22, 2024
  Catechism
  Oratorical Festival

April 7, 2024
  Greek School
  Greek Independence Day
  & Annunciation of the Theotokos Program

April 14, 2024
  Greek Parade
FORGIVENESS VESPERS

PRESIDED BY HIS Eminence
METROPOLITAN APOSTOLOS OF NEW JERSEY

Sunday, March 17, 2024
6:00 PM

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
1101 River Rd, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Reception to Follow
GREEK PARADE
Celebrating the 203rd Anniversary of Hellenic Independence

50 Years Illegal Occupation of Cyprus
July 20, 1974 - July 20, 2024
The Dream of a Free Cyprus will never die!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 @ 1:30 PM
5TH AVENUE | NEW YORK CITY | 64TH TO 79TH STREET

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GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
ANNUAL CELEBRATION EVENTS

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 4PM
Fort Lee Borough Hall
309 Main Street, Fort Lee
Coffee and Dessert to follow at the
Fort Lee Senior Center, 319 Main Street

LUNCHEON CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2PM
Intermediate School Cafeterium
467 Stillwell Avenue, Fort Lee
Special Dance Group Performances
Lunch ~ Coffee and Dessert ~ Raffle
ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, NJ

TSOUREKI SALE

GREEK SCHOOL

GOYA fundraiser

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Our School Program for
Greek Independence & Annunciation of the Theotokos
on Sunday, April 7, at 12:00 noon sharp!
Right after the Divine Liturgy

ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΗ
Το εορταστικό πρόγραμμα για την
25η Μαρτίου & τον Ευαγγελισμό της Θεοτόκου
θα γίνει την Κυριακή, 7 Απριλίου στις 12:00 μ.μ.
ακριβώς, αμέσως μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία!
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JOIN THOUSANDS OF YOUTH ACROSS THE NATION AND SHARE YOUR FAITH!

2024 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
Junior Division (Grades 7-9) | Senior Division (Grades 10-12)

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

SCHOLARSHIPS
Finalists at any level are eligible to receive the following
Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College: $2,500 up to $30,000 per year

LOCAL INFORMATION
Parish Festival Date & Time: March 22, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
Stacy Pinou-Melizanis
201-724-7626

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Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Department of Religious Education (DRE)
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2024 Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey
Clergy Laity Assembly and
Philoptochos Convention

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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More Information: https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd
Ionian Village will once again offer three programs, catering to high school students and young adults. Registration is available online at www.ionianvillage.org. Need-based scholarships may be offered by contacting the IV office. Spots are limited and are
offered on a first-come first-served basis. The dates for each session are as follows:

**Summer 2024**

**IV Next: June 6 - June 17**

- Young adults who have completed one year of college or vocational school until 25 years of age

  **Session One: June 25 - July 14**

- Students who are currently in grades 9 - 12

  **Session Two: July 23 - August 11**

- Students who are currently in grades 9 - 12

For more information or to read about our programs, visit [www.ionianvillage.org](http://www.ionianvillage.org), or the Frequently Asked Questions page at [www.ionianvillage.org/faq](http://www.ionianvillage.org/faq).
IONIAN VILLAGE is the Summer Camping Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of Ionian Village is to enrich the lives of its participants by bringing campers and staff into close contact with their Orthodox faith and Hellenic heritage.

Two SUMMER CAMP sessions offer Greek American high schoolers an incredible summer experience spent exploring Greece through a variety of excursions, participating in exciting Ionian Village activities across the beautiful seaside campgrounds, and forming lifelong bonds with other Greek Orthodox young people.

Ionian Village SUMMER STAFF Members are chosen via a selective application process from young adults ages 21 and up. IV Staff demonstrate a passion for Greek Orthodoxy and Hellenism, high energy, creativity, and a willingness to love our campers unconditionally as they bring to life our programs each summer.

IV NEXT is for young adults, ages 19-24, and presents a unique opportunity for participants to experience the IV Campus, travel to the traditional IV destinations, and connect to Greek Orthodox peers from across the country.
Thank you to Mrs. Demetra Delaportes for graciously helping GOYA with alterations for the new "stoles"
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