



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



March 17, 2024

Today we commemorate

Forgiveness Sunday

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

2024 CATECHETICAL HOMILY OF HIS ALL-HOLINESS
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW



CATECHETICAL HOMILY
FOR THE OPENING
OF HOLY AND GREAT LENT

+ BARTHOLOMEW
BY GOD'S MERCY
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE-NEW ROME
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
TO THE PLENITUDE OF THE CHURCH,
MAY THE GRACE AND PEACE
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST,
TOGETHER WITH OUR PRAYER, BLESSING AND FORGIVENESS
BE WITH ALL

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 Cheese-fare 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 fulfilment 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.”¹ 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

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

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ΠΡΟΣ ΟΛΟ ΤΟ ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ,
ΧΑΡΗ ΚΑΙ ΕΙΡΗΝΗ

ΑΠΟ ΤΟΝ ΣΩΤΗΡΑ ΚΑΙ ΚΥΡΙΟ ΜΑΣ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟ,
ΑΠΟ ΕΜΑΣ ΔΕ ΕΥΧΗ, ΕΥΛΟΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΓΧΩΡΗΣΗ

Τιμώτατοι αδελφοί Αρχιερείς και τέκνα εν Κυρίω ευλογημένα,

Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ τῆς ἀγάπης μᾶς ἀξίωσε καὶ πάλι νὰ εἰσέλθουμε στὴν ψυχωφελὴ περίοδο τοῦ Κατανυκτικοῦ Τριωδίου καὶ νὰ φθάσουμε στὴν Ἁγία καὶ Μεγάλῃ Τεσσαρακοστῇ, στὸ στάδιο τῶν ἀσκητικῶν ἀγῶνων, ποῦ εἶναι πλήρες ἀπὸ δωρήματα τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ εὐφροσύνη σταυροαναστάσιμη. Κατὰ τὸ εὐλογημένο αὐτὸ διάστημα ἀποκαλύπτεται μὲ εὐκρίνεια ὁ πνευματικὸς πλοῦτος καὶ ὁ δυναμισμὸς τῆς ἐκκλησιαστικῆς ζωῆς καὶ ἡ σωτηριολογικὴ ἀναφορὰ ὅλων τῶν ἐκφάνσεών της.

Πολλὰ διδαχθῆκαμε ἤδη ἀπὸ τὴν ὑπερηφάνεια τοῦ Φαρισαίου, ἡ ὁποία εἶναι ἀδιέξοδη καὶ δικαιώνει τὸν ἑαυτό μας. Διδαχθῆκαμε ἀπὸ τὸν ἀγνοοῦ ἠθικισμὸ καὶ τὴν σκληροκαρδία τοῦ μεγαλύτερου ἀδελφοῦ ἀπὸ τὴν παραβολὴ τοῦ ἀσώτου. Διδαχθῆκαμε ἀπὸ τὴν ἀπονία καὶ τὴν καταδίκη ἐκείνων, οἱ ὅποιοι ἀδιαφόρησαν γιὰ ὅσους «ἐλάχιστους ἀδελφοὺς» τοῦ Κριτῆ εἶναι πεινασμένοι, διψασμένοι, ξένοι, γυμνοί, ἄρρωστοι καὶ φυλακισμένοι. Φανερώθηκε σὲ ὅλους μας ἡ ἀξία καὶ ἡ δύναμη τῆς ταπεινώσεως καὶ τῆς μετανοίας, τῆς συγχωρητικότητος καὶ τῆς ἐλεημοσύνης, στάσεων, στὴν καλλιέργεια τῶν ὁποίων μᾶς καλεῖ μὲ ἔμφαση ἡ Ἐκκλησία κατὰ τὴν περίοδο ποῦ ἀρχίζει ἀπὸ σήμερα.

Ἡ Ἁγία καὶ Μεγάλῃ Τεσσαρακοστῇ εἶναι ὁ κατάλληλος καιρὸς γιὰ πνευματικὴ, ψυχικὴ καὶ σωματικὴ κάθαρση καὶ ἀσκησι. Αὐτὰ περνᾶνε, ὅπως ἀκούσαμε στὴν εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ποῦ διαβάστηκε πρὸ ὀλίγου, μέσα ἀπὸ τὴ νηστεία, ἡ ὁποία δὲν ἐπιτρέπεται νὰ τηρεῖται «πρὸς τὸ θεαθῆναι» ἀπὸ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους. Αὐτὰ περνᾶνε ἐπίσης καὶ μέσα ἀπὸ τὴν συγχωρητικότητα πρὸς τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς μας: «Ἐὰν ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ Πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος»¹.

¹ Ματθ. στ', 14.

Αὐτὸ ἐξάλλου τὸ ὁμολογοῦμε καθημερινὰ στὴν Κυριακὴ προσευχὴ μὲ τὸ «ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν»².

Χθές, Σάββατο τῆς Τυροφάγου, ἡ Ἐκκλησία τίμησε τὴ μνήμη τῶν ἀνδρῶν καὶ γυναικῶν ἁγίων ποὺ ἔλαμψαν μὲ τὴν ἀσκησὴ τους. Οἱ ἅγιοι δὲν εἶναι μόνο πρότυπα τῶν πιστῶν στὸν καλὸ ἀγῶνα τῆς ζωῆς μας μὲ τὸν Χριστὸ καὶ σύμφωνα μὲ τὸν Χριστό, ἀλλὰ καὶ συνοδοιπόροι, φίλοι καὶ ἀρωγοὶ στὸν ἀσκητικὸ δρόμο τῆς νηστείας, τῆς μετανοίας καὶ τῆς ταπεινώσεως. Δὲν εἴμαστε μόνοι στὴν προσπάθειά μας, ἀλλὰ ἔχουμε τὸ Θεὸ νὰ μᾶς εὐλογεῖ, τοὺς ἁγίους καὶ τοὺς μάρτυρες νὰ μᾶς συμπαραστέκονται, καὶ τὴν πρώτη τῶν ἁγίων Θεοτόκο νὰ μεσιτεύει γιὰ ὅλους μας πρὸς τὸν Κύριο. Ἡ ἀγιότητα εἶναι τεκμήριο τῆς δυνάμεως τῆς χάριτος τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τῆς συνεργίας τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, μέσα στὴν Ἐκκλησία, μὲ τὴ συμμετοχὴ στὰ ἱερά μυστήρια καὶ μὲ τὴν τήρηση τῶν θείων προσταγμάτων. Δὲν ὑπάρχει «ἀδάπανος εὐλάβεια» καὶ «εὐκόλος Χριστιανισμός», οὔτε «πλατεία πύλη» καὶ «εὐρύχωρος δρόμος», ποὺ νὰ ὀδηγεῖ πρὸς τὴν οὐράνια Βασιλεία³.

Ἡ Ἐκκλησία συνεχῶς μᾶς ὑπενθυμίζει ὅτι ἡ σωτηρία δὲν εἶναι ἀτομικὸ, ἀλλὰ ἐκκλησιαστικὸ γεγονός, κοινὸ ἄθλημα. Κατὰ τὴν θεοσκεπάστη Ἁγία καὶ Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστὴ, ἀποκαλύπτεται ἡ καθοριστικὴ γιὰ τὴν πνευματικὴ ζωὴ τοῦ πιστοῦ σημασία τῆς συμμετοχῆς στὴ ζωὴ τῆς κοινότητος, στὴ χριστιανικὴ οἰκογένεια καὶ τὴν ἐνορία ἢ, ἀντίστοιχα, στὸ μοναστικὸ κοινόβιο. Ἐπιθυμοῦμε νὰ ἐξάρουμε τὴ λειτουργία τῆς χριστιανικῆς οἰκογένειας ὡς κοινότητος ζωῆς γιὰ τὴ βίωση τῆς πνευματικότητος τῆς Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς. Ὁ προκάτοχός μας ἅγιος Ἰωάννης ὁ Χρυσόστομος ἀποκάλεσε τὴν οἰκογένεια «Ἐκκλησία μικρὴ»⁴. Ὄντως, στὴν οἰκογένεια συντελεῖται ἡ ἐκκλησιοποίησις τῆς ὑπάρξεώς μας, ἀναπτύσσεται ἡ αἴσθησις τοῦ κοινωνικοῦ καὶ κοινοτικοῦ χαρακτήρα τοῦ ἀνθρώπινου βίου καὶ τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ζωῆς, ἡ ἀγάπη, ὁ ἀλληλοσεβασμὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλληλεγγύη, βιώνονται ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ χαρὰ τῆς συμβίωσης ὡς θεία δωρεά. Ἡ κοινὴ προσπάθεια ἐφαρμογῆς τοῦ ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ κανόνα καὶ τοῦ ἥθους τῆς νηστείας στὰ πλαίσια τῆς οἰκογένειας, ἀναδεικνύει τὸν χαρισματικὸ χαρακτήρα τῆς ἀσκητικῆς βιοτῆς καί, εὐρύτερα, τὴν βεβαιότητα ὅτι ὅλα τὰ ἀληθινά, τὰ σεμνὰ καὶ τὰ δίκαια στὴ ζωὴ μας προέρχονται ἀνωθεν, ὅτι, παρὰ τὴ δικὴ μας συνεργία καὶ συμβολή, ὑπερβαίνουν, ἐν τέλει, τὸ ἀνθρωπίνως ἐφικτὸ καὶ τὰ ἀνθρώπινα μέτρα. Ἐξάλλου, ἡ κοινότητα τοῦ βίου, ἡ ἀγάπη πρὸς ἀλλήλους ποὺ δὲν ἀναζητᾷ τὸ προσωπικὸ συμφέρον, καὶ ἡ συγχωρητικότητα δὲν ἀφήνουν χώρο στὸν δικαιοματισμὸ καὶ τὴν αὐταρέσκεια. Ἐκφραση αὐτοῦ τοῦ πνεύματος «κοινῆς ἐλευθερίας» καὶ εὐχαριστιακοῦ ἀσκητισμοῦ ἀποτελεῖ ἡ ἀδιάσπαστη σύνδεσις νηστείας, φιλανθρωπίας καὶ συμμετοχῆς στὴν ἐνοριακὴ καὶ λειτουργικὴ ζωὴ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Ἡ βίωσις τοῦ «σαρακοστιανοῦ κλίματος» στὴ χριστιανικὴ οἰκογένεια ὀδηγεῖ στὸ βάθος τῆς ἀλήθειας τῆς ἐκκλησιαστικῆς ἐμπειρίας καὶ ἀποτελεῖ κοιτίδα καὶ ἀφετηρία χριστιανικῆς μαρτυρίας στὴν ἐκκοσμικευμένη σύγχρονη κοινωνία.

Εὐχεσθε, ἀδελφοὶ καὶ τέκνα, νὰ διατρέξουμε ὅλοι μὲ ἔνθεο ζῆλο τὸ στάδιο τῆς Ἁγίας καὶ Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστῆς μὲ νηστεία καὶ μετάνοια, μὲ προσευχὴ καὶ κατάνυξι, εἰρηνεύοντας μὲ τὸν ἑαυτὸ μας καὶ μὲ τοὺς ἄλλους, κοινωνώντας τὴ ζωὴ,

² Ματθ. στ', 12.

³ Πρβλ. Ματθ. ζ', 13-14.

⁴ Ἰ. Χρυσόστομος, Ὑπόμνημα εἰς τὴν πρὸς Ἐφείσιους ἐπιστολήν, κ', ΡΓ 62, 143.

ἀναδεικνύομενοι «πλησίον» ὧσων βρίσκονται στήν ἀνάγκη μέ ἔργα φιλόνηρωπα, συγχωρώντας ἀλλήλους καί δοξολογώντας γιά ὄλα τὸ ὑπερουράνιο ὄνομα τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἑλέους, δεόμενοι πρὸς Αὐτόν νά εὐδοκήσει νά φθάσουμε μέ καθαρισμένη τὴ διάνοιά μας στή Αγία καί Μεγάλη Ἐβδομάδα καί νά προσκυνήσουμε μέ χαρὰ καί ἀγαλλίαση τὴν λαμπροφόρα Ἀνάστασή Του.

Αγία καί Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή 2024

† Ὁ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως

διάπυρος πρὸς Θεὸ εὐχέτης ὄλων σας

Αναγνωσθήτω ἐπ' ἐκκλησίας κατὰ τὴν Κυριακὴν τῆς Τυρινῆς, ἰζ' Μαρτίου, ἀμέσως μετὰ τὸ Ἱερόν Εὐαγγέλιον.

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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](#)

[\(click here\)](#)

3rd Saturday of the Souls

9:00 am Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Sunday

March 24, 2024

Sunday of Orthodoxy

[\(click here\)](#)

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

Orthros, D. Liturgy

Catechism School

Coffee is served by

the Parish Council

Κυριακή, 17-3-2024

Κυριακή της Συγχωρήσεως

(Τυρινής)

[\(click here\)](#)

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, Πισκάταγούει)

Δευτέρα

18 Μαρτίου, 2024

Καθαρά Δευτέρα

(Αρχίζει η Νηστεία)

[\(click here\)](#)

5:00 μ.μ. – 6:00 μ.μ.

Μέγα Απόδειπνο

Τρίτη

19 Μαρτίου, 2024

5:00 μ.μ. – 6:00 μ.μ.

Μέγα Απόδειπνο

[\(click here\)](#)

Τετάρτη

20 Μαρτίου, 2024

4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.

Ελληνικό Σχολείο

5:00 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.

Προηγουμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

[\(click here\)](#)

Πέμπτη

21 Μαρτίου, 2024

5:00 μ.μ. – 6:00 μ.μ.

[Απόδειπνο](#)

[\(click here\)](#)

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

(Α' Νηστειών)

[\(click here\)](#)

8:30 π .μ. – 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κατηχητικό Σχολείο

Ο καφές σερβίρεται από

το Συμβούλιο

LIVE STREAM [click here](#)

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SUNDDAY

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.

If you would like to order koliva, please notify the office one week in advance.



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Monday, Wednesday

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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

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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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HELLENIC CIVIC CLUB



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 Cafetorium

467 Stillwell Avenue, Fort Lee

Special Dance Group Performances
Lunch ~ Coffee and Dessert ~ Raffle

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GREEK SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our School Program for
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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.
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Plan to attend and support our students,
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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.
Parish Chairperson: Stacy Pinou-Melizanis
Contact Information: 201-724-7626

Find topics, tips, manual, & award info at
www.religioused.goarch.org

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Department of Religious Education (DRE)



[Click here to view Oratorical Topics and Resources and print](#)



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

SAVE THE DATE



***2024 Greek Orthodox
Metropolis of New Jersey
Clergy Laity Assembly and
Philoptochos Convention***

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

***The Waterfall
3416 Philadelphia Pike
Claymont, DE 19703***

More information will be forthcoming.



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STAFF APPLICATIONS
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Chesapeake
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2024

New Jersey
22-29 JUNE
2024

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2024

Are You...

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IONIANS VILLAGE



STEP ON GREEK LAND,
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IV NEXT
JUNE 6 - JUNE 17

SESSION ONE
JUNE 25 - JULY 14

SESSION TWO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 11

SUMMER STAFF
JUNE 17 - AUGUST 16

2024

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST AT 11 AM ET

STAFF APPLICATIONS OPEN DECEMBER 17TH



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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, or the Frequently Asked Questions page at 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.

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SIGHTS & SOUNDS FESTIVAL

Sculpture

1st: Marella Lou - Paramus

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Thank you to Mrs. Demetra Delaportes for graciously helping GOYA with alterations for the new "stoles"



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