



Greek Orthodox
Metropolis Church of
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Ascension Greek
Orthodox Church
Fairview, NJ

ASCENSION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



The LIGHT of the ASCENSION
Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως



March 24, 2024

Today we commemorate Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

2024 Archiepiscopal Encyclical for Greek Independence Day



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 64/2024

Archiepiscopal Encyclical on Greek Independence Day

March 25, 2024

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and entirety of the Christ-loving Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

Onward, children of Greece ... now is the fight for everything!
(The Persians, Aeschylus)

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

The battle cry of the ancient Greeks as they charged the forces of Xerxes at Salamis, more than four hundred years before the gentle reply of the Virgin to the Archangel, is an inspiring testament to the resilience and courage of our People, our Genos. Although they were severely outnumbered, they never gave up their hope for their freedom and fought their way to victory. The same is true of the Immortal Heroes of 1821, whose memory we invoke on the Great Feast of the Annunciation, which is the most perfect story of humanity's aspiration for true and complete liberty.

Although tender was the answer to the mighty Gabriel, "Be it unto me according to your word," the response of the Virgin actually carries the same force and intensity of the Greeks who repelled the Persians, as well as their descendants who freed Greece from over four hundred years of Ottoman occupation. For truly, the salvation of the human race – initialized and empowered by the assent of the Theotokos to the Incarnation of God – is and has always been "the fight for everything."



Human liberty – the ability to live our lives in a climate of opportunity and with freedom of choice – is always a struggle. The miracle of the Annunciation is that through a young girl, chosen by God, our ultimate freedom has been guaranteed in Christ. Whether repelling invaders, or expelling occupiers, the Greek People have always risen to the challenge. And with the faith of the Gospel, we behold our decisions to “fight for everything” under the aspect of eternity, *sub specie aeternitatis*. For the contest of the human spirit is not only against the oppressors of this world, but also, as the Apostle says: “against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12).

Therefore, beloved brethren in the Lord, let us magnify the Virgin Theotokos, who embodies with her mildness a strength worthy of her title as our “Champion Leader” (Υπέρμαχος Στρατηγός). And let us give thanks to God for the courage of our ancestors – both those of the ancient world and those of 1821 – who gave of their lives in the fight for everything. Because of their sacrifices, we possess as a precious treasure the glory of Greece and the glory of our Holy Greek Orthodox Faith.

Long live Greece!

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ

Αριθμ. Πρωτ. 64/2024

Αρχιεπισκοπική Έγκυκλιος για την ημέρα της Έλληνικής Ανεξαρτησίας.

25 Μαρτίου 2024

Πρός τους Σεβασμιωτάτους και Θεοφιλεστάτους Αρχιερείς, τους Εύλαβεστάτους Ίερείς και Διακόνους, τους Μοναχούς και τις Μοναχές, τους Προέδρους και τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τους Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἀρχοντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερησία και Απογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὀργανώσεις και ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

«Ὡ παῖδες Ἑλλήνων ἴτε ... νῦν ὑπὲρ πάντων ἀγών» (Αἰσχύλος, Πέρσαι 402-405).

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ και ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Ἡ πολεμικὴ ἰαχὴ τῶν ἀρχαίων ἐλλήνων στὴ ναυμαχία τῆς Σαλαμίνας ἐναντίον τῶν πλοίων τοῦ Ξέρξη, τετρακόσια χρόνια πρὶν ἀπὸ τὴν καταρατικὴ ἀπάντησι τῆς Παρθένου Μαρίας στὸν ἀρχάγγελο, εἶναι ἀκόμη μία ἐμπνευσμένη ἀπόδειξι τοῦ θάρρους και τῆς ἀνθεκτικότητος τοῦ γένους μας. Ἄν και οἱ Πέρσες ὑπερῆχαν σὲ ἀριθμὸ και δύναμη, οἱ Ἕλληνες δὲν ἐγκατέλειψαν ποτὲ τὴν ἐλπίδα τους γιὰ τὴν ἐλευθερία, πολεμώντας γιὰ τὴν τελικὴ νίκη. Ἀκριβῶς τὸ ἴδιο ἰσχύει και γιὰ τοὺς ἀθάνατους ἥρωες τοῦ 1821, τοὺς ὁποίους μνημονεύουμε σήμερα κατὰ τὴν μεγάλη ἑορτὴ τοῦ Εὐαγγελισμοῦ τῆς Θεοτόκου, τοῦ γεγονότος ποὺ ὀδήγησε ὅλη τὴν ἀνθρωπότητα στὴν ἀληθινὴ και πλήρη ἐλευθερία!

Ἀλήθεια, πόσο τρυφερὴ και ταπεινὴ ἦταν ἡ ἀπάντησι τῆς ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας στὸν πανίσχυρο ἀρχάγγελο Γαβριήλ: «ἰδοὺ ἡ δούλη Κυρίου» γένοιτό μοι κατὰ τὸ ῥημά σου! Ὅμως ἡ ἀπάντησι τῆς, ἡ ὁποία ἐλευθερώνει τὸ ἀνθρώπινο γένος ἀπὸ τὴν ἁμαρτία, ἔχει τὴν ἴδια δυναμικὴ μὲ τὴν ἰαχὴ τῶν Ἑλλήνων, ποὺ ἀπώθησαν τοὺς Πέρσες, ἀλλὰ και τῶν ἀπογόνων τους ποὺ ἀπελευθέρωσαν τὴν Ἑλλάδα μετὰ ἀπὸ τετρακόσια χρόνια ὀθωμανικῆς κατοχῆς. Διότι πράγματι, ἡ σωτηρία τοῦ ἀνθρώπινου γένους, ξεκίνησε μὲ τὴ συγκατάθεσι τῆς Θεοτόκου στὴν ἐνανθρώπησι τοῦ Θεοῦ, και αὐτό, ἐν τέλει, ἀποτελεῖ τὸν «ὑπὲρ πάντων ἀγώνα».



Ἡ ἐλευθερία τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἡ δυνατότητα νὰ ζοῦμε μὲ ἐλεύθερο φρόνημα, ἀποτελεῖ πάντα ἕναν ἀγώνα. Τὸ θαῦμα τοῦ Εὐαγγελισμοῦ εἶναι ὅτι μέσῳ μίας νεαρῆς κοπέλας, ἐπιλεγμένης ἀπὸ τὸ Θεό, γίνεται ἡ ἐνανθρώπησή του, κατοχυρώνοντας ἔτσι τὴν ἀπόλυτη ἐλευθερία μας ἐν Χριστῷ. Ἐτσι ὁ Ἑλληνικὸς λαός, εἴτε ἀποκρούει εἰσβολεῖς, εἴτε διώχνει κατακτητές, ἀνέκαθεν ἀνταποκρίθηκε στὴν πρόσκληση γιὰ τὴν ἐλευθερία. Μὲ τὴν πίστη τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου, ἡ ἀπόφαση γιὰ τὸν «ὑπὲρ πάντων ἀγώνα», ἀποκτάει τὴν προοπτικὴ τῆς αἰωνιότητος (sub specie aeternitatis). Γιατί ὁ ἀγώνας μας δὲν εἶναι μόνο ἐνάντια στοὺς καταδυναστεύοντας αὐτὸν τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλὰ ἐπίσης, ὅπως λέει ὁ ἀπόστολος Παῦλος: «πρὸς τὰς ἀρχάς, πρὸς τὰς ἐξουσίας, πρὸς τοὺς κοσμοκράτορας τοῦ σκότους τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου, πρὸς τὰ πνευματικὰ τῆς πονηρίας ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις» (Ἐφεσίους 6:12).

Γιὰ τὸ λόγο αὐτό, ἀγαπητοί μου ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀδελφοί, ἄς μεγαλύνουμε τὴν Παναγία Θεοτόκο, ἡ ὅποια με τὴν πραότητα τῆς δείχνει μίαν τρομακτικὴ δύναμη ἀντάξια τοῦ τίτλου τῆς ὡς «ὑπερμάχος στρατηγοῦ». Ἄς εὐχαριστήσουμε ἐπίσης τὸ Θεὸ γιὰ τὸν ἡρωϊσμό τῶν προγόνων μας, τόσο τοῦ ἀρχαίου κόσμου ὅσο καὶ τοῦ 1821, ποὺ ἔδωσαν τὴ ζωὴ τους γιὰ «τὸν ὑπὲρ πάντων ἀγώνα». Λόγω τῆς πολύτιμης θυσίας τους κληρονομήσαμε τὸν ἀνεκτίμητο θησαυρὸ τῆς δόξης τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ τῆς ὀρθοδόξου πίστεως.

Ζήτω ἡ Ἑλλάδα!

Μετὰ πατρικῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ἀγάπης,

† ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Ἐλπιδοφόρος

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Monday

March 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Annunciation of the Theotokos

[\(click here\)](#)

Tuesday

March 26, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday

March 27, 2024

4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

Greek School

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Presanctified Liturgy & *Great Compline*

[\(click here\)](#)

Bible Study

Thursday

March 28, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday

March 29, 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.

2nd Salutations

Saturday

March 30, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Orthros, D. Liturgy

John Climacus

[\(click here\)](#)

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Sunday of

St. Gregory Palamas

[\(click here\)](#)

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

Orthros, D. Liturgy

Catechism School

Coffee is served by

the Philoptochos

6:00 p.m.

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

6:00 μ.μ. Εσπερινός

(Ναό Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου

- Τζέρσι Σίτυ)

Δευτέρα, 25 Μαρτίου, 2024

9:00 π .μ. Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου

(click here)

Τρίτη, 26 Μαρτίου, 2024

9:00 π .μ. – 10:30 π.μ.

Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

Τετάρτη

27 Μαρτίου, 2024

4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.

Ελληνικό Σχολείο

5:00 μ.μ. – 8:00 μ.μ.

Προηγιασμένη &

Απόδειπνο

(click here)

Μελέτη Αγ. Γραφής

Πέμπτη

28 Μαρτίου, 2024

9:30 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ.

Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία

Παρασκευή

29 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.

Β' Χαιρετισμοί

Σάββατο

30 Μαρτίου, 2024

9:00 π .μ. - 11:00

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Όσιος Ιωάννης της Κλίμακος

[\(click here\)](#)

Κυριακή

31 Μαρτίου, 2024

Γρηγορίου Παλαμά

(Β' Νηστειών)

[\(click here\)](#)

8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κατηχητικό Σχολείο

Ο καφές σερβίρεται από

την Φιλόπτωχο

LIVE STREAM [click here](#)

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

40 days:

John Diamantopoulos

6 months:

Chrystalla Kanakis

***Coffee is offered by
the Diamantopoulos & Kanakis Families
that have the Memorial Services***



SATURDAY OF THE SOULS ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ

March 9, 2024

March 16, 2024

March 23, 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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Protopresbyter

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Anastasia Perdikos

Office Administrator

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Office hours:

Monday, Wednesday

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

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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

info@ascensionfairview.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April 14, 2024
Greek Parade

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

FEDERATION OF HELLENIC SOCIETIES OF GREATER NEW YORK

22-51 29th Street, Astoria NY 11105 • 718.204.6500

nyhellenicsocieties@gmail.com

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ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Greek Independence Day Parade information & Guidelines

Dear parishioners, members of all church organizations and Greek School,

Our community will participate in the Greek Independence Day Parade on Sunday, April 14 @ 1:00 PM in New York City. We will also have a float with participation of all organizations and Greek School.

The church will provide a bus for the parade. If you are planning on taking the bus please reserve and pay for your seat(s) by calling or visiting the church office, tel. # 201-945-6448, [by Friday, 4/12](#). Otherwise, we cannot guarantee you a seat. This will also help us determine if we need a second bus.

The bus will leave from the front of the Church at 12:00 noon sharp, immediately following church services. Teachers, students and Goyans are free. All others will be charged \$25.00.

Dress code: Business attire preferably blue and white, our flag colors.

Greek School students and GOYA dress code

Ethnic costumes are recommended. Or, white shirts for boys, white tops for girls, with navy blue or black bottoms (slacks, knee length skirt, or sports uniform.) Black shoes (weather permitting). Please follow dress code directions from Mr. Triantafillou for Greek School students and GOYA advisors for GOYA.

- T-shirts, shirts with advertising are not permitted. No jeans, leggings or cut-off tops.
- Leaders of organizations shall not delay the parade by leaving their places for any purpose and should line up their groups evenly as they prepare to march.
- Once our unit gets on 5th Avenue, no stragglers will be allowed to join. Families with strollers may march with the community after the last group of Ascension Organizations.
- All Organizations should check their banners, sashes and flags ahead of time.

It is our obligation as a parish to march in the parade with our community. We expect all organizations to be present in marking our 72nd year. Together we stand strong. We should march with pride of our culture & heritage.

For additional info: contact the church office at 201-945-6448 or visit the Hellenic Federation website at www.hellenicsocieties.org.

SEE YOU ALL ON FIFTH AVENUE!!!!!!!



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

GOYA

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, NJ

TSOUREKI SALE

**GOYA
fundraiser**



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PLACE ORDER BY APRIL 7, 2024

PICK-UP DATE APRIL 27, 28, 2024

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

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small (braid) tsoureki (#) _____ x \$20 = _____

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Total amount due = _____

Return/Mail Order Form with payment to Ascension Church
Check payable to **Ascension GOYA or Venmo (@Ascensiongoya)**

Any questions contact Christina Papas (201) 658-2766

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GREEK SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENT

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!
Plan to attend and support our students,
your grandchildren, the future of our Society!



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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.



CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD

JOIN OUR STAFF!

STAFF APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN!



Chesapeake
15-22 JUNE
2024

New Jersey
22-29 JUNE
2024

Virginia
6-20 JULY
2024

Are You...

- ✓ Looking to grow your Faith?
- ✓ Hoping to make meaningful relationships?
- ✓ Seeking to boost your resume?

Registration Link: Scan or Click Below



More Information: <https://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd>



IONIAN VILLAGE



STEP ON GREEK LAND,
SWIM IN GREEK WATER.

EXPERIENCE REAL GREECE.

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



WWW.IONIANVILLAGE.ORG



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.

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.



WWW.IONIANVILLAGE.ORG

COMMUNITY NEWS

TSIKONOPEMPTI







GOYA SIGHTS & SOUNDS









SIGHTS & SOUNDS FESTIVAL

Opaque Painting - Acrylics

- 1st - Asencia Razo - Piscataway
- 2nd - Charika Martin - Piscataway
- 3rd - Amelia Perillo - Trenton

Sponsored by: Atlantic City, Atlantic City, Atlantic City























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



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