April 14, 2024

Today we commemorate
Sunday of the St. John Climacus

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
April 14, 2024
Sunday of
St. John Climacus
(click here)
8:30am-11:30 a.m.,
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Coffee is served by
the Parish Council
Greek Independence
Day Parade

Wednesday
April 17, 2024
4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Greek School
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Presanctified Liturgy,
Great Canon
(click here)
& Bible Study

Thursday
April 18, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Presanctified Liturgy
7:00 General Meeting of
the Philoptochos

Friday
April 19, 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.
The Akathist Hymn
(click here)

Saturday, April 20, 2024
Saturday of the Akathist Hymn
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy

Sunday
April 21, 2024
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
(click here)
8:30am-11:30 a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Coffee is served by
the GOYA
1:00 p.m. General
Assembly Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m
Catechism Easter Retreat

Κυριακή
14 Απριλίου, 2024
Δ΄ Νηστείων
Ιωάννου Κλίμακος
(click here)
8:30 πμ - 11:30 πμ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Ο καφές σερβίρεται
από το Συμβούλιο

Τετάρτη
17 Απριλίου, 2024
4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.
Ελληνικό Σχολείο
5:00 μ.μ. – 8:00 μ.μ. - Προηγιασμένη,
Μέγας Κανών
(click here)
& Μελέτη Αγίας Γραφής

Πέμπτη
18 Απριλίου, 2024
9:00 μ.μ. – 10:30 μ.μ.
Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία
7:00 μ.μ. Γενική Συνεδρίαση
της Φιλοπτώχου

Παρασκευή
19 Απριλίου, 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.
Ακάθιστος Ύμνος
(click here)

Σάββατο
20 Απριλίου, 2024
Σάββατο του Ακαθίστου
9:00 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή
21 Απριλίου, 2024
Ε’ Νηστείων
Μαρίας Αιγυπτίας
(click here)
8:30 πμ - 11:30 πμ.
Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία
Ο καφές σερβίρεται από
την GOYA
1:00 μ.μ. Γενική Συνέλευση
10:00 π.μ. - 3:00 μ.μ.
Easter Retreat Κατηχητικού
MEMORIAL SERVICES

3 months:
Andreas Zoumas

Coffee is offered by
the Zoumas Family
that has the
Memorial Service

Rev. Christos L. Pappas
Protopresbyter
office: 201-945-6448
cell: 201-707-4737
fatherchristos@yahoo.com

Anastasia Perdikos
Office Administrator
Every year Philoptochos appreciates all donations for flowers decorating the Epitafios. Every Sunday there will be a Philoptochos Member at the back of the church and will be accepting donations.

Κάθε χρόνο η Φιλόπτωχος εκτιμά όλες τις δωρεές για τα λουλούδια που κοσμούν τον Επιτάφιο. Τις Κυριακές θα υπάρχει Μέλος της Φιλοπτώχου στο πίσω μέρος της εκκλησίας για να δέχεται δωρεές.
PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Parishioners, Family and Friends,

The Parish Council and all the Ascension Organizations continue their mission to help sustain our Parish that is important to our families and children.

The Board has implemented several upgrades to our community that are of great importance. Recently we installed 28 cameras and a motion alarm system surrounding both our school and parish. Presently, new ceiling tiles with LED lights have been installed in our church vestibule. Painting will commence shortly for this vestibule and both hallways leading to the exit stairways.

In addition, the board and general assembly approved the parking lot construction on Henry Street. A contractor was awarded, and we are waiting for the permit to begin construction immediately. We are hoping to get this completed by Easter. Further, we have another number of projects brewing and should begin within the 3rd quarter of this year.

A number of maintenance issues arose from leaky roofs, new school boiler, cleansing, updating equipment for inspections that were costly. All these items take up considerable time, effort, devotion, and dedication. The church relies on donations to help complete these crucial and necessary projects. It is our duty to help our Parish continue to preach our faith, heritage, and customs. Together we can accomplish all of our goals.

We thank everyone for their love and support of our membership/stewardship fund. It would be of great help to donate any additional funds to help subsidize these projects.

Please take the time to ascertain that your paid membership is up to date. If you have not yet paid, either mail a check to the Ascension Church or call the office to pay via credit card.

We have achieved so much in the past and for that we are very proud. It is our duty to try and secure the future of our Church and our children. It is difficult to act alone but very easy when we work together. Jesus taught us “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them”.

Membership dues/stewardship begin at a minimum of $450; seniors begin at $350.

Thank you and God Bless.

Peter A. Frangiskou
Parish Council President

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

CATECHISM SCHOOL

Vicky Sekkas
Pre-K & Kindergarten

I have had the pleasure of teaching our youngest Catechism students for over 15 years. Throughout the year, our Pre-K
and Kindergarten students are immersed into the foundations of our faith, including our major holidays. Currently we are learning about Great Lent. Students are following along with the weeks of lent with Lady Lent (Kyra Sarakosti). As we approach Pascha, the students will be learning about Holy Week and all of our wonderful, cultural, and religious traditions that we participate in during this most holy time. Καλό Πάσχα!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14, 2024
Greek Parade

April 21, 2024
Catechism School
Easter Retreat

April 27, 2024
Saturday of Lazarus
Making of Palms

April 28, 2024
Palm Sunday
Bakaliaro Luncheon

May 5, 2024
Holy Resurrection
Easter Egg Hunt

May 12, 2024
Catechism School
Mother's Day Program

May 19, 2024
Catechism Graduation
GOYA & College
Recognition Day

June 2, 2024
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
@ FederationNY • @ NYGreekParade
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. Triantafillicou 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!!!!!!!

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BATTALION TO LINE UP

64th Street, Fifth to Park Avenues

37) GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY
38) HELLENIC FEDERATION OF NEW JERSEY
39) FLOAT #18 – ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN OF TENAFLY
    GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN, TENAFLY, NJ
    Band #4- TZB Band
40) FLOAT #19 – ASCENSION OF FAIRVIEW
    GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ASCENSION OF FAIRVIEW, NJ
41) ST. ATHANASIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PARAMUS, NJ
42) ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF WYCKOFF, NJ
43) FLOAT #20 – STS. NICHOLAS OF ROSELAND
    STS. NICHOLAS, CONSTANTINE AND HELEN OF ROSELAND, NJ
44) ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CLIFTON, NJ
45) ST. ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF RANDOLPH, NJ
46) FLOAT #21 – ST. DEMETRIOS OF UNION
    ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF UNION, NJ
47) ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PERTH AMBOY, NJ
48) FLOAT #22 – ST. GEORGE OF PISCATAWAY
    ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PISCATAWAY, NJ
48A) THE NEW AGIOS PANTELEIMON OF ANDROS SOCIETY NEW JERSEY
49) FLOAT #23 – KIMISIS OF HOLMDEL
    KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF HOLMDEL, NJ
50) ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF OCEAN, NJ
51) FLOAT #24- MELROSE BALLROOM
    MELROSE BALLROOM
52) FLOAT #25- PAN KERKYRAIKA
    PAN KERKYRAIKA SOCIETY
    PAN KERKYRAIKOS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
    OTHONI SOCIETY OF USA, MATHRAKI SOCIETY OF AMERICA, PAN ERIKOUSA SOCIETY OF AMERICA
March 21, 2024

V. Rev. and Rev. Fathers,
Esteemed Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils,
Esteemed Presidents and Members of the Philoptochos Sisterhoods,
Esteemed Directors, Faculty and Students of the Greek Afternoon Schools,
Esteemed Presidents and Members of the Parent-Teacher Organizations of the
Greek Orthodox Communities of the Northern New Jersey Region of the
Sacred Metropolis of New Jersey

My Beloved,

I pray that this letter finds all of you enjoying the blessings of God as we embark on
our spiritual journey through Holy and Great Lent.

It is with much joy and excitement that I cordially invite all of the Parish Council and
Philoptochos Members, the Greek School teachers, students, parents, PTO members, family, and
all devout Orthodox Christians to a special Grand Celebration with the EVZONES, the
Presidential Guard of Greece, which will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 11:30 am at the
St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Tenafly, New Jersey.

All Greek School Classes that are normally scheduled on Saturday morning should be
rescheduled, so that all of the teachers, students and parents may be afforded the opportunity
to participate in this beautiful celebration in Tenafly. All those in attendance will have the
wonderful opportunity to spend an afternoon with the wonderful our beloved and world
renowned Evzones. I ask that all who have traditional "tsakoufistaneo" costumes and girls
who have traditional "amali" costumes should be dressed in them. Those who do not should wear
a white dress shirt/blouse and blue pants/skirts. Kindly RSVP to the St. John the
Theologian Cathedral office at 201-567-9072 by Wednesday, April 10, 2024, so that all
appropriate arrangements can be made.

Praying that our loving Lord continues to bless all of you and wishing all of you a most
blessed Kali Sarakostis, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

[Signature]

Metropolitan of New Jersey
JOIN US
Easter Retreat
SUNDAY
April 21, 2024
10 AM to 3 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
SIGN-UP HERE

RETREAT SIGN-UP
Myrrhbearers
Μυρωφόρας

We welcome all the girls from our Ascension family to server as Myrrhbearers on Good Friday!
If you are interested, please reach out to Evelyn Tsugranis, Catechism Director at 201.658.1801
ascensioncatecismprogram@gmail.com

It is a great honor to participate in this special role during Good Friday.
Ascension Greek Orthodox Church
Fairview, NJ

SUNDAY MAY 5

EASTER

Egg Hunt

VESPERS OF LOVE

12 NOON TO 1:00 PM

Immediately following services

PARISH COUNCIL
BAKALIARO LUNCHEON
April 28, 2024 – 28 Απριλίου, 2024
Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, Fairview NJ
Immediately Following the Divine Liturgy

COME JOIN US FOR BAKALIARO & SCORDALIA!
ΜΠΑΚΑΛΙΑΡΟ ΜΕ ΣΚΟΡΔΑΛΙΑ!
Beets, Gigantes, Wine, Soda, Coffee & Desserts Included
Ziti with tomato sauce will be available for the children-FREE

Donation: $30

TAKE OUT
LARGE ORDERS OF 10 OR MORE (packaged in trays)
REQUIRE ADVANCE NOTICE BY CALLING THE
CHURCH OFFICE @ 201 945 6448

Kaló Πάσχα
ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH PTO
FAIRVIEW, NJ

EASTER LAMBADASES SALE

SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH
3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21 AND 4/28
AND DURING GREEK SCHOOL

$20 EACH

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GREEK SCHOOL
ORTHODOXY ON TAP

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, DINNER & DISCUSSION

Guest Speaker:

His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

17 April, 2024
6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy
Dinner and Discussion to Follow
St. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen
80 Laurel Avenue
Roseland, NJ 07068

Click Here to Register
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 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.
We are facing unprecedented challenges today. Our society is rapidly changing and increasingly secular. We need a strong Orthodox school of higher learning to prepare leaders to meet the evolving needs of our faithful.

90% of priests serving Greek Orthodox parishes in America are HCHC graduates.

By supporting HCHC, you are supporting our mission of educating and equipping those who strengthen Orthodox communities and transform lives — now and forever!

It only takes a few minutes to become an Advocate and your monthly donation can be automatically withdrawn from your bank or credit card account.

Donations can be given at any level and updating your payment information is quick and easy if changes ever need to be made. HCHC has been providing exemplary clergy and lay leaders to communities across America and throughout the world for over 85 years with the support of our generous donors!

Hellenic College Holy Cross
Greek Orthodox School of Theology
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www.hchc.edu
# Student Referral Form

As an alum of Hellenic College Holy Cross, you know better than anyone else what qualities are needed for students to thrive here. Our best students tell us that talking with someone who knows HCHC made them want to apply.

Below you'll be asked to provide information about yourself as well as the student you’re referring. Providing your information allows Admissions to note that the potential student was referred by you, and providing their information allows us to connect with them about considering Hellenic College Holy Cross.

Students referred to us by any alumni/a of Hellenic College Holy Cross qualify for a HCHC Recognition Award—a $2,000 merit scholarship to be added on top of any institutional aid awarded to the student upon admission. NOTE: students who are already enrolled are not eligible for this award.

## Your Information

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

I am a (select all that apply): *

- [ ] Hellenic College graduate
- [ ] Holy Cross graduate

Year of graduation: ________

Degree: ________

Your name: ________

Your email address: ________ Your mobile phone: ________

Your home address: ________

City: ________ State: ________ Zip: ________

Your parish (name and city): ________

## Student Information

Student first name: ________ Middle name: ________

Student last name: ________

Student preferred first name: ________ Student date of birth: ________/______/______

Home Parish (name and city): ________

Student interested in which school*: ________

This student would apply as: ________

Intended entry term: ________

- [ ] Hellenic College
- [ ] Holy Cross
- [ ] First Year
- [ ] Non-Degree
- [ ] Transfer
- [ ] Fall 2024
- [ } Spring 2025
- [ ] Fall 2025

Student email address: ________ Mobile phone: ________

Mailing address: ________

City: ________ State: ________ Zip: ________

Most recent school attended: ________

Tell us a bit about this student: on the back of this form*
Mrs. Baltzis and Mrs. Tjionas with our students are getting ready to enter our church for the Greek Independence Doxology.
A souvenir photo of students, teachers and Fr. Christos on the Stage at the end of the Program!

Κατάθεση στεφάνου στο Μνημείο του Αγνώστου Στρατιώτη στη σκηνή του Σχολείου.
Τα παιδιά του Γυμνασίου του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου
(Την άλλη βδομάδα θα ακολουθήσουν και άλλες φωτογραφίες)
Getting ready for our 9th grade Graduation and the 2024 9th grade yearbook to be presented on graduation day, June 2, 2024. SAVE THE DATE! It's a privilege to graduate form the Ascension Junior High School, the only one in NJ!

Maria Christou

Pablo Adrian Moriatis
Katerina Zoe Vratsanos

THE GREEK CYPRIOITS OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIAL SERVICE
On Sunday, March 31, 2024, our church welcomed the Honorable Michalis Firillas, Consul General of Cyprus in New York, Ms. Despina Axiotakis, President, The Greek Cypriots of New Jersey, Ms. Eleni Constantinides, Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos President, and Mr. Savas Tsivicos, Supreme President, Order of AHEPA, to commemorate "Heroes Glory and Honor" for the 69th anniversary of the liberation struggle of EOKA 1955-1959 from the British Colonial Rule. Our Ascension Greek School students of 7th, 8th, and 9th grades participated in the mnemosino of the EOKA heroes for the independence of Cyprus.
Congratulations and good luck to Xanthi Georgiou, Junior Division for moving on to the Metropolis Oratorical Festival at The Cathedral of the Annunciation, Baltimore, MD on May 11, 2024 and Demetri Lakkas for His Honorable Mention in the Senior Division at the St. George Church in Trenton. Thank you for all the support by Mrs. Stacy Pinou-Melizanis for her 15th year as the Chair at the Ascension Oratorical Festival.