The LIGHT of the ASCENSION
Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως

April 21, 2024
Today we commemorate
Sunday of the St. Mary of Egypt

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

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**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**

**Wednesday**
**April 24, 2024**
4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Greek School
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Presanctified Liturgy,
Great Compline & Bible Study

**Friday**
**April 26, 2024**
4:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.
Greek School
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
**Presanctified Divine Liturgy**
for Greek School

**Saturday**
**April 27, 2023**
**Saturday of Lazarus**
(click here)
9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Orthros, D.Liturgy
**Preparation for the Palm Crosses**

**Sunday**
**April 28, 2023**
**Palm Sunday**
(click here)
8:30am-11:30 a.m.
Orthros, Divine Liturgy
Bakaliaros Lunch
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Service of Bridegroom
(click here)

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

Τετάρτη
24 Απριλίου, 2023
4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.
Ελληνικό Σχολείο
5:00 μ.μ. – 8:00 μ.μ.
Προηγιασμένη, Μέγα Απόδειπνο
& Μελέτη Αγίας Γραφής

Παρασκευή
26 Απριλίου, 2024
4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.
Ελληνικό Σχολείο
5:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.
Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία
για το Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Σάββατο
27 Απριλίου, 2024
Σάββατο του Λαζάρου
(click here)
9:00 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Κατασκευή Σταυρών

Κυριακή
28 Απριλίου, 2024
Των Βαϊών
(click here)
8:30 πμ - 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία
Γεύμα με τον Βακαλάο
7:00 μ.μ. – 9:00 μ.μ.
Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου
(click here)

MEMORIAL SERVICES

1 year:
Eleni Kaltsis

2 years:
Evangelia Eleftheriou

34 years:
Vasilios Elefteriou

Coffee is offered by
the Kaltsis, Elefteriou & Raftopoulos Families
that have the Memorial Services
Rev. Christos L. Pappas
Protopresbyter
office: 201-945-6448
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fatherchristos@yahoo.com

Anastasia Perdikos
Office Administrator
office: 201-945-6448

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

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
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, cleaning, 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!

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ATTENTION
ASCENSION FAMILIES

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES
CLASS OF 2024

On May 19, 2024, Father Christos and our community will recognize the accomplishments of the youth of our Ascension family graduating from an accredited college/graduate/law/medical schools in 2024.

If your child, grandchild, nephew/niece, cousin has successfully completed a degree, we need your help by completing the info in the link below by May 10, 2024. If you have any questions, contact Evelyn Tsugranis, Catechism Director, at 201-658-1801 or Anastasia, Office Administrator, at 201-945-6448.

GRADUATE INFO

Our high school/GOYA and Catechism graduates will also be recognized on this date.

Greek School graduation will be celebrated on June 2, 2024.
JOIN US
Easter Retreat
SUNDAY
April 21, 2024
10 AM to 3 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER
SIGN-UP HERE
RETREAT SIGN-UP
Myrrhbearers
Μυροφόρας

We welcome all the girls from our Ascension family to serve 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

VESPERT S 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 LAMBADES SALE

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

$20 EACH

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MONTHLY GIVING AMOUNTS

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Sign up for Advocate recurring payment by visiting https://www.hchc.edu/pledge/advocate/

Be sure to select "recurring payment" next to your chosen donation amount to allow low-cost, monthly transactions. Alternatively, you may fill out the form to the right and return it to HCHC Advocates for processing.
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/ae 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
- 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*
We were honored to have His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey to officiate the 4th Salutations to the Theotokos. His Eminence was greeted by the children of the Ascension Greek School and they chanted the hymn to the Panagia.
Greek School

Mrs. Baltzis and Mrs. Tjionas with our students are getting ready to enter our church for the Greek Independence Doxology
The Greek School students in Church
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
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.