



**ASCENSION**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



**The LIGHT of the ASCENSION**  
**Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως**



**May 26, 2024**

**Today we Commemorate**  
**Sunday of the Paralytic**

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



# 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

## ASCENSION CHURCH FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY

**THURS: JUNE 6 - SUN. JUNE 9, 2024**

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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sunday**

**May 26, 2024**

**Sunday of the Paralytic**

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**8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Orthros, Divine Liturgy**

**Coffee is served by  
the Parish Council**

**Monday**

**May 27, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. - 10 a.m.**

**John the Russian of Evia**

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**Orthros, Divine Liturgy**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

***Trisagia at Fairview Cemetery***

***12:30 p.m. Trisagia at Paramus  
Cemetery(with appointment)***

**Wednesday**

**May 29, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Mid-Pentecost**

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**Orthros, Divine Liturgy**

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

***Greek School***

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Paraklisis & Bible Study**

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

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

***Greek School***

**Saturday, June 1st, 2024**

**Justin the Martyr**

**(click here)**

**9a.m. Orthros,**

**Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

**(click here)**

**8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Orthros, Divine Liturgy**

**Coffee is served by the PTO**

**Greek School Graduation**

**Κυριακή**

**26 Μαΐου, 2024**

**Κυριακή του Παραλύτου**

**(click here)**

**8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 μ.μ.**

**Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία**

**Ο καφές σερβίρεται από**

**το Συμβούλιο**

**Δευτέρα**

**27 Μαΐου, 2024**

**8:00 - 10:00 π.μ.**

**Ιωάννης ο**

**Ομολογητής Ρώσος**

**(click here)**

**Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**10:30 π.μ. - 12:00 μ.μ.**

**Τρισάγια στο Κοιμητήριο Fairview**

**12:30 μ.μ. Τρισάγια**

**Κοιμητήριο Paramus (με ραντεβού)**

**Τετάρτη**

**29 Μαΐου, 2024**

**Μεσοπεντηκοστή**

**(click here)**

**9:00 - 10:30 π.μ.**

**Όρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία**

**4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.**

**Ελληνικό Σχολείο**

**6 - 7:30 μ.μ. Παράκληση &**

**Μελέτη Αγίας Γραφής**



Παρασκευή  
31 Μαΐου, 2024  
4:30 μ.μ. – 6:30 μ.μ.  
Ελληνικό Σχολείο

Σάββατο  
1η Ιουνίου, 2024  
Ιουστίνος ο Φιλόσοφος  
([click here](#))  
9:00 π.μ. Όρθρος,  
Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή  
2 Ιουνίου, 2024  
Κυριακή της Σαμαρείτιδος  
([click here](#))  
8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 μ.μ.  
Όρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία  
Ο καφές σερβίρεται  
από το ΠΤΟ  
Αποφοίτηση του Ελληνικού Σχολείου

## Coffee Hour

*Coffee is offered  
by the Constantinos Yiannoudes Family  
on the occasion of his name day!*

LIVE STREAM [click  
here](#)

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

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

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# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



## Parish Council

Peter Frangiskou  
President

Palm Sunday is beginning of Holy Week and the commemoration of our Lord entering Jerusalem following his miracle in raising Lazarus from the dead. It was a pleasure watching Philoptochos, Students and Volunteers make the Palms on Saturday. Palm Sunday's service was filled with families, friends and guests that followed by a successful Bakaliaro Fund Raiser in our church auditorium. Parish joined together to organize and prepare this feast that served our entire Community. I am proud and thankful in witnessing all the families that attended in making our fund raiser a great success.

## Philoptochos

Lea Drivas  
President

The ladies of the Ascension Philoptochos make many contributions to our beloved Church during Holy Week, beginning with the Saturday of Lazarus where they gather after Liturgy to make hundreds of palm crosses for distribution to the church community on Palm Sunday. Some of our Philoptochos members also assist with decorating the icons for Holy Week services as well as making of the Stefana. On Good Friday, you will find the ladies at church very early in the morning decorating the Epitafio with the beautiful flowers for which funds were donated by many parishioners. Also one of the ongoing projects of Philoptochos during this season are the dying of the red eggs Father Christos distributes. Lastly, we never forget those in need and provide social service assistance during this time in hopes that we are making someone else's life better. Philoptochos has been carrying on these traditions and their philanthropic endeavors for many years as it is our way of showing our love and support not only for our community, but also for others.





## Δημοσθένης Τριανταφύλλου Διευθυντής

Ο Διευθυντής, οι Δασκάλες και οι μαθητές του Γυμνασίου και του Δημοτικού σχολείου της Θείας Αναλήψεως εύχονται σε όλους τους γονείς και φίλους του Ελληνικού σχολείου μας. Όπως περάσουν τις Άγιες ημέρες του Πάσχα με υγεία, χαρά και ευτυχία! Η ευτυχία του κάθε ανθρώπου προέρχεται από τις καλές πράξεις απέναντι όλων των συνανθρώπων του. Χριστός σημαίνει αγάπη και αλληλεγγύη με όλους! Το ανέσπερο φως της Ανάστασης να μας φωτίζει όλους!

« Χριστός Ανέστη! » « Αληθώς Ανέστη! »

Να γράψετε τα παιδιά σας στο ελληνικό μας σχολείο, το καλύτερο σχολείο με Γυμνάσιο!

## Catechism School Evelyn Tsugranis Director

On Sunday, May 19, it was a beautiful day at our moving up ceremony of our Catechism students. We recognized our students and teachers who have been dedicated to our Catechism School. We had a wonderful school year and hope to continue to make a difference. Our children must continue to learn about our faith and must become comfortable and familiar with coming to church. Please continue to make church part of your Sunday. Have a wonderful and safe summer! We look forward to seeing you in September!



## GOYA Mike Tsugranis Head Advisor

This past Sunday, we had the opportunity to congratulate all our graduating seniors who will be moving on from GOYA. We thank Father Christos for all his blessings and we very much thank our Philoptochos for their generous gifts by presenting icons to our graduates. I am also grateful to Father Christos for his blessings and this beautiful icon he presented to me and Maria Magalias, as we will be moving on from GOYA. I'm deeply thankful for the





opportunity. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience. Wishing much luck to our GOYA ministry. I will continue to coach our basketball teams and look forward to seeing you all in September. May you all be blessed with a safe and enjoyable summer!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 2, 2024**

**Greek School  
Graduation**

**June 6,7,8, & 9**

**Ascension Festival**

**June 12,2024**

**Holy Ascension Vespers**

**June 13, 2024**

**Holy Ascension**

## GREEK SCHOOL

**Graduation, Sunday, June 2, 2024**

**Grades: Pre-K to 9**

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Graduation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade of  
our Ascension Junior High School**

**17<sup>η</sup> Αποφοίτηση της Γ' Γυμνασίου του Σχολείου της Θείας Αναλήψεως**

**The celebration of our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade is a great event  
in our community**

**Συγχαρητήρια στα παιδιά μας!!!**



**The Graduates of our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade are:**

**Christou Maria  
Moriatis Pablo Adrian  
Vratsanos Katerina Zoe**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024/ 3:00 p.m.**

**The Drs. Vratsanos Residence  
264 Castle Dr.,  
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632**







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## **FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

**DEADLINE: JUNE 28TH, 2024**

This merit-based scholarship program aims to support the best and brightest graduating high school seniors in the Hellenic-American Greek Orthodox community who are enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall. Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis with applicants given the option to be considered for additional financial need-based allocations.

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FAITH has proudly awarded over 2,000 grants and scholarships to our community's brightest young leaders.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## COLLEGE GRADUATES Recognition Sunday





On Sunday, May 19, 2024, Father Christos recognized our youth who have received higher education degrees. They were presented with an icon by the Philoptochos President, Mrs. Lea Drivas. Congratulations and wishing you lots of success in all your endeavors.

Pictured: Maria Mihalatos, Andreas Frangiskou, Mariana Toumazou, Arianna Magalias (by Jonathan Magalias), and Kyra Melizanis (by Stacy Pinou-Melizanis)

**SEE ALL GRADUATE BIOS BELOW**





### **Andreas Frangiskou**

Andreas graduated from Rutgers College of Engineering. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering. Andreas is currently in the process of applying to medical school.





### **Arianna Magalias**

Arianna graduated from New York University School of Nursing. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Arianna is already begun working at NYU Langone Hospital.





### **Kyra Melizanis**

Kyra graduated from University of Delaware. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Media Communications with a minor in Journalism. This summer Kyra will be a staff member at Ionian Village in Greece. She will be working in NYC in the news and entertainment field.





**Maria Mihalatos**

Maria graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biology. In the fall, Maria will continue at Stevens in an Accelerated Master's Program for a Master's in Science in Chemical Biology with a degree in Drug Discovery.





**Mariana Toumazou**

Mariana graduated from Northeastern University in Boston. She received a Bachelor of Science in Graphic and Information Design and in Mathematics. In the fall, Mariana will continue at Northeastern for a Master's Degree in Experience Design.

**CATECHISM SCHOOL**  
**Graduation Ceremony**

Congratulations to all our Catechism students and teachers for another year of service to the Catechism Program and students.





## GOYA GRADUATING SENIORS and GOYA Advisors

On May 19, 2024, Father Christos recognized our graduating high school GOYA seniors who will be moving onto college and were presented with an icon by the Philoptochos President, Mrs. Lea Drivas. Father Christos also recognized and gave thanks to the GOYA Advisors, Mike Tsugranis and Maria Magalias for their years of service and dedication to our youth. Congratulations and good luck to the graduates Andrew Harilaou, Athanasios Georgiou, Peter Binikos, Eftihia Christou, Jonathan Magalias, Constantine Tsugranis (Andrew Avalos and Sofia Vergara not pictured)!





## CATECHISM Oratorical Festival

On Saturday, May 11, 2024, Xanthi Georgiou advanced to the Metropolis district, Junior Division, in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival at the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore, MD.  
Congratulations Xanthi! We are very proud of you!









## HOPE & JOY

On May 17, 2024, HOPE and JOY had the last meeting for the 2023-2024 school year. We thank God for a blessed year full of learning and fun!

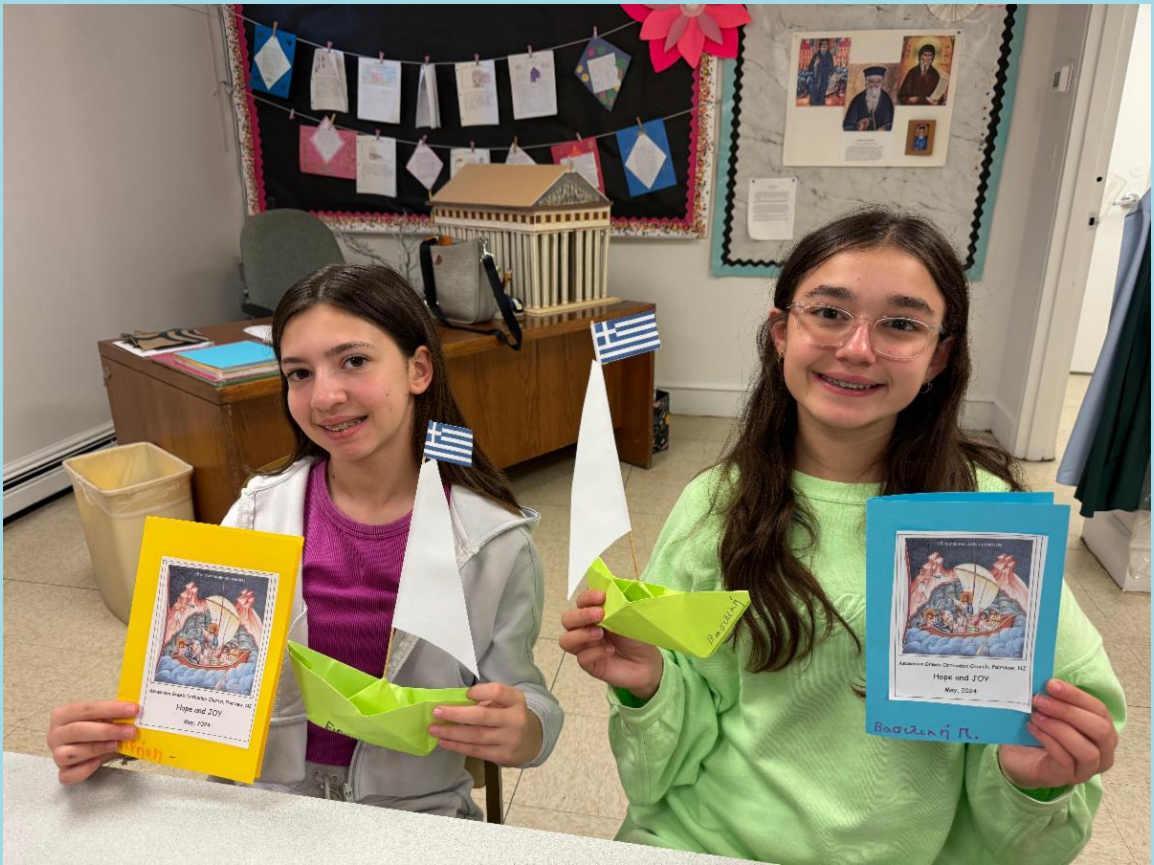




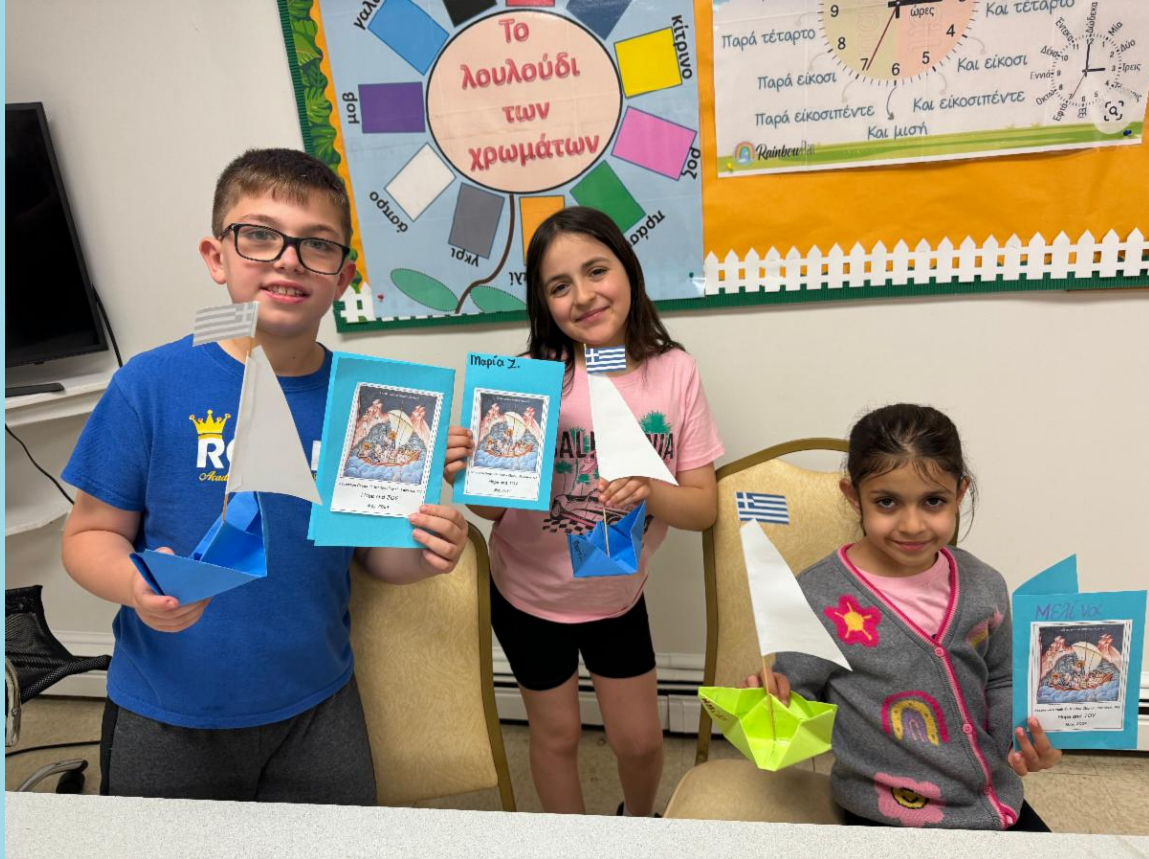




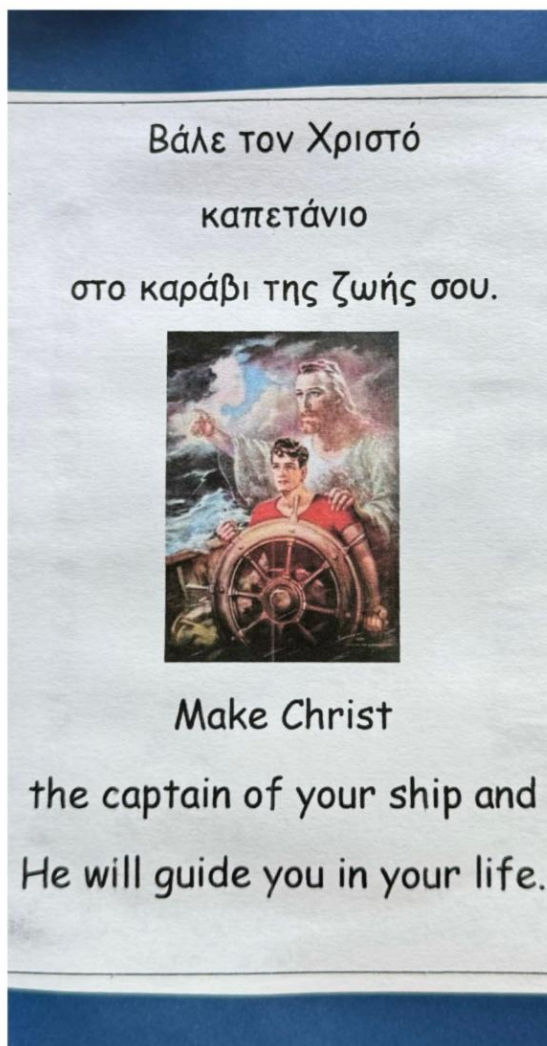
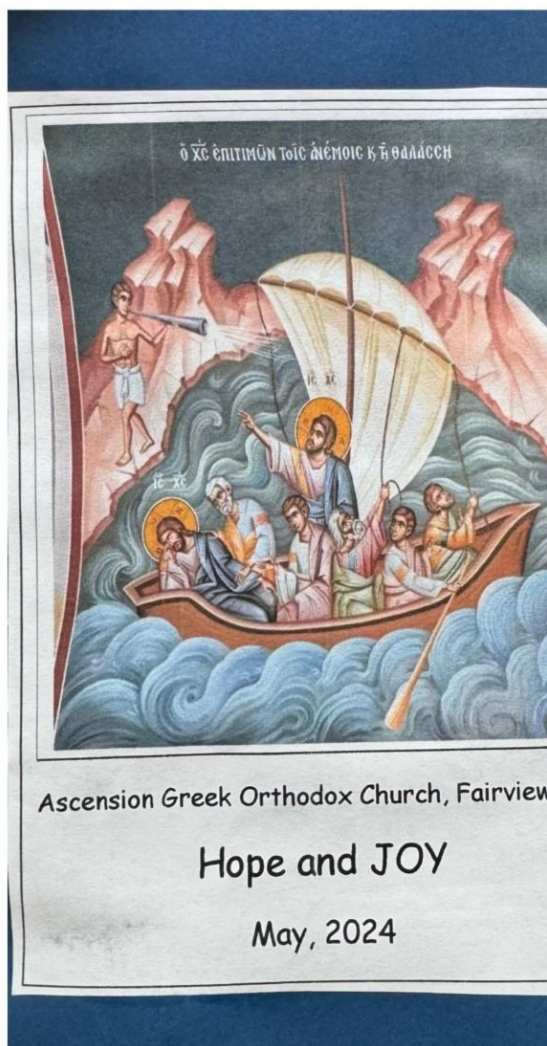












## GOYA

On May 17, 2024, GOYA had the last meeting for the 2023-2024 year. Our youth enjoyed a fun evening of dinner at the Brownstone Pancake Factory at Englewood Cliffs. They thanked their GOYA Advisors for their years of dedicated service and voted for the new executive board members for the upcoming year. Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Committee:

Katerina Arapidis ~ President  
Themelina Petrakis ~ 1st Vice President  
Sophia Lazarou ~ 2nd Vice President  
Alexia Pispitsos ~ Recording Secretary  
Nina Vratsanos ~ Corresponding Secretary  
Katerina Gialias ~ Treasurer  
Callie Fantis ~ Assistant Treasurer

Vasiliki Georgiou, Andrew Lakkas,  
Irena Avalos, Melpomeni Drossos ~ Bulletin Board











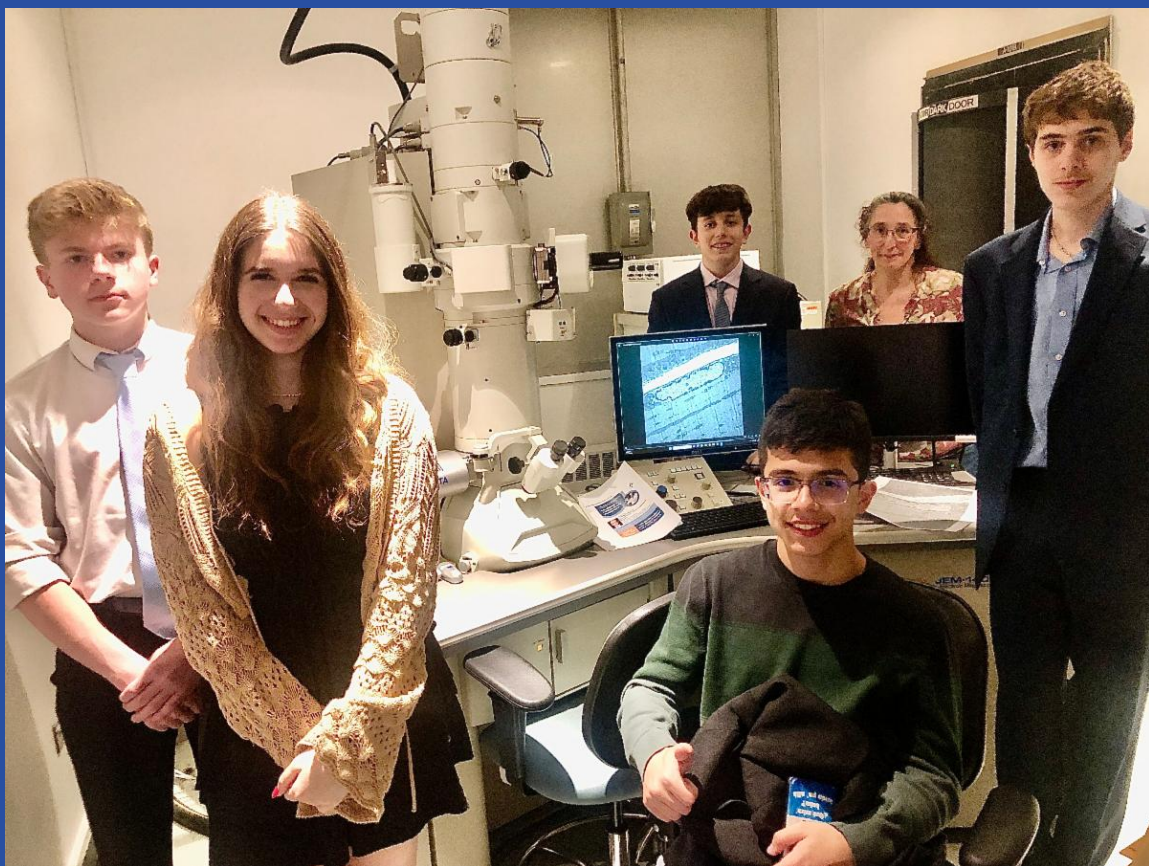


## GREEK SCHOOL

### Dr. Papanicolaou Essay Awards

On May 14, 2024, at the Cornell Medical College in New York, the 8th and 9th grade students from our Greek School received their meritorious awards from the Academy of Philosophy, Science, and Education as well as \$300 awards from various donors. Congratulations (front left) Loukas Spyropoulos, Pablo Moriartis, Themis Lapiotis, and Katerina Vratsanos and camera shy Maria Christou, Leonidas Spyropulos, and Xanthi Georgiou.





## CLERGY LAITY NJ METROPOLIS Honoree Grand Banquet

Congratulations to the  
**Metropolis of NJ Clergy Laity 2024  
Ascension Church Honorees!!**



We are very proud of you all and thank you for your service to our Ascension community!

Most Senior Steward ~ Nicholas Diamantopoulos  
Parish Council ~ Mihaelos N. Mihalos  
Philoptochos ~ Vasiliki Diamantopoulos  
Community ~ Louie Binikos  
Greek Education Teacher ~ Demosthenes Triantafillou  
Religious Education Teacher ~ Anastasia Pinou- Melizanis  
Youth Worker ~ Maria Magalias  
GOYAn ~ Andrew Avalos







## MOTHER OF THE YEAR Chrystalla Demetriou

Congratulations to Chrystalla Demetriou for being chosen Mother of the Year 2024. A well deserved honor to a very special mom. Our community wishes



Mrs. Chrystalla Demetriou and her family all of God's blessings with good health always.







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# CATECHISM

Mother's Day Program

















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