



ASCENSION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY



The LIGHT of the ASCENSION
Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως



June 2, 2024

Today we Commemorate

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



70TH ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL

ASCENSION CHURCH FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY

THURS: JUNE 6 - SUN. JUNE 9, 2024

THURS: 6PM - 10PM • FRI: 6PM - 12AM • SAT: 12 PM - 12AM • SUN: 12PM - 8PM

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OUR GREEK FOOD TAVERNA HOT BUFFET
OUZERI WITH OCTOPUS & FULL BAR
GREEK PASTRIES & LOUKOUMADES
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Thursday

June 6, 2024

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Festival

Friday

June 7, 2024

6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Festival

Saturday

June 8, 2024

12:00 noon - 12:00 a.m.

Festival

Sunday

June 9, 2024

Sunday of the Blind Man

(click here)

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Orthros, Divine Liturgy

12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.

Festival

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*

Πέμπτη
6 Ιουνίου, 2024
6:00 μ.μ. - 10:00 μ.μ.
Φεστιβάλ

Παρασκευή
7 Ιουνίου, 2024
6:00 μ.μ. - 12:00
Φεστιβάλ

Σάββατο
8 Ιουνίου, 2024
12:00 μεσημέρι - 12:00
Φεστιβάλ

Κυριακή
9 Ιουνίου, 2024
Κυριακή του Τυφλού
([click here](#))
8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 μ.μ.
Όρθρος Θεία Λειτουργία

12:00 μ.μ. - 8:00 μ.μ.
Φεστιβάλ

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
12:00 noon Saturday,
June 1, 2024

Mr. & Mrs. George Mandilas

Coffee Hour

Coffee is offered by
the Chrystalla Dimitriou
Family

MEMORIAL SERVICES
9 months:
Antonios Sitaras

9 years:
Evridiki Ioannou

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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.



Greek School

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 17th Graduation of the 9th Grade of
our Ascension Junior High School**

17^η Αποφοίτηση της Γ' Γυμνασίου του Σχολείου της Θείας Αναλήψεως

**The celebration of our 9th Grade is a great event
in our community**

Συγχαρητήρια στα παιδιά μας!!!



The Graduates of our 9th 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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For questions, contact: info@thefaithendowment.org • (212) 803-9363 • facebook.com/faithendowment

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOYA OLYMPICS

Congratulations to our GOYAns for participating in the annual GOYA Olympics at Monmouth University. Congratulations to the winners ~

- 1st Place Girls Swimming SR Breaststroke : Sophia Lazarou
- 1st Place Girls Swimming SR Butterfly: Sophia Lazarou
- 1st Place Girls Swimming SR Backstroke: Sophia Lazarou
- 1st Place Girls Swimming SR Freestyle: Sophia Lazarou
- 2nd Place Boys Long-jump JR: George Lazarou

3rd Place Boys Swimming JR Breaststroke: Themis Lapiotis
3rd Place Boys Swimming JR Butterfly: Themis Lapiotis
3rd Place Boys Swimming JR Freestyle: Themis Lapiotis













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!



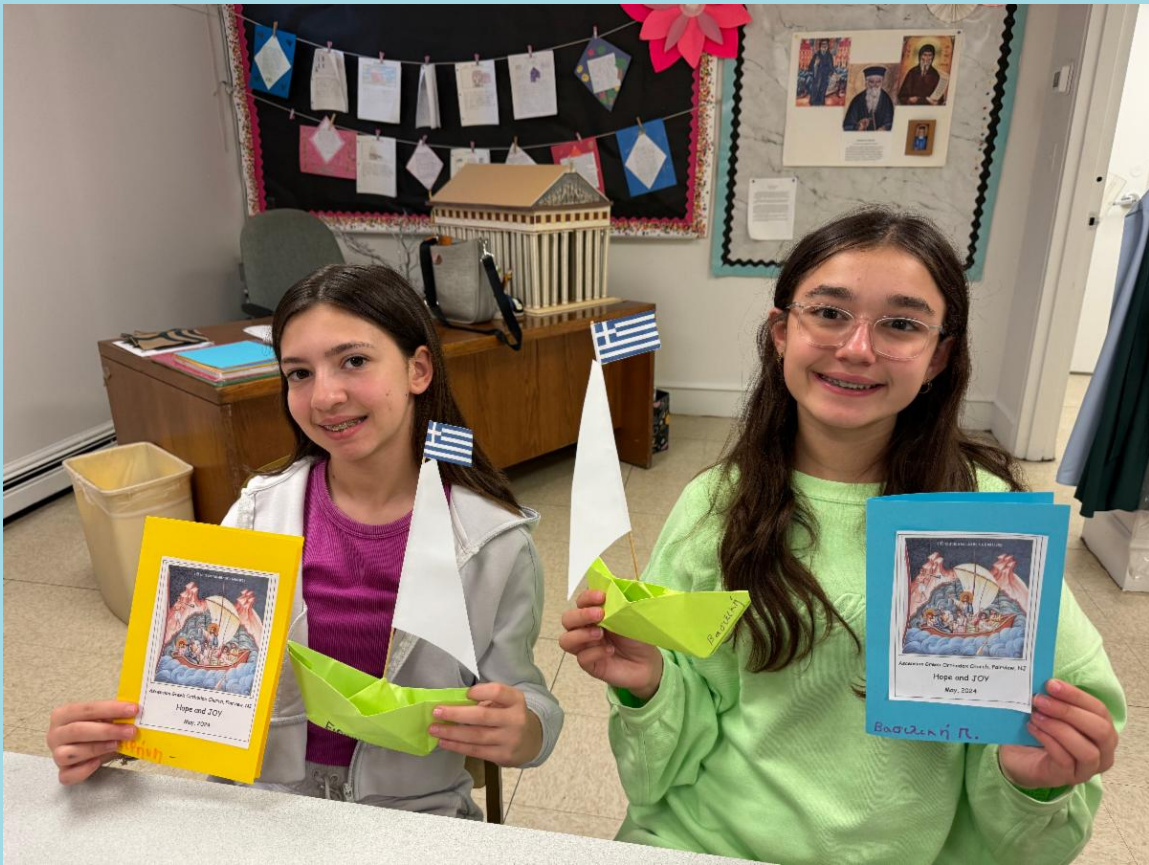


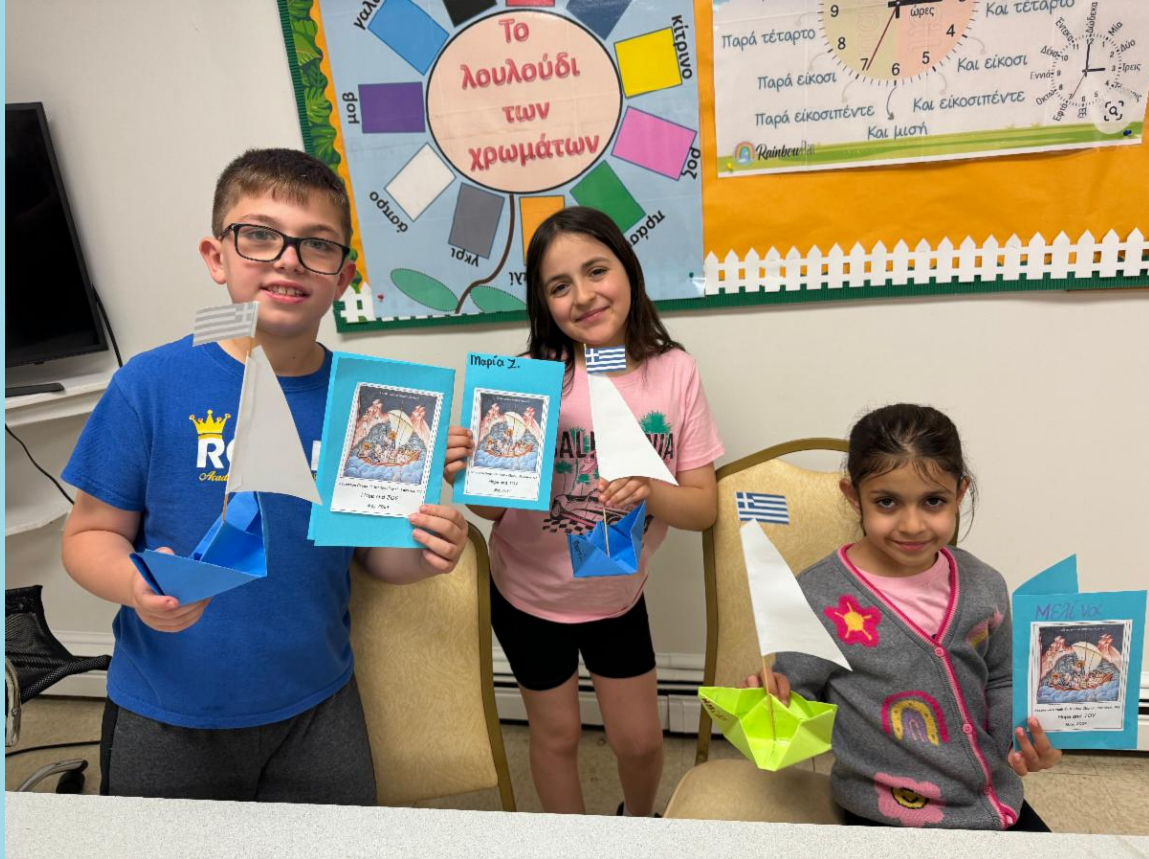
HOPE & JOY

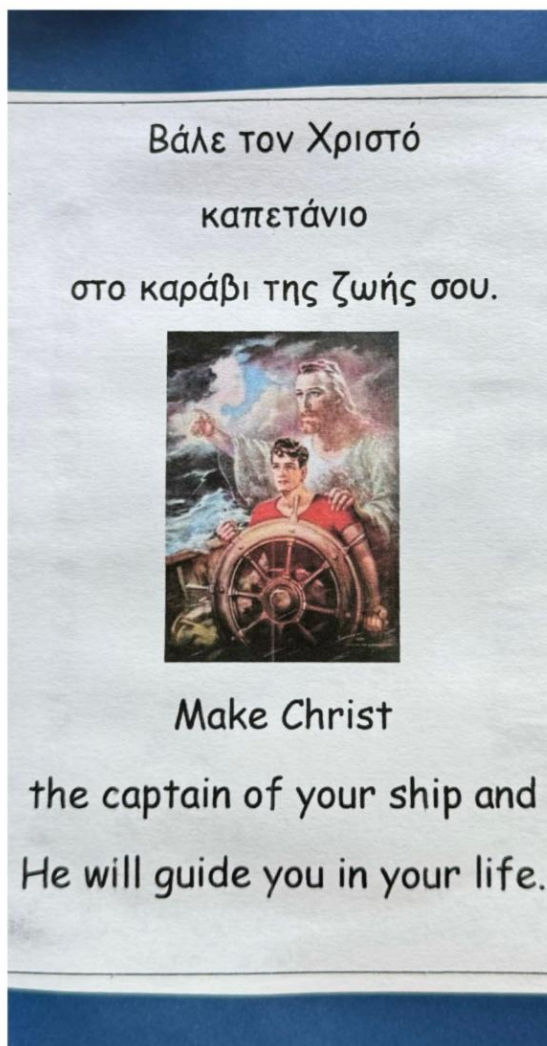
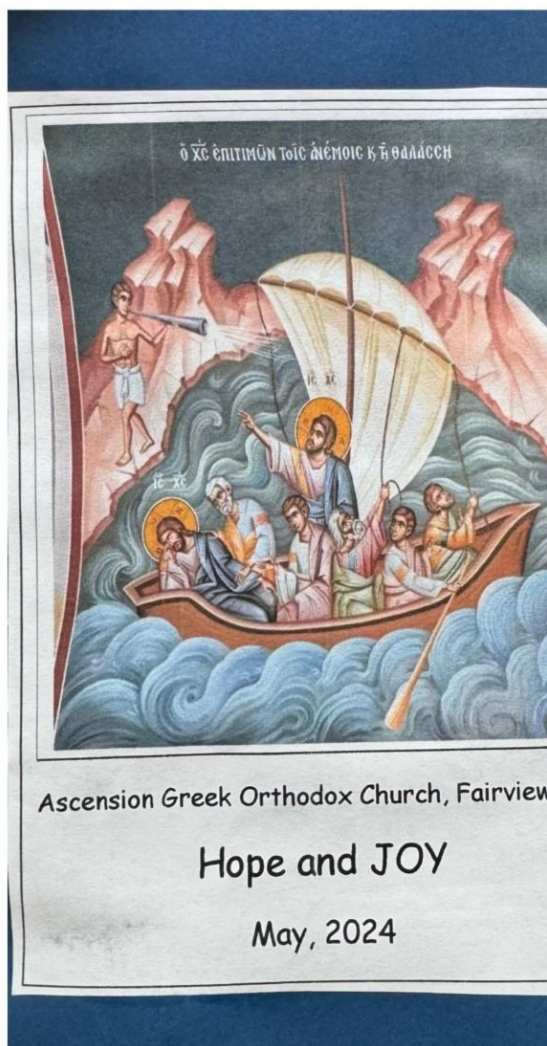
On May 17, 2024, HOPE and JOY had the last meeting for the 2023-2024 school year. We thank God for a blessed year full of learning and fun!











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



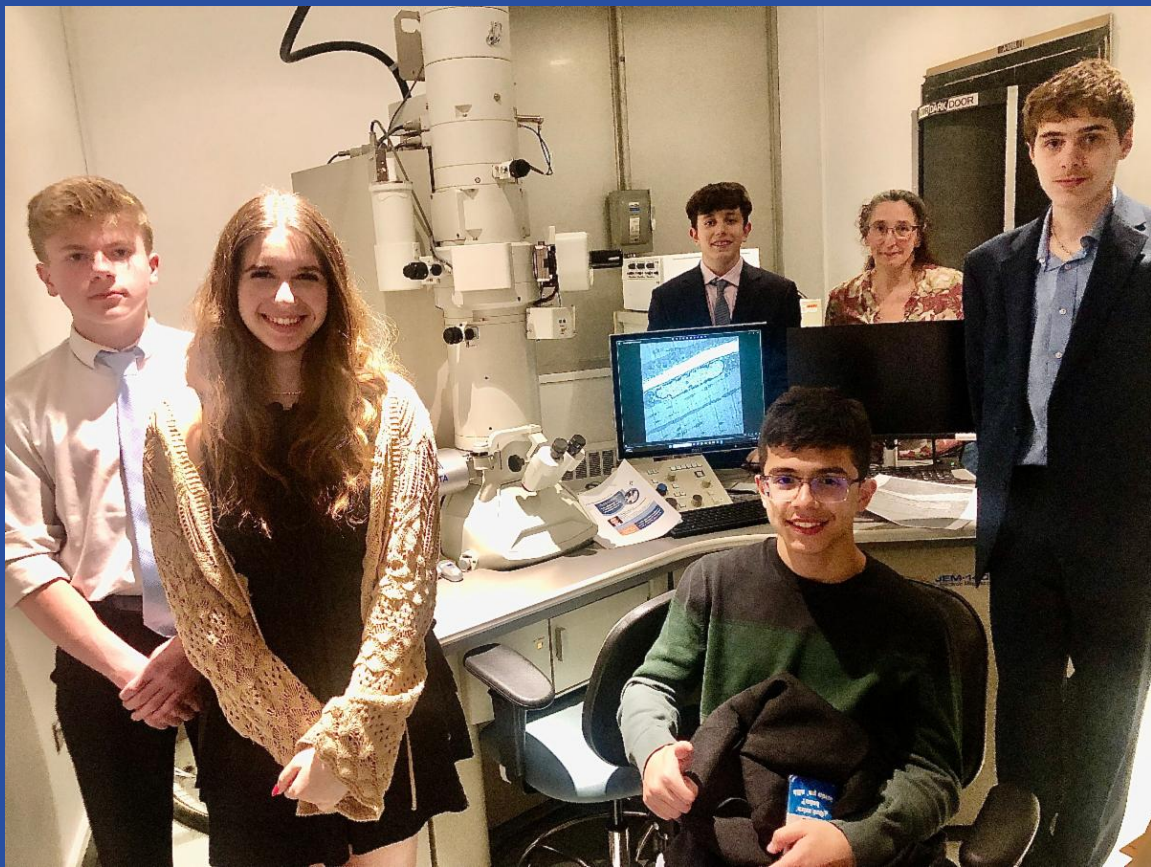




GREEK SCHOOL

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.



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