

The LIGHT of the ASCENSION
Το Φως της Θείας Αναλήψεως



April 27, 2025

Today we commemorate

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF
NEW JERSEY

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΙΑΣ ΑΝΑΛΗΤΕΩΣ

REV. CHRISTOS L. PAPPAS
PROTOPREBYTER



EST. 1952

January 7, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Parish Council first and foremost we wish to extend Our warmest New Year greetings to each member of our beloved Ascension Greek Orthodox Church.

As members of our community, we deeply appreciate your loyalty and support. Your membership plays a vital role in the life of our Parish. It has been several years since membership dues were increased and the Parish Council and General Assembly, recent meetings found the need to raise yearly dues effective January of 2025

The stewardship is as follows:

Families will now start at \$500

Seniors will now start at \$400

You can also pay in installments.

We are hopeful that you understand that additional funds enable us to Meet Church obligations as well as continue to run the various programs And ministries of the church. Your annual dues can be payable at the Church office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or click the Link or QR code for online payments.

Once again, please know how grateful we are to each one of you Commitment over the past many years. We look forward to many more "May the God of Peace be with you all."

Sincerely,

Peter A. Frangiskou

Peter Frangiskou,
Parish Council President

Nikki Antoniou

Nikki Antoniou
2nd Vice President

Rev. Christos L. Pappas

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7 Ιανουαρίου 2025

Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Εκ μέρους του Εκκλησιαστικού Συμβουλίου θέλουμε να σας εκφράσουμε τις θερμότερες ευχές μας για μία καλή χρονιά σε εσάς και κάθε μέλος της αγαπημένης μας, Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας της Αναλήψεως.

Ως μέλος της κοινότητας μας, εκτιμούμε βαθύτατα την πίστη και την υποστήριξη σας. Η συμμετοχή σας παίζει ζωτικό ρόλο στην ζωή της Ενορίας μας. Έχουν περάσει αρκετά χρόνια από τότε που αυξήθηκαν οι συνδρομές μελών και το Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλιο και η Γενική Συνέλευση, από πρόσφατες συνεδριάσεις αποφάσισαν Πως είναι ανάγκη να αυξηθούν οι ετήσιες εισφορές από τον Ιανουάριο 2025

Οι συνδρομές έχουν ως εξής:

Οι οικογένειες θα ξεκινούν από \$500

Οι ηλικιωμένοι θα ξεκινούν από \$400

Διαθέτουμε Ευκολίες πληρωμών.

Ελπίζουμε ότι καταλαβαίνετε ότι η αύξηση εξόδων δεν μας επιτρέπουν να ανταποκριθούμε στις υποχρεώσεις της Εκκλησίας καθώς και να συνεχίσουμε να εκτελούμε τα διάφορα προγράμματα και διακονίες της Εκκλησίας. Οι ετήσιες εισφορές σας μπορούν να καταβάλλονται στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας, από Δευτέρα έως και Παρασκευή από τις 9 π.μ. έως τις 4 μ.μ. ή κάντε κλικ στον σύνδεσμο ή τον κωδικό QR για ηλεκτρονικές πληρωμές.

Για άλλη μία φορά, σας ευχαριστούμε και σας είμαστε ευγνώμονες για την βοήθεια σας και την στήριξη του Καθενός σας τα τελευταία χρόνια. Και πάλι Καλή χρονιά, Ο θεός να σας ευλογεί.

Με εκτίμηση,

Peter A. Frangiskou
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Parish Council President

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[Click to PAY Membership DUES HERE](#)



New Parking Donation

Προς τα αγαπητά μέλη της κοινότητας της Θείας Αναλήψεως,

Με ιδιαίτερη αγάπη και εκτίμηση απευθυνόμαστε σε όλους εσάς που με πίστη, αφοσίωση και προσφορά στηρίζετε το έργο της ενορίας μας. Καθώς η κοινότητά μας συνεχίζει να μεγαλώνει, αυξάνονται και οι ανάγκες μας για βασικές υποδομές για την καλύτερη εξυπηρέτηση των μελών και των επισκεπτών μας. Μία από τις μεγαλύτερες ανάγκες μας αυτή τη στιγμή είναι η δημιουργία του καινούριου χώρου στάθμευσης (πάρκινγκ).

Για το σκοπό αυτό αποφασίσαμε να δημιουργήσουμε ένα καινούριο πάρκινγκ του οποίου η κατασκευή μόλις ολοκληρώθηκε. Ο χώρος αυτός ήταν απαραίτητος, καθώς ανταποκρίνεται στις αυξανόμενες ανάγκες της ενορίας μας και προσφέρει ασφάλεια, διευκόλυνση και οργανωμένη πρόσβαση σε όλους.

Έχουμε ξεκινήσει μία μεγάλη προσπάθεια να συγκεντρώσουμε το ποσό των \$250,000 για την εξόφληση της κατασκευής του καινούριου πάρκινγκ στην οδό Henry. Κάθε συνεισφορά, μικρή ή μεγάλη, είναι πολύτιμη και αποτελεί έκφραση αγάπης προς την κοινότητά μας. Μπορείτε να υποστηρίξετε την προσπάθειά μας αυτή:

- Κάνοντας μία εφάπαξ καταβολή
- Κάνοντας μηνιαίες καταβολές
- Γνωστοποιώντας την προσπάθειά μας σε συγγενείς και φίλους
- Προσφέροντας εθελοντική εργασία σε εκδηλώσεις υποστήριξης του έργου μας

Για οποιαδήποτε συνεισφορά επισκεφτείτε την ιστοσελίδα της κοινότητάς μας στο <https://www.ascensionfairview.org> ή επικοινωνήστε με το γραφείο της εκκλησίας μας στο (201) 945-6448.

Με την υποστήριξή σας μπορούμε να χτίσουμε ένα λαμπρό μέλλον για την κοινότητά μας. Σας ευχαριστούμε για τη διαρκή στήριξή σας και ευχόμαστε ο θεός να ανταποδίδει πολλαπλάσια κάθε σας προσφορά.

Με εκτίμηση και εν Χριστώ αγάπη,

Το Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο

Της Ελληνικής Ορθόδοξης Εκκλησίας της Θείας Αναλήψεως, Fairview, NJ

Help Us Pave the Way to a Growing Community!

Dear Parishioners,

At Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, our mission is to provide a welcoming space where faith, fellowship, and community can flourish. As our congregation continues to grow, so does our need for essential infrastructure to better serve our members and guests. One of the most pressing needs we face is the expansion of our parking lot.

Why This Matters:

With more families, friends, and neighbors joining us each week, our current parking facilities are no longer sufficient. Limited parking creates challenges for elderly parishioners, families with young children, and visitors attending services, events, and community outreach programs. An expanded parking lot will not only ease these challenges but will also make Ascension Church a more accessible and welcoming place for everyone.

Our Goal:

We are seeking to raise \$250,000 to fund the construction of the new parking lot on Henry Street that will provide safe, convenient, and ample parking for our entire community. Your generous donation will help us:

- Accommodate more parishioners and visitors.
- Support future growth of our community programs.
- Enhance the overall experience for everyone who comes through our doors.

How You Can Help:

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. You can support this important project by:

- Making a one-time donation.
- Becoming a monthly supporter.
- Sharing this campaign with family and friends.
- Volunteering to help with fundraising events.

To donate, please visit the church website at <https://www.ascensionfairview.org/> or contact the church at (201)-945-6448.

Together, We Can Build a Brighter Future

Your generosity is more than just a gift — it's an investment in the future of our community. With your support, we can continue to make Ascension Church a place where faith and fellowship thrive.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community and for helping us pave the way to a brighter future.

With gratitude and blessings,

The Parish Council
Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, Fairview, NJ

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY OF
SAINT THOMAS**

APRIL 27, 2025

([click here](#))

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Orthros, D. Liturgy
(Holy Communion)**

Catechism School

Coffee is served by the GOYA

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 30, 2025
4:30 p.m. Greek School

THURSDAY
MAY 1, 2025
9 a.m.-11.30 a.m.
Orthros, D. Liturgy
AGIASMOS

FRIDAY
MAY 2, 2025
4:30 p.m.
Greek School

SATURDAY
MAY 3, 2025
9 a.m.-11.00 a.m.
Orthros, D. Liturgy

SUNDAY
MAY 4, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Orthros, D. Liturgy
Catechism School
Coffee is served
by the PTO

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΘΩΜΑ
27 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ, 2025
[\(click here\)](#)

8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία
(Θ. Κοινωνία)
Κατηχητικό Σχολείο
Ο καφές σερβίρεται
από την GOYA

TETARTH

30 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ, 2025
4:30 μ.μ. -Ελληνικό Σχολείο

ΠΕΜΤΗ

1 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2025
9:00 π.μ. – 11: 30π.μ. Όρθρος,
Θ. Λειτουργία, Αγιασμός

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ

2 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2025
4:30 μ.μ. -Ελληνικό Σχολείο

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ

3 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 2025
9:00 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ.
Όρθρος, Θ. Λειτουργία

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ - 4 Μαΐου, 2025

8:30 π.μ. – 11:30 π.μ. Όρθρος,
Θ. Λειτουργία (Θ. Κοινωνία)
Κατηχητικό Σχολείο
Ο καφές σερβίρεται από το ΠΤΟ

LIVE STREAM [click](#)
[here](#)

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

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER



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10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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DONATE to the ASCENSION CHURCH [click here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26, 2025
Philoptochos "Brunch in Paris"
at Graycliff

April 30 - May 2
P.T.O - Dine to Donate
Boulevard Diner

Saturday, May 3
7:00am - 5:00pm
Metropolis NJ GOYA
Soccer Tournament

SACRAMENTS— ΜΥΣΤΗΡΙΑ

Saturday, APRIL 26, 2025

Mr. & Mrs. Skoufas

12:00 p.m. BAPTISM

MEMORIAL SERVICES – ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ

Σαββάτο 3, Μαΐου 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025

6 Μήνες: Ελευθέριος Σέκκας

6 Months: Eleutherios Sekkas

PTO

COME HELP SUPPORT THE ASCENSION GREEK SCHOOL
WITH A DELICIOUS FUNDRAISING EVENT HOSTED BY THE PTO

DINE TO DONATE

AT



BOULEVARD DINER
9201 BERGEN BOULEVARD
NORTH BERGEN, NJ 07047

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 – FRIDAY, MAY 2

PRESENT THIS FLYER ANYTIME ON THE DATES LISTED ABOVE AND
BOULEVARD DINER WILL DONATE 10% OF TOTAL FOOD PURCHASED
BACK TO THE ASCENSION GREEK SCHOOL

ASCENSION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

101 Anderson Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey 07022

SAVE THE DATE

**71ST ANNUAL GREEK
FESTIVAL
JUNE 12 – JUNE 15
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

PHILOPTOCHOS

Ascension Greek Orthodox Church
Fairview, New Jersey
Ascension Philoptochos Society
Membership Brunch

Join us for
BRUNCH IN PARIS

April 26, 2025
11 am - 3pm

\$60 per person

The Graycliff
*122 Moonachie Ave.
Moonachie, NJ*



RSVP by April 15

Despina Sideiras
201-835-3824

Georgia Stamatis
201-232-9461

Pauline Tassiyannis
201-281-2740

*All proceeds will be used for the
philanthropic endeavors of our Chapter.*

ST. GEORGE PISCATAWAY NJ

METROPOLIS OF NJ

2025 TOPICS, TIPS, & RESOURCES



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY
ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

April 10, 2025

To the Very Rev. and Reverend Clergy
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey

My beloved concelebrants in the Lord,

I hope and pray that this letter finds you well experiencing all of God's Heavenly Blessings.

I am forwarding to all of you a letter from His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, which was written in his capacity as Charmain of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops, informing me of the decision of the Georgian Apostolic Orthodox Church to depose the former nun Ameiliane, the Abbess of the Sacred Monastery of Saint Nina in Union Bridge, Maryland.

As this Monastery of St. Nina is located within the geographical region of our sacred Metropolis of New Jersey and some of our communities and parishioners have previously organized visits to this monastery, I am bringing this decision to your attention so that you are aware of the current uncanonical standing of the monastery.

Praying that our loving Lord grants all of you much strength as we prepare to embark on our spiritual journey through Great and Holy Week, I remain

With Paternal Love and Blessings,

Metropolitan Apostolos
† APOSTOLOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

His Eminence
Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey

*Cordially invites you
to the*

**2025 NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION
HONOREE GRAND BANQUET**

on

Monday, May 12, 2025

at

"The Venetian"

546 River Drive, Garfield, NJ 07026

Your presence will be greatly appreciated

Program and Dinner: 6:00pm

Tickets: Adults: \$145.00 per person

Please contact and make checks payable to your
local parish to purchase tickets.

RSVP by Friday, April 25, 2025



CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD



Maryland

June 15 - 21, 2025

Virginia

July 6-12, 2025


New Jersey

July 13 - 19, 2025

Registration Opens February 2025

More Information

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

 908-301-0500

We are reaching out as the Staff Directors of Camp Good Shepherd NJ, taking place this summer from July 12-19, to ask for your help in identifying strong candidates for our 2025 staff team. We are looking for faithful, enthusiastic young adults (18+) who can serve as role models for our campers. You may know young leaders in your parish who would thrive in this role, perhaps those who:

- Serve on your GOYA board or have demonstrated leadership within the parish
- Have attended Ionian Village or other Metropolis camps and might be interested in staffing those in the future
- Are pursuing careers in education, healthcare, ministry, or other youth-focused fields and would benefit from hands-on experience
- Simply have a heart for service and a love for our Orthodox faith

While recent Goyans now in college are our primary audience, we also welcome any other young adults in your community who would be a great fit. If anyone comes to mind, we would love for you to pass this opportunity along (**staff application**) and send us their names and emails so we can reach out directly.

Thank you for your time and support in helping us build a strong team for this summer! We look forward to hearing from you.

In Christ,

Alex Pirsos, Nick Theodosion, and Dimitri Konstantinou

Girls & Boys Directors, Camp Good Shepherd NJ

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



APPLY NOW FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DEADLINE: JUNE 24TH, 2025

This scholarship program aims to support the best and brightest graduating high-school seniors in the Hellenic-American Greek Orthodox community planning to attend 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.

The FAITH Scholar network includes over 950 members from across the U.S. Apply now to connect, network and build lasting friendships with other young and talented leaders within the Hellenic-American community. **For full application details and to apply now, visit thefaihthendowment.org/scholarships or scan:**



[THEFAITHENDOWMENT.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://thefaihthendowment.org/scholarships)

Founded in 2004 by a group of visionary Greek American leaders and philanthropists, *FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism* is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that supports the development of innovative educational, cultural, and scholarship programs that promote Hellenism, an understanding of the Greek Orthodox faith, and the relationship of the two to America's history and multicultural landscape for young people.

FAITH has proudly awarded over 2,200 grants and scholarships to our community's brightest young leaders.

For questions, contact: info@thefaihthendowment.org • (212) 803-9363 • facebook.com/faihthendowment



Membership Application



I hereby wish to: (Check one only) ☐ Join as a new member into: ☐ Reinstatement into: ☐ Transfer into:

Chapter # _____, District # _____ located in: (City) _____ (State/Prov.) _____

Prefix (Mr./Dr.) _____ Last Name _____ Suffix (DDS, Esq.) _____

First Name _____ Nickname _____ M.I. _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Fax (____) _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Are you a citizen of the United States or Canada? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Were you a member of the Sons of Pericles? ☐ No ☐ Yes, Chapter # _____ City & State/Prov. _____

☐ FOR REINSTATEMENT ONLY

Serial # _____ Date Initiated _____

I hereby apply for reinstatement of my AHEPA membership into Chapter # _____

I was previously a member of Chapter # _____ located in _____, _____.

I hereby certify that I have paid my dues up to _____, 20____ to Chapter # _____.

☐ FOR MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER ONLY

Serial # _____ Date Initiated _____

I hereby wish to transfer my AHEPA membership from Chapter # _____ located in _____, _____.

To Chapter # _____ located in _____, _____.

I hereby certify that I have paid my dues up to _____, 20____ to Chapter # _____.

I believe myself worthy of the rights and privileges enjoyed by the members of AHEPA. I know no reason why I should not become a member, and I promise, if accepted, to observe the laws and traditions of AHEPA, and will not take advantage of or abuse my privileges as a member thereof. I believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please remit this form to:

Your local AHEPA chapter representative or send to AHEPA, 1909 Q Street, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20009-1007
Phone: (202) 232-6300 Fax: (202) 232-2140 Email: ahepa@ahepa.org

Chapter Use Only

Member Endorsement

(New Members Only)

Mindful of our sacred duties and obligations to the Order of AHEPA, and as members in good standing, we hereby endorse this applicant and recommend that he be admitted into the AHEPA, and vouch for his good character, sincerity of purpose, and worthiness of the privilege to become a member.

First Endorser _____

Second Endorser _____

Certification to the Supreme Lodge

(to be completed by Chapter Secretary)

I certify that the applicant/brother _____

was duly initiated/accepted by _____ Chapter # _____

on (Month) _____ (Day) _____ (Year) _____

Signature _____

Report of Investigating Committee

(New Members Only)

We have examined the foregoing application, investigated the applicant and recommend that he be:

☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected

Investigating Committee _____

Headquarters' Use Only:

Application Received _____

Data Processing _____

National Serial # _____

Dear Brothers,

We hope that this email finds you well. This year, our Chapter #54 Alexander Hamilton, will be distributing their Annual Scholarship awards during the AHEPA Conference luncheon we are hosting on June 21, 2025 (Details coming soon). If you have a High School Senior student that would like to be a candidate for our District's Annual Scholarship and the scholarship offered by the NATIONAL AHEPA chapter, please reply to this e-mail with your contact information Ahepachapter54@gmail.com and the candidate's contact information so that we can e-mail them both applications and any additional details. The candidate must be referred/sponsored by a member in good standing. Please respond to this e-mail by March 31st so that there is plenty of time for the candidate to receive and complete the application by the Spring due date.

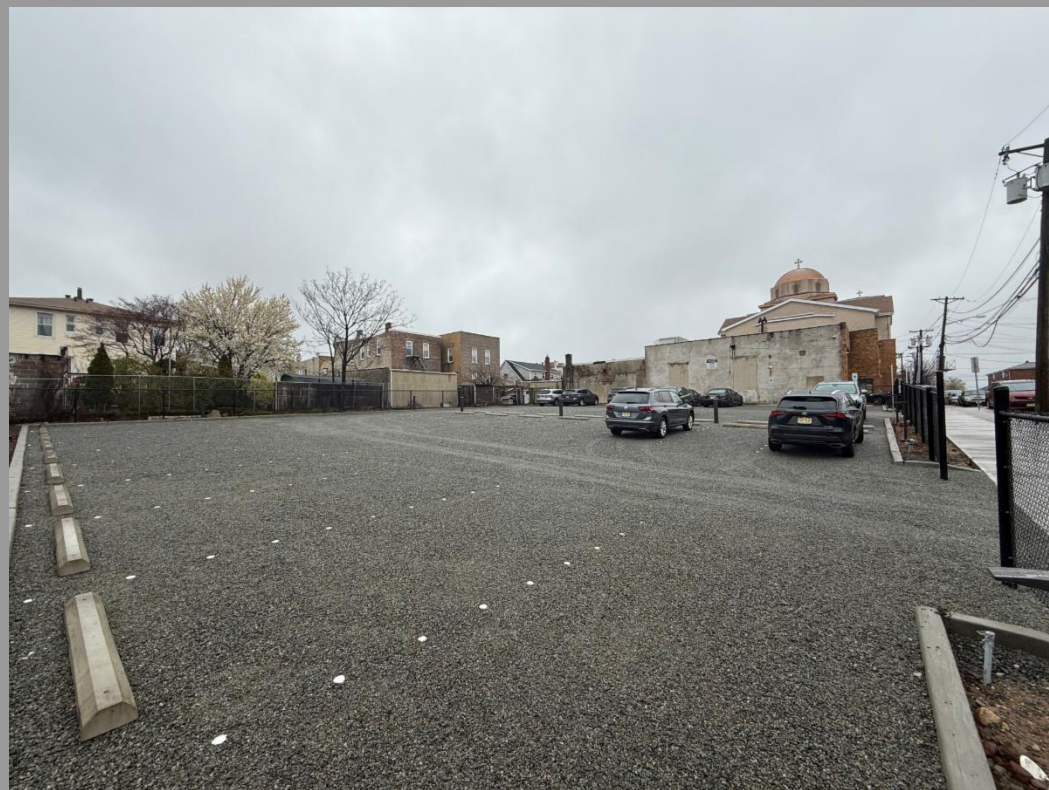
Thank you for your immediate attention.

Happy New Year to you and Your Families!

NEW PARKING

Our new parking lot is OPEN for our community members! The parking lot on Henry Street will be open every Sunday, every day for major holidays. Today, after Divine Liturgy, Fr. Christos blessed the parking lot with the Agiasmos Service. We would like to thank Mr. Peter Frangiskou, our Parish Council President and the entire Parish Council for the energy and effort they put into this milestone for our community and of course Fr. Christos who always supports us in all we do! We hope to see you at our Church

Το καινούργιο πάρκινγκ στο Henry Street είναι ανοιχτό για χρήση από τα μέλη της κοινότητας μας! Θα είναι ανοιχτό κάθε Κυριακή, και στις μεγάλες γιορτές. Σήμερα μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία, ο π. Χρήστος έκανε αγιασμό να ευλογήσει το καινούργιο πάρκινγκ. Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τον κ. Παντελή Φραγκίσκου και όλα τα μέλη του εκκλησιαστικού συμβουλίου για τις τεράστιες προσπάθειες που κατέβαλαν για το μεγάλο αυτό επίτευγμα, και φυσικά τον π. Χρήστο που είναι πάντα δίπλα μας!



KYPIAKH TON BAION - PALM SUNDA

Την Κυριακή των Βαΐων το συμβούλιο της εκκλησίας αναβίωσε το εθιμο του Μπακαλιάρου διοργανώνοντας μια ξεχωριστή ημέρα. Η αίθουσα της εκκλησίας κατακλύστηκε απο κόσμο που ήρθαν να απολαύσουν τα νόστιμα εδέσματα.

On Palm Sunday, the Parish Council once again, revived the custom of eating codfish by organizing this event and making it a special day. The Church Hall was flooded with people who came to enjoy the delicious food.







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