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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW

### CHRIST IS RISEN!

Truly He has Risen! We will be celebrating the Holy Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on May 5th (the latest Pascha can be celebrated). We will be using this greeting when we see each other until June 12th a full forty days until the Apodosis (Leave-taking) of Pascha. By maintaining the tradition of the church over the centuries, we continually embrace our Lord's resurrection and keep the light we received on Pascha alive in our hearts and in our daily lives. However, will our busy schedules overtake our lives, and soon we will begin to forget to greet one another with the glorious phrase of "Christ is Risen!" I would like to share a little story I read about being busy and being under Satan's yoke.

Addressing a worldwide convention of demons, Satan told them: "As long as Christians stay close to God, we've no power over them, so here's what you need to do: 1) Keep them busy with nonessentials. 2) Tempt them to overspend and go into debt. 3) Make them work long hours to maintain empty lifestyles. 4) Discourage them from spending family time, for when homes disintegrate there's no refuge from work. 5) Overstimulate their minds with television and computers and cell phones so that they can't hear God speaking to them. 6) Fill their coffee tables and nightstands with magazines and newspapers, so they've no time for

Bible reading. 7) Flood their mailboxes and inboxes with emails, sweepstakes, promotions, and get-rich-quick schemes; keep them chasing material things. 8) Put glamorous models on TV and Magazine covers to keep them focused on outward appearances; that way they'll be dissatisfied with themselves and their friends. 9) Make sure couples are too exhausted for physical intimacy; that way they'll be tempted to look elsewhere. 10) Emphasize Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, that way you'll divert them from the real meaning of the holidays. 11) Involve them in "good causes" so they won't have any time for "eternal ones." 12) Make them self-reliant and focused on the "I". Keep them so busy working on their own strength that they'll never experience God's power and strength working through them. I promise-it'll work!

Have you figured out the difference between being busy and being successful in God? Sometimes being "B-U-S-Y" just means Being Under Satan's Yoke! Let us not become too BUSY, but let us always remember Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what He did for us all, to die on the cross and resurrect for our salvation offering us eternal life.

Christ is Risen!

+ Fr. Andrew Eugenis

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And make sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

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The St. George Beacon of Orthodoxy & Hellenism newsletter is published five times a year. All submissions and pictures will be reviewed prior to printing by the Beacon committee and under the guidance of Father Andrew Eugenis. All articles, flyers and photos must be submitted by email with a contact name and phone number to Niki Cronen at [nikicronen@gmail.com](mailto:nikicronen@gmail.com). All submissions must be received by the following deadline dates to be considered.

**Edition**

January/February  
 March/April  
 May/June  
 August/September/October  
 November/December

**Deadline**

December 1st  
 February 1st  
 April 1st  
 July 1st  
 October 1st

## *From the Parish Council...*

Xristos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

On behalf of the Parish Council I wish You and your families a blessed Pascha. I pray that you found peace leading up to the glorious Resurrection!

With Pascha being so late this year, there's a few things that went on in the life of our parish that should be mentioned:

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the 2024 Man and Women of the Year. Penny Gabriel and Dr. Kosta Linardakis, for all they do for our St. George. Well deserved!

Our Greek School children once again took 1st place in a Worldwide Contest and 2nd place in another category. Bravo. Congratulations to our students, teachers, and Directors for their hard work to keep Hellenism alive. Thank you for always making us Proud; your hard work is noticed.

Thank you to Nick Ruvelas for the amazing Lectures on Iconography. The attendees learned so much more about Iconography and Saints. Ask Father Andrew if you would like to sponsor any of the available Iconography.

In April, our Goyans Participated in the annual sights and sounds in upper Darby PA. As I am writing this, we don't know the outcome, but I am confident that our Goyans represented our St. George proudly. Our Goyans will show some of their sights and sounds to our community at coffee hour. The date will be announced well in advance. Goyans also participated in the indoor soccer tournament. We always compete well at this event Go AP Go.

Our Young Adults (YAL) Ministry is a way to grow our parish; I would like to Thank Kristina and George Kamaratos and Niko and Anastasia Eugenis for coming onboard to help rejuvenate this important Ministry. The Parish Council and I are looking forward to working with them.

This fearsome foursome will also join forces with Angela Koumoutsos and her committee from Journey to Marriage Ministry. Newly married couples will enjoy a wine and cheese fellowship evening.

Also, for our Young Adults, Yianni and George Kavarakas will reprise Steward Gym night where stewards of our church can come to the gym on a Sunday night for an informal night of pickup basketball.

Our Philoptochos Ladies have been hard at work making pastries for their bake sale and for the Jersey Shore Greek Festival slated for May 31, June 1, and June 2. Help is always needed and appreciated. If you like to bake, roll, or even package the delicious treats reach out to Errie Teevan with any questions. There's a job for everyone.

Scholarship Sunday is on June 30; all college bound students please check our website for scholarship opportunities: thank you to all our sponsors.

Our Festival is in need of YOUR HELP! I invite all parishioners, ministries and organizations to sign upon Sign up Genius to volunteer. You can also call the office to offer your support.

With Love, Peace, and our Lord's Blessing,

George Costidis

Your Parish Council President

Xristos Anesti! Christ is Risen

## CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Orthos begins at 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am  
(Unless otherwise noted)

### May 2024

1	Wednesday	8:30AM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
		4:00PM	Holy Unction Service
		7:00PM	Bridegroom Service (Last Supper) Unction Administered
2	Thursday	6:00AM	Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil & Unction Administered
		7:00PM	Passion Gospels & Unction Administered
3	Friday	9:00AM	Royal Hours & Unction Administered
		4:00PM	Apokathelosis & Unction Administered
		7:00PM	Epitaphios Thrinos & Unction Administered
4	Saturday	8:30AM	Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil & Unction Administered
		11:00PM	Canon of the Resurrection
5	Sunday	12:00N	Great and Holy Pascha
		11:00AM	AGAPE Service
6	Monday		St. George the Great Martyr & Triumphant; Patron Saint of Our Church

8	Wednesday	St. John the Theologian
10	Friday	Life-Giving Font
12	Sunday	Sunday of Thomas
19	Sunday	Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women
26	Sunday	Sunday of the Paralytic
29	Wednesday	Mid-Pentecost

### June 2024

2	Sunday	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
9	Sunday	Sunday of the Blind Man
12	Wednesday	Apodosis of Pascha
13	Thursday	Holy Ascension
16	Sunday	Father of the 1st Ecumenical Council
22	Saturday	Saturday of Souls
23	Sunday	Holy Pentecost
24	Monday	Holy Spirit and the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
29	Saturday	Saints of Peter and Paul
30	Sunday	Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

## RECENT SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms / Chrismations:

March 16, 2024	Isla Mei Yin Liu
March 23, 2024	Panyotie Ace Lemire-Brecht
May 5, 2024	Andrew Vito Piccolino
May 11, 2024	Kaiden Elizabeth Marr
May 18, 2024	Melina Sophia McEveny
May 18, 2024	Chelsea Roberts
May 18, 2024	Tristan DeLucia
May 18, 2024	Vienna DeLucia
June 9, 2024	Konstantina Despina Koumoutsos
June 15, 2024	Lorenzo Daniel Russomanno
June 22, 2024	Paul Alexander Dooley
June 30, 2024	John Rocco Hoefler
June 30, 2024	Harry William Raulerson

### Weddings

March 1, 2024	Kristina DiNardo & Jonathan Worrall
May 25, 2024	Marian Andrea Maddela & George Parlamas
July 12, 2024	Stamatia Nikitopoulos & Michael Staub

### Deaths:

August 29, 2023	Robert Lee Blake, Sr.
September 24, 2023	Alexandra Diglio
October 19, 2023	Harry W. Angeles
January 23, 2024	James Kostins
February 29, 2024	Thomas Keith Rospos

# SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP

*"What we are is our gift from God. What we do with that gift, is our gift to God."*

*Fr. Andrew*

## THE SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP

*Excerpts from an article written by Fr. Stavros*

If one has the understanding that everything good that we have is from God, then anytime we are "giving" we are actually "giving back." I think it is important that we have a consciousness of giving back to God from what He has given us. We've talked about "stewardship" in our churches as offering of time, talent and treasure back to God and the church. We've talked about the "tithe", which is supposed to be a ten percent offering of our treasure back to God. Again, we need to emphasize the "back" in giving back. When we give, we think "sacrifice." I'm making a sacrifice in giving to God, or to someone else. When we think of "giving BACK", then we think blessing and gratitude. I'm giving back with gratitude from what He has blessed me with—time, talent, treasure.

For this reflection, **let us focus on the time and talent aspects of stewardship.** It is important that we "give back" time and talent to God. The time portion, I have come to understand in recent years, is the personal time we spend praying, worshipping and learning. It is not the time we spend volunteering. That is talent. There are plenty of people who spend a substantial amount of hours volunteering, which is good, but who never take time to pray, worship, read Scripture or learn about the faith. That ultimately ends up being a bad thing. Because if we don't understand the Lord, or have a relationship with Him, then we will only be "giving" and not "giving back" and our giving ultimately will reap a material reward, rather than the spiritual reward that comes from "serving." The time component in relationship to God is important, because it helps define whether we give or give back, whether we work or whether we serve.

Going now to talent. Everyone has some talent that can be used in order to provide sustenance for ourselves. Not everyone is going to be the CEO of a company. Some people will gain sustenance from a less glamorous job. And just like everyone has a talent that can be used to provide sustenance for themselves and to be a cog in the wheel of society which needs all kinds of talents and all kinds of jobs in order to function correctly, we can all use probably the same talents in our off hours to serve as a volunteer. "I'm too busy" can't be a perpetual excuse.

There is a spiritual benefit from volunteering. You feel like you are serving and not just working, and you feel like you are giving back and not just giving. But there is a personal benefit—it just feels good. It feels good to do something and receive no payment in return. The purest form of service is when we serve expecting nothing in return. It is important that we all spend some time doing volunteer work. One important thing about volunteering is that we don't have to suffer volunteering. We don't have to engage in some kind of work that is foreign or frustrating to us. Take the talent you are already using in your job and give a portion of it back as a volunteer. Or take a talent you have that you can't use in your job and offer it as a volunteer. A great example of that is coaching youth sports—most coaches do not do that as a full-time job. They are lawyers, or doctors, or teachers, or businessmen/women who enjoy sports and who enjoy serving as coaches, not only to serve but because it opens an entirely different dimension and opportunity than their regular jobs do. Whatever job you have and whatever you have in life, it is important that we serve and not just work. It is important that we give back, and not just give.

## Stewardship 2024

**"What we are is our gift from God. What we do with that gift, is our gift to God."**

**Fr. Andrew**

• Christian Stewardship is all about becoming good caretakers of all that God has given us. Through Holy Scripture He teaches us all that we have is a loan. We may take possession of it for a period of time, but we eventually leave it for others. We spend so much of our time and energy accumulating more while we shortchange the most valuable treasure, loving the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and attending the Churches (Houses of Worship) we have built for Him. Please try to recruit more parishioners to our Church and also spread Christian Orthodoxy, the oldest and most archaic and traditional Christian religion.

• As faithful Orthodox Christians in the St. George Community, we are called to give our time and talent and to donate our treasure from our heart and to the best of our ability. As proud and loyal caretakers of our beautiful St. George Church, the House of God, we are all responsible for its operation and maintenance in the same way as with our own homes.

• As mentioned in my previous Stewardship article our goal this year is to increase our Stewardship membership and participation to 400 supporting Stewards versus 370 in 2023, and donations to \$400k, a 6% increase. I am sure with your help and commitment these two goals will be met or hopefully surpassed. For your convenience, if you have neither pledged or donated, attached is a 2024 Stewardship Form (copies are also available in the Narthex, at the Church Office and on the Church Website).

*"The rich man is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much. For what one gives away, he keeps for all eternity."*  
St. John Chrysostom

• Please continue to be generous to St. George, its Community and its 38+ Ministries by offering your Time, Talent and Treasure.

• I am delighted to announce that a Stewardship Committee has been formed consisting of: Tom Georges, John Pardenak and Aris Pavlides. With their help and experience, Stewardship will reach new heights. Please welcome them!

• On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I would like to wish you and your families "Kalo Pascha"; may the resurrection of our Almighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ also remind us of an opportunity to renew our lives going forward.

**".....as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life." Romans 6:4**

Let us count our blessings, love each other and adhere to our strong faith. Hronia Polla kai Kala me Ygeia kai Eftyhia!

May God bless us all and keep us healthy and safe!

In God's Service,  
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## 2024 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Please see reverse side for required additional information)

### PLEDGE INFORMATION

*In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ's work at St. George Church for 2024*

- ☐ \$10,000 or 12 monthly payments of \$833.34
- ☐ \$ 7,500 or 12 monthly payments of \$625.00
- ☐ \$ 5,000 or 12 monthly payments of \$416.67
- ☐ \$ 3,000 or 12 monthly payments of \$250.00
- ☐ \$ 1,350 Suggested minimum for Families or 12 monthly payments of \$112.50
- ☐ \$ 700 Suggested minimum for Seniors and Singles or 12 monthly payments of \$58.34
- ☐ \$ 120 Suggested minimum for College Students or 12 monthly payments of \$10.00
- ☐ Other – Please enter total amount of your commitment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The above amount will be given: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Annual (One time)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION

NEED TO RENEW EVERY YEAR

*I authorize the payment of my pledge, according to the payment plan selected by the following credit card:*

☐ VISA / ☐ MC / ☐ AMEX # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_



Cardholder's Name as shown on card (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Cardmember's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



### ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF GIVING ONLINE!!

Please note that you must fill out a form and/or enter your pledge on Vanco every year.

Recurring payments do not renew year to year.

You can now pledge and pay your Stewardship and your regular weekly offerings with the convenience of electronic giving! On our Vanco system, Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card. Go to [www.stgeorgeap.org](http://www.stgeorgeap.org) ONLINE GIVING. You can easily set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

*For your convenience, the use of Vanco online payment system is now available for 2024. If you are unfamiliar with Vanco, please contact the Church Office if you need assistance setting up payments.*

*To transfer shares of a stock or bonds toward your Stewardship, contact the Church Office.  
"Let your Love for St. George live on well into the Future by including St. George in your Estate Planning".*





# Ladies Philoptochos Society

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is always busy working hard to provide for those who need it most and to support our beloved St. George Church.

Wishing you all a blessed remaining Lent with love in your hearts. This year we are continuing our "Acts of Kindness". The "Act of Kindness" suggestion reminds you to complete one small suggested task to give kindness to others. To participate email us at [Philoptochos.Mail@philoptochosoceannj.org](mailto:Philoptochos.Mail@philoptochosoceannj.org)

What better month to remember our community's college students than the month of February! It was with love that 56 packages were mailed to college campuses all over the country in hopes that we would put a smile on our students' faces and let them know that their St. George community is always thinking and praying for them. The goody box included delicious koulourakia and paximadia made by our ladies of the Philoptochos, popcorn, gum, fuzzy socks, chapstick, scrumptious Greek chocolate donated by the Moutis family, a laminated icon and a very special small gold plated cross that can be worn on a chain given by the office of the Archdiocese. Many students have sent their thanks! Thank you to everyone who supported this effort.

In March, Philoptochos held a very successful Diaper Drive to support Pinwheel Place in Eatontown, a home to help mothers care for their children when they must work. Thank you to everyone for their continuous donations to assist local charities.

We honored our most recent President, Marissa Costidis, with a past-president's Luncheon on March 10 at the Deal Country Club. Fr. Andrew, Deacon Emanuel, Presvytera Angela and more than 65 women (plus Marissa's family) attended to thank Marissa for her 4 years as president during the difficult years of Covid. We all enjoyed a delicious meal and lots of fellowship.

Also in March, our parish honored Board Member Penelope Gabriel as Woman of the Year! Penelope has been an active member of our Board for many years. She helps wherever she is needed. You will see her in all parts of our Church, a part of many organizations. Please, when you see Penelope, let her know how much she is appreciated.

Our Palm Sunday Bake Sale is now underway. Thank you to all our Philoptochos women, and all who help with baking. You support us with love and dedication by helping mix, roll and bake. And thank you to all who support our Philoptochos by purchasing our delicious treats during our bake sales.

On Monday, May 6, join us for the Feast day Celebration of our patron saint, St. George. The Philoptochos is sponsoring light refreshments immediately after services. (When St. George Feast day falls during Lent, we celebrate the Saint on the day after Pascha.) If you would like to honor a George in your life, and bring a baked treat, for the reception please contact [marissa.costidis@gmail.com](mailto:marissa.costidis@gmail.com)

May you have a blessed Pascha!





## Daughters of Penelope



Aulis 195 kicked off February with a bang! First up, several members not only attended, but several danced in the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey 50th Anniversary Gala held on February 3. Fun fact, the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey originated at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church. Many of our Daughters of Penelope were either original members of the dance group or dancers later on. Some even served as Assistant Directors, and many sat or sit on the Board of Directors! Happy 50th Anniversary to the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey!

Thirteen members attended the AHEPA #287 Valentine's Dance on February 10. Party goers enjoyed an incredible night full of amazing food, dancing and entertainment from our GOYA. Presbyteria out did herself with the Gift Auction as well. We are looking forward to even more Sisters attending next year's dance.

On Sunday, February 25, Aulis held their 75th Anniversary Coffee Hour. We were so excited to share our rich history with our St. George Community via relics, photo albums, a slide show and awards. We were blessed to have our two oldest and longest standing members in attendance, Sophie Anest and Tina Panas. Both are over 90 years young and continue to participate in our chapter. We were able to shower not only them, but also Patty Vlahos with flowers. Patty has served as Chapter President for a combined 14 years. We thank Patty for not only stepping up and serving our chapter, but for giving tirelessly of her time and talents, like so many other Sisters.

Throughout the month of March, Sister Jacquelyn attended several DOP Academy Workshops (Orientation, Online Membership Program and Back To Basics). These workshops are open to all Daughters.

Sisters Jacquelyn & Carissa attended the Tethys #229 Mental Health Workshop in Piscataway. It was a great event which spoke on suicide prevention and help. While in the early planning stages, Aulis plans to host a Mental Health Workshop with other ministries in the coming new year.

On March 9, Aulis competed with several other chapters in the District 5 Education Foundation sponsored Festival of Tables. Sisters Patty, Robin, Karen, Elaine, Mary, Jillian, Antonia, Antoinette, JoAnn and Jacquelyn worked hard to setup this show stopping display, complete with a spinning Christmas Tree. It was a lot of fun, and it's always a pleasure to see the creativity of other Sisters in the District. While we didn't place with our stunning Winter Wonderland Table, we certainly won largest display!

On March 11, Sisters Patty, Elaine, Mary and Jacquelyn brought a truckload of food to the Fulfill Food Bank in Neptune, NJ. We were able to sponsor 719 meals with a \$200 donation and 143 pounds of food. This event was sponsored internally. We will be hosting a Food Drive, where we invite our St. George Community to donate food, on June 15 and 16. So save the date and help us fill the truck!

Later in the evening, we hosted a Paint & Sip Membership Drive with 40 ladies in attendance. We are thrilled to welcome 10 new members: Nitsa Anastasiou, Angela Gkionis, Marina Hahlidis, Pagona Hahlidis, Stacy Jackson, Lisa Kostidakis, Natasha Liu, Carissa Marousis-Bush, Androniki Nicholas, Renoula Paviadakis and Errie Teevan. We also officially welcomed Georgia Vlit as a reinstatement and transfer to our chapter.

Some other notable events: March 17 Women's History Greater Together Event hosted by Chryssida #438 at Kontos Foods, March 21 The NJ Hellenic Heritage Commission NJ State Flag Raising Event in Trenton, NJ, March 24 Annual Fasolatha Soup Giveaway (266 containers, thank you to our Committee Chair Dimitra Pappoulis) and March 25 The Ocean Township Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Event.

Happy Birthday to Sisters: Effie Psomias 3/1, Peggy Kalamaras 3/10, JoAnn Hittie 3/26, Athena Ieromonahos 4/2, Tina Panas 4/12, Maria Conery 4/13, Andrea Hellenghausen 4/15, Sophie Anest 4/17, and Penny Gabriel 4/17. To many more years of life and health! A big congratulations to these members for their many years of service to the Daughters of Penelope for the months of March & April: Mary Hadjiyerou (35 years), Mary Giannakopoulos (4 years), Maria Conery (22 years), Pari Harrison (5 years), Joann Cahill (7 years), Elise Rogers (16 years), Maria Tsivicos (2 years), Maria Vafias (2 years), Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades (25 years), Marissa Costidis (14 years), Angela Koumoutsos (15 years), Antonia Lyons (14 years) and Anne Papageorge (11 years).

Thank you to the St. George Community. We appreciate and value you for your continued support of our chapter. To learn more about the Daughters of Penelope, see our calendar, or join, please go to: [www.dop195.org](http://www.dop195.org).



*Welcome New Members*

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## Daughters of Penelope



*Fasolatha Soup*



*Festival of Tables*



*Paint and Sip Event*



*Aulis 75th*



*Aulis at The AHEPA Dance*

## Greek Independence Day





# AGAPE MINISTRIES

*There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future*

*---St. Augustine*

*AGAPE is Christian love.... In Action It never stops doing good*

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## 40 Day Blessing:

## Baptism:

## Wedding:

## New Hope:

*Grief Support Group*

## Welcome:

## St. George Guides:

## Faithful Hands:

*Knit & Crochet*

## Coffee Hour Ministry

*Coffee Hour Helpers*

## Environmental Stewardship

## & Protection Ministry

## St. George Newlyweds:

## Newcomers & Visitors:

## Light of Life

*Chrismation Ministry*

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Krissy Conery Chelli  
Vicki Kamaratos  
Donna Karpodinis  
Barbara Van Wagner  
Antonia Lyons

Angela Koumoutsos  
Arthur Pappaylion  
Bea Paparsenos

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***Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!***  
***Χριστος Ανεστη! Αληθως Ανεστη!***



## Faithful Hands



**Faithful Hands continues to meet every Tuesday in the church library from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**We are currently crocheting and knitting blankets for 40 day blessings and blankets for hospitalized children that are distributed by Project Linus.**

We welcome any newcomers to join us. It is not necessary to know how to knit or crochet. We will teach you! Most of our participants did not know how to crochet or knit and are now making beautiful blankets!

Please call or text Bea Paparsenos at 732-585-3402 or email at [beapap@live.com](mailto:beapap@live.com) for more information.







# AHEPA NEWS CORNER

Thomas A. Edison Chapter, 287 – Ocean, NJ

The Mission of our AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism. Think big!

## Our Great “Thomas A. Edison Chapter 287”

- March 11, 2024 was a memorable and historic day for our Chapter. On that day, our AHEPA Supreme President and Chapter Brother Savas Tsivicos presided over the initiation of 10 new Brothers and then welcomed 4 transfers and 1 reinstatement. This brings our number of sworn in Brothers to 97 up from 58 year-end 2021, a 65% increase. (Membership exceeds 100.) Our Chapter should be very proud of this accomplishment. For our next initiation we already have 6 members; 3 who have already filled out their applications and paid their 2024 dues and 3 who are interested to join. The next number of 110 is a milestone within our reach! It should also be noted that 55 Brothers attended this ceremony which is another record for attendance.

- With this addition of Brothers we are now one of the biggest Chapters in the District, if not the third biggest. And, we have more room to grow with more members to be initiated next time. With your help and commitment to AHEPA and its Mission we can do it.

- Our fund raisers so far have been very successful due to the leadership of great Chairs and their Committees:

1) Super Bowl 50/50 Raffle – Chaired by Brother Odysseas Kolasis not only was he able to sell one Box of 100 but two.

2) AHEPA Annual Dinner Dance- Chairman Brother Teddy Kavarakas, with the help of co-Chairs and Brothers George Sakelaris, George Moutis, George Lallis, Nick Billows, Sister Jacquelyn Marousis-Bush, Dear Presv. Angela Eugenis, Yianni Kavarakas and Brendan(Theodoros) Ballintine, raised 33% more than a year ago.

3) AHEPA High Society Night- Chaired by Peter Venetis and co-Chaired by Brothers Frank Lambrinos and Aris Papageorge had a record-breaking fund raiser.

4) NCAA/March Madness Tournament –Currently in progress-Chaired By Brother Odysseas Kolasis.

5) AHEPA Golf Outing – Scheduled for June 20, 2024-Chaired by Brother George Perentesis and co-Chaired by Brothers George Haloukas, Mike Schwarz, Petros Vlitias, Nick Billows, Sister Jacquelyn Marousis-Bush, Steve Xanthacos, Brendan Ballintine, Greg Billows, Arthur Pappaylion, Dimitri Geaneas, Paul Kalamaras.

## • Promoting Hellenism :

a) Hellenic History Tournament- We are proud to announce that one of our three Teams participating at this event on February 17 finished in second place and were the recipients of \$500 each. This team which consisted of children whose fathers are Brothers of our Chapter were:

Marika Kostidakis, Tony Gemelos and Cassandra Kelesidis. Our youth of 9 did very well overall considering the limited time they had to study. Well done and bravo to all of them! Next year our goal will be to start early and finish in first and second place and receive the awards of \$1,000 and \$500 respectively. Thank you to Brothers Ari Papageorge and George Moutis for spearheading this event.

b) AHEPA Hellenism Series- Brother Brendan (Theodoros) Ballintine has taken the initiative of promoting Hellenism with his well-written articles in the Beacon. Thank you Brother Brendan!

c) GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY – FLAG RAISING  
This event which took place on March 25th at 9:00 AM at the Ocean Town Hall was initiated by our Supreme President Savas Tsivicos through the efforts of Senator Vin Gopal. Approximately 40 Parishioners and Brothers witnessed the Greek Flag being raised while singing the Greek National Anthem. Xronia Polla kai Zito h Ellada!

## • Donations were made to the following two National AHEPA Events:

1) The AHEPAN Charity Run in the 2024 Boston Marathon on April 15. All proceeds will go toward the national fund raiser for the “2024 Journey to Greece”.

2) The 2024 AHEPA Congressional Banquet in Washington D.C. on May 22. An opportunity to chat with prominent and local Congressmen and Senators and promote Hellenic issues.

- Please do not forget that this year the **AHEPA Family Supreme Convention will be in Larnaca, Cyprus (“Never Forget”), July 21-July 27**. Please try to attend and register as soon as possible because rooms are going quickly. For most of us this may truly be a once in a lifetime experience!

- Again, I would like to thank our great Executive Board (Brothers Arthur, George, Nick, Brendan and Paul) and all the Committee Chairs and Brothers for their leadership and tireless efforts. As an AHEPA family and Chapter we can accomplish everything we set our minds to.

God bless AHEPA and their Families!

Dimitris Geaneas-President of AHEPA Thomas A. Edison Chapter 287-Cell Phone 908 770 2426



*We were honored by having Supreme President Savas Tsivikos help initiate these members with 5 more later. Our chapter is now over 100 members*

*The Ahepa Supreme President, Savas Tsivikos visited our chapter and honored Dimitrios Geaneas, President for his dedication to Ahepa by increasing our membership to over 100 members. Arthur Pappaylion, Vice President, was honored for bringing back the chapter and his dedication & hard work as a senior advisor & a Lifetime Member. George Perentesis as being a past chapter president and a current District 5 Lodge member. The red white & Blue ribbons were presented at the meeting. AXIOS*



*AHEPA Flag Raising Ceremony celebrating Greek Independence Day at town hall in Ocean Twp.*



*Our AHEPA Chapter was honored not only by having the Supreme President Savas Tsivikos in attendance but also having over 55 brothers watch as 10 brothers were initiated. Having a successful dance and casino night we are now looking forward to our Golf outing on June 20th at Harmonies golf course in Colts Neck, NJ.*





## AHEPA Hellenism Series

Hellenism is everywhere we look around us and within us. In this AHEPA article, we will explore one of the highest artistic achievements of ancient Greece: **Sculpture**

Ancient Greeks held sculpture as the highest of all forms of artistic expression and used sculpture to celebrate the divine and mortal alike. The Hellenes held beauty as a virtue of high regard and sculptors aimed to capture not only physical beauty but also inner qualities such as strength, grace, and wisdom. Marble and bronze were the preferred mediums for sculptures, though certain sculptures, like the enormous Zeus at Olympia were made of materials like ivory and gold.



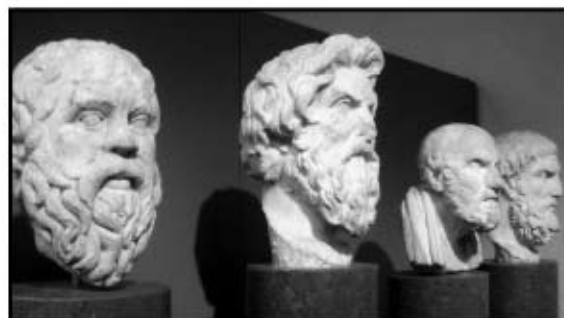
At a time when no one had cameras, few could read and even fewer could write, sculptures were commissioned to bring a sense of everlasting and ironically, life likeness to heroes, athletes, philosophers and politicians for the generations that came after. In essence, it is through Greek sculpture that our modern sense of portrait came into being, like the busts of philosophers on the right.

With the Roman conquest of Hellas, it became fashionable in Roman villas to commission replicas of the most famous and ideal of Greek statues. Many of the Greek works we have today are due to the replicas made by Romans centuries later.



In modern times, when rediscovering the classics from the Greeks, contemporary historians and artists believed the sculptures to be without color. In the 21st century, though, new technology and computer modeling has revealed that in fact, most sculpture was colored in the most vibrant and lifelike manner, as can be witnessed in the recreation of the Phrygian archer above, from the Parthenon in Athens, which when still a functional temple and later church, was adorned with colorful sculpture.

- Brendan Ballintine





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEK SCHOOL

The Greek School continues to be busy! Our school once again participated in a contest called the International Student Contest Cyprus-Greece-Homogeneity: Educational Bridges. The students that participated were Katerina Belekos, Agelina Hahlidis, Zorian Benavides, Konstantinos Lekkas, Elias Magriplis, and Zoe Zaharatos. Our school teamed up with nine more schools and submitted a project in the website category. The nine schools included two schools from Cyprus, two from Greece, one from the United Kingdom, one from Canada, two from South Africa, and one from Australia. There were 1,058 total projects submitted, 20 of which were in our website category. Our team got first place! We are very grateful for the opportunity given to our students to be part of this contest.

Students got in the spirit of celebrating Greek Independence Day by decorating the roundabout in front of our church with Greek flags. What started as a way to commemorate the 200th anniversary of independence, has turned into a tradition for our students. The Independence Day Program was well attended by our parishioners on Sunday, March 24th. We thank you all for your support as it helps to show our children how their hard work is appreciated by all. This year our program also commemorated the 50th year of occupation of Cyprus. Our students did a beautiful job reciting their poems, executing an emotional play, and singing traditional songs under the guidance of Mrs. Alexandra Wright.

As the year winds down, we still have lots to celebrate! The Independence Day Parade will be hosted on Sunday, April 14th in New York City. We anticipate a large turnout from the Greek diaspora. PTO will also host our annual lenten breakfast and palm making on Saturday, April 27th. All are welcome to have lenten pancakes and make palms for Palm Sunday. Our end of the year program will take place on Sunday, June 9th. Join us as we say farewell to our graduating students and we celebrate the beginning of summer!

Lastly, we look forward to our 2024-2025 school year and meeting our new students and families. Please be on the lookout for registration which will likely go out this summer. We are also seeking a teacher to join our team for the 2024-2025 school year. Please reach out to Antonia Sum at [atsiandi@gmail.com](mailto:atsiandi@gmail.com) or Maria Lambrinos at [MLambrinos@hotmail.com](mailto:MLambrinos@hotmail.com) for more information.

Είναι χαρά μας που το Ελληνικό Σχολείο συνεχίζει να είναι δημιουργικό. Οι μαθητές της 4ης και 6ης τάξης έλαβαν μέρος στον Διεθνή Μαθητικό Διαγωνισμό Κύπρος-Ελλάδα-Ομογένεια: Εκπαιδευτικές Γέφυρες. Στο διαγωνισμό αυτό έλαβαν μέρος η Κατερίνα Μπελέκου, Αγγελίνα Χαχλίδης, Ζοριάν Μπεναβίδης, Κωνσταντίνος Λέκκας, Ηλίας Μαγριπλής, και Ζωή Ζαχαράτος. Στην ομάδα μας ήταν συνολικά 9 σχολεία, δύο από Κύπρο, δύο από Ελλάδα, ένα από Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο, ένα από Καναδά, δύο από Νότιο Αφρική, και ένα από την Αυστραλία. Συνολικά καταχωρήθηκαν 1.058 εργασίες, 20 από τις οποίες ήταν στην κατηγορία μας, την κατηγορία ιστοσελίδας. Η ομάδα μας κατάφερε να πάρει την πρώτη θέση! Είμαστε βαθιά ευγνώμων για την ευκαιρία που είχαμε να συμμετέχουμε σε αυτόν τον διαγωνισμό, και πολύ περήφανοι για τα παιδιά μας.

Τον Μάρτιο ξεκινήσαμε το γιορτασμό της ημέρας Ανεξαρτησίας και Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου με το στολισμό σημαίων στην αυλή της εκκλησίας μας. Αυτό το έθιμο ξεκίνησε πριν 3 χρόνια, όταν γιορτάσαμε τη διακοσαετία της Ανεξαρτησίας, και έχει πλέον καθιερωθεί ως ετήσιο έθιμο. Το Σχολικό Γιορτινό Πρόγραμμα έγινε με μεγάλη επιτυχία στις 24 Μαρτίου. Ευχαριστούμε όλους εσάς για την παρούσα και υποστήριξή σας. Μας τίμησε η παρουσία σας. Οι μαθητές απήγγειλαν όμορφα ποιήματα και παρουσίασαν ένα συγκινητικό θεατρικό έργο, όπου τμήσαμε και τους Ελληνοκύπριους ήρωες του 1974 στον πόλεμο ενάντια των τούρκων στην Κύπρο.

Αν και μας έμεινε μόνο λίγες εβδομάδες πριν τελειώσει η σχολική χρονιά, έχουμε μπροστά μας αρκετές δραστηριότητες για το υπόλοιπο της σχολικής χρονιάς. Στις 14 Απριλίου το σχολείο και η εκκλησία θα λάβει μέρος στην ετήσια Παρέλαση στη Νέα Υόρκη. Σας προσκαλούμε όλους να παρελασете μαζί μας και να εκπροσωπήσετε την ενορία μας. Ο Σύνδεσμος Γονέων θα προσφέρει πρόγευμα το Σάββατο του Λαζάρου μετά την πρωινή λειτουργία. Κατά τη διάρκεια του προγεύματος όλοι οι παρευρισκόμενοι θα έχουν την ευκαιρία να βοηθήσουν με το τυλίγμα των βαΐων. Η αποφοίτηση μας θα είναι την Κυριακή 9 Ιουνίου.

Τέλος, ανυπομονούμε να γνωρίσουμε τους νέους μαθητές για την επόμενη σχολική χρονιά. Έχουμε να συμπληρώσουμε μια θέση δασκάλας/λου. Αν ξέρετε κάποιον που ενδιαφέρεται παρακαλούμε όπως επικοινωνήσει μαζί μας για περισσότερες πληροφορίες στις ηλεκτρονικές διευθύνσεις [atsiandi@gmail.com](mailto:atsiandi@gmail.com) και [MLambrinos@hotmail.com](mailto:MLambrinos@hotmail.com).



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GREEK SCHOOL



Σοφία Χρυσανθόπουλος ως η Ελλάδα



Ζωή Ζαχαράτος ως Ιστορία



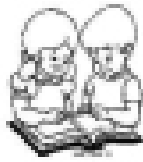
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Λέκκας ως ήρωας το 1821, Χρήστος Χαραλάμ ως  
Παλαιών Πατρών Γερμανός



Εβελίνα Χαραλάμ, Ζορκι  
Αλέξης Κόζακ, ως ήρωε  
Μπεναβίδης, και  
1821



# SUNDAY SCHOOL



On Saturday, March 16th, our church held its annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Everyone in the community should be very proud of seventh grader Elena Imbro for not only being the only participant, but also for so beautifully teaching us all about St. Theodora of Vasta. We look forward to many more years of her educating us through her beautiful words. Special thank you to Paul Koustouzakis for organizing and MCing the event as well as Katelyn Falcone, Alex Schobel, and Peter Psillas for dedicating their time to judge this wonderful event. We hope more students can participate next year!

On March 24th Orthodox churches around the world celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy and the return of icons into the rightful place in their place in the church. Once again the youth of our church participated in the special prayer service by following the altar boys and clergy around the church proudly holding their favorite icons. This is always

such a beautiful way to include the young members into the life of the church.

A special congratulations to PK/Kindergarten teacher Michael D'Agnese who will be honored at the Metropolis of New Jersey Honoree Banquet in May for his dedication to engaging students ages 3-6 in memorable lessons that will help them bring our beautiful faith to life in their own lives and create a foundation in the love of God that will last a lifetime. Thank you to all of our dedicated Sunday School teachers for working so beautifully with our youth.

All kids three years old and up are welcome to join us Sundays after communion!

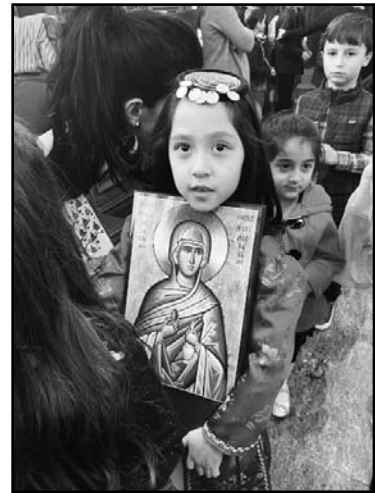
Contact Kristen Russo with questions.



*Fr. Andrew, Kristen Russo, Elena Imbro, Alex Schobel, Katelyn Falcone, Peter Psillas, and Paul Koustouzakis celebrate Elena's beautiful speech at the Oratorical Festival.*



*Students line up with their icons outside the church, excited to participate in the triumph of icons in the church*



*Birdie Sum proudly carries her patron saint's icon while also prepared to celebrate Greek Independence Day.*



*We should all be so proud of the turn out for the Sunday of Orthodoxy as dozens of our youth filled their church with pride in their religion.*

## Upcoming Sunday School Events



5/5 - Pascha – No Sunday School  
5/11- Mother's Day  
5/18 - Sunday School Graduation

## Sunday School Website



Check out our website for general information.

[tinyurl.com/stgsundayschool](http://tinyurl.com/stgsundayschool)





Dear St. George Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hello and happy spring! Our GOYANs have been preparing for our upcoming events which guide each GOYAN spiritually, mentally, and physically. Our GOYANs took the time to better themselves as well as to help others in the past few months. These months included the 30-Hour Famine, Olympics and the GOYA Prom. The 30-Hour Famine, one of the most amazing experiences of GOYA, brought a sense of self awareness and enlightenment of so many things that weren't given much attention before. GOYANs spent 30 Hours without eating any food from Holy Friday night until after receiving communion at the Paschal Resurrection Service; through World Vision, they sponsor a needy child throughout the world and raise funds to help feed these children that are dying every 12 seconds. During those 30 Hours GOYANs also helped clean the Church in preparation for the Resurrection Service. They walked around Pier Village with signs bringing awareness of the hunger around the world, and we held spiritual sessions to help bring us closer to God.

The annual GOYA Olympics is coming up with indoor Olympics on Saturday, May 13, and it consists of activities of chess, badminton, checkers, table tennis, backgammon, just dance and FIFA soccer. GOYANs make these events ways to connect with other churches and make friends with new people; it also is a very exciting way to show what your talents are that can benefit the church. GOYA outdoor Olympics takes place on Memorial Day weekend at Monmouth University. GOYANs take the weeks before to prepare and practice for Olympic events. We take time and effort to put our best attitudes into these events as well as to support one another as well as other churches. It is a great way to grow closer with others and develop bonds throughout the weekend. We also realize how important it is to keep

our faith in mind and thank God for the opportunities we have and for how lucky we are to have such fun activities to participate in while showing support for one another. The outdoor Olympics consists of many races, consisting of junior girl, junior boy, senior girl and senior boy. There is also softball toss and volleyball. In the end the churches and participants of the events are rewarded based on what they had successfully accomplished. They take home medals for either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. This part of Olympics is very important because everyone comes together as one to support those who worked hard for what they deserve and cheer on those who were so close.

A new event is being held this year: two years ago the first ever GOYA Prom was held! GOYANs got together for a formal night full of Greek dancing, photography, friendly hangouts and lots of love and laughter. The GOYA Prom is a new event that is a perfect way to end the year of GOYA; everyone comes together for a few hours of fun and for a different setting than the usual dances. This year's GOYA Prom will be the end of the year party, which is a beach event where we all will get together to hangout on the beach and eat as well as have a great night full of fun before the GOYA year ends for the summer. I have enjoyed being president as well as going to all of these events that I will always cherish and remember; GOYA has been a huge part of my life as well as my faith, and it has guided me through many things these past years. Being able to connect with all of my friends as well as making new ones these past years has been a large part of my life, and I will forever be so thankful. The GOYA community and family is truly amazing and something incredibly special.

GOYA President

Eleni Tsakiris



# HOMINY HILL GOLF COURSE

*Proudly Hosts*

**THE ORDER OF AHEPA**

**Thomas A Edison Chapter 287**

**4th Annual Golf Tournament & Awards Event**

**Thursday, June 20, 2024**

Hominy Hill Golf Course in Colts Neck, NJ

*\*Limited, first come first serve basis.*

Registration forms & Payments are due by May 1, 2024. Golf Attire Requested.

## ***Tournament Information***

Registration.....7:30AM

Breakfast.....8:00AM

Shot Gun Start.....9:00AM

## **Your Entry Fee Includes**

On Course Refreshments, Closest to the Pin, Breakfast, Hole-In-One, Lunch, Other Prizes, Scramble Format, Beat the Pro, Longest Drive, Driving Range, Putting Green  
Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place

## **Sponsorships**

### **EVENT SPONSORS: \$5,000.00**

Includes Two Foursomes, Exclusive Event Signage at Registration Desk & Main Entry, Course Signage (only one), Award Ceremony Recognition in Event Program & Ads.

### **AWARD SPONSORS: \$2,500.00**

Includes a Foursome, Exclusive Signage, Award Ceremony Recognition in Event Program & Ads.

### **FLEET SPONSORS: \$1,000.00**

Signs on Golf Carts GPS, Golf Registration for One, Recognition in Event Program & Ads.

### **EXCLUSIVE SPONSORSHIPS: \$500.00**

Sponsorship is available for the following: Breakfast, Lunch, Putting Green, Closest to the Pin, Beat the Pro, Hole In One, Longest Drive, or the Refreshment Cart. Exclusive Signage for above selections, Recognition in Event Program & Ads. 40% Discount on One Registration.

### **TEE/GREEN SPONSORS: \$200.00**

Tee/Green sign with Company/Individual Name, Recognition in Event Program & Ads.

### **PROGRAM SPONSORS: \$100.00**

Recognition in Event Program.





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## Supporting



AHEPA Charities & Scholarship Funds



Scan The QR Code For More Information  
 Or to Register Online

## Registration & Sponsorship Form

### Golfer Contact Information

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsorship(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

Make Checks Payable To: Order of AHEPA Thomas Edison Chapter 287  
 or Bill My VISA/ MC/ AMEX

Name On Account: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer(s) @ \$220.00: \_\_\_\_\_ Foursome @ \$880.00: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_



**An Invitation From Father Andrew**



## **BIBLE STUDY**

Interactive discussion and review via zoom

**May 7th - Bright Week - No Bible Study**

**May 14th, 21st, 28th**

**1 Corinthians, Chapters 1-3**

**June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th**

**1 Corinthians Chapters 4-7**

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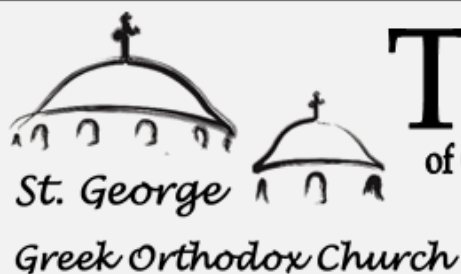


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