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SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 23 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ, 2024 ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ — SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



«Τη αυτή ημέρα, Κυριακή ογδόη από του Πάσχα, την αγίαν Πεντηκοστήν εορτάζομεν. Πνοή βιαία γλωσσοπυρσεύτως νέμει, Χριστός το θείον Πνεύμα τοις Αποστόλοις. Εκκέχυται μεγάλω ενί ήματι Πνεύμ' αλιεύσι. Ταις των αγίων Αποστόλων πρεσβείαις, Χριστέ ο Θεός ημών, ελέησον ημάς. Αμήν»

Μετά την Ανάληψη του Κυρίου στους ουρανούς, οι Απόστολοι και οι υπόλοιποι μαθητές του, καθώς και οι γυναίκες που από την αρχή τον είχαν ακολουθήσει, η Παναγία Παρθένος Μαρία η Μητέρα του, περίπου 120 άτομα, γύρισαν στο όρος των Ελαιών στην Ιερουσαλήμ και, μπαίνοντας στο υπερώο, δηλαδή στον πάνω όροφο του σπιτιού εκεί, περίμεναν με προσευχή την επιφοίτηση του Αγίου Πνεύματος, σύμφωνα με την υπόσχεση του Σωτήρα Χριστού. Στο μεταξύ εκεί, εξέλεξαν και τον Ματθία και τον συναρίθμησαν με τους ένδεκα Αποστόλους.

Τότε αυτοί πληρωθέντες από το Πνεύμα το Άγιο, άρχισαν να κηρύττουν και να καλούν τους ανθρώπους να βαπτισθούν και

να λάβουν κι αυτοί την χάρη του Αγίου Πνεύματος. Ό,τι είχαν ακούσει και ζήσει κοντά στο Χριστό και δεν το είχαν τότε κατανοήσει, τώρα εν Αγίω Πνεύματι το γνώρισαν και το επαγγέλλονται στο λαό.

Τώρα γνωρίζουν ποια είναι η προοπτική της καινής ζωής και που πρέπει να οδηγήσουν το λαό, γι' αυτό και τους πρώτους τρεις χιλιάδες που βαπτίστηκαν, τους οδηγούν στο Δείπνο της Ζωής, την Τράπεζα της Θείας Ευχαριστίας, όπου στο εξής θα βρίσκεται συναγμένη η Εκκλησία ως σώμα Χριστού, θα τρέφεται με το Σώμα και το Αίμα του Κυρίου και θα συμμετέχει έτσι στην αιώνια ζωή της Βασιλείας του Θεού.

Με την Πεντηκοστή δεν γεννήθηκε η Εκκλησία ως απλός θεσμός, αλλά ως συνεχής παρουσία της χάριτος του Αγίου Πνεύματος, και γι' αυτό η Πεντηκοστή δεν είναι ένα γεγονός που συνέβη μια φορά κάποτε, αλλά είναι η ζωή της Εκκλησίας, ως αδιάκοπη κοινωνία του Αγίου Πνεύματος. Η Πεντηκοστή, αποτελεί τη γενέθλια ημέρα της Εκκλησίας.

STEWARDSHIP-MEMBERSHIP 2024

We wanted to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to you for your support to our community by renewing your stewardship pledge for the current year. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and assists us in the maintenance of the community's programs and services. May the blessings of our Lord be with you and your family. We wish you healthy and renewed strength for the approaching Lenten Season!

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ "ΕΚΟΥΣΙΑΣ ΕΙΣΦΟΡΑΣ" 2024

Θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τα μέλη της κοινότητας μας που έχουν ανανεώσει την οικονομική προσφορά για το 2024. Για να γίνεται μέλη για το 2024, μπορείτε να συμπληρώσετε την κάρτα της ετήσιας προσφοράς σας που βρίσκετε στο παγκάρι του Ναού η στο γραφείο της κοινόητητος, και επιστρέφοντάς την στο γραφείο μας μαζί με το δώρο της αγάπης σας. Η δωρεά σας είναι μια έκφραση της πίστης και της ευγνωμοσύνης σας για τις πολλές ευλογίες στη ζωή σας. Καλό και ευλογημένο Τριώδιο σε όλους!



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The Children's Word: "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

A Good Routine. Do you know what a routine is?

It's the way you do something, especially when it's in a special order. You probably have a routine for how you get ready for school in the morning. First you get out of bed, then you get dressed, then you have breakfast, then you brush your teeth, and so on. Routines are good, because then we don't forget anything! In our prayers, we have routines too. First, we might say, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen." Then usually we say a prayer to the Holy Spirit. You know it, don't you? It starts, "Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth..." Before we start any of our prayers, we ask the Holy Spirit to come and be with us! Today is the great feast of Holy Pentecost, the day that the Holy Spirit came to be with the holy Apostles. They were Jesus's followers and helpers. We know that the Holy Spirit is God, and of course, it's so important to pray to Him! In the Bible, we hear how our Lord, Jesus Christ tells us to ask for the Holy Spirit! Can you make a routine for your prayers? Remember to pray to Holy Spirit first, and He will help you to pray and be close to God!

Είς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐζῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν. Στίχ. Οὶ ούρανοὶ διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεοῦ. **Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 2:1-11 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Έν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς, ἦσαν ἄπαντεςΝ ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἦχος ὥσπερ φερομένης πνοῆς βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὖ ἦσαν καθήμενοι. Καὶ ὤφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλῶσσαι ώσεὶ πυρός, ἐκάθισέν τε ἐφ' ἕνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν. Καὶ έπλήσθησαν ἄπαντες πνεύματος άγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἐτέραις γλώσσαις, καθὼς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ήσαν δὲ ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντες Ίουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν. Γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης, συνῆλθεν τὸ πληθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἤκουον εἶς ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδία διαλέκτω λαλούντων αὐτῶν. Ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ έθαύμαζον, λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους, Οὐκ ἰδοὺ πάντες οὖτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; Καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς άκούομεν έκαστος τη ίδία διαλέκτω ήμων έν ή έγεννήθημεν; Πάρθοι καὶ Μῆδοι καὶ Ἐλαμῖται, καὶ οί κατοικοῦντες τὴν Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἰουδαίαν τε καὶ Καππαδοκίαν, Πόντον καὶ τὴν Ἀσίαν, Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν, Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρήνην, καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες Ῥωμαῖοι, Ἰουδαῖοί τε καὶ προσήλυτοι, Κρῆτες καὶ Ἄραβες, ἀκούομεν λαλούντων αὐτῶν ταῖς ἡμετέραις γλώσσαις τὰ μεγαλεῖα τοῦ θεοῦ.

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 7:37-52, 8:12 Εὐαγγελίου

Έν δὲ τῆ ἐσχάτη ἡμέρα τῆ μεγάλη τῆς ἑορτῆς εἰστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραξε λέγων ἐάν τις διψᾶ, ἐρχέσθω πρός με καὶ πινέτω. ὁ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμέ, καθὼς εἶπεν ἡ γραφή, ποταμοὶ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ ῥεύσουσιν ὕδατος ζῶντος. τοῦτο δὲ εἶπε περὶ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὖ ἔμελλον

λαμβάνειν οι πιστεύοντες είς αὐτόν οὔπω γὰρ ἦν Πνεῦμα "Αγιον, ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐδέπω ἐδοξάσθη. Πολλοὶ οὖν ἐκ τοῦ όχλου ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον ἔλεγον· οὖτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ό προφήτης άλλοι έλεγον οὖτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός άλλοι έλεγον μὴ γὰρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; οὐχὶ ή γραφή εἶπεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος Δαυῒδ καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλεὲμ τῆς κώμης, ὅπου ἦν Δαυΐδ, ὁ Χριστὸς ἔργεται; σχίσμα οὖν ἐν τῷ ὄχλῳ ἐγένετο δι' αὐτόν. τινὲς δὲ ἤθελον ἐξ αὐτῶν πιάσαι αὐτόν, ἀλλ' οὐδεὶς ἐπέβαλεν έπ' αὐτὸν τὰς χεῖρας. Ἡλθον οὖν οἱ ὑπηρέται πρὸς τοὺς άρχιερεῖς καὶ Φαρισαίους, καὶ εἶπον αὐτοῖς ἐκεῖνοι διατί ούκ ήγάγετε αὐτόν; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ὑπηρέται οὐδέποτε οὖτος έλάλησεν ἄνθρωπος, ώς άνθρωπος. ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν αὐτοῖς οἱ Φαρισαῖοι· μὴ καὶ ύμεῖς πεπλάνησθε; μή τις ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπίστευσεν εἰς αὐτὸν ἢ ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων; ἀλλ' ὁ ὄχλος οὕτος ὁ μὴ γινώσκων τὸν νόμον ἐπικατάρατοί εἰσι! λέγει Νικόδημος πρὸς αὐτούς, ὁ ἐλθὼν νυκτὸς πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶς ὢν ἐξ αὐτῶν μὴ ὁ νόμος ἡμῶν κρίνει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἐὰν μὴ παρ' αὐτοῦ πρότερον καὶ ποιεῖ; ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ είπον αὐτῷ: μὴ καὶ σὰ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶ; ἐρεύνησον καὶ ἴδε ὅτι προφήτης ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας οὐκ ἐγήγερται. Πάλιν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς έλάλησε λέγων έγώ είμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήση ἐν τῆ σκοτία, ἀλλ' έξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς.

The Gospel According to John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



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JUNE 2024 - DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

SUNDAY OF SAMARITAN WOMAN Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00-11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00-11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

APODOSIS OF THE FEAST OF PASCHA Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS of the 1st Ecumenical Council - FATHER'S DAY Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00-11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

SATURDAY OF THE SOULS Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00-10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

(Beginning of Summer Hours) SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Orthros, Divine Liturgy & Vespers of the Holy Spirit (Kneeling Vespers): 7:30-11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 24 MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

& Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

PETER & PAUL THE APOSTLES Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

ALL SAINTS DAY &

THE SYNAXIS OF THE 12 APOSTLES Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 7:30-10:30 a.m.

ΙΟΥΝΙΟΣ 2024 – ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

KYPIAKH, 2 IOYNIOY

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΣΑΜΑΡΕΙΤΙΔΟΣ Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-11:00 π.μ.

KYPIAKH 9 IOYNIOY

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΤΥΦΛΟΥ

Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-11:00 π.μ.

TETAPTH, 12 IOYNIOY

ΑΠΟΔΟΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ

Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

<u>ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 13 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ</u> ΤΗΣ ΑΝΑΛΗΨΕΩΣ

Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

KYPIAKH, 16 IOYNIOY

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ

1ης Οικ. Συνόδου - FATHER'S DAY Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-11:00 π.μ.

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ, 22 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ

ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ

Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-10:30 π.μ.

<u>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 23 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ</u> (Αρχή Καλοκαιρινού Ωράριου)

<u>(Αρχη Καλοκαιρίνου Σεραρίου)</u> <u>ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗΣ</u>

Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία & Εσπερινός Αγίου Πνεύματος (Γονυκλισίας): 7:30-11:00 π.μ.

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Γενέθλιον του Τιμίου Ιωάννου Προδρόμου Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

Σ ABBATO, 29 IOYNIOY

ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ ΠΕΤΡΟΥ και ΠΑΥΛΟΥ

Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

KYPIAKH, 30 IOYNIOY

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 7:30-10:30 π.μ



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JULY 2024 - DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY, JULY 7

2nd SUNDAY OF MATTHEW KYRIAKI THE GREAT MARTYR

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

ELIAS THE PROPHET

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

4th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

SAINT PARASKEVE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

5th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW ST. IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.

ΙΟΥΛΙΟΣ 2024 – ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

KYPIAKH, 7 IOYAIOY

2η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 14 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ

4ης Οικουμενικής Συνόδου

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ, 20 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΗΛΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΦΗΤΟΥ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 a.m.

KYPIAKH, 21 IOYAIOY

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 4η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 26 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΑΓΙΑΣ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ ΟΣΙΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 a.m.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 28 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 5^η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΙΡΗΝΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΟΒΑΛΑΝΤΟΥ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

Greek Afternoon School Registration is Now Open



The Greek Afternoon School is pleased to announce that registration for the 2024-2025 academic year is now open on our new online platform.

Our new online community tool will allow you to register for all future youth and community events starting September 2024.

Visit us at

www.holycrossgreekchurch.com/gasr

for instructions on how to register!



Sunday, June 23, 2024 MEMORIALS—MNHMOΣΥΝΑ



Please inform the church office at least one week in advance for memorial services and koliva.

Σας παρακαλούμε να κάνετε έγκαιρα τις παραγγελίες σας για τα κόλλυβα τουλάχιστον μία εβδομάδα νωρίτερα για να μπορούμε να σας εξυπηρετούμε με τον καλύτερο δυνατό τρόπο.



ΑΡΤΟΚΛΑΣΙΑ

Μποφείτε να παφαγγείλετε έγκαιφα την αφτοκλασία σας από το Γφαφείο της Κοινότητας Donation: \$80.00 συμπεφιλαμβάνει το ΝΑΜΑ και το ελαιόλαδο

HOLY CROSS WHITESTONE

"HOPE" MINISTRY COMING THIS SEPTEMBER

THE HELLENIC ORTHODOX PRIMARY ENRICHMENT ("HOPE") FOR AGES 4-6 YEARS

HOPE will give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.



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MINISTRIES OFFERED BY OUR COMMUNITY

Our mission as a community is to become faithful followers of Christ and thus active Orthodox Christians by accepting and submitting to the Will of our Lord so that we may realize salvation and enter into the Kingdom of God.

With the Grace of God, we strive to provide a loving and caring community where all belong to Christ through worship, sacramental life, everyday spiritual discipline, sanctification, education, witness, and fellowship.

For our community to continue to thrive and grow, we need our parishioners to get involved!

Below, you will find descriptions and contact information for all our ministries, for all ages, talents, and time commitments.

Please contact Fr. Nicholas for any ministry that speaks to you to get involved.

If a ministry contact is not listed, please call the Church office.

Is there a ministry not found in this guide that you would like to help organize? We want to hear from you.

Contact our Church office at any time and speak with Fr. Nicholas.

HOLY CROSS STARS ACADEMY: Holy Cross Stars Academy, located at 12-03 150th Street in Whitestone, NY, offers private education for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds, a research-based curriculum, and introduction to the Greek language, faith and culture. For more information please visit our website https://www.hcgos.org/

<u>GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL:</u> The Efstathios & Stamatiki Valiotis Greek Afternoon School provides Greek language, religious and cultural instruction from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade. Classes are once or twice a week depending on grade from 4PM – 6PM during the school year. Please contact our Greek Afternoon School principal Christian Makridou <u>cmakridou@holycrossgreekchurch.com</u> for more information

<u>PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION:</u> The Greek Afternoon School PTA supports the Efstathios & Stamatiki Valiotis Greek Afternoon School . Parents and teachers work together to support our students and school community as they learn the Greek Language and culture. All parents are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings and we encourage you to participate and volunteer in the various fundraisers and events which support our Greek Afternoon School students. For more information or to volunteer send an email to afternoonPTA@holycrossgreekchurch.com

<u>SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL:</u> The Holy Cross Sunday School Program provides a well-rounded curriculum based in the principles of the Orthodox faith. Our program builds a solid foundation for the children of our community through spiritually-enriching weekly lessons and activities, utilizing the curriculum developed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education, as well as supplemental materials and activities from other Orthodox Christian sources, and prayers and hymns chanted during the Divine Liturgy. We encourage all students from Pre-K through 8th grade to participate in our Sunday School program. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a teacher or assistant, please contact Mrs. Joanne Kyriacou, at the following email sundayschool@holycrossgreekchurch.com

BIBLE STUDY: This group studies the bible in English every Tuesday at 7:00pm in our church hall.

<u>SENIORS:</u> This group will take place every Thursday at 11am. Will begin with Paraklesis to the Theotokos followed by fellowship in the church hall.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF HOLY CROSS WHITESTONE: The Philoptochos of our Community is an organization whose primary purpose is aimed toward philanthropic endeavors and programs. All men and women in our parish may become members of this organization, which provides for the disadvantaged and assists the church in many ways.

President of Philoptochos Society: Maria Skiadas— philoptochos@holycrossgreekchurch.com

<u>ALTAR BOYS</u>: Boys can serve as Altar Boys. Along with their liturgical duties, meetings will be held throughout the year. Anyone who would like to participate in Altar duties should contact Fr. Nicholas. frnicolaos@holycrossgreekchurch.com

H.O.P.E.: Boys and girls between the ages 4-6 are invited to join H.O.P.E (Hellenic Orthodox Primary Enrichment). These programs give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.

Advisors: Anastasia Manessis & Effie Milatios—Hope@holycrossgreekchurch.com

<u>J.O.Y.</u>: Boys and girls between the ages 7- 12 are invited to join J.O.Y. (Junior Orthodox Youth). These programs give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.

Advisors: Olga Fokas & Christina Pappas - joy@holycrossgreekchurch.com

<u>G.O.Y.A.</u>: Boys and girls between the ages of 13-17 are welcome to join the G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth Association), Various athletic, social and religious activities are held as well as other programs. The G.O.Y.A. usually meets 2 Fridays a month. Our GOYA advisors also organizes various activities and trips for our youth throughout the year.

Advisors: Eleni Livaditis & Efrosini Zonas - goya@holycrossgreekchurch.com

ATHLETICS MINISTRY: Our athletics ministry is part of our JOY and GOYA ministries. Our youth can join the various athletics ministries offered by our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese through our parish. Beginning in the fall, our youth will be able to sign up for basketball and/or volleyball for the 2024-2025 season.

Advisor: George Mihalios - gmihalios@holycrossgreekchurch.com

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OLYMPICS: The GOADO is an athletic event opened to all parishes within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan District. The event takes place Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, 2024 at Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, New York. The GOADO program emphasizes the values of our faith, Hellenism, and follows the Olympic ideals of peace, sportsmanship, and fellowship amongst Greek Orthodox parishes.

Advisor: George Pappas – <u>olympics@holycrossgreekchurch.com</u>

<u>EPISKEPSIS (Visitations)</u>: The purpose and goal is to visit and comfort our Orthodox Christians that are in hospitals or confined to nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and homes. If you have a loved one that would like to receive Holy Communion and is homebound, in a nursing home or hospital, please call the church office to arrange with Fr. Nicholas.

STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH: The purpose is to welcome new members to the Church / Parish, and promote the Greek Orthodox Faith within and outside the Parish.



Preschool Registration for our 2024-2025 school year is now open!

All children born in 2020, 2021 and 2022 are eligible to register.

For additional information, please check our updated website:

www.hcgos.org

And contact us at info@hcgos.org 718-747-3803

