



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ

11-05 150th STREET, WHITESTONE, NY 11357 - Tel. (718) 767-2955, 767-2943

Rev. Presbyter Nicolaos Paros, Proistamenos



Email: info@holycrossgreekchurch.com

www.holycrossgreekchurch.com

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 14 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ, 2024

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ – THE HOLY FATHERS



Θαῦμα Ἁγίας Εὐφημίας τῆς Μεγαλομάρτυρος

Ἡ ἱερά μνήμη τῆς Ἁγίας Μεγαλομάρτυρος Εὐφημίας τελεῖται στίς 16 Σεπτεμβρίου, ἐνῶ σήμερα ἐορτάζουμε τό θαῦμα πού ἐπιτέλεσε ἡ Ἁγία κατά τήν Δ' Οἰκουμενική Σύνοδο, τό ἔτος 451 μ.Χ., δύο περίπου αἰῶνες μετά τήν κοίμησή της δίδοντας καί πάλι ὁμολογία πίστεως.

Ἡ Δ' Οἰκουμενική Σύνοδος, ἡ ὁποία συγκλήθηκε στή Χαλκηδόνα, ἐπί βασιλέων Μαρκιανοῦ καί Πουλχερίας, καταδίκασε τήν αἵρεση τῶν Μονοφυσιτῶν καί τόν αἰρετικό Εὐτυχή, οἱ ὁποῖοι δίδασκαν ὅτι στόν Χριστό, μετά τήν ἔνωση τῶν δύο φύσεων, θεῖς καί ἀνθρώπινης, ἡ ἀνθρώπινη φύση ἀπορροφήθηκε ἀπό τήν θεία φύση.

Οἱ 630 Ὅσοι θεοφόροι Πατέρες, πού συγκρότησαν τήν Σύνοδο, ἐδογματίσαν τήν πίστη τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, ὅτι ὁ Κύριός μας Ἰησοῦς Χριστός ἔχει δύο τέλειες φύσεις, θελήσεις καί ἐνέργειες, τήν θεία καί τήν ἀνθρώπινη, σέ μία ὑπόσταση. Εἶναι δέ ἐνωμένες οἱ δύο φύσεις «ἀτρέπτως, ἀσυγχύτως, ἀναλλοιώτως καί ἀδιαιρέτως».

Κατά τήν Σύνοδο οἱ Ἅγιοι Πατέρες συνέταξαν Τόμο, ὁ ὁποῖος ἀποτύπωνε τήν ὀρθόδοξη πίστη τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Τό ἴδιο ἔκαναν καί οἱ αἰρετικοί Μονοφυσιῖτες πού συνέταξαν τόμο, πού περιεῖχε τίς αἰρετικές δοξασίες καί πλάνες τους. Τότε ὁμόφωνα, γιά νά ἀρθεῖ ἡ διαφωνία, Ὁρθόδοξοι καί αἰρετικοί, τοποθέτησαν τόν τόμο μέ τούς Ὅρους τῆς Συνόδου, καθώς καί τόν τόμο τῶν αἰρετικῶν, στό ἱερό λείψανο τῆς Μεγαλομάρτυρος Εὐφημίας, πού φυλασσόταν τότε ἄφθαρτο στήν Χαλκηδόνα, καί στήν συνέχεια σφράγισαν τήν λάσρνακα καί προσευχήθηκαν. Ὅταν ἀνοιξαν τήν λάσρνακα, ἀντίκρυσαν ἕνα πράγματι θαυμαστό θέαμα. Ἡ Ἁγία κρατοῦσε ἐπί τοῦ στήθους αὐτῆς τόν Τόμο τῶν Ὁρθοδόξων, ἐνῶ ὁ τόμος τῶν Μονοφυσιτῶν ἦταν ριγμένος στούς πόδες της.

Ἔτσι ἡ Μεγαλομάρτυς Εὐφημία, μέ τό ἐξάισιο αὐτό θαῦμα, ἐπικύρωσε τόν Τόμο τῶν Πατέρων, πού καλῶς ἐδογματίσαν, καί διεσάλπισε τό Χριστολογικό δόγμα περὶ τῶν δύο φύσεων τοῦ Κυρίου καταντροπιάζοντας τούς κακοδόξους.

Εὐφράνθητι ἐπὶ Κύριον, καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι.
Στίχ. Μακάριοι, ὧν ἀφέθησαν αἱ ἀνομίαι.

Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαι σε διαβεβαιῶσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous.

*Verse: Blessed are they whose transgressions
have been forgiven.*

St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 5:14-19 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καίουσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασιν αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μόδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμψάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφῆτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἐν ἡ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐὰν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιῆσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

The Gospel According to Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH-WHITESTONE, NY
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ



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

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 7 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

**2^η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ**

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

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 14 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ

4^η 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.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 21 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 4^η 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.



ΤΕΛΕΤΟΥΡΓΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ 2024



ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 1 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΠΡΟΟΔΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ

Άρχεται η νηστεία του
Δεκαπενταύγουστου

Ορθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία & Αγιασμός
8:00-10:00 π.μ.

Μικρή Παράκλησις 6:00 – 7:00 μ.μ.

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 2 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Μεγάλη Παράκλησις 6:00 – 7:00 μ.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 4 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 6^η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30-10:30 π.μ.

Μεγάλη Παράκλησις 6:00 – 7:00 μ.μ.

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 5 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Μέγας Εσπερινός στον Ιερό Ναό της
Μεταμορφώσεως – Corona, NY 7:00 μ.μ.

ΤΡΙΤΗ, 6 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Η ΜΕΤΑΜΟΡΦΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ
(Κατάλυσις Ιχθύος)

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

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ, 7 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Μικρή Παράκλησις 6:00-7:00 μ.μ.

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 8 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Μεγάλη Παράκλησις 6:00 – 7:00 μ.μ.

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 9 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Μικρή Παράκλησις 6:00-7:00 μ.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 11 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 7^η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30-10:30 π.μ.

Μεγάλη Παράκλησις 6:00 – 7:00 μ.μ.

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 12 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Μικρή Παράκλησις 6:00-7:00 μ.μ.

ΤΡΙΤΗ, 13 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

(Απόδοσις εορτής Μεταμορφώσεως)

Μεγάλη Παράκλησις 6:00 – 7:00 μ.μ.

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ, 14 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Προεόρτια Κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόκου

Εσπερινός της Κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόκου
και Εγκώμια έμπροσθεν του Επιταφίου
6-7:30 μ.μ.

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 15 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Η ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ
ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

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

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 18 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 8^η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30-10:30 π.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 25 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 9^η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30-10:30 π.μ.

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 26 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Μέγας Εσπερινός Αγίου Φανουρίου
& Φανουρόπιτες 6-7:30 μ.μ.

ΤΡΙΤΗ, 27 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΑΝΟΥΡΙΟΥ

Ορθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία & Φανουρόπιτες
8-10:00 π.μ.

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 29 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΑΠΟΤΟΜΗ ΚΕΦΑΛΗΣ
ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΔΡΟΜΟΥ

Ορθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία
8:00-10:00 π.μ. (Νηστεία)





AUGUST 2024 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES



THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

PROCESSION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS

Fast in honor of the Most Holy

Mother of our Lord begins

Orthros, D. Liturgy & Agiasmos

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Small Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Great Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

6th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

Great Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Great Vespers at the church of the

Transfiguration of our Lord in

Corona, NY 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

(Fish is allowed)

Orthros-Div. Liturgy 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Small Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Great Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY AUGUST 9

Small Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

7th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

Great Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Small Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY AUGUST 13

(Apodosis of the Transfiguration)

Great Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Forefeast of the

Dormition of the Theotokos and Lamentations of the Theotokos

Great Vespers of the Dormition
of the Theotokos 6:00-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF OUR LORD

Orthros & D. Liturgy 8:00-10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Great Vespers of St. Phanourios &
Phanouropites 6-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

ST. PHANOURIOS

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Orthros & Divine Liturgy
8:00-10:00 a.m. (Strict Fast)



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, July 14, 2024

MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ



+ Elpiniki Michael / Ελπινίκη Μιχαήλ, 40ήμερο

+ Elisavet Apostolidis / Ελισάβετ Αποστολίδη, 4 χρόνια

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

Μπορείτε να παραγγείλετε έγκαιρα
την αρτοκλασία σας

από το Γραφείο της Κοινότητας

Donation: \$80.00 συμπεριλαμβάνει το
NAMA 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.



HOPE@HOLYCROSSGREEKCHURCH.COM

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/>

GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL: 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 cmakridou@holycrossgreekchurch.com for more information

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION: 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

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL: 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.

SENIORS: 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

ALTAR BOYS: 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 Manassis & Effie Milatios—Hope@holycrossgreekchurch.com

J.O.Y. : 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

G.O.Y.A.: 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 – olympics@holycrossgreekchurch.com

EPISKEPSIS (Visitations): 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.



Holy Cross Stars Academy

Where Every Child Shines

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

