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**ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΙΡΗΝΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΟΒΑΛΑΝΤΟΥ – ST. IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU**

## Η Πρόοδος του Τιμίου Σταυρού.

Η Εκκλησία την 1η Αυγούστου εισέρχεται στην περίοδο της Νηστείας του Δεκαπενταυγούστου. Την ίδια δε ημέρα εορτάζει την Πρόοδο του Τιμίου Σταυρού δηλαδή την έξοδο του Τιμίου Σταυρού από το παλάτι στη Πόλη και τη λιτάνευσή του στις συνοικίες της Κωνσταντινουπόλεως προς ευλογία των πιστών. Ο Σταυρός αναδεικνύεται σύμβολο ευλογίας και μέτρο της αγάπης και της συγχώρεσης. Ο Ζωοποιός Σταυρός δείχνει την πορεία προς την Ανάσταση του Κυρίου και την εξαγορά της ανθρωπότητας από την αμαρτία. Ο Σταυρός του Κυρίου δείχνει το μέγεθος και της αγάπης και της θυσίας του ίδιου του φανερωθέντος Θεού, τόσο για τον άνθρωπο όσο και για τη δημιουργία ολόκληρη. Στην Κωνσταντινούπολη, μετά την προσκύνηση του Τιμίου Ξύλου, γινόταν η λεγόμενη Πρόοδος, δηλαδή η περιφορά Του μέσα στην πόλη. Ο Ευστρατιάδης αναφέρει τα έξης: «Κατά την ημέραν ταύτην εξήγετο εκ του σκευοφυλακίου της μεγάλης εκκλησίας ο Τίμιος Σταυρός, περιήγετο ανά την πόλιν και εξετίθετο εις διαφόρους ναούς προς προσκύνησιν και αγιασμόν των πιστών και πάλιν απετίθετο εις το σκευοφυλάκιον». Ο Κωνσταντίνος ο Πορφυρογέννητος στο έργο «Εκθεσις Βασιλείου τάξεως» περιγράφει τον τρόπο που γινόταν, τόσο η προσκύνηση, όσο και η περιφορά. Το Τίμιο Ξύλο, λοιπόν, προσφερόταν για προσκύνηση από τους πιστούς από τις 23 Ιουλίου και για επτά ημέρες. Στη συνέχεια, για δύο εβδομάδες γινόταν η Πρόοδος του Τιμίου Ξύλου προς αγιασμό, η οποία κάλυπτε όλη σχεδόν την Πόλη και τα περίχωρά της. Στις 14 Αυγούστου περιέφεραν το Τίμιο Ξύλο στα ανάκτορα και το εναπόθεταν στο εκκλησάκι των Αγίων Θεοδώρων, που βρισκόταν εντός του παλατιού.

Η εορτή της Προόδου του Τιμίου Σταυρού καθιερώθηκε να τελείται στις εκκλησίες, λόγω της σωτηρίας των Βυζαντινών από την επιδρομή των Σαρακηνών, με τη δύναμη του Τιμίου και Ζωοποιού Σταυρού, επί αυτοκρατορίας του Μανουήλ Κομνηνού.

Τέλος, να πούμε ότι από 1η Αυγούστου, μέχρι και τις 14 Αυγούστου, η Εκκλησία καλεί τους πιστούς σε νηστεία, ως πνευματική άσκηση και προετοιμασία για την μεγάλη εορτή της κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόκου.

*Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου Κύριε,  
πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.  
Στίχ. Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον.*

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**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 8:28-34, 9:1  
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

**Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 10:1-10 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Ἀδελφοί, ἡ μὲν εὐδοκία τῆς ἐμῆς καρδίας καὶ ἡ δέησις ἢ πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ ἐστὶν εἰς σωτηρίαν. Μαρτυρῶ γὰρ αὐτοῖς ὅτι ζῆλον θεοῦ ἔχουσιν, ἀλλ' οὐ κατ' ἐπίγνωσιν. Ἄγνοοῦντες γὰρ τὴν τοῦ θεοῦ δικαιοσύνην, καὶ τὴν ἰδίαν δικαιοσύνην ζητοῦντες στήσαι, τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ τοῦ θεοῦ οὐχ ὑπετάγησαν. Τέλος γὰρ νόμου Χριστὸς εἰς δικαιοσύνην παντὶ τῷ πιστεύοντι. Μωϋσῆς γὰρ γράφει τὴν δικαιοσύνην τὴν ἐκ τοῦ νόμου, ὅτι ὁ ποιήσας αὐτὰ ἄνθρωπος ζήσεται ἐν αὐτοῖς. Ἡ δὲ ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοσύνη οὕτως λέγει, Μὴ εἶπης ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου, Τίς ἀναβήσεται εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν; - τοῦτ' ἔστιν Χριστὸν καταγαγεῖν - ἢ, Τίς καταβήσεται εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον; - τοῦτ' ἔστιν Χριστὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναγαγεῖν. Ἀλλὰ τί λέγει; Ἐγγύς σου τὸ ῥῆμά ἐστὶν, ἐν τῷ στόματί σου καὶ ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου· τοῦτ' ἔστιν τὸ ῥῆμα τῆς πίστεως ὃ κηρύσσομεν· ὅτι ἐὰν ὁμολογήσῃς ἐν τῷ στόματί σου κύριον Ἰησοῦν, καὶ πιστεύσῃς ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου ὅτι ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν, σωθήσῃ· καρδίᾳ γὰρ πιστεύεται εἰς δικαιοσύνην, στόματι δὲ ὁμολογεῖται εἰς σωτηρίαν.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντος τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὸ πέραν εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γεργεσηνῶν ὑπήντησαν αὐτῷ δύο δαιμονιζόμενοι ἐκ τῶν μνημείων ἐξερχόμενοι, χαλεποὶ λίαν, ὥστε μὴ ἰσχύειν τινὰ παρελθεῖν διὰ τῆς ὁδοῦ ἐκείνης. καὶ ἰδοὺ ἔκραξαν λέγοντες· τί ἡμῖν καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ; ἤλθες ὧδε πρὸ καιροῦ βασανίσαι ἡμᾶς; ἦν δὲ μακρὰν ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἀγέλη χοίρων πολλῶν βοσκομένη. οἱ δὲ δαίμονες παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν λέγοντες· εἰ ἐκβάλλεις ἡμᾶς, ἐπίτρεψον ἡμῖν ἀπελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ὑπάγετε. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες ἀπῆλθον εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων· καὶ ἰδοὺ ὥρμησε πᾶσα ἡ ἀγέλη τῶν χοίρων κατὰ τοῦ κρημου εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ ἀπέθανον ἐν τοῖς ὕδασι. οἱ δὲ βόσκοντες ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὴν πόλιν ἀπήγγειλαν πάντα καὶ τὰ τῶν δαιμονιζομένων. καὶ ἰδοὺ πᾶσα ἡ πόλις ἐξῆλθεν εἰς συνάντησιν τῷ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν παρεκάλεσαν ὅπως μεταβῆ ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν.

**The Gospel According to Matthew  
8:28-34; 9:1**

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter  
to the Romans 10:1-10**

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.







## 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<sup>η</sup> 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<sup>η</sup> 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<sup>η</sup> ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

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

### ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 25 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 9<sup>η</sup> 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

6<sup>th</sup> 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

7<sup>th</sup> 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

8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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](http://www.holycrossgreekchurch.com/gasr)**

for instructions on how to register!



**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ**



- + Nikolaos Mihaios / Νικόλαος Μιχαλός, 2 χρόνια
- + Andreas Michael / Ανδρέας Μιχαήλ, πολυετές
- + Ioannis Doukakis / Ιωάννης Δουκάκης, πολυετές
- + Iordanis Doukakis / Ιορδάνης Δουκάκης, πολυετές

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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.

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### **ΑΡΤΟΚΛΑΣΙΑ**



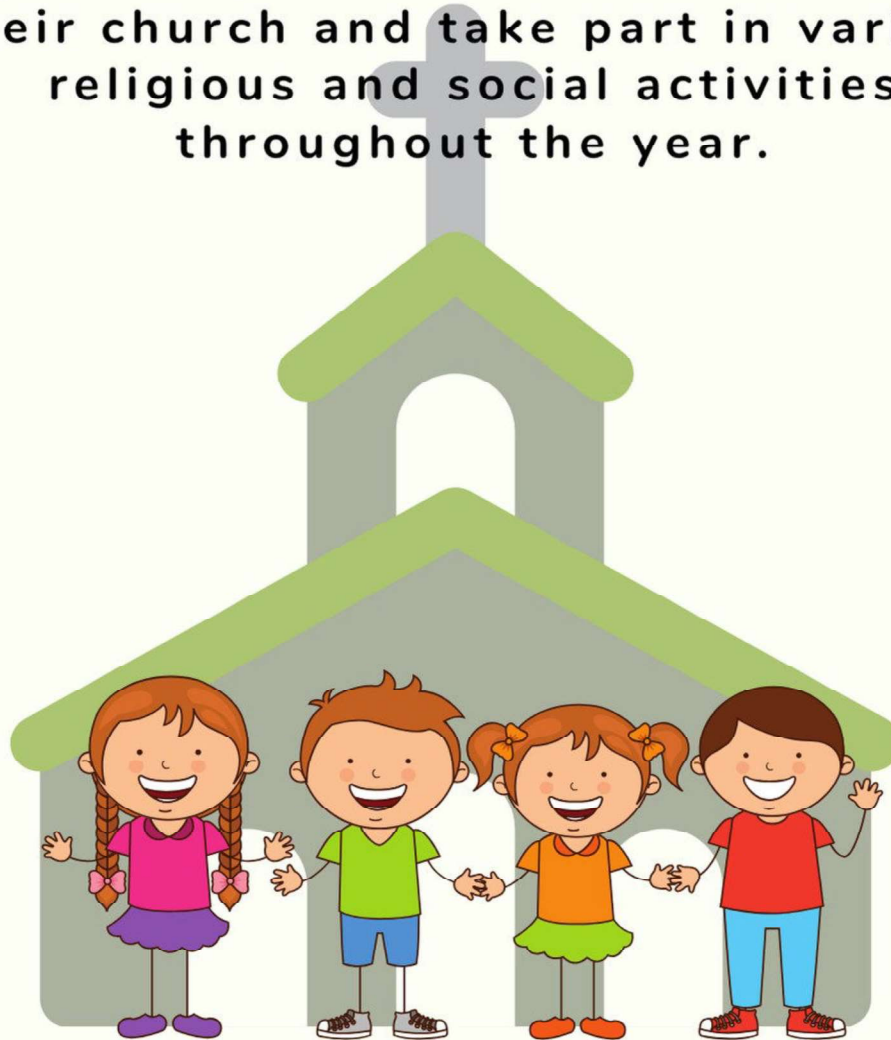
Μπορείτε να παραγγείλετε έγκαιρα  
την αρτοκλασία σας  
από το Γραφείο της Κοινότητας  
Donation: \$80.00 συμπεριλαμβάνει το  
NAMA και το ελαιόλαδο

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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