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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 4 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ, 2024**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 6η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ – 6th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

## Η Μεταμόρφωση του Σωτήρος

Κατά τη διήγηση των Ευαγγελιστών, ο Κύριος μας Ιησούς Χριστός πήρε από τους μαθητές τον Πέτρο (βλέπε 29 Ιουνίου), τον Ιωάννη (βλέπε 26 Σεπτεμβρίου) και τον Ιάκωβο (βλέπε 30 Απριλίου) και ανέβηκε στο όρος Θαβώρ για να προσευχηθεί. Όπως σημειώνει ο Άγιος Νικόδημος ο Αγιορείτης: «Επήρε δε τρεις μόνους Αποστόλους, ως προκρίτους και υπερέχοντας. Ο μεν γαρ Πέτρος προκρίθη, επειδή ηγάπα πολλά τον Χριστόν. Ο δε Ιωάννης, επειδή ηγαπάτο από τον Χριστόν. Ο δε Ιάκωβος, επειδή εδύνετο να πίνη το ποτήριον του θανάτου, το οποίον και ο Κύριος έπιεν».

Οι τρεις μαθητές Του, όπως ήταν κουρασμένοι από τη δύσκολη ανάβαση στο Θαβώρ και ενώ κάθισαν να ξεκουραστούν, έπεσαν σε βαθύ ύπνο. Όταν, ξύπνησαν, αντίκρισαν απροσδόκητο και εξάισιο θέαμα. Το πρόσωπο του Κυρίου άστραφτε σαν τον ήλιο, και τα φορέματα Του ήταν λευκά σαν το φως. Τον περιστοιχίζαν δε και συνομιλούσαν μαζί Του δυο άνδρες, ο Μωϋσής (βλέπε 4 Σεπτεμβρίου) και ο Ηλίας (βλέπε 20 Ιουλίου). Γράφει χαρακτηριστικά ο Άγιος Νικόδημος ο Αγιορείτης: «Έφερε δε εις το μέσον τους τον Μωυσήν και τον Ηλίαν, διά να διορθώση τας σφαλεράς υποψίας, οπού είχαν οι πολλοί περί αυτού. Καθότι, άλλοι μεν έλεγον τον Κύριον, πως είναι ο Ηλίας. Άλλοι δε, πως είναι ο Ιερεμίας. Διά τούτο λοιπόν επαράστησεν εις το Θαβώρ τους πρώτους και κορυφαίους Προφήτας, διά να γνωρίσουν οι μαθηταί, και διά των μαθητών όλοι οι άνθρωποι, πόση διαφορά είναι αναμεταξύ του Χριστού, και των Προφητών. Ο μεν γαρ Χριστός, είναι Δεσπότης. Οι δε Προφήται, είναι δούλοι. Και ίνα μάθουν, ότι ο Κύριος έχει την εξουσίαν του θανάτου και της ζωής. Διά τούτο, από μεν τους αποθαμένους, έφερε τον Μωυσήν. Από δε τους ζωντανούς, έφερε τον Ηλίαν».

Αφού οι μαθητές συνήλθαν κάπως από την έκπληξη, ο πάντα ενθουσιώδης, Πέτρος, θέλοντας να διατηρηθεί αυτή η αγία μέθη που προκαλούσε η ακτινοβολία του Κυρίου, ικετευτικά είπε να στήσουν τρεις σκηνές. Μια για τον Κύριο, μια για το Μωϋσή και μια για τον Ηλία. Πριν προλάβει, όμως, να τελειώσει τη φράση του, ήλθε σύννεφο που τους σκέπασε και μέσα απ' αυτό ακούστηκε φωνή που έλεγε: «Οὗτος ἐστὶν ὁ υἱὸς μου ὁ ἀγαπητός· αὐτοῦ ἀκούετε» (Λουκά, θ' 28-36). Δηλαδή, Αυτός είναι ο Υιός μου ο αγαπητός, που τον έστειλα για να σωθεί ο κόσμος. Αυτόν να ακούτε.

Οφείλουμε, λοιπόν, και εμείς όχι μόνο να Τον ακούμε, αλλά και να Τον υπακούμε. Σε οποιοδήποτε δρόμο μας φέρει, είμαστε υποχρεωμένοι να πειθαρχούμε.

## 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 κοινότητας, 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*

## The Fear of God

Are you afraid of anything? Everybody has something he's at least a little afraid of: maybe snakes, or the dark, or going up on high places. Today, in the Gospel reading, we hear about a different kind of fear. First, we hear how our Lord heals another man who couldn't walk. After Christ healed him, the man stood up and walked home! The Bible says, "When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God." But why were they afraid? Are we supposed to be afraid of God, too? When our priest is ready to give us Holy Communion, he says, "With the fear of God, with faith and love, draw near." Should we be afraid, just like the crowds in the Gospel today were afraid? Well, this time, when we have fear, it's not like when we are afraid of snakes or spiders or sharks. We stay away from those! But when we have fear of God, we show that we are amazed by Him! We show God that we are amazed at what He has done. We are amazed by His power. We are amazed by His love. When we come for Holy Communion, we come with fear. God is so powerful that He could heal the paralyzed man in the story today. God is so powerful, but He is also so loving that He wants us to come closer to Him!

Σὸ Κύριε, φυλάζαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.  
Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὁσιος.

## Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 12:6-14 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν, κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως· εἴτε διακονίαν, ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων, ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν, ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδιδούς, ἐν ἀπλότητι· ὁ προϊστάμενος, ἐν σπουδῇ· ὁ ἐλεῶν, ἐν ἰλαρότητι. Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. Ἀποστυγοῦντες τὸ πονηρόν, κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ. Τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι· τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι· τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί· τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες· τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες· τῇ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες· τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες· τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες· ταῖς χρείαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦντες· τὴν φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες. Εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντάς ὑμᾶς· εὐλογεῖτε, καὶ μὴ καταρᾶσθε.

*You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.  
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly  
man has failed.*

## The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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## Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:1-8 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνης βεβλημένον· καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπε τῷ παραλυτικῷ· θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδοὺ τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· ἵνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γάρ ἐστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας - τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· ἐγερθεὶς ἄρον σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.

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## The Gospel According to Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?'" But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

## Η ΚΟΙΜΗΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ

### *The Dormition of the Feast of the Theotokos*



Παρακαλούμε θερμά όσοι επιθυμείτε  
να προσφέρετε την  
δωρεά σας για τα άνθη του επιταφίου  
της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου,  
επικοινωνήσετε με το γραφείο της  
Κοινότητός μας 718-767-2955  
η στην ιστοσελίδα μας:

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718-767-2955  
or visit our website

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# 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, August 4, 2024**

**MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ**



Κωνσταντίνος Τρωγάδης / Konstantinos Trogadis, 40 days

Κωνσταντίνος Μαρτσούκας / Konstantinos Martsoukas, 3 months

Γεωργία Αλικάκος / Georgia Alikakos, one year

Γεωργία Καλεσιόρης / Georgia Kalesioris, one year

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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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Μπορείτε να παραγγείλετε έγκαιρα  
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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/>

**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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Where Every Child Shines

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

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*For additional information, please check our updated website:*

**[www.hcgos.org](http://www.hcgos.org)**

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

