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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 11 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ, 2024

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 7η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ – 7th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Η Κοίμησις της Θεοτόκου 15 Αυγούστου

Όπως είναι γνωστό, επάνω από το Σταυρό ο Κύριος μας Ιησούς Χριστός, έδωσε εντολή και την Παναγία μητέρα του παρέλαβε ο Ιωάννης ο Ευαγγελιστής στο σπίτι του, όπου διέμενε μαζί με τον αδελφό του Ιάκωβο και τη μητέρα του Σαλώμη, συγγενή της Θεοτόκου. Όταν δε ήλθε η στιγμή να τελειώσει την επίγεια ζωή της, άγγελος Κυρίου (η παράδοση λέει ότι ήταν ο Αρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ) της το έκανε γνωστό τρεις μέρες πριν.

Η χαρά της Θεοτόκου υπήρξε μεγάλη, διότι θα συναντούσε το μονογενή της Υιό και Θεό όλων των ανθρώπων. Πήγε, λοιπόν, και προσευχήθηκε στο όρος των Ελαιών, όπου συνήθιζε να προσεύχεται και ο Κύριος Ιησούς. Έπειτα, γύρισε στο σπίτι του Ιωάννη, όπου έκανε γνωστή την επικείμενη κοίμησή της.

Η παράδοση αναφέρει ότι την τρίτη ημέρα από την εμφάνιση του αγγέλου, λίγο πριν κοιμηθεί η Θεοτόκος, οι Απόστολοι δεν ήταν όλοι στα Ιεροσόλυμα, αλλά σε μακρινούς τόπους όπου κήρυτταν το Ευαγγέλιο. Τότε, ξαφνικά νεφέλη τους άρπαξε και τους έφερε όλους μπροστά στο κρεβάτι, όπου ήταν ξαπλωμένη η Θεοτόκος και περίμενε την κοίμησή της. Μαζί δε με τους Αποστόλους ήλθε και ο Αρεοπαγίτης Διονύσιος, ο Άγιος Ιερόθεος ο δίδασκαλος του

Διονυσίου, ο Απόστολος Τιμόθεος, και οι λοιποί θεόσοφοι Ιεράρχες.

Όταν κοιμήθη, με ψαλμούς και ύμνους την τοποθέτησαν στο μνήμα της Γεσθημανή. Επειδή, κατά θείαν οικονομίαν, ένας από τους Αποστόλους (ο Θωμάς όπως λέει η παράδοση) δεν ήταν παρών στην κηδεία της Θεομήτορος, ζήτησε να ανοιχτεί ο τάφος ώστε να προσκυνήσει και αυτός το Σώμα της Θεοτόκου.

Έτσι, μετά από τρεις ημέρες, άνοιξαν τον τάφο και έκπληκτοι διαπίστωσαν ότι η Παναγία αναστήθηκε σωματικά και ανελήφθη στους ουρανούς. Και βέβαια, όλη η ανθρωπότητα, με ευγνωμοσύνη για τις πρεσβείες της στο Σωτήρα Χριστό, αναφωνεί: «Χαίρε, ώ Μητέρα της ζωής».

Η Κοίμησις της Θεοτόκου—The Dormition of the Theotokos

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.

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ, 14 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

**Προεόρτια Κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόκου
Εσπερινός της Κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόκου
και Εγκώμια εμπροσθεν του Επιταφίου
6-7:30 μ.μ.**

**ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 15 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ
Η ΚΟΙΜΗΣΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ
ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ**

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

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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<https://onrealm.org/hcgoc/-/form/give/general>

or you can scan the QR Code

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 light to the world!

Have you ever seen a lighthouse? Did you know that in the United States there are over a thousand of them? Some people spend their vacations just visiting these lighthouses—on the ocean coasts and on big lakes. Lighthouses are beautiful, but they have a purpose, too! They shine out their bright lights at night so ships won't wreck on the rocks or on the coast. Lighthouses have saved the lives of many, many sailors. Today's Gospel tells about bright lights, too. Jesus told His disciples, "You are the light of the world...Men do not light a lamp and put it under a basket, 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." When we act like good, strong Christians, we are like bright lights, shining out. Sometimes we might be afraid to show our faith to other people. Sometimes we might be afraid to speak out. Sometimes we might be afraid to show that we follow our Lord, Jesus Christ. But today we hear in the Gospel that God wants you to "Let your light shine," so others can learn to love God, too!

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον
τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράζομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 15:1-7 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὀφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἑαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. Ἐκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρесе, ἀλλὰ, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὀνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὀνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ' ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως δώη ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.

*O Lord, save your people and bless
your inheritance.*

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:27-35 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κρίζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυῖδ. ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοὶ, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεῦτε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνεφύθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁρᾶτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῇ ἐκείνῃ. Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."



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.
Μεγάλη Παράκλησις 6:00 – 7:00 μ.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.

Great Paraklesis 6:00-7:00 p.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, August 11, 2024

MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ



Κυριακή Σεμερτζίδου / Kyriaki Semertzides, 40 days

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.



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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 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.



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Where Every Child Shines

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

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