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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 18 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ, 2024**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 8η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ – 8th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

## **Άγιος Κοσμάς ο Αιτωλός—24 Αυγούστου**

Ο Άγιος Κοσμάς υπήρξε φωτοφόρος απόστολος του Ευαγγελίου, στα μαύρα χρόνια της τουρκικής σκλαβιάς. Η Εκκλησία του Χριστού, για να τιμήσει τον αγώνα και την προσφορά του, τον ονόμασε Ισαπόστολο.

Ο Άγιος Κοσμάς γεννήθηκε στο χωριό Ταξιάρχης της επαρχίας Αποκούρου που βρίσκεται κοντά στο χωριό Μεγάλο Δένδρο Ναυπακτίας, το 1714 μ.Χ., από γονείς ευσεβείς, που τον ανέθρεψαν εν παιδεία και νουθεσία Κυρίου. Είκοσι χρονών μετέβη στο Άγιο Όρος, για να σπουδάσει στο εκεί νεοσύστατο σχολείο του Βατοπεδίου. Ο Άγιος Κοσμάς, ονομαζόταν αρχικά Κωνσταντίνος και μετά την αποφοίτησή του, πήγε στη Μονή Φιλόθεου, όπου έγινε μοναχός (1759 μ.Χ.) και κατόπιν Ιερομόναχος και έλαβε το όνομα Κοσμάς.

Ο Άγιος γνωρίζοντας ότι το Έθνος κινδύνευε, δεν ησύχαζε και φλεγόταν νύχτα-μέρα από τον πόθο να βγει και να διδάξει στους σκλαβωμένους Έλληνες τα Άγια Γράμματα. Όμως, θεωρούσε τον εαυτό του ταπεινό και αδύνατο να επωμισθεί τέτοιο φορτίο. Με θεία αποκάλυψη, πήγε στην Κωνσταντινούπολη, όπου συνάντησε τον αδελφό του Χρύσανθο, που ήταν δάσκαλος. Αυτός του έκανε μερικά μαθήματα ρητορικής, που θα βοηθούσαν τον Κοσμά στο κήρυγμα. Έπειτα, αφού πήρε την άδεια του Πατριάρχη Σεραφείμ, όργωσε στην κυριολεξία την Ελλάδα, διδάσκοντας στους «ραγιάδες» το λόγο του Θεού.

Έτσι, ο Άγιος Κοσμάς, αρχικά κήρυξε στην Κωνσταντινούπολη και στην συνέχεια μετέβη στην Αιτωλοακαρνανία. Με νέα άδεια περιήλθε τα Δωδεκάνησα και το Άγιο Όρος. Ακολούθως περιόδευσε στην Θεσσαλονίκη, Βέροια, σε ολόκληρη την Μακεδονία, έφθασε στην Χειμάρρα, επέστρεψε στην Νότιο Ήπειρο και από εκεί κατέληξε στη Λευκάδα και την Κεφαλληνία. Πήγε ακόμη στη Ζάκυνθο, Κέρκυρα και ξανά στην Βόρειο Ήπειρο.

Απ' οπου περνούσε, έκτιζε σχολεία, εκκλησίες, και πλήθος λαού συνέρεε και «ρουφούσε» το «νέκταρ» της αγίας διδασκαλίας του. Τελικά, ο φθόνος των Εβραίων, σε συνεργασία με τους Τούρκους, είχε σαν αποτέλεσμα τον απαγχονισμό του Αγίου στο Κολικόντασι, στα χώματα της Βορείου Ηπείρου το 1779 μ.Χ. Το λείψανό του το έριξαν στα νερά του ποταμού Άψου. Παρά την πέτρα που του είχαν δέσει στον λαιμό, το λείψανο επέπλεε. Βρέθηκε από τον ιερέα Μάρκο κι ενταφιάσθηκε στη μονή της Θεοτόκου Αρδονίτσας Β. Ηπείρου, όπου και ανευρέθη.

Η κανονική πράξη της αναγνωρίσεώς του ως αγίου έγινε από το Οικουμενικό Πατριαρχείο στις 20 Απριλίου 1961 μ.Χ. Ακολουθία και βίο του έγραψαν ο Όσιος Νικόδημος ο Αγιορείτης, ο Σαπφείριος Χριστοδουλίδης, ο Θωμάς Πασχίδης και ο μοναχός Γεράσιμος Μικραγιαννανίτης. Πολλοί νεότεροι συγγραφείς ασχολήθηκαν με τον βίο και το έργο του μεγάλου αγίου. Πλήθος εικόνων, χαλκογραφιών, ζωγραφιών και σχεδίων φανερώνουν την τιμή και την ευγνωμοσύνη του Γένους για τον λαμπρό αστέρα του Αγίου Όρους.

Τα λόγια του ήταν προφητικά, γεμάτα θεία χάρη και απλότητα. Κάποτε είπε στους κατοίκους κάποιου χωριού: «Ήρθα στο χωριό σας και σας κήρυξα. Δίκαιο είναι λοιπόν να με πληρώσετε για τον κόπο μου. Με χρήματα μήπως; Τι να τα κάνω; Η πληρωμή η δική μου είναι να βάλετε τα λόγια του Θεού στην καρδιά σας, για να κερδίσετε την αιώνια ζωή».

## 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*

### ***Is Christ Divided?***

Do you ever fight with your family members? Maybe you argue about your chores around the house. Or maybe you complain when you want things your way and nobody else does. In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells us that we shouldn't fight with our family! Saint Paul is writing about the Church family in the city of Corinth, and he warns us that we should all stick together as one family in Christ. "For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Is Christ divided?" The new Christians in Corinth were fighting with each other. They were arguing and choosing sides and picking favorites. Saint Paul knew that this was not good for the Church. He knew that in a family, everybody works as a team together. He knew that the Church couldn't live and grow if everybody was fighting. He knew that the Church is one family, and we all belong to Christ! Let's remember Saint Paul's important words. In our families and also in our church families, let's work together as a team. We are all on Christ's team together!

*Κύριος ἰσχὺν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ δώσει.  
Στίχ. Ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ υἱοὶ Θεοῦ,  
ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ δόξαν καὶ τιμὴν.*

### **Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 1:10-17 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὀνόματος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μὴ ἦ ἐν ὑμῖν σχίσματα, ἥτε δὲ κατηρτισμένοι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῖ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. Ἐδηλώθη γάρ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης, ὅτι ἔριδες ἐν ὑμῖν εἰσιν. Λέγω δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἕκαστος ὑμῶν λέγει, Ἐγὼ μὲν εἰμι Παύλου, Ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλῶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Κηφᾶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Χριστοῦ. Μεμέρισται ὁ Χριστός; Μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ἢ εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; Εὐχαριστῶ τῷ θεῷ ὅτι οὐδένα ὑμῶν ἐβάπτισα, εἰ μὴ Κρίσπον καὶ Γάϊον· ἵνα μὴ τις εἴπῃ ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν ὄνομα ἐβάπτισα. Ἐβάπτισα δὲ καὶ τὸν Στεφανᾶ οἶκον· λοιπὸν οὐκ οἶδα εἴ τινα ἄλλον ἐβάπτισα. Οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλὲν με Χριστὸς βαπτίζειν, ἀλλ' εὐαγγελίζεσθαι· οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

*The Lord will give strength to his people.  
Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to  
the Lord honor and glory.*

### **The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17**

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

### **Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 14:14-22 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξεληθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδε πολλὸν ὄχλον, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐθεράπευσε τοὺς ἀρρώστους αὐτῶν. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· ἔρημός ἐστιν ὁ τόπος καὶ ἡ ὥρα ἤδη παρήλθεν· ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ὄχλους, ἵνα ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὰς κώμας ἀγοράσωσιν ἑαυτοῖς βρώματα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρειαν ἔχουσιν ἀπελθεῖν· δότε αὐτοῖς ὑμεῖς φαγεῖν. οἱ δὲ λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· οὐκ ἔχομεν ὧδε εἰ μὴ πέντε ἄρτους καὶ δύο ἰχθύας. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· φέρετέ μοι αὐτοὺς ὧδε. καὶ κελεύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνακλιθῆναι ἐπὶ τοὺς χόρτους, λαβὼν τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους καὶ τοὺς δύο ἰχθύας, ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εὐλόγησε, καὶ κλάσας ἔδωκε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τοὺς ἄρτους, οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις. καὶ ἔφαγον πάντες καὶ ἐχορτάσθησαν, καὶ ἦσαν τὸ περισσεῦον τῶν κλασμάτων δώδεκα κοφίνους πλήρεις. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων. Καὶ εὐθέως ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους.

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### **The Gospel According to Matthew 14:14-22**

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.



## 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.  
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<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.

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

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 18, 2024**

**MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ**



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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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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](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.



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

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

