



# HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 1 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2024**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ—ΑΡΧΗ ΙΝΔΙΚΤΟΥ — SUNDAY (ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR)**



## Αρχή της Ινδίκτου

Σήμερα η Εκκλησία μας εορτάζει την Αρχή της Ινδίκτου, δηλαδή αρχή του νέου Εκκλησιαστικού έτους. Για την περίπτωση αυτή, ο Άγιος Νικόδημος ο Αγιορείτης γράφει στον Συναξαριστή του:

«Πρέπει να ηξεύρωμεν, αδελφοί, ότι η του Θεού αγία Εκκλησία εορτάζει σήμερα την Ινδικτιώνα, διά τρία αίτια. Πρώτον, επειδή και αυτή είναι αρχή του χρόνου. Διά τούτο και κοντά εις τους παλαιούς Ρωμάνους πολλά ετιμάτο αυτή εξ αρχαίων χρόνων. Ινδικτιών δε κατά την ρωμαϊκήν, ήτοι λατινικήν γλώσσαν, θέλει να ειπή ορισμός. Και δεύτερον εορτάζει ταύτην η Εκκλησία, επειδή και κατά την σημερινήν

ημέραν, επήγεν ο Κύριος ημών Ιησούς Χριστός μέσα εις την Συναγωγήν των Ιουδαίων, και εδόθη εις αυτόν το Βιβλίον του Προφήτου Ησαΐου, καθώς γράφει ο Ευαγγελιστής Λουκάς (Λουκ. δ'). Το οποίον Βιβλίον ανοίξας ο Κύριος, ω του θαύματος! ευθύς εύρε τον τόπον εκείνον, ήτοι την αρχήν του εξηκοστού πρώτου κεφαλαίου του Ησαΐου, εις το οποίον είναι γεγραμμένον διά λόγου του τα λόγια ταύτα: «Πνεύμα Κυρίου επ' εμέ, ου ένεκεν έχρισέ με, ευαγγελίσασθαι πτωχοίς απέσταλκέ με, ίάσασθαι τους συντετριμμένους την καρδίαν, κηρύξαι αιχμαλώτοις άφεσιν και τυφλοίς ανάβλεψιν, αποστείλαι τεθραυσμένους εν άφέσει, κηρύξαι ενιαυτόν Κυρίου δεκτόν». Αφ' ου δε ανέγνωσεν ο Κύριος τα περί αυτού λόγια ταύτα, εσφάλισε το Βιβλίον και το έδωκεν εις τον υπηρέτην. Έπειτα καθίσας, είπεν εις τον λαόν «ότι σήμεραν ετελειώθησαν οι λόγοι της Προφητείας ταύτης εις τα εδικά σας αυτία». Όθεν ο λαός ταύτα ακούων, εθαύμαζε διά τα χαριτωμένα λόγια, οπού εύγαινον εκ του στόματός του, ως τούτο γράφει ο αυτός Ευαγγελιστής Λουκάς (αυτόθι).

Είναι δε και τρίτη αιτία, διά την οποίαν η Εκκλησία του Χριστού κάμνει σήμεραν ενθύμησιν της Ινδίκτου, και εορτάζει την αρχήν του νέου χρόνου: ήγουν, ίνα διά μέσου της υμνωδίας και ικεσίας, οπού προσφέρομεν εις τον Θεόν εν τη εορτή ταύτη, γένη ο Θεός ίλεως εις ημάς, και ευλογήση τον νέον χρόνον, και χαρίση τούτον εις ημάς ευτυχή και γεμάτων από όλα τα σωματικά αγαθά. Και ίνα φωτίση τας διανοίας μας, εις το να περάσωμεν όλον τον χρόνον καθαρώς και με αγαθήν συνείδησιν, και εις το να ευαρεστήσωμεν τω Θεώ, με την φύλαξιν των εντολών του. Και ούτω να τύχωμεν των εν Ουρανοίς αιωνίων αγαθών».

## 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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### St. Symeon the Stylite:

Our righteous Father Symeon was born about the year 390 in a certain village named Sis, in the mountain region of Cilicia and Syria. Having first been a shepherd, he entered the monastic discipline at a young age. After trying various kinds of ascetical practices, both in the monastery and then in the wilderness, he began standing on pillars of progressively greater height, and heroically persevered in this for more than forty years; the greater part of this time he spent standing upright, even when one of his feet became gangrenous, and other parts of his body gave way under the strain. He did not adopt this strange way of life out of vainglory, a charge that some of his contemporaries made against him at the first: because he was already famous for his asceticism and holiness before ascending his first pillar (in Greek, style, whence he is called "Stylite"), many pious people came to him wishing to touch his garments, either for healing or for a blessing; to escape the continual vexation they caused, he made a pillar about ten feet high, and then higher and higher, until the fourth and last was about fifty feet high. The Church historian Theodoret of Cyrhus, an eyewitness of his exploits who wrote of him while Symeon was yet alive, called him "the great wonder of the world." God gave him the grace to persevere in such an astonishing form of asceticism that multitudes came to see him from Persia, Armenia, South Arabia, Georgia, Thrace, Spain, Italy, Gaul, and the British Isles. Theodoret says that he became so famous in Rome that the Nomadic Arabs by the thousands believed in Christ and were baptized because of him; the King of Persia sent envoys to inquire into his way of life, and the Queen asked to be sent oil that he had blessed. He also was a great defender of sound doctrine, and confirmed the Orthodoxy of the Holy Council of Chalcedon for many who had been beguiled by the teachings of the Monophysites, including the Empress Eudocia, widow of Theodosius the Younger. After a life of unheard-of achievements and struggles, he reposed in peace at the age of sixty-nine, in the year 459.

Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς αὐτοῦ.  
Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

### **Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 2:1-7 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρακαλῶ οὖν πρῶτον πάντων ποιεῖσθαι δεήσεις, προσευχάς, ἐντεύξεις, εὐχαριστίας, ὑπὲρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, ὑπὲρ βασιλέων καὶ πάντων τῶν ἐν ὑπεροχῇ ὄντων, ἵνα ἡρεμον καὶ ἡσύχιον βίον διάγωμεν ἐν πάσῃ εὐσεβείᾳ καὶ σεμνότητι. Τοῦτο γὰρ καλὸν καὶ ἀπόδεκτον ἐνώπιον τοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Θεοῦ, ὃς πάντας ἀνθρώπους θέλει σωθῆναι καὶ εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν ἀληθείας ἐλθεῖν. Εἷς γὰρ Θεός, εἷς καὶ μεσίτης Θεοῦ καὶ ἀνθρώπων, ἄνθρωπος Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς, ὁ δούς ἑαυτὸν ἀντίλυτρον ὑπὲρ πάντων, τὸ μαρτύριον καιροῖς ἰδίους, εἰς ὃ ἐτέθη ἐγὼ κήρυξ καὶ ἀπόστολος,- ἀλήθειαν λέγω ἐν Χριστῷ, οὐ ψεύδομαι,- διδάσκαλος ἐθνῶν ἐν πίστει καὶ ἀληθείᾳ.

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*Great is our Lord, and great is his power.  
Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

### **The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 2:1-7**

Timothy, my son, first of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

### **Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 4:16-22 Εὐαγγελίου**

#### **τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ναζαρά, οὗ ἦν τεθραμμένος, καὶ εἰσηλθε κατὰ τὸ εἰωθὸς αὐτῷ ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῶν σαββάτων εἰς τὴν συναγωγὴν, καὶ ἀνέστη ἀναγνῶναι. καὶ ἐπεδόθη αὐτῷ βιβλίον Ἡσαίου τοῦ προφήτου, καὶ ἀναπτύξας τὸ βιβλίον εὔρε τὸν τόπον οὗ ἦν γεγραμμένον· Πνεῦμα Κυρίου ἐπ' ἐμέ, οὗ εἵνεκεν ἔχρισέ με, εὐαγγελίσασθαι πτωχοῖς ἀπέσταλκέ με, ἰάσασθαι τοὺς συντετριμμένους τὴν καρδίαν, κηρῶσαι αἰχμαλώτους ἄφεςιν καὶ τυφλοῖς ἀνάβλεψιν, ἀποστεῖλαι τεθραυσμένους ἐν ἀφέσει, κηρῶσαι ἐνιαυτὸν Κυρίου δεκτόν. καὶ πτύξας τὸ βιβλίον ἀποδοὺς τῷ ὑπηρέτῃ ἐκάθισε· καὶ πάντων ἐν τῇ συναγωγῇ οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἦσαν ἀτενίζοντες αὐτῷ. ἤρξατο δὲ λέγειν πρὸς αὐτοὺς ὅτι σήμερον πεπλήρωται ἡ γραφή αὕτη ἐν τοῖς ὠσίν ὑμῶν. καὶ πάντες ἐμαρτύρουν αὐτῷ καὶ ἐθαύμαζον ἐπὶ τοῖς λόγοις τῆς χάριτος τοῖς ἐκπορευομένοις ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ.

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### **The Gospel According to Luke 4:16-22**

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.





**HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH-WHITESTONE, NY**

**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ**



**SEPTEMBER 2024 - DIVINE SERVICES**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**Beginning of The Ecclesiastical Year & Celebration of St. Mamas The Martyr**  
Orthros, Divine Liturgy & Agiasmos:  
7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**SUN. BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy officiated by His Grace Bishop Nektarios of Diokleia  
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**GREAT VESPERS FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS & ARTOKLASIA**  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**THE ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS**  
Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy officiated by His Grace Bishop Nektarios of Diokleia  
Artoklasia and Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
8:00-11:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**Sunday After The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross**  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**Feast of Saints Sophia, Faith, Hope & Love**  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00- 10:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**Conception of St. John the Baptist & Feast Of Saints Xanthippi & Polixeni**  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**The Falling Asleep of Saint John the Theologian**  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LUKE**  
Orthros-Divine Liturgy: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ 2024 – ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 1 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**Αρχή Εκκλησιαστικού Έτους & Εορτή του Αγίου Μάμα του Μάρτυρος**  
Ορθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία & Αγιασμός 7:30-10:30 π.μ.

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 8 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΗΣ ΥΨΩΣΕΩΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ**  
**ΓΕΝΕΘΛΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ**  
Ορθρος & Αρχιερατική Θεία Λειτουργία προεξάρχοντος του Θεοφιλεστάτου Επισκόπου Διοκλείας κ. Νεκταρίου 8:00-11:00 π.μ.

**ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 13 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**  
**ΜΕΓΑΣ ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙΚΟΣ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ & ΑΡΤΟΚΛΑΣΙΑ**

7:00 - 9:00 π.μ.

**ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ 14 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**Η ΠΑΓΚΟΣΜΙΑ ΥΨΩΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ**  
Ορθρος & Αρχιερατική Θεία Λειτουργία προεξάρχοντος του Θεοφιλεστάτου Επισκόπου Διοκλείας κ. Νεκταρίου Αρτοκλασία και τελετή της Υψώσεως του Τιμίου Σταυρού  
8:00-11:30π.μ.

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 15 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**Κυριακή Μετά την Ύψωσιν του Τιμίου Σταυρού**  
Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-11:00 π.μ.

**ΤΡΙΤΗ, 17 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**Αγίων Σοφίας, Πίστewος, Ελπίδος & Αγάπης**  
Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 22 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 1η ΔΟΥΚΑ**  
Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-11:00 π.μ.

**ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 23 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**Σύλληψις του Τιμίου Προδρόμου & Αγίων Ξανθίππης & Πολυζένης**  
Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

**ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 26 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**Μετάστασις Αποστόλου & Ευαγγελιστού Ιωάννου του Θεολόγου**  
Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-10:00 π.μ.

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 29 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 2<sup>α</sup> ΔΟΥΚΑ**  
Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-11:00 π.μ.





# Feast Day Celebration of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church - Whitestone, NY



## Πανήγυρις του Ιερού Ναού του Τιμίου Σταυρού - Whitestone, NY

11-05 150th Street, Whitestone, NY 11357

September 13, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Great Vespers &  
Artoklasia

13 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2024

7:00 μ.μ.

Μέγας Εσπερινός & Αρτοκλασία

September 14, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Orthros & Hierarchical  
Divine Liturgy officiated  
by His Grace Bishop  
Nektarios of Diokleia  
Artoklasia and Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross

14 Σεπτεμβρίου, 2024

8:00 π.μ.

Ορθρος & Αρχιερατική Θεία  
Λειτουργία προεξάρχοντος του  
Θεοφιλεστάτου Επισκόπου  
Διοκλείας κ. Νεκταρίου  
Αρτοκλασία και τελετή της  
Υψώσεως του Τιμίου Σταυρού

## 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, September 1, 2024**

**MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ**



Αναστάσιος Μαυρουδής / Anastasios Mavroudes, many years

Γαλάτεια Μαυρουδή / Galatea Mavroudes, many years

Γαλάτεια Παπανικολάου / Galatea Papanicolaou, many

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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  
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NAMA και το ελαιόλαδο

**HOLY CROSS GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY**



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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7,  
12 - 2 PM**

**Register for Greek Afternoon School,  
Basketball, HOPE, JOY, GOYA, Girl Scouts and  
Sunday School**

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**CHURCH PARKING LOT**

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

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

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

