



# HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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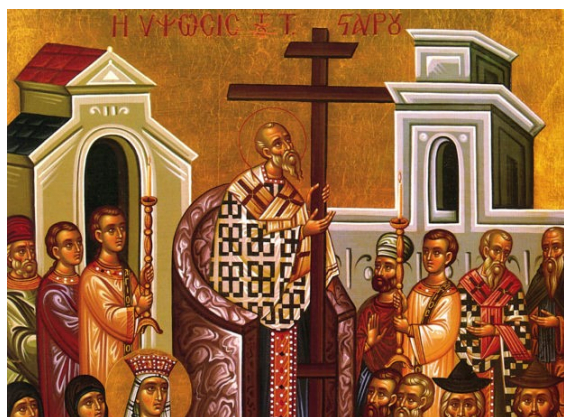


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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 15 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2024**

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΕΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΥΨΩΣΙΝ – SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS**



## Η Ύψωση του Τιμίου Σταυρού

Το 326 μ.Χ. η Αγία Ελένη πήγε στην Ιερουσαλήμ για να προσκυνήσει τους Αγίους Τόπους και να ευχαριστήσει το Θεό για τους θριάμβους του γιου της Μεγάλου Κωνσταντίνου. Ο Θεός ζήλος όμως, έκανε την Αγία Ελένη να αρχίσει έρευνες για την ανεύρεση του Τιμίου Σταυρού.

Επάνω στο Γολγοθά υπήρχε ειδωλολατρικός ναός της θεάς Αφροδίτης, τον οποίο γκρέμισε και άρχισε τις ανασκαφές. Σε κάποιο σημείο, βρέθηκαν τρεις σταυροί. Η συγκίνηση υπήρξε μεγάλη, αλλά ποιος από τους τρεις ήταν του Κυρίου; Τότε ο επίσκοπος Ιεροσολύμων Μακάριος με αρκετούς Ιερείς, αφού έκανε δέηση, άγγιξε στους σταυρούς το σώμα μιας ευσεβέστατης κυρίας που είχε πεθάνει. Όταν ήλθε η σειρά και

άγγιξε τον τρίτο σταυρό, που ήταν πραγματικά του Κυρίου, η γυναίκα αμέσως αναστήθηκε.

Η είδηση διαδόθηκε σαν αστραπή σε όλα τα μέρη της Ιερουσαλήμ. Πλήθη πιστών άρχισαν να συρρέουν για να αγγίξουν το τίμιο ξύλο. Επειδή, όμως, συνέβησαν πολλά δυστυχήματα από το συνωστισμό, ύψωσαν τον Τίμιο Σταυρό μέσα στο ναό σε μέρος υψηλό, για να μπορέσουν να τον δουν και να τον προσκυνήσουν όλοι.

Αυτή, λοιπόν, την ύψωση καθιέρωσαν οι άγιοι Πατέρες, να γιορτάζουμε στις 14 Σεπτεμβρίου, για να μπορέσουμε κι εμείς να υψώσουμε μέσα στις ψυχές μας το Σταυρό του Κυρίου μας, που αποτελείτο κατ'εξοχήν "όπλον κατά του διαβόλου".

Ορισμένοι Συναξαριστές, αυτή την ημέρα, αναφέρουν και την ύψωση του Τιμίου Σταυρού στην Κωνσταντινούπολη το 628 μ.Χ. από τον βασιλιά Ηράκλειο, που είχε νικήσει και ξαναπήρε τον Τίμιο Σταυρό από τους Αβάρους, οι οποίοι τον είχαν αρπάξει από τους Αγίους Τόπους.

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**Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place. Rest from labour. A Fast is observed today, whatever day of the week it may be.

*Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.  
Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.*

### **Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιῶται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

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*Sing praises to our God, sing praises.  
Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.*

### **The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20**

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνηθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνηθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

### **The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1**

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."







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

**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 22 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

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

**ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ, 23 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

**Σύλληψις του Τιμίου Προδρόμου  
& Αγίων Ξανθίππης & Πολυξένης**  
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> ΛΟΥΚΑ**  
Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία: 8:00-11:00 π.μ.

# TRADITIONAL GREEK DANCE CLASSES

## JOIN THE HOLY CROSS DANCE TROUPE

Journey to Greece and learn several of the country's most beloved folk dances. Historic and cultural significance of the dances will also be discussed.

\$250 per semester (Sept-Jan/Jan-June)  
\$225 for each additional sibling

Classes are scheduled to begin on Saturday, October 5, 2024.  
Registration may be completed via the Realm portal.

<https://onrealm.org/hcgcoc/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MWFIMWE3MzgtZDg3YS00NThiLThtODctYjFIMzAxMTFIYTRI>



### SATURDAYS

Ages 7-9	9am-10am
Ages 10-12	10am-11am
Ages 13-17	11am-12pm



Classes and times are tentative and will be finalized based on registration.



**BEGINNING**  
SEPTEMBER 23RD

PLEASE CONTACT  
THE CHURCH  
OFFICE IF YOU  
HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

# mommy & me



MONDAYS & FRIDAYS  
TIME: 9:00AM-10:00AM  
AGES: 36 MONTHS AND UNDER  
COST: \$320/16 SESSIONS  
\$160/ 8 SESSIONS  
\$40/ 2 SESSIONS

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PLACE IN OUR  
SCHOOL GYM

enjoy one on one time playing and socializing with your infant or toddler in a safe and structured environment

*All babies, toddlers and their caretakers are welcome.*

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# HOLY CROSS

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## MINI FESTIVAL 2024

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22

1-8 PM

CHURCH PARKING LOT

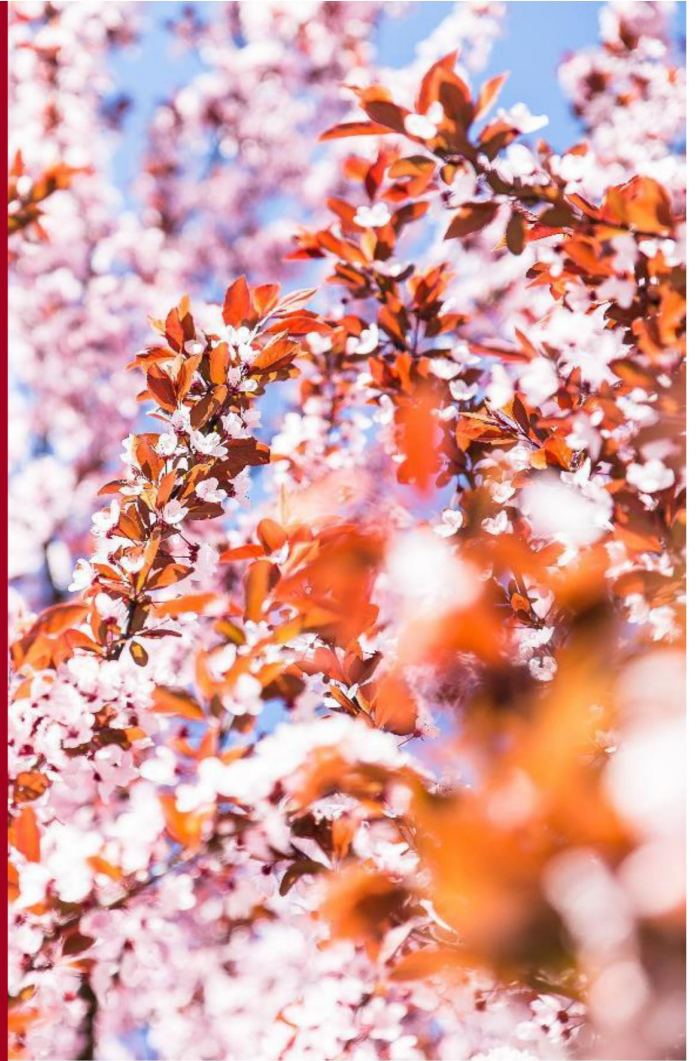
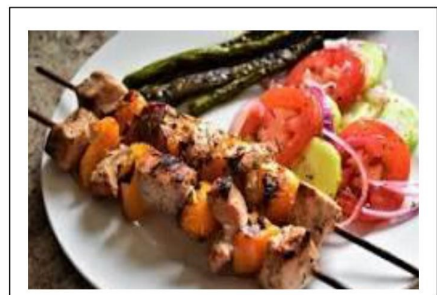
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LOUKOUMADES





## 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 15, 2024**

**MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ**



- + Ioannis Mihalios / Ιωάννης Μιχαλιός, 3 χρόνια
- + George Adamakos / Γεώργιος Αδαμάκος, 5 χρόνια
- + Stavroula Georgopoulos / Σταυρούλα Γεωργόπουλος, πολυετές
- + George Gazetas / Γεώργιος Γκαζέτας, πολυετές
- + Nikolaos Konstantinou (Dianellos) / Νικόλαος Κωνσταντίνου (Διανέλλος), πολυετές

**Please inform the church office at least one week in advance  
for memorial services and kolliva.**

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



## **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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