



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 17 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 2024

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 9η ΛΟΥΚΑ – 9th SUNDAY OF LUKE

Τα Εισόδια της Θεοτόκου – 21 Νοεμβρίου

Η ευσεβής Άννα σύζυγος του Ιωακείμ, πέρασε τη ζωή της χωρίς να μπορέσει να τεκνοποιήσει, καθώς ήταν στείρα. Μαζί με τον Ιωακείμ προσευχόταν θερμά στον Θεό να την αξιώσει να φέρει στον κόσμο ένα παιδί, με την υπόσχεση ότι θα αφιέρωνε το τέκνο της σε Αυτόν. Πράγματι, ο Πανάγαθος Θεός όχι μόνο της χάρισε ένα παιδί, αλλά την αξίωσε να φέρει στον κόσμο τη γυναίκα που θα γεννούσε το Μεσσία, το Σωτήρα μας Ιησού Χριστό. Όταν η Παναγία έγινε τριών χρόνων, σύμφωνα με την παράδοση, η Άννα και ο Ιωακείμ, κρατώντας την υπόσχεσή τους, την οδήγησαν στο Ναό και την παρέδωσαν στον αρχιερέα Ζαχαρία. Ο αρχιερέας παρέλαβε την Παρθένο Μαρία και την οδήγησε στα Άγια των Αγίων, όπου δεν έμπαινε κανείς εκτός από τον ίδιο, επειδή γνώριζε έπειτα από αποκάλυψη του Θεού το μελλοντικό ρόλο της Αγίας κόρης στην ενανθρώπιση του Κυρίου. Στα ενδότερα του Ναού η Παρθένο Μαρία έμεινε δώδεκα χρόνια. Όλο αυτό το διάστημα ο αρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ προμήθευε την Παναγία με τροφή ουράνια. Εξήλθε από τα Άγια των Αγίων, όταν έφθασε η ώρα του Θείου Ευαγγελισμού.

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem. The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

*Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου Κύριε,
πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.
Στίχ. Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον.*

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιούται 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 ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν 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 τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἐαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

*O Lord, how manifold are your works.
You have made all things in wisdom.
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

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 Λουκᾶν Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

The Gospel According to Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



ΠΡΟΤΡΑΜΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

Κυριακή, 17 Νοεμβρίου, 2024

Θ' Λουκά

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία
GOYA Ορκωμοσία

8:00-11:00 π.μ.

Sunday, November 17, 2024

9th Sunday of Luke

Orthros & Divine Liturgy
GOYA Sunday (Oath of Office)

8:00-11:00 a.m.

Τρίτη, 19 Νοεμβρίου, 2024

Μελέτη Αγίας Γραφής

7 μ.μ.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Τετάρτη, 20 Νοεμβρίου, 2024

Συνεδρίαση Σχολικής Επιτροπής

6:30 μ.μ.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

School Board Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Πέμπτη, 21 Νοεμβρίου, 2024

Τα Εισόδια

της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου

8-10:30 π.μ.

Γεύμα Φιλοπτώχου για τα Χριστούγεννα
στο Εστιατόριο Λιμάνι

1:00 μ.μ.

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Entrance of the Theotokos

to the Temple

8-10:30 a.m.

Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon

Estiatorio Limani

1:00 pm.

Παρασκευή, 22 Νοεμβρίου, 2024

JOY—Γυμναστήριο (Food Drive)

6 μ.μ.

GOYA (Αίθουσα εκκλησίας)

7:30 μ.μ.

Friday, November 22, 2024

JOY —Gym (Food Drive)

6:00 p.m.

GOYA (Church Hall)

7:30 p.m.

Σάββατο, 23 Νοεμβρίου, 2024

GOYA προετοιμασία για το Food Drive 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 23, 2024

GOYA set up & Packing foods 10:00 a.m.

Κυριακή, 24 Νοεμβρίου, 2024

11' Λουκά

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία

8:00-11:00 π.μ.

Sunday, November 24, 2024

13th Sunday of Luke

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

8:00-11:00 a.m.



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH-WHITESTONE, NY

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΤΙΜΙΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ



SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES NOVEMBER 2024

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 2024

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Saints Cosmas & Damian the Unmercenaries
Orthros, Divine Liturgy & Agiasmos
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5th SUNDAY OF LUKE
Orthros & Divine Liturgy
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Great Vespers at Archangel Michael Greek
Orthodox Church of Port Washington, NY
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Holy Archangels Michael & Gabriel
Orthros & Divine Liturgy
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY EVENING

VIGIL for the Feast of
Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis
Great Vespers, Orthros & Divine Liturgy
7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8th SUNDAY OF LUKE
Orthros & Divine Liturgy
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Saint John Chrysostom
Orthros & Divine Liturgy
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Apostle Matthew the Evangelist &
Saint Iphigenia the Virgin Martyr
Orthros & Divine Liturgy
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 1 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Αγίων Αναργύρων Κοσμά & Δαμιανού
Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία & Αγιασμός
8:00-10:00 π.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 3 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 5^η ΛΟΥΚΑ
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία
8:00-11:00 π.μ.

ΠΕΜΠΤΗ, 7 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Μέγας Εσπερινός στον Ιερό Ναό του
Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ - Port Washington, NY
7:00μμ

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 8 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Σύναξις των Ταξιαρχών Μιχαήλ & Γαβριήλ
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία:
8:00-10:00 π.μ.

Παρασκευή Βράδυ

ΑΓΡΥΠΝΙΑ για την εορτή του
ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ ΠΕΝΤΑΠΟΛΕΩΣ
Εσπερινός, Όρθρος & Αγρυπνία
7:30 μ.μ. -12:30 π.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 10 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 8^η ΛΟΥΚΑ
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία
8:00-11:00 π.μ.

ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ, 13 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Αγίου Ιωάννου του Χρυσοστόμου
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία
8:00-10:00 π.μ.

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ, 16 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Αποστόλου & Ευαγγελιστου Ματθαίου και
Αγίας Ιφίγείας της Παρθενομάρτυρος
Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία
8:00-10:00 π.μ.

Sunday, November 17, 2024

GOYA Oath of Office

We welcome our GOYA Executive Board and all of our GOYA youth

MEMORIALS—ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ



- + Panagiotis Mihas / Παναγιώτης Μίχας, ένας χρόνος
- + Chrysoula Amperiadis / Χρυσούλα Αμπεριάδη, 2 χρόνια
- + Iphegenia Marles / Ιφιγένεια Μάρλες, 6 χρόνια
- + Nikolaos, Vasiliki & Demetrios Livaditis / Νικόλαος, Βασιλική & Δημήτριος Λειβαδίτης, πολυετές
- + Stavros Papadakos / Σταύρος Παπαδάκος, πολυετές
- + Michael Pistolias / Μιχαήλ Πιστόλιας, πολυετές

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



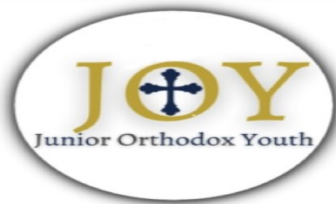
ΑΡΤΟΚΛΑΣΙΑ

**Μπορείτε να παραγγείλετε έγκαιρα την
αρτοκλασία σας από το Γραφείο της Κοινότητας.**

**Donation: \$80.00 συμπεριλαμβάνει
το ΝΑΜΑ και το ελαιόλαδο.**

If you would like to order an Artoklasia from the church, please call the church office.

Donation: \$80



Food Drive



Now thru
November
22

Join us in helping PS 721Q families in need!

**Drop off location- Efstathios & Stamatiki Valiotis
Holy Cross Greek Afternoon School**

Items needed:

Canned Goods, Instant Potatoes, Mac and Cheese, Pasta, Rice, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Crackers, Soups, Cake Mixes, everyday pantry items etc.

All food collected will go to the school's year round food pantry for students and their families .



Come Support our Teams in our Home Gym!

Saturday, November 23rd

2:00 PM Holy Cross Brooklyn B3 (A) at Holy Cross Whitestone Gold B3 (H)

3:15 PM St. Paraskevi B3 (A) at Holy Cross Whitestone Black B3 (H)

4:30 PM Archangel Michael Maroon JG (A) at Holy Cross Whitestone JG (H)

5:45 PM Holy Cross Whitestone Black G2 (A) at Holy Cross Whitestone Gold G2 (H)



Sunday, November 24th

2:00 PM St. Paul JG (A) at Holy Cross Whitestone JG (H)

3:15 PM St. Paul JB Black (A) at Holy Cross Whitestone Gold JB (H)

**Ο καφές σήμερα τον προσφέρει η
νεολαία της GOYA**

Παρακαλούμε να έρθετε για καφέ μετά
την Θεία Λειτουργία! Είναι μια
ευκαιρία να συνδεθείτε με τους
ενορίτες μας και να απολαύσετε τον
καφέ και διάφορα κεράσματα στην
αίθουσα της εκκλησίας μας!

Εάν ενδιαφέρεστε να προσφέρετε τον
καφέ στην αίθουσα του ναού μας,
επικοινωνήστε με το γραφείο της
εκκλησίας

**Coffee Hour Today is sponsored by our
Holy Cross GOYA**

Please join us for coffee hour after
Divine Liturgy today in our church
hall! It's a great opportunity to connect
with fellow parishioners and enjoy some
refreshments!

If you are interested in sponsoring coffee
hour, please contact the church office.



HOLY CROSS GOYA

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

We would love your help in providing Thanksgiving
& non perishable foods to families in need

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Canned Gravy	Sugar
Canned Corn	Beans
Canned Yams	Instant Coffee
Canned Cranberry Sauce	Chocolate Powder
Boxed Stuffing	Cookies
Boxed/Bagged Rice	Snacks
Boxed Mashed Potatoes	Microwavable Variety Pack Meals
Boxed Mac and Cheese	Canned Soups
	And Other Canned Goods

Items Will Be Collected

NOVEMBER

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To make a monetary
donation, please visit
[https://onrealm.org/hcgoc
/-/form/give/tfd](https://onrealm.org/hcgoc/-/form/give/tfd)

Drop Off Location
Holy Cross Whitestone
Church Hall

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

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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.



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HOLY CROSS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Members of the Holy Cross Family,

October 2024

With the approach of the Christmas Season, the Philoptochos is once again preparing for our annual Christmas Card Drive. Please join us in raising donations for our Philanthropic causes such as: Hellenic Relief Fund, St. Michael's Nursing Home, National & District Philoptochos Social Services and our local charitable contributions.

Kindly complete the attached form with the following: your name, address, the way you wish your name to appear, and the donation amount chosen, with a minimum of \$30.00. Please submit your response before Friday, November 29th, 2024, with the attached form and your donation to the Church Office, "Holy Cross Philoptochos" at 11-05 150th Str., Whitestone, NY 11357.

Please remember, your donations are greatly appreciated and will help towards our benevolent causes. Thank you for ringing in the Christmas Holiday with a warm heart and a kind hand.

Sincerely,

Maria Skiadas
Philoptochos President

Christmas Card Committee
Niovi Philippou, Vivie Malaxianis
Athanasia Dimitropoulos



Αγαπητά Μέλη της οικογένειας του Τιμίου Σταυρού,

Ενόψει των Χριστουγέννων, η Φιλόπτωχος για μια ακόμη φορά προετοιμάζει τη Χριστουγεννιάτικη κάρτα της. Σας παρακαλούμε να μας βοηθήσετε στο φιλανθρωπικό μας έργο, όπως είναι η ενίσχυση του οργανισμού Hellenic Relief Fund, η ενίσχυση του Γηροκομείου του Αγίου Μιχαήλ, National & District Philoptochos Social Services καθώς και τοπικές φιλανθρωπικές δωρεές.

Συμπληρώστε το παρακάτω έντυπο με τα στοιχεία σας: όνομα, διεύθυνση, πώς θέλετε το όνομά σας να τυπωθεί, καθώς και το ποσό που θέλετε να προσφέρετε, με ελάχιστη προσφορά \$30.00. Παρακαλείσθε, όπως μας απαντήσετε μέχρι την Παρασκευή 29 Νοεμβρίου, 2024 προσκομίζοντας μαζί με το συμπληρωμένο έντυπο και τη δωρεά σας, στο γραφείο της Κοινότητας: «Holy Cross Philoptochos» 11-05 150th Street, Whitestone, New York 11357.

Οι συνεισφορές σας εκτιμώνται ιδιαίτερα και βοηθούν τα μέγιστα στο φιλανθρωπικό μας έργο.
Σας ευχαριστούμε για την αγάπη και την προσφορά σας στην Κοινότητά μας.

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COMMUNITY CARD – ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΙΑΤΙΚΗ ΚΑΡΤΑ

ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ/NAME: _____

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ/ADDRESS: _____

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Please choose your donation:

PAYMENT \$30.00, \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00 CHECK # _____ CASH # _____
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Adult Greek Language Class

- Introduction to the Greek Language
- Develop basic speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills



Classes will be held Wednesdays
6:30pm-8:00pm

Scan QR Code to Register on Realm.org

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Save the Date

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS OF AMERICA
NAMEDAY GALA
 BENEFITING THE ARCHDIOCESAN
 YOUTH SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

5:00 PM | TERRACE ON THE PARK, 52-11 111TH ST, QUEENS, NY
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Archbishop's Nameday Gala Returns on November 17 to Support Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Fund

The re-established Archbishop's Nameday Gala, honoring His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, will take place on November 17 at Terrace on the Park in Queens, New York. Now in its second year, the gala will once again raise critical funds for the "Archdiocesan Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Fund", which provides financial assistance to children from across the Archdiocese, enabling them to attend Greek Orthodox summer camps regardless of their financial circumstances.

In 2023, through the generosity of our donors, the Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Nameday Gala netted \$430,000 for the Archdiocesan Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. Those funds, allocated by a Grants Committee, were distributed as follows:

- \$100,000 for Ionian Village scholarships
- \$20,000 to each Metropolis to provide scholarships for their summer camping ministry
- \$150,000 to launch an endowment scholarship fund for future campers.

In total, 275 youth campers were able to attend one of our camps in 2024 through the financial assistance of \$213,000 provided by the Fund.

Last year's success helped children from every corner of the Archdiocese experience the transformative power of faith, fellowship, and nature at camp. This year, Archbishop Elpidophoros calls on the faithful to help expand this effort: "There are people in need, and families who can't afford the transformative impact of a Greek Orthodox summer camp. We must make these lasting and life changing experiences at our camps financially accessible to every child who wishes to attend."