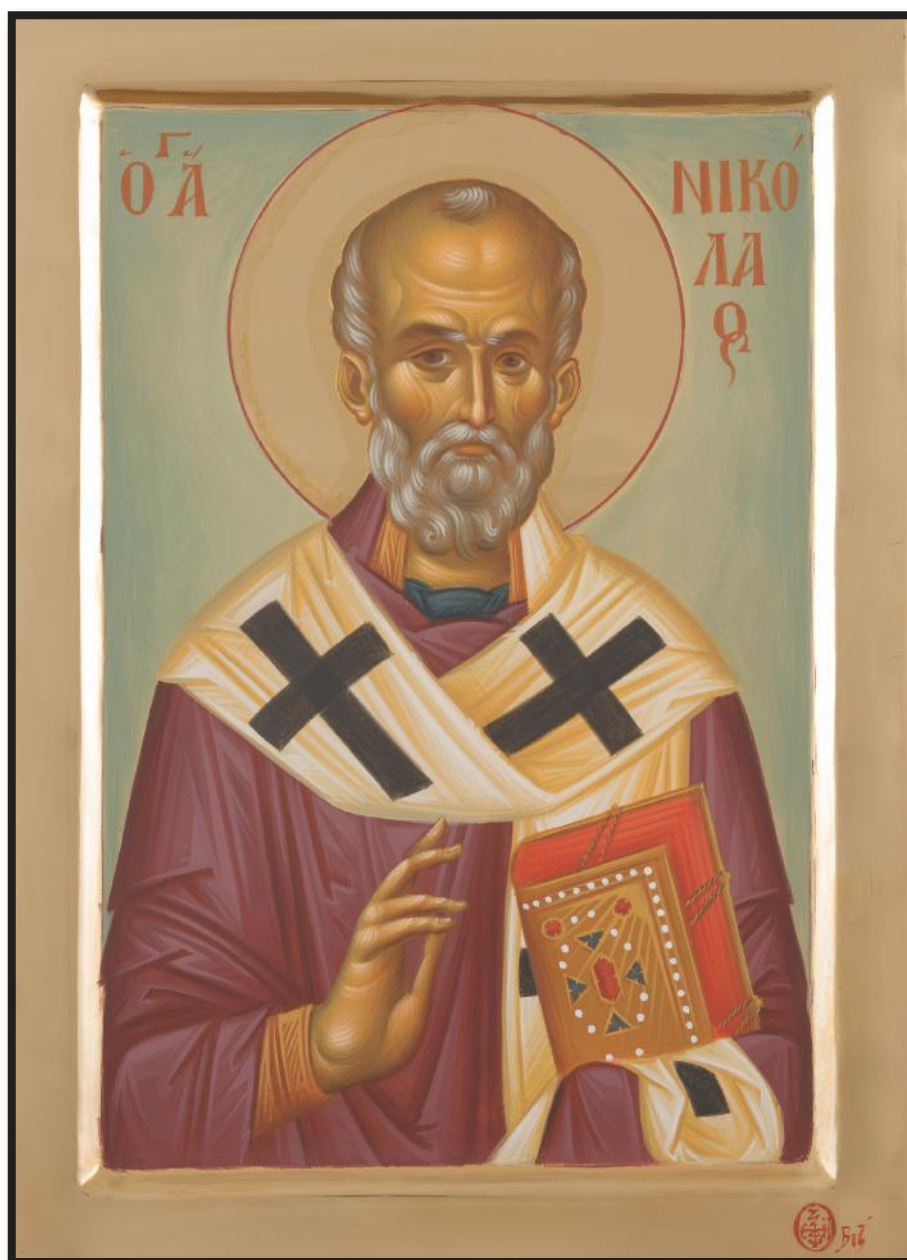




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My beloved St. Nicholas Parish Family,

It is with much joy that I write to you as we embark on a new journey. Our parish has started a new ministry called "The Ark". The Ark is a quarterly newsletter that will inform us of all of the beautiful ministry opportunities taking

"This is only possible when we remain in the boat with Christ and allow His presence to dwell in our lives."

place in our St. Nicholas community. If you notice, the logo includes an icon of St. Nicholas saving a group of people from the storm-tossed waves. This is the feeling we should have when we think of

our parish and our patron Saint. The Church, as described in the Bible, is the Ark of Salvation. It leads us through the storm-tossed waves of life and leads us to our destination, eternal salvation. Here at St. Nicholas, we experience the fullness of



FR. ARISTIDIS GARINIS

the Church with our participation in the Holy Sacraments, the various ministries, and fellowship opportunities our community provides. Please consider becoming an active steward and member of the parish. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church is one family of faith and we are here to love, support, and be there for one another. Just as our Lord calmed the

seas when the Apostles were perishing in the Sea of Galilee and just as St. Nicholas saved the perishing sailors - in the same way, we can be an Ark of love, comfort, peace, safety

and guidance in the life of those around us. This is only possible when we remain in the boat with Christ and allow His presence to dwell in our lives. When Christ is with us, our lives communicate

His presence in those around us.

Please take the time to review this issue of The Ark and learn about your parish. We thank all the ministries and various organizations that participated in making this issue of The Ark possible. In the back of the newsletter there are also various advertisements, provided as an opportunity to support our local businesses. If you would like to provide an advertisement for your business, please reach out to stnicholasark@gmail.com.

May our Lord, through the prayers of our Patron Saint Nicholas, be with you and bless you all!

With Love in Christ,
Rev. Economos Aristidis Garinis,
Pastor
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church
Flushing, NY

Αγαπημένη μου οικογένεια της
ενορίας του Αγίου Νικολάου,

Με μεγάλη χαρά
σας γράφω
σήμερα, καθώς
ετοιμαζόμαστε για
ένα καινούργιο μας ταξίδι. Η
ενορία μας έχει ξεκινήσει μια νέα
διακονία, με την επωνυμία « Η
ΚΙΒΩΤΟΣ». Η Κιβωτός είναι ένα
τριμηνιαίο ενημερωτικό δελτίο,
το οποίο θα μας πληροφορεί
για όλες τις ωραίες ευκαιρίες
υπηρεσιών που προσφέρονται
στην κοινότητά μας του Αγίου
Νικολάου. Αν προσέξατε, το
λογότυπο περιλαμβάνει την
εικόνα του Αγίου Νικολάου,
την ώρα που σώζει μια ομάδα
ανθρώπων από μια μεγάλη
θαλασσοταραχή. Αυτή ακριβώς
είναι η αίσθηση, που πρέπει να
έχουμε, όταν σκεπτόμαστε την
ενορία μας και τον προστάτη
Άγιο μας. Η Εκκλησία, όπως
περιγράφεται στην Αγία Γραφή,
είναι η Κιβωτός της Σωτηρίας.
Μας οδηγεί, μέσω των μεγάλων
τρικυμίων της ζωής, στον
προορισμό μας, στην αιώνια
σωτηρία.

Εδώ, στον Άγιο Νικόλαο,
βιώνουμε την πληρότητα της
Εκκλησίας με τη συμμετοχή
μας στα Ιερά Μυστήρια, και με
τις ποικίλες ευκαιρίες διακονίας
και αδελφικών συναντήσεων
που μας παρέχει η κοινότητά
μας. Παρακαλώ, σκεφθείτε να
γίνετε επιστάτης και ενεργό

μέλος της Ενορίας. Ο
Ελληνορθόδοξος Ιερός
Ναός Αγίου Νικολάου είναι
μια οικογένεια πίστης,
και είμαστε εδώ για να
αγαπούμε, να στηρίζουμε
και να βοηθούμε ο ένας
τον άλλον. Ακριβώς όπως

*“Όταν ο Χριστός είναι
μαζί μας, οι ζωές μας
επικοινωνούν την
παρουσία Του στις ζωές
αυτών που είναι γύρω
μας.”*

Πατήρ Αριστείδης Γαρίνης

ο Κύριός μας γαλήνεψε τη
θάλασσα, όταν οι απόστολοι
χάνονταν στη θάλασσα της
Γαλιλαίας και όπως ο Άγιος
Νικόλαος έσωσε τους ναύτες
που πνίγονταν – με τον ίδιο
τρόπο, εμείς μπορούμε να
είμαστε Κιβωτός αγάπης,
παρηγοριάς, ειρήνης, ασφάλειας
και καθοδήγησης στη ζωή
αυτών που είναι γύρω μας. Αυτό
μπορεί να επιτευχθεί μόνον
όταν εμείς μένουμε στο πλοίο
με τον Χριστό και επιτρέψουμε
στην παρουσία Του να μείνει
στις ζωές μας. Όταν ο Χριστός
είναι μαζί μας, οι ζωές μας
επικοινωνούν την παρουσία Του
στις ζωές αυτών που είναι γύρω
μας.

Παρακαλώ, αφιερώσετε
λίγο χρόνο να μελετήσετε
αυτό το τεύχος Της Κιβωτού
και μάθετε για την ενορία
σας. Ευχαριστούμε όλες τις
υπηρεσίες και τις ποικίλες
οργανώσεις που συμμετείχαν
στην προσπάθεια να
πραγματοποιηθεί η έκδοση

αυτού του τεύχους της
Κιβωτού. Στο τελευταίο
μέρος του ενημερωτικού
δελτίου θα βρείτε επίσης
διάφορες αγγελίες με
σκοπό την ευκαιρία
να υποστηριχθούν οι
τοπικές μας επιχειρήσεις.
Αν επιθυμείτε να μας
προμηθεύσετε με διαφήμιση
για την επιχείρησή σας,
παρακαλώ, επικοινωνήσετε
μαζί μας στην ηλεκτρονική
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Ο Κύριός μας, δια
πρεσβειών του Προστάτου
μας Αγίου Νικολάου, να
είναι μαζί σας και να σας
ευλογεί όλους!

Με την εν Χριστώ αγάπη

Αιδ. Οικονόμος Αριστείδης
Γαρίνης, Ιερατικώς
Προιστάμενος,
Ελληνορθόδοξος Ιερός
Ναός Αγίου Νικολάου
Φλάσιγκ, Νέα Υόρκη



FR. ALEXANDROS DOUVRES

Beyond the Fast: Preparing for Pascha with Heart and Purpose

“O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown.” This triumphant cry, the resounding anthem of Pascha, echoes through the ages, a beacon of hope piercing the darkness of mortality. But the path to this glorious proclamation is not a sudden leap; it is a deliberate, transformative

journey through the sacred season of Lent. It is a journey that demands more than mere observance; it requires a deep, introspective dive into the very core of our being.

As we stand at the threshold of this Lenten season, let us cast aside the superficial and confront the profound question: what are we truly preparing for? In our daily lives, preparation often conjures images of tests, deadlines, and events – moments fraught with anxiety or fleeting anticipation. We prepare for academic challenges, feeling the gnawing tension of impending exams, or we eagerly await social gatherings, only to find their joy swiftly fading. Yet, Lent and Pascha are not mere milestones to be endured or celebrated in a transient manner. They are a

sacred invitation, a summons to embark on a pilgrimage of spiritual renewal, a journey that promises not just an event, but a metamorphosis.

Perhaps, like many who have walked this path before us, you’ve felt the subtle temptation to reduce Lent to a period of austere obligation, a fast to be endured with gritted teeth, or Pascha to a mere release from dietary constraints. But to approach these sacred seasons with such a limited perspective is to miss the very essence of their transformative power. It is to overlook the profound opportunity for spiritual growth, for a deeper connection with the divine, and for a rediscovery of the joy that lies at the heart of our faith. Lent is not a sentence, but

“..it’s about redirecting our focus from physical comforts to spiritual growth, drawing closer to Christ.”

a sanctuary; Pascha is not a reward, but a revelation. It is a time to look inward, to examine our hearts, and to prepare ourselves to

receive the boundless grace that awaits us.

The Church, in its wisdom, provides us with a roadmap in the three weeks leading up to Lent, guiding us towards the right mindset.

The Prodigal’s Return: A Lesson in Unconditional Love.

We begin with the story of the Prodigal Son. This isn’t just a tale of a wayward youth; it’s a powerful reminder of God’s boundless mercy. The son, in his foolishness, sought his inheritance as if his father were already dead, a profound act of

disrespect. Yet, upon his return, broken and repentant, he is met not with judgment, but with an outpouring of love. This teaches us that no

matter how far we stray, a sincere return to God is always met with open arms. How do we show this return? Through active participation in our church community, through prayer, and through living according to God's Commandments.

*Judgment
Sunday: Love in
Action.*

Then, we are confronted with the reality of Judgment Sunday. Christ's message is clear: true faith is demonstrated through acts of love and compassion. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned—these are not mere acts of charity, but encounters with Christ Himself. Lent is a call to actively seek out opportunities to extend God's love to those around us, to step outside our comfort zones and embody Christ's compassion.

*Forgiveness
Sunday: Healing
Through
Release.*

Finally, we arrive at Forgiveness Sunday,

a poignant reminder of the power of forgiveness. Forgiveness isn't about assigning blame; it's about valuing relationships above all else, recognizing the divine image in every person we encounter. It's about putting our egos aside and choosing love, mirroring Christ's ultimate act of forgiveness on the Cross. And fasting? It's not simply about abstaining from food; it's about redirecting our focus from physical comforts to spiritual growth, drawing closer to Christ.

As we embark on this sacred journey, let us remember that we are celebrating liberation, the overwhelming love of God. Let us approach Lent with hearts open to transformation, seeking forgiveness, extending compassion, and focusing on Christ. May this Lenten season be a time of profound spiritual renewal for us all. God bless you all.

With Love in Christ,
Rev. Alex Douvres,
Pastor
St. Nicholas Greek
Orthodox Shrine Church
Flushing, NY



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use this space to jot down your thought during this
lenten season.



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MARCH 2025

March 1 SAT	Saturday of Souls Ψυχοσάββατο 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	March 9 SUN	Sunday of Orthodoxy Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy (One Liturgy)
March 2 SUN	Forgiveness Sunday Κυριακή της Συγχωρήσεως 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy 10:45 2nd Liturgy Forgiveness Vespers 5:00 p.m. Εσπερινός Συγχωρήσεως	March 10 MON	Great Compline Μέγα Απόδειπνο 7:00 p.m.
March 3 MON	Great Compline and Canon Μέγα Απόδειπνο και Κανόνα 7:00 p.m. <i>Compline will be held on Tuesday and Thursday the first week</i> <i>Το Απόδειπνο θα ψαλλεί την Τρίτη και την πέμπτη την πρώτη εβδομάδα.</i>	March 12 WED	Presanctified Liturgy Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:00 p.m. - Bible Study following
March 5 WED	Presanctified Liturgy Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 6:00 p.m. - Bible Study following	March 13 THU	Great Compline Μέγα Απόδειπνο 7:00 p.m.
March 6 THU	Great Compline Μέγα Απόδειπνο 7:00 p.m.	March 14 FRI	Presanctified Liturgy Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 8 a.m. Salutations to the Theotokos Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου 7:00 p.m.
March 7 FRI	Presanctified Liturgy Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 8 a.m. Salutations to the Theotokos Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου 7:00 p.m.	March 16 SUN	St. Gregory Palamas Sunday Αγ. Γρηγορίου Παλαμά 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy 10:45 2nd Liturgy
March 8 SAT	Miracle of St. Theodore Θάυμα του Αγίου Θεοδώρου 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	March 17 MON	Great Compline Μέγα Απόδειπνο 7:00 p.m.



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WED
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study following

March 20
THU
Great Compline
Μέγα Απόδειπνο
7:00 p.m.

March 21
FRI
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 8 a.m.

Salutations to the Theotokos
Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου
7:00 p.m.

March 23
SUN
Sunday of the Holy Cross
Κυριακή του Τιμίου Σταυρού
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
10:45 2nd Liturgy

March 24
MON
Great Vespers of the Annunciation
Μέγας Εσπερινός Ευαγγελισμού
7:00 p.m.

March 25
TUE
Feast of the Annunciation
Ευαγγελισμός του Κυρίου
8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy
WS SCHOOL

March 26
WED
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study following

March 27
THU
Great Compline
Μέγα Απόδειπνο
7:00 p.m.

March 28
FRI
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 8 a.m.

Salutations to the Theotokos
Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου
7:00 p.m.

March 30
SUN
St. John Climacus
Κυριακή Αγ. Ιωάννου Συγγραφέως
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
10:45 2nd Liturgy

March 31
MON
Great Compline
Μέγα Απόδειπνο
7:00 p.m.

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April 2
WED
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study following

April 10
THU
Great Compline
Μέγα Απόδειπνο
7:00 p.m.

April 3
THU
Great Compline & Great Canon
Μέγα Απόδειπνο και Κανόνα
7:00 p.m.

April 11
FRI
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
8 a.m.

April 4
FRI
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
8:00 a.m.

April 12
SAT
+ HOLY WEEK +
Saturday of Lazarus
Σάββατο του Λαζάρου
Orthros 8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy

Ακάθιστος Ύμνος
Akathist Hymn
7:00 p.m.

April 13
SUN
Palm Sunday
Κυριακή των Βαΐων
Orthros / Όρθρος 5:45 a.m.

April 5
SAT
Saturday of the Akathist
Σάββατο του Ακαθίστου
Orthros 8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy

1st Liturgy / Πρώτη Λειτουργία
(Main church / Κύριως Ναό) 6:45 a.m.

2nd Liturgy / Δεύτερη Λειτουργία
(Main church / Κύριως Ναό) 9:00 a.m.

3rd Liturgy / Τρίτη Λειτουργία
(Sarantakos Hall / Αίθουσα) 10:45 a.m.

April 6
SUN
Saint Mary of Egypt
Αγ. Μαρίας της Αιγυπτίας
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
10:45 2nd Liturgy

Nymphios Service / Νυμφίος 7:00 p.m.

April 7
MON
Great Compline
Μέγα Απόδειπνο
7:00 p.m.

April 14
MON
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 8:00 a.m.

Nymphios Service / Νυμφίος 7:00 p.m.

April 9
WED
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study following

April 15
TUE
Presanctified Liturgy
Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία 8:00 a.m.

Nymphios Service / Νυμφίος 7:00 p.m.

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	1st Holy Unction / Ευχέλαιον 10:30 a.m.		Divine Liturgy of Pascha Λειτουργία του Πάσχα 12:30 a.m.
	2nd Holy Unction / Ευχέλαιον 7:00 p.m.		Agape Vespers Εσπερινός της Αγάπης 11:00 a.m.
April 17 THU	Holy Thursday Divine Liturgy Μεγάλη Πέμπτη Θεία Λειτουργία Orthros 7:30 a.m. / Liturgy 8:45 a.m.	April 22 TUE	Ss. Nicholas, Raphael and Irene Αγ. Νικόλας, Ραφαήλ και Ειρήνη Orthros 8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy
	Service of the Holy Passion ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΠΑΘΗ 6:45 p.m.	April 23 WED	St. George the Great-martyr Αγ. Γεώργιος Μεγαλομάρτυς Orthros 8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy
April 18 FRI	Holy Friday Morning Royal Hours / Αι Ώρες 9:00 a.m. Apokathilosis / Αποκαθήλωση 3:00 p.m. Trisagion / Τρισάγιον 6:00 p.m.	April 25 FRI	Life Giving Spring Ζωοδόχου Πηγής Orthros 8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy
	Lamentations and Epitaphios Εγκώμια και Επιτάφιος 7:00 p.m.	April 27 SUN	Sunday of Thomas Κυριακή του Θωμά Orthros 7:30 a.m. / 8:45 Liturgy (One Liturgy)
April 19 SAT	Holy Saturday Morning Liturgy Μεγάλο Σάββατο Θεία Λειτουργία 1st Liturgy / Πρώτη Λειτουργία (Main church / Κύριως Ναό) 6:00 a.m. 2nd Liturgy / Δεύτερη Λειτουργία (Sarantakos Hall / Αίθουσα) 7:00 a.m. 3rd Liturgy / Τρίτη Λειτουργία (Main church / Κύριως Ναό) 8:15 a.m.	April 30 WED	St. James the Apostle Αγ. Ιακώβου Αδελοθέου Orthros 8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy



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MAY 2025

May 4
SUN
Sunday of the Myrrbearing Women
Κυριακή των Μυροφόρων
7:30 Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
10:45 a.m. 2nd Liturgy

May 5
MON
St. Irene the Great-martyr
Αγ. Ειρήνη Μεγαλομάρτυρας
8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy

May 9
FRI
St. Christopher the Martry
Αγ. Χριστοφόρου Μάρτυρας
8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy

May 11
SUN
Sunday of the Paralytic
Κυριακή του Παραλυτικού
7:30 Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
10:45 a.m. 2nd Liturgy

May 14
WED
Mid-Pentecost
Μεσοπεντηκοστής
8:00 a.m. / 9:00 Liturgy

May 18
SUN
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Κυριακή της Σαμαρείτιδας
7:30 Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
(One Liturgy)

May 21
WED
SS. Constantine and Helen
Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου κι Ελένης
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

May 25
SUN
Sunday of the Blind Man
Κυριακή του Τυφλού
7:30 Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy
10:45 a.m. 2nd Liturgy

May 26
MON
+Memorial Day+
+Τρισάγιον στα Μνήματα+
Flushing Cemetery
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

May 27
TUE
St. John the Russian
Αγ. Ιωάννου του Ρώσου
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

May 28
WED
Apodosis of Pascha
Απόδοση του Πάσχα
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy

May 29
THU
Feast of Holy Ascension
Η Ανάληψη του Κυρίου
8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy



Attention Seniors:

Regular socialization and interaction are such simple but easily overlooked things. They are of particular value for those in their senior years!

Our Seniors group meets for fellowship every Monday, and Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., on the fourth floor of our Michelis Cultural Center Building.

Participants are asked to pack a lunch! Coffee and dessert are served.

For more information contact Venita Lorras through the church office.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Fellow Parishioners and Friends of our beloved St Nicholas Flushing, Community, please join me in thanking our Ark Newsletter team and Olga Dakis for helping us re-launch our newsletter! We are excited to have another medium for communicating news and upcoming events with you. As you all know, there has been much activity in our St. Nicholas Community as we welcomed 2025.

Our dear Proistameno, Fr. Paul, officially started a new chapter and retired from his full time responsibilities. He joined us on a number of Sundays and holidays since then and we are looking forward to having Fr. Paul celebrate the liturgies at St. Nicholas on a regular basis. We celebrated this milestone, in his and Presbyteria Anastasia's lives, at our Agape Gala where they were honored for their contributions to our Parish over their 27-year ministry. It was a

wonderful and touching evening for those who attended, in person, on video, and on social media!

On February 9th, Archbishop Elpidophoros visited our Church to install Fr. Aristidis as the new Proistameno of our Parish. We wish Fr. Aristidis a long and fruitful ministry with Presbyteria Vasileia and their 3 children (Konstantinos, Antonia and Demetrios) who, are by his side. Also, by Fr. Aristidis' side is our dear Fr. Alexander, Presbyteria Irene and their son Demetrios who we are blessed to have in our Parish.

The Parish Council and I have been working closely with Fr. Aristidis and Fr. Alexander on a number of initiatives. Please see the Parish Council section of the Newsletter for further details.

I would also like to thank Nicholas Donas, Michael Giannakos, Paul Misthos, Harris Stathopoulos, and Peter Valasiadis who completed and served their terms on the Parish

Council with much dedication, work, and love for our Parish.

Finally, I would like to thank you all, for your support to myself and our Community at large. There are so many of you who work tirelessly to support Fr. Aristidis, Fr. Alexander, and the Parish Council in achieving our goals. We are excited as we embark on this year,

with so much to do, and all of you as our partners on this journey.

Wishing you a Blessed Lent.

Your Brother in Christ,
Mike Haralambous
Parish Council
President

I am pleased to share with you, the new Parish Council which was installed, on January 19th. Our 2025 Parish Council Members are the following:

Mike Haralambous, President
James Athanasopoulos, 1st Vice President
Chris Pantazis, 2nd Vice President
Nektarios Giannios, Secretary
Niki Sakarellos, Treasurer
Victoria Tsadilas, Assistant Treasurer

Thomas Black
Nicholas Frazis
Larry Hotzoglou
Nicholas Karacostas
Vasilios Kontogianis
Peter Levantis
Tina Metis
Dean Moskos
Christopher Palamara
Christina Siroky
Hercules Stamelos
Andrew Tsiolas
Nicholas Voulkoudis
Harry Yanakis
Nicholas Zolotas

A Warm Welcome & Exciting Updates from Your Parish!

We're thrilled to celebrate the launch of the Ark, our inaugural Parish Newsletter! This marks a new chapter in how we connect and keep you informed about the vibrant life of our community.

As you know, we're actively working on vital improvements to our beloved church. Here's a progress report:

Heating & Air Conditioning Renewal:

After bravely serving us for many years, our system reached its well-earned retirement. We're pleased to announce that significant strides have been made in installing the new equipment. We anticipate full operation by end of March, ensuring a comfortable environment for all.

Church & Chapel Roof and Exterior Restoration:

Our historic church, now over 50 years old, requires essential care to protect its cherished interior and iconography. Thanks to the overwhelming

success of our Agape Gala in January, we've raised approximately \$140,000 towards this project! We are also excited to offer a unique opportunity to own a piece of our church's history through the "Tile Icons" of Saint Nicholas, designed by Fr. Aristidis. These special icons bring a piece of our church and our patron saint into your homes. Your generous contribution will help us preserve our sacred space for generations to come.

The Renovation of the Church Interior and Purchase of Ecclesiastical Items:

This includes the Panagia shrine (front left side of Church) and the St. Nicholas shrine (front right side of Church). We are happy to share that, due to generous contributions and pledges, the planning and some of the work and purchases have already been completed.

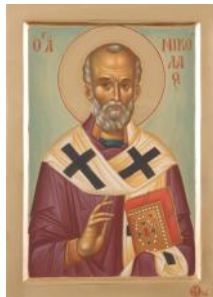


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and take a piece of St. Nicholas home with you!



ST. NICHOLAS 2025 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



YEARLY STEWARDSHIP OPTIONS

St. Nicholas Shrine Church provides a wide range of ministries to its community. However, these ministries are expensive to maintain.

It costs \$5,300 a day to keep the doors open.

We ask that you consider sponsoring a day or more as your stewardship gift. That's a gift of \$14.75 a day or \$442 a month. With the understanding that these numbers may not be feasible for everyone, we ask that you alternatively offer

- ☐ Sponsor ONE Day for \$4,500-\$5,000
- ☐ Sponsor ½ a day for \$2,000-\$2,500
- ☐ Sponsor ¼ of a day for \$1,000-\$1,500
- ☐ Minimum Sponsor \$500-\$600

SCAN ME!



become a Steward of St. Nicholas today!

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Address

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Cardholder's Name

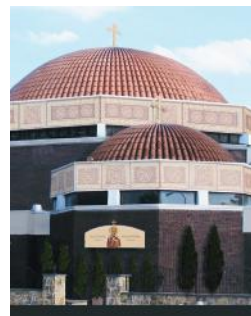
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Call the church office to pay by phone or check
(718) 357-4200

ST. NICHOLAS RENOVATION PROGRAM 2025



Μωσαϊκά σχέδια μικρού τρούλου (8 τοίχοι)
Small Dome Mosaic Panel (8 Panels) -
\$25,000 each

Μωσαϊκά σχέδια μεγάλου τρούλου (8 τοίχοι)
Large Dome Mosaic Panel (8 Panels) -
\$35,000 each

Μωσαϊκή πινακίδα της ενορίας
Saint Nicholas Mosaic Parish Sign
\$40,000

This sign will be a mosaic sign with an icon of St. Nicholas at its center. Mosaic is a traditional way of making icons or designs using small stone and glazed glass fragments. This technique is centuries old and will last well into our future.

Each icon is on an original tile from the roof of our parish. Take a piece of St. Nicholas home with you and help us make our vision for our parish a reality.

Each tile is \$1000 purchase your icon tile today!



SCAN ME!



help in our renovation today!

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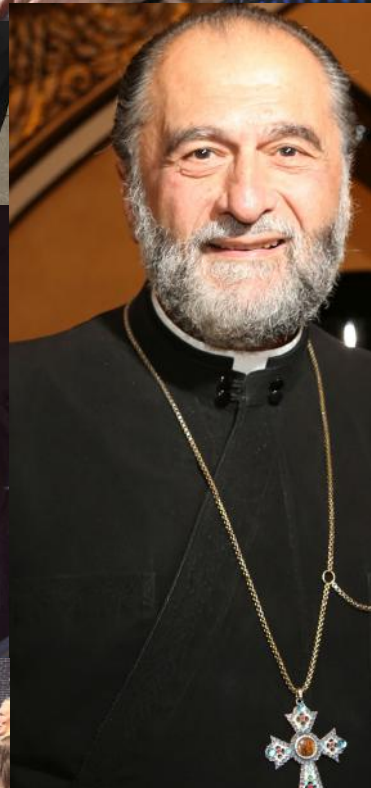
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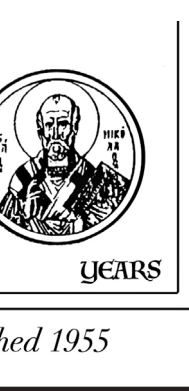
Email

How many tiles?

Call the church office to pay by phone or check
(718) 357-4200

Images
that speak
volumes.
A farewell
to Fr. Paul
Palesty,
captured in
moments.





ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH

ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL OF BYZANTINE ICONOGRAPHY



•MONTHLY
ICONOGRAPHY CLASSES

•ALL SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME

•COMING FALL 2025

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO BE
ADDED TO OUR
MAILING LIST!



Scan the QR code to be added to mailing list for details on these upcoming monthly iconography classes.



Attention 5th and 6th graders...

Join us as Junior Myrophores for this year's Holy Friday and Holy Saturday Services! Contact is in the flyer below.



ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX
SHRINE CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
HOLY SERVICES AS A

MYROPHORA

18 APRIL | Holy Friday
19 APRIL | Holy Saturday

7TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH, 11TH
12TH GRADES AND UP

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL/TEXT OLGA DAKIS
917-584-0978

<https://bit.ly/SNFYOUTH>

ALTAR SERVING

SERVING IN THE ALTAR IS A
BLESSING AND AN OFFERING TO
GOD!



IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN SERVING IN
THE ALTAR, PLEASE SPEAK WITH FATHER
ARISTIDIS OR FATHER ALEXANDROS.

ALTAR BOYS

Serving God, and by extension, the priests at the altar, is an act of offering.

Just as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "on Earth as it is in Heaven," the Divine Liturgy is the glorification of God on Earth. Therefore, those who serve at the altar are akin to angels in Heaven, ministering to God for His glory.

To serve at the altar is to offer oneself to God and to act as the

angels, having the incredible honor of assisting the Lord.

Anyone who wishes to serve the Lord in this manner is encouraged to ask Father Aristidis, or Father Alex, for further guidance.

Recently, Archbishop Elpidophoros honored thirteen of our long-serving altar servers with a blessing and tonsured them to the office of Reader.

Altar Boy Lenten Retreat:

✦ Saturday, March 15th, at noon, Part 1, meet in the church.

✦ Palm Sunday, April 13th, after the 3rd Liturgy, Part 2, meet in the church.



PHILOKALIA BOOKSTORE

The Philokalia Antonios I. Crassides bookstore was officially named in honor of my beloved father, Antonios ("Tony") Crassides, a long-time parishioner, who passed away in August 2014. To commemorate his memory and his deep love of reading and ecclesiastical education, my grandmother, Theodora, sponsored the naming rights, ensuring the bookstore would henceforth bear her husband's full name. While the store existed prior to this, it was smaller, and operated by a different volunteer group, which included my husband, daughter, and myself, all of whom remain actively involved today.

We offer a comprehensive selection, including a wide array of children's books, as noted by a visiting Presbyter from the tri-state area during our annual festival. We also provide service books relevant to each feast day on our church calendar, along with prayer ropes, bracelets, necklaces, incense, censers, charcoal, icons, and various greeting cards. For special icon orders, a 50% deposit is required. As Great Lent approaches, we have Holy Week books and the Orthodox Study Bible available. Our inventory also includes a small collection of Greek books, such as the 2025 pocket-sized Synaxarion, and numerous paperback Akathists, particularly the

Akathist to the Panagia.

Over the years, our volunteer staff has decreased from five or six to one full-time and one part-time member. We urgently need additional volunteers, especially tech-savvy young adults, or high school students seeking community service hours. Assistance with inventory and creating an on-line spreadsheet with item details and prices would be invaluable, enabling the St. Nicholas office staff to easily check stock for customers during the week. We also desire a slim book cart to enhance our visibility during coffee hour.

Finally, I would like to remind our church family that the bookstore primarily sells new and gently used books and icons. Please refrain from donating items you would otherwise discard. All proceeds support the maintenance and growth of our beautiful church, and we aim to share the Good Word as widely as possible. There is no greater gift we can offer our St. Nicholas community, which gives us so much in return.

The bookstore is open after liturgy, come visit us!

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."
Psalms 119:105

Volunteer Opportunity

Attention High school students! Need service hours?

The Philokalia Antonios I Crassides Bookstore can use your help. Find Christine or John in the store, after liturgy, for more information.



Philokalia Bookstore



**Ζήστε τις
ακολουθίες της
Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας
με αυτό το βιβλίο,
διαθέσιμο για αγορά
στο βιβλιοπωλείο
Φιλοκαλία για \$40**

**Experience the Holy Week services with
this book, available for purchase at the
Philokalia Bookstore for \$40**

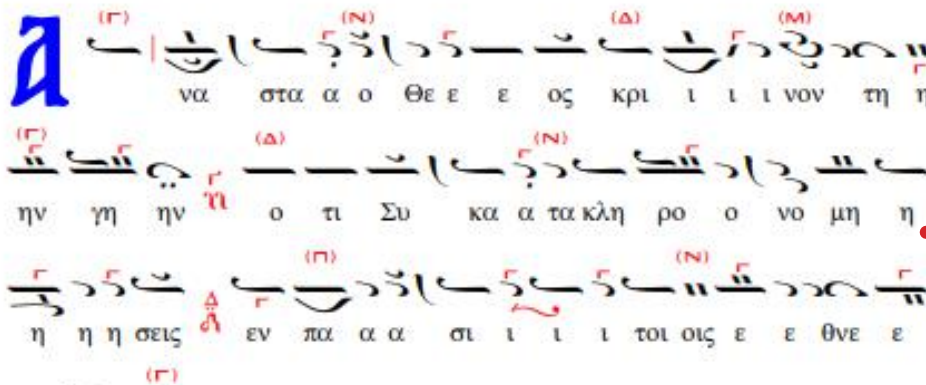
BYZANTINE MUSIC SCHOOL

The Byzantine Music School began operating in September 2024. The classes are held every Thursday, at 7:00 p.m, in the school building and are free. The classes are taught by the professor of of Byzantine music and master chanter of St. Nicholas Shrine Church, Flushing, Eleftherios

Eleftheriadis.

The school has 15 registered students who participate in the Sunday services and holidays at St. Nicholas Church. All students are registered with the New York Chanter's Association, "Romanos the Melodist," and participate in all the events and concerts of the association.

"The classes are held every Thursday, at 7:00 pm, in the school building and are free."



Η σχολή της Βυζαντινής μουσικής άρχισε να λειτουργεί από τον Σεπτέμβριο 2024. Τα μαθήματα γίνονται κάθε Πέμπτη 7:00 η ώρα και είναι δωρεάν. Στα μαθήματα διδάσκει ο καθηγητής Βυζαντινής μουσικής και νπρωτοψάλτης του Ιερού Ναού Αγίου Νικολάου Φλάσινγκ Ελευθέριος

Ελευθεριάδης. Η σχολή έχει εγγεγραμμένους 15 μαθητές οι οποίοι συμμετέχουν στις λειτουργίες των Κυριακών και των εορτών του Ιερού Ναού του Αγίου Νικολάου. Όλοι οι μαθητές είναι εγγεγραμμένοι στον σύλλογο Ιεροψαλτών της Νέας Υόρκης «Ρωμανός ο Μελωδός» και συμμετέχουν σε όλες τις εκδηλώσεις και συναυλίες του συλλόγου.



CHURCH SCHOOL

St. Nicholas Church School: Nurturing Faith and Knowledge

The St. Nicholas Church School continues its mission of providing meaningful religious education for all ages, from Pre-K through High School. Classes meet most Sundays from September through May during the First Divine Liturgy, immediately following Holy Communion (approximately 10:00 AM–10:40 AM). This schedule allows families the flexibility to attend church together during the First Liturgy or for students to begin their Sunday with Church School and then attend the Second Divine Liturgy.

Our team of dedicated teachers and assistants bring years of experience and a deep love for sharing our Orthodox faith with each child. Under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Ekonomos Aristidis Garinis, Proistamenos, our Church School helps children build a strong foundation in faith while fostering a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Vision & Mission

Our vision is for every child to develop a personal love for Jesus Christ and an understanding of His mission in the world.

Religious education at St. Nicholas Church is a formation program designed to inspire a deep knowledge of God and a lifelong witness of Christian love. Our goal is to instill an understanding of the fundamental beliefs of the Greek Orthodox Church—the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Christ—so that our children may carry these teachings into the world and apply them in their daily lives.

All Joy, Jr. GOYA and GOYA members are automatically enrolled in Church School. If you have not had the opportunity to join us, we invite all families to take part in this enriching experience and support our children on their journey of faith.

The Mission of our Sunday Church School

- Help children experience the presence of God in their lives.
- Teach them who Jesus Christ is, guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Encourage them to follow the ways of Christ, as taught by the Holy Apostles and lived by the Holy Fathers through the continuing Tradition of the Orthodox Church.
- Creatively engage them in the learning process.
- Provide them with hope in their salvation.

We will have classes most Sunday's during the month of March, 2025. Our schedule of classes for the remainder of the year are listed below. We can be reached at the email noted

below or you can call the Church Office. Please join us! We hope to see your children soon as we all begin our Lenten Journey toward Pascha.

Email: stnicholasflushingchurchschool@gmail.com



Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy.

-St. Theophan the Recluse



MARCH


- 2 Sunday Classes (Forgiveness Sunday -Cheesefare)
- 9 Sunday Classes (Sunday of Orthodoxy)
- 16 Sunday Classes (Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas)
- 23 Sunday Classes (Sunday of the Holy Cross)
- 30 Sunday No Classes (Sunday of St. John Climacus)
NYC Greek Independence Day Parade




APRIL

- 6 Sunday Classes (Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt)
- 9 Wednesday Confession after school both dates
- 11 Friday 3- 5pm
- 13 Sunday No Classes (Palm Sunday Procession)
- 20 Sunday No Classes (Great and Holy Pascha)
- 27 Sunday Classes (Thomas Sunday)

MAY

- 4 Sunday Classes (Sunday of Myrrh-Bearing Women)
- 11 Sunday Classes (Sunday of the Paralytic) 
Mother's Day
- 18 Sunday Classes (Sunday of the Samaritan Woman)
- 25 Sunday No Classes (Sunday of the Blind Man)

JUNE

- 1 Sunday Church School Graduation, Promotion and Awards Day
 Recognize teachers and students in church after communion. Meet in cafeteria after Communion/Recognition for student awards. Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Council



St. Nicholas Church School Schedule



WOMEN'S CHOIR

For over forty years, the voices of the St. Nicholas Women's Choir have filled the church with the rich sounds of Byzantine chant. Born from the former Junior Choir in the late 1970s, this dedicated group, anchored by a core of long-standing members, continues to bring their passion to sacred services.

Hear them during the solemnity of Lent, the poignant Good

Friday liturgy, the joyous Anastasi, and the festive Christmas Eve celebration. You might also catch their harmonious presence during select Sunday liturgies throughout the year.

While regular rehearsals are currently on pause, the choir warmly welcomes new members who share a love for chanting, in both English and Greek.



Join the Joyful Harmony at St. Nicholas Youth Choir!

At our beloved parish of St. Nicholas in Flushing, we have always cherished the delightful sounds of children's voices filling our church and community with joy. We are thrilled to announce the revitalization of the St. Nicholas Youth Choir, originally established in the 1990s, now welcoming a vibrant new generation of young singers! Our mission is simple yet profound: to gather our youth and inspire them to learn and actively participate in the Divine Liturgy by chanting the beautiful hymns of our Orthodox faith.

✨What Awaits You?

The St. Nicholas Youth Choir meets every Sunday after the first Divine Liturgy, and we invite all children entering second grade—especially those with a love for music—to join us on this exciting journey! Together, we will explore the rich melodies of our Orthodox hymns and share the spotlight during our Christmas pageant alongside the talented St. Nicholas Women's Choir.

🌟Learn, Grow, and Connect!

As we dive into the hymns of the Divine Liturgy, we don't just sing; we also uncover the deeper meanings behind each hymn, enriching our young

YOUTH CHOIR

members' spiritual education. Being part of the youth choir is not just about music; it's an incredible opportunity for children to engage in worship, build lasting friendships, and create cherished memories.

🎵Enhance Your Skills!

In addition to singing, choir members will sharpen their Western music notation reading skills and boost their aural abilities through fun sight-reading exercises. It's a fantastic way to grow musically!

📱Ready to Join Us?

If your child is excited about joining our musical family, simply scan the QR code for more information. We can't wait to welcome new voices into our choir and share this wonderful experience together!



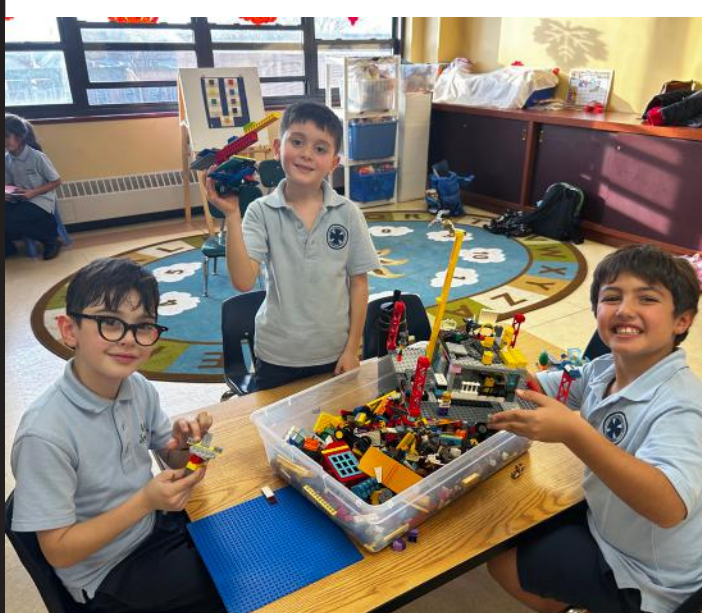
LITTLE ANGELS

The "Little Angels" Mommy and me program at Saint Nicholas serves all children under the age of 2.5 years, promotes early development and provides a strong foundation for your child's critical first three years. Weekly classes are held on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. The program runs from October through June. Every week, children enjoy circle time with songs in both Greek and English, craft time and snack time. Holidays are celebrated with mini parties for Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year. It's also a great opportunity to meet other Greek families. Come and join the "Little Angels" family. If you would like more information, or for registrations, please contact us via email at saintnicholaslittleangels@gmail.com or call the church office at 718-357-4200.

Program director: Margarita Eleftheriadis
347-551-3625



H.O.L.A.



Stephen and Areti Cherpeli

Hellenic Orthodox Life Academy Of St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church



About the program!

The Hellenic Orthodox Life Academy is an innovative after-school enrichment program that meets daily and gives students the opportunity to engage in educational fun activities while practicing the Greek language. The program offers a range of academic components: culture, language, arts, and recreation which allows children to grow physically and socially while connecting with their Greek heritage.

Registration

- Contact the St. Nicholas church office
- Monthly Payments
- No refund for Absences
- 10% Sibling Discount

*See Registration form for the schedule, tuition and fees. *

Registration is open all year long!

What we offer

- Time for Homework
- Language Supplemental Help
- Art and Crafts
- Christian Orthodox Life Session

196-10 Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11358

Phone: 718-357-4200

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info@stnicholasflushing.org



PHILOPTOCHOS

The St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos welcomes all ladies of our parish to join us. Become a part of the wonderful philanthropic work that we do in assisting the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the

Church through our fundraising efforts. In addition, we strive to preserve and perpetuate, Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox, faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs.

“...we strive to preserve and perpetuate, Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian family...”

victims of disasters, and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the

We look forward to welcoming you!
Maria Zolotas
President



HOW TO RENEW/JOIN

Paying by check?

Payable to: St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos

Mailed to: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Attn: Philoptochos

196-10 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358



SCAN TO PAY
YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

Unsure if you have paid your membership?
Please call or text Vasiliki Vlantis,
membership chair 516-851-5887



THE MEN'S LEAGUE



The Men's League Executive Board

George Kakivelis - President

Anthony Plakas - VP

Nicholas Zolotas - Treasurer

Michael Giannakos - Recording Secretary

Nekatrios Giannios - Corresponding Secretary

Since 1955, the St. Nicholas Men's League has been an integral part of our community, demonstrating unwavering dedication. They are more than just talk; they take action, persistently battling hunger by delivering nourishing meals to families facing hardship, year after year. Their financial contributions have also been significantly impactful, providing substantial donations that have fueled the church's growth. And when the highly anticipated annual St. Nicholas festival arrives, their volunteer spirit shines brightly, directly contributing to the event's, and consequently the church's, continued financial success.

We welcome all members of our parish to join us and help continue to raise money for our community. Here is a list of upcoming events:

3/11/25 Meeting 7:30 P.M. on the fourth floor.

4/8/25 Meeting 7:30 P.M. on the fourth floor.

4/27-25 Bake Sale after 1st liturgy – we are asking for baked deserts to be donated.

5/6/25 Meeting @ Greek Family Kitchen (212-02 Union Tpke)

5/22/25 – Gentleman's Night – (196th Street Parking lot) More details to follow.

6-10-25 Meeting 7:30 P.M on the fourth floor.

Email: GKakivelis@gmail.com
to join or for more information.



ST. STEPHANOS

St. Stephanos Young Adult Fellowship

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church

The St. Stephanos Fellowship is open to all adult members of St. Nicholas between the ages 18-35. The group encourages young adults to be active witnesses of their Orthodox faith, through participation in social, spiritual, and philanthropic activities.



Upcoming Events:

- March
 - 03/22 - Saint Basil GOYA Retreat
 - Volleyball Night
- April
 - Komboskini Making & Lenten Bake Sale
 - Volunteering for Lenten Retreat
- May
 - Jonathon Jackson - Wine & Cheese Night
 - Volunteering at the Annual St. Nick's Greek Festival



@ststephanosyoungadults



Prayer Corner

O Lord and Master of my life!
Take from me the spirit of sloth,
faint-heartedness, lust of power, and
idle talk. †

But give rather the spirit of chastity,
humility, patience, and love to Thy
servant. †

Yea, Lord and King! Grant me to see
my own errors and not to judge my
brother, for Thou art blessed unto
ages of ages. †

Amen †

Lenten Prayer of
ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

† = Prostration

Κύριε καὶ Δέσποτα τῆς ζωῆς μου,
πνεῦμα ἀργίας, περιεργίας,
φιλαρχίας, καὶ ἀργολογίας μὴ μοι
δῶς. †

Πνεῦμα δὲ σωφροσύνης,
ταπεινοφροσύνης, ὑπομονῆς, καὶ
ἀγάπης χάρισαί μοι τῷ σῶ δούλῳ. †

Ναί, Κύριε Βασιλεῦ, δώρησαι μοι
τοῦ ὁρᾶν τὰ ἐμὰ πταίσματα, καὶ μὴ
κατάκρινειν τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, ὅτι
εὐλογητὸς εἶ, εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων. †

Ἀμήν †

Εὐχὴ τοῦ Ὁσίου Ἐφραίμ
Ἅγιος Εφραίμ ὁ Σύρος

† = προσκύνημα

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

World of Work: Parent Profession

We've seen fantastic engagement and learning in our preschool as parents have been generously sharing their professions with our 3- and 4-year-old students! These visits provide a unique window into the diverse world of work and offer many developmental benefits for our young learners.

Exposing children to different professions at this age is crucial for several reasons:

- **Stimulating Curiosity:** Hearing firsthand accounts from parents sparks children's natural curiosity about the world around them.
- **Expanding Vocabulary:** Children encounter new words and concepts related to various jobs, enriching their language skills.
- **Developing Understanding:** They begin to understand how different roles contribute to society and the importance of work.
- **Inspiring Future Aspirations:** These presentations can plant seeds of interest in future careers, encouraging children to dream big.

By inviting parents to share their experiences, we're creating a dynamic and engaging learning environment that supports the holistic development of our preschoolers.



**Thursday, April 3rd
at 10:00 am**

PLEASE RSVP:
(718) 357-0800

STNICHOLASDOULAVERIS@GMAIL.COM

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Come visit our school with your child and let your child experience school life while participating in activities, making crafts and having a snack with other children.

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- *Learn about our curriculum
- *Watch your child participate in fun activities

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Save the date



Exciting News: Our New Two-Year-Old Program

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Two-Year-Old Program, designed specifically for our youngest learners. This program will offer:

- A curriculum focused exclusively on toddler development.
- Age-appropriate activities to support cognitive, social, and motor skills.
- A introduction to Greek language through engaging songs.

Our carefully crafted program aims to provide a strong foundation for your child's growth and learning journey. By incorporating Greek songs, we're also introducing cultural diversity and language skills in a fun, accessible way.

We believe this new program will create a nurturing environment where our little ones can thrive, explore, and develop a love for learning that will serve them well in the years to come.

Join us in celebrating the curiosity of our preschoolers and the exciting opportunities that await our youngest learners in this new program!



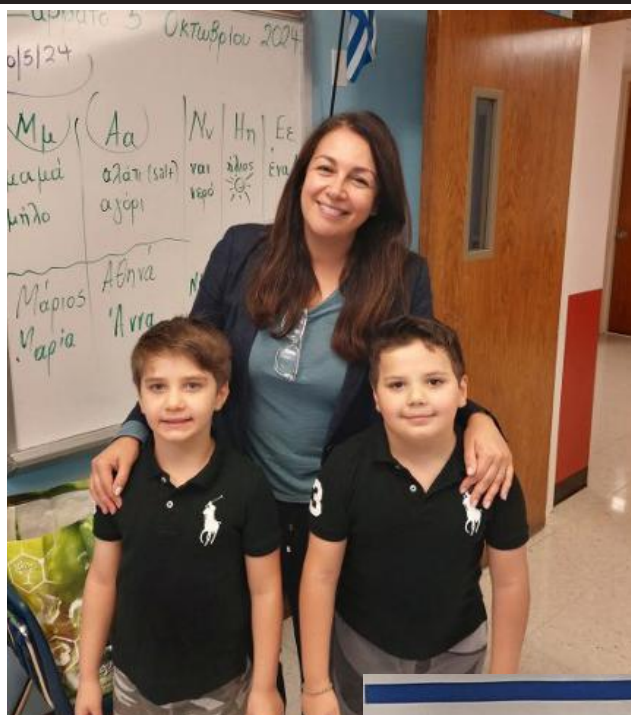
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enhanced educational experience, empowering students to engage with their Hellenic heritage actively.

We offer classes from Preschool through 8th grade, preparing students for the Greek Regents exams. Our dedicated and highly qualified teachers provide personalized instruction in small class settings, tailoring lessons to meet the individual needs and learning levels of each student.

Principal- Stella Vasileiadou



Founded in 1957, the Hellenic School "Stephen & Areti Cherpelis" of the Saint Nicholas community in Flushing is dedicated to nurturing future generations by promoting and preserving Greek language, culture, and Christian ideals. Our mission is to cultivate and advance the Greek language through an

✅ Upcoming events at the Hellenic School ✅

- Greek Independence Day Assembly March 29th
- Greek Parade NYC March 30th
- Palm Cross Folding with Joy April 12th
- PTA Bake Sale on May 4th



HELLENIC SCHOOL



Στο ελληνικό σχολείο «Στέφανος & Αρετή Τσερπέλη» της κοινότητας του Αγίου Νικολάου στο Φλάσινγκ, που ιδρύθηκε το 1957, έχουμε ως στόχο να προάγουμε την ελληνική γλώσσα και τον πολιτισμό μας στις νέες γενιές. Είμαστε υπεύθυνοι όχι μόνο για τη διατήρηση των Ελληνοχριστιανικών ιδεωδών αλλά και για τη διάδοσή τους, ώστε να διαγωνιστεί η κληρονομιά μας.

Πιο συγκεκριμένα το έργο μας είναι η

διατήρηση, η καλλιέργεια και η προώθηση της ελληνικής γλώσσας με στόχο τη βελτίωση της παρεχόμενης εκπαίδευσης ώστε οι μαθητές και οι μαθήτριάς μας να γίνουν κοινωνοί του ελληνικού πολιτισμού. Προσφέρουμε μαθήματα από τις τάξεις του Προνηπίου έως και την Ογδόη και προετοιμάζουμε τους μαθητές για τις Πολιτειακές εξετάσεις.

Οι δάσκαλοι του σχολείου μας, όλοι εκπαιδευτικά καταρτισμένοι,



μεταδίδουν με αγάπη και ζήλο τις γνώσεις τους. Τα τμήματά μας είναι ολιγομελή και τα μαθήματα που σχεδιάζουν οι εκπαιδευτικοί είναι πάντα ανάλογα με το επίπεδο και τις ανάγκες των μαθητών τους.



Η επέτειος της 25ης Μαρτίου 1821 και ο Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου είναι ο εορτασμός των Ελλήνων στο γένος και στο φρόνημα. Στη σχολική μας εορτή μνημονεύουμε και να τιμάμε με ιδιαίτερη περηφάνια και χαρά την επέτειο από την κήρυξη της επανάστασης. Το νόημα που περικλείεται στο 1821 είναι μια λέξη μόνο: ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΙΑ. Είναι το κατόρθωμα ενός τόσο μικρού έθνους, της πατρίδας μας, που είναι μικρή στο χώρο αλλά απέραντη στον χρόνο. Γι'αυτόν τον αγώνα του λαού πανηγυρίζουμε και για τα δύο «Χαίρε».

Το «Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη Μαρία» και το «Χαίρε ω Χαίρε Λευτεριά».

Ο λαός μας κατόρθωσε να μην αφομοιωθεί, αλλά και να διατηρήσει την εθνική του ταυτότητα, όπως αυτή εκφράζεται μέσα από τη γλώσσα και τη θρησκεία του.

Ας εμπνευστούμε από τους ήρωες του 1821 πραγματικά και όχι πρόσκαιρα. Ας τους έχουμε στον νου μας καθημερινά και όχι μια φορά τον χρόνο. Και τότε μόνο θα είμαστε άξιοι της ελευθερίας που εκείνοι μας χάρισαν. Αθάνατοι ήρωες σας ευχαριστούμε και σας ευγνωμονούμε για τη μεγάλη θυσία σας.

ΖΗΤΩ ΤΟ ΕΘΝΟΣ - ΖΗΤΩ Η 25Η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ

Η Διευθύντρια του Ελληνικού Σχολείου του Αγίου Νικολάου «Στέφανος & Αρετή Τσερπέλη»

Στέλλα Βασιλειάδου

WM SPYROPOULOS

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Mary Tzallas, and I am the proud Principal of our St. Nicholas William Spyropoulos School. The 2024-2025 school year has been a very good one, and our calendar is filled with news, events and milestones that celebrate our Greek-American culture, our Greek Orthodox faith and our amazing students.

We have just received the results of our eighth graders' admissions to the Catholic High Schools, and I am proud to announce that all our students have been accepted to at least one of their top choices of high schools with most receiving offers to all three schools they had applied to. In addition, many of our students

have been accepted to Honors Programs, and 35% have received one or more scholarships. We are still awaiting the results for the Public Screened and Specialized High Schools which should be released in March.

On February 6th we had our Kindergarten Open House which was well attended, but if you missed it or if you would like to know more about any other grade in our school, please do not hesitate to call our office and ask for a private meeting and/or a buddy day.

Sincerely,

Mary Tzallas

Mary Tzallas
Principal



Hawks Champions 2025



8th Grade Representation 9/11 Memorial Dedication





Kite Flying on Kathara Deftera



Christmas Assembly 2024



The William Spyropoulos Greek-American Day School
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- An after school program that enhances intellectual, physical and artistic development
- A rigorous middle school program
- High acceptance rate to the most competitive public and private high schools with students receiving academic scholarships
- Excellent Regent scores



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An outstanding environment, where children learn and
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Scan the QR Code to get a glimpse of our school

100 Years Old on the 100th Day of School





Christmas Toy Drive for Assemblyman Braunstein



Ζήτω η Ελλάδα- Oxi Day Assembly 2024



The William Spyropoulos Choir



Spirit Week 2025



2024-2025 School Year Agiasmos



Cutting of the Vasilopita January 2025



Kindergarten Thanksgiving Day Assembly



Ring Ceremony 2024-2025

WM SPYROPOULOS ALUMNI

Remember those days in the halls of William Spyropoulos? Well, they're back – and even better!

It all started with a spark, a vision shared by Mrs. Tavantzis and Mrs. Tzallas, back in November 2024. What began as a small gathering quickly blossomed into a vibrant community. Each meeting buzzed with familiar faces and fresh ideas, all fueled by a shared love for our Hellenic roots, the beautiful Greek language, and our Orthodox faith. We're not just an alumni association; we're a family reconnecting, ready to give back to the very school that shaped who we are.

And speaking of reconnecting, did you hear about our launch event? On February 28, 2025, Oasis Cafe on Northern Blvd transformed into a time capsule, packed with over 65 alumni! Laughter filled the air as old friends caught up, shared stories, and relived those unforgettable school moments. It was a night of shared memories and the warmth of old friendships.



But that's just the beginning! We're fired up to keep the momentum going. Mark your calendars for our next meeting on April 1, 2025, back where it all began: the Wm. Spyropoulos School. Come home and be a part of something special!

Want to join the fun? Here's how to stay in the loop:

Drop us a line:
Alumni@wmspyropoulosschool.org

Join the crew: Sign up for our mailing list: Alumni Registration Form - Google Forms
[Scan the QR code below](#)

Follow the adventure: Catch us on Instagram
[@wmspyropoulos_alumni](https://www.instagram.com/wmspyropoulos_alumni)

We can't wait to see you at our upcoming gatherings! Let's rekindle those friendships and build a legacy together.





JOY

St. Nicholas JOY: Fun for the Little Ones!

JOY is where the magic begins! Aimed at our energetic kids in grades 3 through 5, this ministry is all about having a blast while learning about our Orthodox faith. Imagine crafting beautiful icons, participating in fun games, and going on exciting outings with friends who share your beliefs!

What's Happening in JOY?

Creative Crafts: Get ready to unleash your creativity! From making holiday decorations to designing your own prayer journals, JOY is all about hands-on fun.

Exciting Outings: Whether it's a trip to a zoo or a fun day at the park, JOY members explore together while building lasting friendships.

Service Projects: Kids learn the importance of giving back through engaging community service activities that make a difference.

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I SPY... WHAT'S IN MY CHURCH

Come take an interactive church tour!

Lenten Discussion:

What is Great Lent and how does it
prepare us for Pascha?

9 MARCH, 2025 | 2-4 PM

ST. NICHOLAS JOY
GRADES 2-4

Save the date for our JOY and JR GOYA Lenten Retreat on Holy Friday after the Royal hours upto the Apokathilosis.

APRIL 18th, 2025



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox
Shrine Church

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**SATURDAY OF LAZARUS
APRIL 12TH**

WM SPYROPOULOS COURTYARD
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



While technically part of JOY, Junior GOYA is specifically catered to children in grades 5-7, addressing the age gap between younger and older JOY members. The group meets once a month, and is molded on our GOYA

meetings, providing an opportunity for both fun and fellowship for all. Like JOY, Junior GOYA engages our youth in their faith through discussion and activities.

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JR GOYA



JR GOYA PROSPHORO BAKING

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

2 PM TO 4 PM

Join the JR Goyans for an engaging workshop on

Prosporo baking. Discover the traditions and techniques of this sacred bread in a day filled with fellowship, faith, and enjoyment!



GOYA

Join us for faith, fellowship, and fun! Our youth group at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church meets weekly to grow in our Orthodox faith, hear engaging theological talks from Father Aristidis Garinis and Father Alexandros Douvres, and build lasting friendships. In addition to spiritual discussions, we plan

exciting trips and events, including Six Flags, ice skating, Lenten retreats, dances, and RPM Raceway! Whether you're looking to deepen your faith or just connect with others in a welcoming community, we invite you to be part of our journey. Come see what makes our youth group special!

Goya is open to all in 8th through 12th grade.

GOYA BOARD MEMBERS

Constantine Bougiamas- President
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 John Balis- Event Planner
 Konstantinos Mihalatos- Event Planner



LENTEN GOYA RETREAT

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025
 9am-5pm At Saint Basil Academy 79 St. Basil Rd, Garrison, NY

Romans 12:2: "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

For 7th-12th graders. Register with both forms

Sign Up

St Basil's Registration

SAINT BASIL ACADEMY

Registration Form

KARTING GOYA RPM RACEWAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2025
 AT 5:30 PM - 8PM
 RPM RACEWAY / FARMINGDALE, NY
 \$70 : 2 RACES/ ARCADE CARD / PIZZA & SOFT DRINKS

SIGN UP!

Hello Goyans/Joy,

We are happy to announce registration is open for this year's Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Olympics!

The event will be taking place Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, 2025 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. The Olympics are open to all current St Nicholas JOY and GOYA youth and your JOY and GOYA advisors will be available to answer any questions regarding registration and events.

Sports available include Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Swimming, and Track Events. Full list and schedule will follow.

There is tiered pricing depending on when you register. Early bird registration is \$95 (highly recommended). Full registration pricing info is below.

Depending on turn out and sport, there may be tryouts. Food and Drinks will be provided all day on Saturday. All participants will receive a t-shirt to wear during the weekend

Register using the below link, events and teams will be selected later on. Below are links to the full calendar of events, pricing, registration and rules.

OLYMPICS

Registration Link - <https://goado.leagueapps.com/leagues/multi-sport/4533588-flushing-2025>

Pricing -

Early Bird, Feb 17 – Mar 16, - \$95.00

Regular, Mar 17 – May 4 - \$110.00

Late, May 5 – May 19 - \$125.00

Complete Sports Schedule - TBD, still being worked on. Visit www.Goado.org for more information.

Let's make an amazing return to this event as a community! If you have any questions or would like to help out as an advisor/coach, please ask your GOYA or JOY advisor for more information.



2025 GOYA & JOY
OLYMPICS
ST. NICHOLAS FLUSHING

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT SUFFOLK
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY FOR A
WEEKEND OF FAITH, HELLENISM
AND COMPETITION. SPORTS
WILL INCLUDE BASKETBALL,
TRACK, SWIMMING, SOCCER
VOLLEYBALL AND MORE!

REGISTRATION IS \$95 WHICH
INCLUDES ALL SPORTS

REGISTRATION LINK



FOR INFORMATION ASK YOUR GOYA/JOY
ADVISOR OR CALL 646-430-3500



Blast from the past. 2016 Olympics

BASKETBALL





ST. NICHOLAS BASKETBALL: MORE THAN A GAME

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Flushing boasts a vibrant basketball program that's about more than just the sport. It's a powerful blend of community, growth, and lasting bonds.

Our program thrives with 305 players, the energetic heart of our community, participating across 25 teams, providing opportunities for all. Guiding them are 75

dedicated coaches, mentors who instill sportsmanship and discipline. Backing this is a strong council, ensuring stability, and 2 committed directors, Bessie Lagudis and Chris Vlantis, the driving force behind our success.

The season features 20 thrilling weekends of games, showcasing our athletes' dedication, and 2 impactful fundraisers, where our community supports our mission.

Underpinning it all is the unwavering support of our St.

Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, our spiritual and community foundation. This synergy equals something remarkable:

- *A lifetime of memories made:* Friendships, lessons, and cherished moments.
- *Stronger community bonds:* Connection and belonging beyond the court.
- *Development of character:* Instilling teamwork, resilience, and respect.
- *A legacy of excellence:* Dedication,

achievement, and a positive experience.

The St. Nicholas basketball program isn't just a game; it's a vital part of our community, fostering growth, friendship, and lasting memories.



SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAMS

This year, we celebrate not just basketball teams, but a powerful spirit of community forged on the courts of our St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Flushing.

For the boys, Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Niko Fillas, Evangelos Kantlis, Diamantis Karsos, Dionisi Kourkoumelis, Gregory Koutsogiannis, Andrew Manaris, John Mousouroulis, Peter Tsolkas, and Theo Tsiforas – these are our graduating seniors, but they are also brothers who have grown up together, from the Biddy Basketball to this culminating season.

Among our graduating senior girls, the story of Nicole Papoutsakis and Christina Psarros stands out. Theirs is a decade-long journey of teammates and friends, a bond ignited in the second grade when they first clashed on opposing Goya teams – Nicole for

Thalia Maria Hasoulas, Christina Kantlis, Sophia Kougiemitos, Nicole Papoutsakis, Leah Papoutsakis, Sofia Polydorou, Christina Psarros, Vasiliki Stathakis, Anastasia Zajac, Christina Vourvoulakas



St. Demetrios of Astoria, Christina for Holy Cross Church of Whitestone. Destiny brought them together in ninth grade, united by St. Nicholas GOYA basketball, and their shared path continued at St. Francis Preparatory School. Through the years, these two extraordinary young women have not only deepened their faith but have also forged

an unbreakable bond on the court. Whether as allies or adversaries, Nicole and Christina have consistently exemplified the values of sportsmanship, dedication, and community that are central to St. Nicholas. Their journey is a testament to the powerful connections born from shared passion and the strength

of a community that champions its young athletes.

Beyond Nicole and Christina, our senior girls have demonstrated the power of teamwork and the strength of sisterhood. They have supported each other, encouraged each other, and grown together, creating a bond that goes beyond the sport.

Both our senior boys and girls teams represent the spirit of St. Nicholas: a community built on faith, fellowship, and shared values. As these seniors move on to new chapters, they leave behind a powerful legacy of teamwork, dedication, and the enduring strength of friendship.



Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Niko Fillas, Evangelos Kantlis, Diamantis Karsos, Dionisi Kourkoumelis, Gregory Koutsogiannis, Andrew Manaris, John Mousouroulis, Peter Tsolkas, Theo Tsiforas, Efstratios Kaloudis, Spiro Kaloudis, Spiros Kapsokavadis, Nickolas Kareglis, Marcos Koutsoftas, Alexander Tomasides, Zaharia Troumouhis.

SOCCER

Join us on April 5th at 5 p.m. at St. Nicholas to kick off our 1st GOSL tournament. Details in the flyer here!

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PER PLAYER



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GOYA SOCCER



**APRIL
5TH**
5 PM

**ST. NICHOLAS GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH FLUSHING**

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VOLLEYBALL

From humble beginnings to league giants! In just one year, St. Nicholas' Volleyball has exploded into the league's largest program, boasting 50 passionate athletes across four powerhouse teams – two Junior and two Senior. And the trophy cabinet is already filling up! We're thrilled to have captured 1st place at the prestigious Harry

Laskarides Memorial Tournament. But that's not all – thanks to the incredible support of the Parish Council, we've leveled up our game with professional nets, transforming our home court into a true arena. Get ready, because this May, we're hosting a thrilling Junior Division tournament, welcoming seven teams to experience the St. Nicholas' spirit!"

Director: Gerasimos Mihalatos

*Coaches - Rick Schreiner
Jimmy Sakalis
Katerina Kourkoumelis
Mari Marinos
Hellen Kayafas
Niki Kyvelos
Tina Papoutsakis
Nitsa Kokiasmenos*







Join us as we welcome
**His Eminence Metropolitan Myron
of New Zealand and All Oceania**

Salutations to the Theotokos

Friday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Reception following the service in the hall with His Eminence



**Επίσκεψη Σεβασμιωτάτου
Μητροπολίτου Νέας
Ζηλανδίας κύριος Μύρων**

Χαιρετισμοί της Θεοτόκου

Παρασκευή, 14 Μαρτίου 7:00 μ.μ.

*Μετά από την ακολουθία σας προσκαλούμε
για νησιόσμη δεξίωση με τον Σεβασμιώτατο*



SAINT NICHOLAS
GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH
Flushing, NY

2025 NYC GREEK PARADE

MARCH 30, 2025

Join us we march up Fifth Avenue as
a St. Nicholas community
celebrating 204 years of Hellenic Independence!

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Save the dates
and join us for
these upcoming
events!



Saint Nicholas Lenten Lectures

Following the Presanctified Liturgy on each Wednesday during this season, we will host a Lenten meal and a reflection by one of our clergy. Liturgy begins at 6:00 p.m.

“Who do men say that I am?”

Exploring aspects of Christ's person in the Scriptures



Wednesday, March 5 - *Jesus in the Old Testament*

Wednesday, March 12 - *Jesus & Judas*

Wednesday, March 19 - *St. Nicodemus & the Samaritan Woman*

Wednesday, March 26 - *It is Not My time*

Wednesday, April 2 - *Jesus Wept*

Wednesday, April 9 - *Jesus in the Garden*

Upcoming Events:

March 29th- Visit from the Evzones, members of the Greek Presidential Guard

March 30th- Greek Independence Day Parade

May 15-18th- St. Nicholas Annual Greek Festival

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

AHEPA

The mission of AHEPA is to uphold and propagate the ancient Hellenic ideals which include education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, and the pursuit of family and individual excellence. This is achieved through a commitment to community service and volunteerism.

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The Gus Cherevas Estia-Pindus Flushing AHEPA Chapter 326 has committed to raising the \$20,000 necessary for the New Small Dome Cross for the 2025 St. Nicholas Renovation Program.

AHEPA CHAPTER 326

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2024 NATIONAL AHEPA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR
2024 D6 AHEPAN of THE YEAR- George Kakivelis

National Chapter Leader in fundraising

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox National Shrine Church
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church of Flushing - Youth Programs
The Ronald McDonald House - NY Greek Division
"Lethal Nationalism: Genocide of The Greeks 1913-1923" - Documentary Film
MDA-Muscular Dystrophy Association K9 For Warriors-Service Dogs For Wounded Warriors
AHEPA-Greece Wildfire Relief fund
The Prostate Cancer Foundation-NYC

Camp St. Paul Youth Ministry * Academic Scholarships and Awards * Athletic Programs
Funding for Churches, Schools, and Academies Support for our Veterans * Global and National
Disaster Relief & Humanitarian Aid * Civic Engagement and Community Participation

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Our 4th Annual

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Saturday, May 3, 2025
8 am - 4 pm

On the "Never Enuff"
Leaving from
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up the Hudson

- Rods, bait, and tackle will be provided
- Trophies for "Biggest Fish" & "Most Caught"
- Guests are encouraged to bring their own food and beverages
- Fishing raffle
- No spots will be held without payment!
- No refunds

\$125.00 Per Person / Limited Seating
Payment (Venmo): @estia-pindus

QUEENS
FLUSHING 326 • WHITESTONE 1939

 Celebrate Greek Heritage prior to the Mets-Rockies game on May 31, 2025. This event will raise funds to benefit families in need. Invite your family members and friends for a fun-filled day. SEE YOU THERE!

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE GREEK HERITAGE DAY

HOME RUN

Saturday • May 31, 2025 • 4:10 pm

Events like this make it possible to provide students with scholarships and help families in need.

SHOW YOUR GREEK PRIDE!

It doesn't matter which team you cheer for...
We cheer for you!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

100
A CENTURY OF SERVICE
1923-2023



SONS OF PERICLES

Who Are The Sons of Pericles?

The Sons of Pericles is a nonprofit fraternal organization dedicated to fostering unity and strengthening the bonds between Greek-American young men from ages 14 to 28. Our mission is carried out through social events, fundraising initiatives, and philanthropic efforts that bring members together in meaningful ways. Getting involved with the Sons of Pericles offers numerous benefits, including the opportunity to build lifelong relationships, develop professional skills, gain leadership experience, network, and participate in a wide range of social activities. Additionally, members contribute to philanthropic causes, reinforcing our commitment to service.

Bayside Chapter Spotlight

Our organization is built on three core pillars: heritage, service, and brotherhood. Through heritage, the Sons of Pericles connect individuals of Greek descent, ensuring that cultural traditions are preserved

for generations. We are dedicated to giving back to our community, as members regularly engage in volunteer work and charitable activities, such as participating in the Joanna-Sophia 5K for Epilepsy, awarding annual scholarships, assisting with festival events, and donating to various charities and nonprofits year-round. Brotherhood plays a key role in the organization, as members foster strong friendships through events like national trips, tournaments, monthly gatherings, and conventions. These experiences create bonds that often last a lifetime and strengthen the larger network of the AHEPA family.

Throughout the year, the our chapter organizes various events, including past gatherings like the Sons Flag Football League, ski trips, video game tournaments, social mixers, and the Greeks in New York Basketball Tournament. These events provide opportunities for members to connect, compete, network and celebrate their shared heritage.

Get Connected!

For those seeking more information or looking to get involved, Kyriakos Stoupakis, President of the Bayside chapter, can be reached via email at baysidesons@gmail.com or by phone at (917) 836-0024. Additionally, George Kalyvas, Secretary of the Supreme Lodge, is available at g.kalyvassop@gmail.com or (914) 572-8411. Our next meeting will be held April 2nd 8:00 pm at Saint Nicholas 4th Floor. Stay connected with us on Instagram! (@baysidesons)




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Who We Are

The Maids of Athena proudly embody the timeless ideals of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty, alongside the values of Sisterhood, Service, Citizenship, Hellenism, Family, and Arete (Virtue).

As a vibrant community of young women aged 14 to 28, our journey began on July 5, 1930, in Tacoma, Washington, when a small group set out with passion and purpose to live these values.

Since then, our

growth—from our very first chapter to expanding into cities like Seattle, Portland, and Vancouver—has deepened our commitment to nurturing both our faith and our community.

*Who are the Bayside
Maids of Athena? What
Have We Been Up To?*

As the largest and one of the most active chapters in our organization, the Bayside Maids of Athena are driven by a spirit of service and a deep sense of

community. Over the past year, our chapter has brought hope and healing through a range of inspiring initiatives. Our monthly chapter meetings serve as a space for the planning and discussion that fuels our initiatives. Our fundraising events have supported vital causes—raising money for Global Brigades Greece Athens Clinic and Kat's Ribbon of Hope, among others. We have taken pride in our hands-on community service projects—from painting vibrant murals for a sensory room we are currently building

at St. Basil Academy to crafting heartfelt Valentine's Day cards for the children at St. Mary's Children's Hospital. Sisterhood events like sweatshirt-making and social weekends in cities like Boston and Tampa have not only forged lifelong memories but also strengthened the bonds that empower us to serve with love and unity.

What's Next for Our Chapter

Looking ahead, the Bayside Maids are excited to embark on new adventures that will further our mission of faith, service and



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MEETING

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sisterhood. We're kicking off the month of March with our next chapter meeting on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the AHEPA room, please contact us if you are interested in becoming a member! In honor of Women's History Month, we will be assembling hygiene packs to uplift women living in DV shelters. Later in the month, we're heading to the Greeks in Montreal social weekend hosted by the Sons of Pericles.

An exciting and UNIQUE fundraiser is on the horizon—save the date for Saturday, April 12 (afternoon) and stay tuned for more details!

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GIRL SCOUTS

From a spark of inspiration in September 2022, Troop 4212, the Saint Nicholas Flushing Girl Scouts, ignited into a powerful force. Led by Stacey Theofanis, the troop has blossomed from 26 to an impressive 70 girls, spanning Kindergarten through 8th grade. This dynamic program is guided by a dedicated team of co-leaders: Ria Bageorgoes, Maria-Effie Mantzikos, Paola Moore, and Stella Spanakis for the Daisies; Nick Mavromoustakos, Stacy Pristouris, and Stacey Theofanis for the Brownies; and Loretta Curri, Diamond Prassakos, and Effie Sotiriou for the Juniors and Cadettes.

At the heart lies the Girl Scout mission: to cultivate girls of courage, confidence, and character who are empowered to make a positive impact on the world. Through a progressive program, girls build skills and self-assurance as they advance, discovering the joy, camaraderie, and strength found in sisterhood. Each meeting and event is a vibrant experience, where girls earn badges and proudly showcase their achievements. We gather every other Friday at Saint Nicholas,

complemented by at least one exciting weekend outing per month, offering ample opportunities for connection, fun, and community service.

Currently, the girls are passionately fundraising to support their church, their primary community service goal, through the ever-popular Girl Scout Cookie sales! We invite you to join us in backing their efforts—look for our cookie booths!

This past December, the troop brought holiday cheer by sponsoring the Coffee Hour after the first liturgy and serenading our church family with Christmas carols. This month, under the guidance of Mrs. Vlahoyannis, the girls lovingly crafted Valentine's hearts and shared them with the residents of Ozanam Hall, while also hosting a lively Bingo hour.

Next month, they'll be baking treats for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House, and in April, they'll beautify our church grounds with flowers and participate in a park cleanup.

Troop 4212 and the Girl Scout program at St. Nicholas is actively shaping a brighter future, one act of kindness at a time,



and truly making a difference in our community.





BOYSCOUTS

Being a Boy Scout in Troop 268 has taught me the importance of loyalty, service, and leadership. It's been a journey of personal growth, where I've developed valuable skills and learned to take on responsibility. Through scouting, I've had the opportunity to explore the outdoors, face new challenges, and build lasting friendships. Helping others in my community has been one of the most rewarding parts of being a scout.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is the reflection of all my hard work, dedication, and the lessons I've learned along the way. Earning this rank required completing merit badges, mastering new skills, and leading a service project that had a positive impact. As an Eagle Scout, I'm proud to be someone who strives to make a difference and inspire others to do the same.

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