

# The Cathedral Chronicle

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## FATHER'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parishioners of St. John's Cathedral,

Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!

This is the great truth of our Orthodox Faith, that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and offered us the hope of eternal life with Him. This is the great mystery that we have just celebrated so gloriously through the services of Holy Week and Pascha. This is the great joy that we now live for these forty days after Pascha and, in fact, should live every day of our lives.

In recent days, our Cathedral community has been reminded that the truth of Christ's Resurrection is also our great comfort. Our beloved Fr. Angelo Artemas, who faithfully served the Cathedral for four years, including the difficult years of the pandemic, fell asleep in the Lord during Bright Week, the one week of the year when every day is a Sunday, every day a glorious celebration of the Resurrection. On Thomas Sunday, when we commemorate Our Lord's appearance to the Disciples one week after His Resurrection, we brought Fr. Angelo one last time into the Cathedral for a Trisagion. When we sang Χριστός Ανέστη, it was for me even more moving than at Pascha. Our church, filled with our Archbishop, many clergy, the Artemas family, and hundreds of those who loved Fr. Angelo, sang this foundational hymn of our faith with more

conviction and unity than ever before. I believe that we all instinctively understood with absolute clarity the essence of our faith in the Risen Christ, to whom Fr. Angelo had dedicated his life of service in the priesthood. May his memory be eternal, may he receive the due reward of his labors in Christ's vineyard, and may our Lord comfort Pres. Patricia and their family with the hope that "if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6.5).

Our faith in the Resurrection should guide us all year long. Orthodox Christians gather for worship every Sunday to proclaim once again the He is Risen. St. Seraphim of Sarov, one of the greatest Russian saints of the 19th century, even greeted everyone throughout the year with the words "Christ is Risen! My joy!" As we move forward through the Church year and continue the various ministries of our Cathedral, let us always remember why we are really here and keep our proclamation of the Christ's glorious Resurrection at the center of all that we do.

With paternal love and blessings, I remain

in the Risen Christ,  
+Fr. Gregory Gilbert

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Dear fellow St. John's parishioners,

Xristos Anesti!!

On behalf of the entire Parish Council, I hope your Spring is off to a productive and Trinity-centered start! As I write this, we are in the first half of May and the weather has finally broken for the better, after the persistent cold and rain of March and April. God Willing, we pray that's a metaphor for our year after an eventful start to 2023.

Galatians 6:9 states "...And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap." We're not perfect – no one is – but as a community, we will persevere in doing good and fighting the noble fight, and gain momentum collectively in doing so. In that regard, our Parish Council and I are here to serve you. In turn, let's work together, encourage one another, and keep the constructive feedback coming as we do the Church's business and grow the parish!

Here are some of the highlights from the year to date:

1. We continue to recover, post Covid! Attendance appears to be trending up, though we need to keep that momentum going – now's not the time to fall back. Gathering together at church is central to our faith.
2. We had a wonderful Holy Week and Paschal season. We were blessed by our great lecturers and fantastic dinners prepared by our Cathedral organizations during our Monday Compline series. Our Palm Sunday Bakaliaro luncheon made a very successful return with great parish participation, and we thank all the organizations (including AHEPA and Philoptochos) and individuals

who donated towards it. We're already looking forward to being together in the Fellowship Hall for "Bakaliaro, 2024."

3. Our communications team has been putting together our terrific bulletins that are back in the Narthex on Sundays and hitting your inbox every week.
4. As our Treasurers recently shared at the General Assembly, our finances are doing reasonably well even as we have had to manage additional expenses.
5. A good news point, one that we collectively need to be vigilant on is stewardship, a ministry of our faith. It is improving – thank you, Stewardship team for your leadership here – but we must keep it going.
6. We have welcomed an amazing new priest, Father Gregory Gilbert. Father's services are beautiful, his chanting is from the heavens, and he has apparently developed a way (through the Holy Spirit, no doubt) to be in three places at once. Father has been extremely visible throughout our ministries and the greater community. Father, we thank you.
7. We are making progress with our large capital projects, the Fellowship Hall, and the Church apron, which look beautiful. We are grateful to all our donors, including the Milanos and Kontos families, and to our wonderful Fundraising, Fellowship Hall, and Buildings & Grounds committees.
8. We had a very nice turnout for the Greek Independence Day Parade on April 30, despite the torrents of rain that occurred during portions of the event. Rain gear in hand, everyone had a wonderful time representing the Church.

Moving to a very somber note, our Beloved Father Angelo Fell Asleep in the Lord on April 20. As we relayed in our earlier communications and then in greater detail at our recent General Assembly, the community responded as the parish took significant efforts to provide support to Father and his family during this time. The viewing on April 23 was an extremely moving event, with 700 attending the service presided on by His Eminence Elpidophoros of America. Poignantly, Father's 40-day memorial will be here on Memorial Day weekend, and our prayers remain with Presvytera Patricia, Katie, Maria, Eleni and Brandon. We will continue to hold him (and his inimitable sermons, warm laugh, and soaring voice) in our hearts forever, while moving the Cathedral forward as he would have wanted.

So, let's strive to advance St. John's – please sign up your children for our Sunday School and bring them. Join and/or support our Philoptochos, Greek School, GOYA, PTO, Kali Parea, AHEPA, Scouting and other programs – they have long legacies at St. John's and are wonderfully led. And as you're doing this, please support the Cathedral and its ministries through stewardship and our other fundraising efforts. There's an old saying in sports – **availability** beats ability. So, let's be available – be active at, and on behalf of, St. John's. The entire community benefits when you are, and you are needed more than ever!

In that vein, there is much ahead, and much to come together for. In particular, the **Annual Taste of Greece Festival is June 2-4. Please volunteer** – the Festival is our single largest event. The Paschal calendar and other year-to-date developments have been such that several other events and fundraisers have been pushed to the Summer and Fall – so keep checking the website and the bulletin for our

next gatherings. As we pen this note, the Clergy Laity Banquet is coming up on 5/15 – we have a very nice turnout (thank you!). By attending, we are supporting the Cathedral and our Honorees at the banquet.

In closing, I also want to thank our Church staff and the other members of the St. John's community that we see every week for their tireless efforts in supporting the Cathedral. Thank you for all you do, Dimitrios and Helen Fousteris, Robert Koykas, Kostas Belesis, Antonios Avgouladakis, and Dimitrios and Maria Kouzinas!

And to everyone, I wish you all of God's Blessings, and a vibrant Summer!

George L. Staphos  
Parish Council President

## Taste of Greece

### St. John the Theologian Annual Festival

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friday - Sunday



## St. Philothea Philoptochos Society News



ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! On behalf of St. Philothea Philoptochos Society, I pray that this message finds you all well and looking forward to a relaxing summer! Now that our ecclesiastical year is coming to an end, I would like to share news about the many recent accomplishments of our chapter.

### SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS WINTER AND SPRING

#### Feeding the Hungry and Supplying Essentials to the Needy:

- **Family Promise, Hackensack, NJ - Feeding the Homeless** – Continued distribution of complete dinners to the homeless.
- **Center for Food Action, Englewood NJ - Local Food Pantry** – Continued shopping and delivery of food to our local food pantry on multiple occasions.
- **Operation Classroom - Comfort Closet** – Continued support for this program that provides essentials and snacks for needy students at a school in Newark NJ.



#### Support to Charitable Organizations

- Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund
- National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Sponsorship
- Philoxenia House, Baltimore, MD, Expansion Project
- St. Michael's Home, Uniondale, NY, Expansion Project
- Food Bank, Englewood, NJ

**Supporting Sophia Inc.** – Our Chapter Board voted to donate in support of the continued development of a new nonprofit program, Sophia Inc., which aims to increase Sunday School participation in the Greek Orthodox Community in the U.S. The program was introduced to our Chapter by Eva Poneris Tsougarakis, Esq., who is a member of our community. It is an online animated program that introduces young children to the Orthodox faith and sacraments in a fun, simple and engaging way. The program is narrated by a young, animated girl named Sophia. The program's slogan is "Learning Orthodoxy Can Be Fun!" We look forward to seeing this program grow! THANK YOU and BRAVO, Eva, for all your hard work!

**Social Service Committee** – Our Committee continually and discreetly distributes supermarket certificates and support to local families and individuals in need through our confidential vetting process. Please contact Fr. Gregory or Maria Kamilaris if you know of anyone who needs assistance.

#### Metropolis Philoptochos of New Jersey Commitments:

- Emergency Social Service Fund
- Schools of the Patriarchate Fund
- Metropolis Office Fund Obligation
- Social Service Fund Obligation

### **National Philoptochos Commitments:**

- Academy of Saint Basil
- Autism Assistance Fund
- Children's Medical Fund
- Ecumenical Patriarchate
- National Philoptochos Emergency Fund - National Philoptochos authorized \$50,000 to be released from this fund for the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria
- General Medical Fund
- Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology
- International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
- National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Benevolent Fund
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)
- Orthodox Christian Mission Center and Support a Mission Priest (OCM)
- Retired Clergy and Widowed Presvyteres Benevolent Fund
- Saint Photios Shrine
- Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Founders Fund
- Social Services
- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

**Girls Night Out** – On February 22, our lovely Philoptochos ladies enjoyed a relaxing Girls Night Out at Axia Taverna in Tenafly, where we welcomed some new members! We are grateful that our Chapter continues to grow! Warm thanks to all who joined in the fun!



**March General Meeting Guest Speakers** – At our General Meeting on March 21, we were pleased to welcome the arrival of Spring with a presentation of “Beauty, Fashion and Flowers” by some of our own talented members! SPECIAL THANKS to: Claudia Nicholson, Make Up Artist; Voula Solonos, Fashion Designer; and Anastasia Baker, Event Designer, who shared their expert techniques, tips, and the latest trends to give us a fresh start to the new season!



**Preparing our Cathedral for Holy Week** – Our Chapter of dedicated ladies graciously volunteered to polish our Cathedral's beautiful icons and mosaics in preparation for Holy Week! They also had the honor of designing and decorating the sacred Epitaphio for Easter services with fresh flowers. A huge BRAVO to all who pitched in at such a busy time of year!



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Preparations for Annual Festival** – Every year, our Philoptochos members gather to bake traditional Greek pites, sweets, and pastries for sale at our Cathedral's annual Festival in June.

**NJ Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference and Grand Banquet** - Monday, May 15, at The Venetian in Garfield, NJ. This year's Philoptochos honoree is Kanella Moustakas. CONGRATULATIONS KANELLA and THANK YOU for many years of service to our Chapter!!

**General Meeting and Chapter Elections** – Wednesday, May 17. This is a very special year as we will be electing a slate of New Board members for the 2023-2025 term. It is very important that you are up to date with both your Philoptochos and church stewardship to take part in the elections. According to the National Philoptochos Bylaws, a screening committee was appointed - Aspasia Melis and Barbara Kostakis. It is their duty to make sure that all candidates are qualified to run according to the Bylaws. If you are interested in joining the Board, please notify any Board Member or Aspasia and Barbara for further information. MAKE A DIFFERENCE - COME JOIN US!!!

**Church Festival** – Friday, June 2, through Sunday, June 4.

**Chapter End-of-Year Party** – Date, time, and place to be announced.

**Bouquets-to-Icons Fundraiser** – Friday, October 13, through Sunday, October 15. Details coming in the Fall.

*Dues and private donations have been a huge help to keep our mission going. If you have not yet done so, please mail in your 2023 dues, or go to the Philoptochos page on our Cathedral website or use the this link to submit your stewardship dues and donations - <https://www.stjohntenaflly.org/philoptochos/about-philoptochos>. We are truly thankful for everyone who continues to support us!*

I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and restful summer! See you all in September!

With love in Christ,  
Maria Kamilaris, President

## Χριστός Ανέστη from the PTO

During this season of hope and resurrection, our church suffered the loss of two very important members of our community who had a great influence on our youth: Father Angelo Artemas and Eleni Coyle. The PTO extends our heartfelt condolences to both the Artemas and Coyle families. Their legacies will forever be eternal through the impact they made on us all, especially on the children of our Cathedral who make up the next generation of our faith and our heritage.

In March we were grateful to celebrate our incredible Oratorical Festival where Mrs. Coyle diligently served as the Chairperson for our church for so many years. In her own words, 2023 “may be a record” with 8 speeches, 22 poems, and 20 essays all submitted by our children. We were all so impressed with these students’ talent and knowledge of their faith. A very big congratulations to all and a special thank you to Mrs. Coyle whose contributions will never be forgotten.



We were happy to host an informal pilgrimage up to the beautiful Agia Skepi Monastery in Pennsylvania with a small group of families who also helped us pick up the Tsourekia we would later sell as a fundraiser during Easter. During this visit our students were given a special tour of the



Monastery and we ended the day with a dinner together before our ride back home. March continued with a few other events

including the PTO sponsored Lenten Dinner we organized for our community on March 20th and the following week, our children made us proud once again with their incredible performances during our Greek Independence Day Celebration! This celebration also included performances from our talented Greek Dancers! ΖΗΤΩ ΕΛΛΑΣ!





April saw a continuation of our Easter activities and we celebrated two of our favorite events! The first was the Palm Making Community Breakfast during the Saturday of Lazarus where our community came together to fold the over 1,000 palms that would be distributed during Palm Sunday! And the second was our special Easter Retreat featuring a petting zoo and a special visit from the Easter Bunny himself!





And April showers couldn't stop us from the NYC Greek Independence Day parade where we proudly marched with our church to mark the occasion! Many of our Greek School children also stood on our float. A big thank you to Peter Hilaris for organizing this event and for Mrs. Melis for her wonderful design of this year's float!





As our school year rapidly comes to a close, we are looking forward to our end of the year celebrations this month which include:

**Thursday, May 18:** ice cream truck for our Tues/Thurs students

**Saturday, May 20:** ice cream truck for our Saturday students & popsicles for our last day of Greek Dance

**Sunday, May 21:** special cookies for our special Sunday School students

**Friday, June 9:** Greek School & Sunday School End of the Year Event Featuring the Harlem Wizards!

The end of the school year is always a bittersweet moment with graduations and goodbyes but we are blessed to watch our children finish another successful year of growing their knowledge of both our Greek language and our Orthodox faith. Thank you to all the dedicated families that shared your children with us. We cannot run these incredible schools without the participation of our youth. Please

know that with your commitment to these programs as parents, you undoubtedly deepened your children's knowledge of Hellenism and our Greek Orthodoxy.

We would be remiss to end the year without a special recognition to our Greek and Sunday School administration and teachers. It warms our hearts that you have shared so much of your time to help shape the minds, hearts and futures of our Greek Orthodox youth.

We are already busy brainstorming activities and events for next Fall and hope that we will all come together once again, united as dedicated parents to enriching our children's cultural and spiritual experience. We plan to begin Greek Dance enrollment in September, and also hope to be able to continue organizing some more fun events for our community to enjoy.

Last but not least, thank you to all our 2022-2023 board members who dedicate their time and enthusiasm to fundraising and planning events designed to build upon our children's religious, cultural and educational experiences.

We are always in search of new members. The more helping hands we have, the more we can do for our community. Should you wish to join the PTO Mothers' Club please feel free to reach out to us at [stjohnspto.353@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnspto.353@gmail.com). Also follow us on Facebook (PTO St. John's Cathedral) for updates and event information.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer!

***Mariella Kapsaskis and  
Jennie Ballas***

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Dear fellow Stewards,

In our prior update, the Stewardship Committee shared with you that, 2023 is not a normal year and that we must cover additional unplanned expenses. You heard the call and have been generous. As of May 8, 2023, we have approximately \$320,000 in pledges from 389 stewards. We are tracking toward our goal of \$425,000.

As Fr. Gregory stated during the May 7<sup>th</sup> General Assembly about Stewardship, "we need each other." Stewardship means participating in the Church's life: applying its teachings to everyday life; worshipping regularly with the body of the faithful; taking part in the religious, social and educational life of our Cathedral; sharing in its programs and serving in whatever way one is best able. We are truly blessed at the Cathedral of St. John the Theologian as we have a dynamic and growing parish. We have a high-level of engagement in our Ministries across all age groups.

We need everyone's help to invite and welcome prospective Stewards into our amazing Cathedral family. Our upcoming 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of Greece Festival, June 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> is the perfect opportunity to extend a warm welcome to other Orthodox Christians and share with them what we are about.

***If you have not yet made your Stewardship pledge, please contact us.*** Payment of the pledged amount may be made in any schedule you find most convenient - weekly, monthly, quarterly, lump sum, etc.

Feel great about your Stewardship commitment as you are playing a critical role in the success of our wonderful community. Look around, great things are happening at the Cathedral.

The Stewardship Committee would be happy to answer any questions regarding our Stewardship Program. All questions should be directed to the Church Office.

### **Kali Parea:**

Kali Parea's calendar has been busy. In March we invited Father Gregory to address our group; that gave us the opportunity for us to get to know him a little better and vice versa.

April's meeting included the showing of a fascinating documentary on Mount Athos. Then, on April 26, Kali Parea visited St. Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero. A full bus of 54 made our way into NYC accompanied by Father Jim Moulketas. A tour of the Shrine ensued and we ended our day with a delightful lunch at Skinos Restaurant before heading back to Church.



## **AHEPA's Mission**

The mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

### **Hellenism**

An important component of AHEPA's mission is to create an awareness of the principles of Hellenism to society. These principles include a commitment to humanity, freedom, and democracy.

### **Education**

AHEPA's commitment to education has been well documented throughout its history. Over \$4 million is endowed at the local, district and national levels toward the use of scholarships and a half-million dollars is awarded annually. Recipients are high school seniors, college and post-graduate students who are looking to become tomorrow's leaders. The preservation of Hellenic or Classical Studies programs on college campuses is an important issue for the AHEPA Educational Foundation. A subcommittee of the Foundation, the Hellenic Cultural Commission, actively works to support the study of the Classics at universities.

In addition, educational programs such as "Journey to Greece" and Washington Internships are sponsored by the Foundation.

Our Bergen Knights Chapter #285 just showed the film "Our People", about the Greek Jewish population during the Holocaust.

### **Philanthropy**

Philanthropy and volunteerism have been pillars of strength for AHEPA. From natural disaster relief to raising funds for the elimination of life-threatening diseases to making significant contributions to our local neighborhoods, AHEPA is at the forefront of charitable giving.

AHEPA's philanthropic deeds are evident in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island; in the Halls of St. Basil Academy, a childcare facility in Garrison, N.Y.; in the care packages we sent to our troops in cooperation with the USO; and in the building of healthcare facilities in Greece. Yet this only scratches the surface of the

numerous philanthropic works of the association. In addition, countless charitable projects are undertaken every year by AHEPA's chapters and districts, including our Bergen Knights' Chapter, for Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD

### **Civic Responsibility**

Our grassroots has a strong voice. AHEPA communicates the positions of the Greek-American community to elected representatives at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as to our diplomatic leaders. These issues pertain to Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey; however, our constituents are also interested in domestic policy areas affecting the philanthropic, civic, and community service-based programs in which they are involved. These positions are based upon our American heritage and ideals with the best interest of the United States in mind.

AHEPA educates its constituents about these issues through seminars and conferences, providing expert panelists from the U.S. government, prominent Washington, DC Think-Tank organizations, and the business world.

Our Bergen Knight's chapter just hosted two Greek Independence Day celebrations, in Hackensack and Englewood Cliffs.

### **Family and Individual Excellence**

What makes AHEPA unique from other organizations is the creation of the AHEPA Family. Together with three affiliated organizations, the AHEPA Family works as a unit toward the fulfillment of a common mission. Combined, the four organizations have contributed well over a billion dollars to national projects throughout their history. We also promoted Volunteerism at the local Bergen Knight's Chapter level, like when we helped to volunteer at this year's Palm Sunday Luncheon.

On AHEPA Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we honored two parishioners for their constant representation of the ideals of AHEPA, Stavros Kamilaris and Jack Sardis. Congratulations to them both.

Bergen Knights Chapter #285 is always looking for new members who want to be part of this mission. Please get an application from one of our members or contact Peter Hilaris at 551-486-7489 or [hilarispb@aol.com](mailto:hilarispb@aol.com)



Above: The Honorees at the Bergen County Flag Raising Ceremony, Homer Vanides, Eva Poneros & Jack Kessissoglou and our singer of the Greek and American National anthems, Anastasia Lallos

Below: The AHEPA/ Englewood Cliffs Sponsored Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony at the Englewood Cliffs Firehouse.







## GOYA:

Spring is here at last! St. John the Theologian hopes that everybody had a blessed Easter. Sadly, our GOYA 2023 season is winding down, but there are still many much-anticipated events coming up, such as the soccer tournament; GOYA Olympics, in which our GOYAnS will compete in an array of athletics; and most exciting of all, our annual Greek festival, which will be held in early June. All are welcome to attend, so spread the word and invite your friends! Our GOYAnS will be volunteering at the frappe stands—be sure to visit them for a taste of Greece. As for recent GOYA events, St. John's hosted the GOYA Prom for the first time, which was a tremendous honor. The GOYAnS had a blast, and the night was one they will surely remember forever. Dancers from our Greek dance troupe performed for the Greek Independence Day celebration at the Englewood Cliffs Fire Department, representing our church proudly.

Most notably, many of our GOYAnS participated in the 2023 Oratorical Festival.

We had plenty of winners and honorable mentions, including finalists Constantine Nonas for his junior speech and Stratos Chandras for his senior speech! We wish them luck. The Oratorical Festival is annually organized by Eleni Coyle, a well-respected and loved figure in the St. John's community. She unfortunately passed away shortly after this year's Festival, and will be dearly missed by all. The St. John's community sends all of their prayers to Eleni Coyle's family and loved ones. With a heavy heart, we would also like to give our sincere condolences to the Artemas family—Father Angelo, you will be greatly missed, and your presence will never be forgotten.

For any information on upcoming GOYA events, please feel free to contact the advisors through email ([goya.tenafly@gmail.com](mailto:goya.tenafly@gmail.com)). St. John the Theologian wishes its community well, and is eager to see what the rest of the spring season brings for GOYA.

By Lianna Gourmos



## Scouts:

The Boy Scouts have been staying active with fun activities and civic responsibilities.

In March we were part of the Englewood Greek Independence Day Flag raising Ceremony. We also were honored to be able to guard the Epitapho on Good Friday.

Just after Easter we camped out at St. Basil's as part of the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting's annual Camporee. We had competitions with the other troops and cooked and camped in the woods of St. Basils.

Upcoming events include a rafting trip to the Lehigh river in May and a trip to the outskirts of Philadelphia in June.

Both of those will involve camping in the outdoors again.

We look forward to hosting our Goldfish game during the Festival to help raise money for the church. Following that, we will be having an Eagle Ceremony for Frane Cebalo, Charles Dutta, Stephen Kambour, Paul Kontzamanis, Mark Poneris & Theodosios Staphos.

Then, we are off to Camp Turrell for a week of summer camp in the pristine outdoors with a beautiful lake. The scouts earn merit badges and learn how to handle themselves in the outdoors.

Come join the activities of the Scouts. K-5 Cub Scouts, 6-12 Boy Scouts. Contact us for information, [hilarispb@aol.com](mailto:hilarispb@aol.com) or 551-486-7489.





## **Scholarship Opportunities:**

(That are Still Available)

### **GOYA & other youth:**

#### **-Anastasia K. Michals Memorial Philoptochos Scholarship**

The Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos is once again offering an opportunity to qualifying High School seniors, who are enrolled in an accredited University, College or Trade School, to apply for a Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos merit based scholarship.

<https://www.njphiloptochos.org/resources/scholarship-information>

Deadline June 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **-St. John the Theologian Scholarship:**

Available to any Seniors in High School who are children of a Steward.

Application from church office. 201-567-5072

Deadline August 15<sup>th</sup>

### **-Scouts:**

#### **-Tony Triant Memorial Scholarship:**

Available to High School Seniors who are Boy Scouts in Troop 25 or Girl Scouts in Troop 653 who earned the Eagle/Gold award and are baptized in the Eastern Orthodox Faith

Contact [hilarispb@aol.com](mailto:hilarispb@aol.com)

Deadline June 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Medical**

#### **-Basil S. Hilaris MD Memorial Scholarship:**

High School Senior/College student who are entering a medically related program who's parents are Stewards of St. Johns.

Award not to exceed \$2500

For Info or application:

[hilarispb@aol.com](mailto:hilarispb@aol.com)

Deadline June 15<sup>th</sup>

### **SACRAMENTS:**

#### **BAPTISMS:**

3/4/23 Charles James, son of Charles and Sara (Dertouzos) Antinori, Elaine Livingston as Sponsor

3/11/23 Nicholas Alexander, son of Alexander and Jamie (Hyrkas) Skippers, Christina Hyrkas as Sponsor.

4/22/23 Siena Katherine, daughter of Dayne and Marisa (Ayvaliotis) Mosconi, Socrates Ayvaliotis and Chloe Ayvaliotis as Sponsors.

4/29/23 Philip Wolf, son of Sami and Anna (Mochkarova) Start, Daniel Mochkarova as Sponsor.

#### **CHRISMATION:**

4/22/23 Dana Marie Iapichino, Anna Bilas as Sponsor.

#### **WEDDINGS:**

4/22/23 Eamon Patrick Collins and Catherine Laura Connolly, Anita Fethes Mayo and Michael Liam Collins as Sponsors.

### **CONGRATULATIONS / NA ZISSOUN**

#### **FUNERALS:**

3/23/23 Stanley Matthews

4/7/23 Eleni Coyle

### **MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL**

## Greek Independence Day Parade:

Thank you to the youth on the Float, the youth and adults that braved the weather and Mrs. Aspasia Melis for her hard work with the Float!!!





Congratulations to all of St. John's Honorees at the Clergy Laity Dinner!! A special moment of Honor and Prayer was held when Father Gregory and George Staphos accepted the Community Honor that was bestowed upon our departed Father Angelo and his entire family.

Our other honorees were

Homer Vanides - Most Senior Steward (with most energy)

Kanella Moustakas - Philoptochos

Eva Millas Russo - Choir

Spiro Dongaris - Parish Council

Patricia Galiotos - Adult Youth Worker

Eleni Papapetrou - Greek School

Calliopi Milionis - GOYA

Congrats to the all!!

And Miss Zervoudis performed the Greek National Anthem beautifully









## **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING 2023 STEWARDSHIP BENEFACTORS PLEDGING \$3,000 OR MORE:**

**(As of 05/17/23)**

Barbarise, Anthony & Christine  
Camarinos, Michael & Lauren  
Canelos, Nicholas & Maria  
Charas, Chris & Elaina  
Chicles, Aris & Annemarie  
Cocotos, Paul & Helen  
Comninellis, Harry & Lisa  
Dongaris, Spiro & Maria Gena  
Ferranti, Stephen & Irene  
Galiotos, Steve & Patricia  
Giannikos, Dr. Christos & Faye  
Karas, Mary  
Karlis, Elias & Stephanie  
Kiriakou, Gregory & Demetra  
Kostakis, Konstantinos & Barbara  
Makris, George & Julia  
Makris, Jerry & Barbara

Millas-Russo, Michael & Eva  
Nicholas, Matthew & Christine  
Orecchio, Thomas & Allison  
Papanicolaou, Dimitris & Evi  
Philliou, Marina  
Philliou, Philip & Annitsa  
Poneros, Dr. John & Katrinos, Dr. Fay  
Sames Witold & Frances  
Soussou, George  
Soussou, Stavro & Audrey  
Staphos George & Maria  
Tenedios, Steve & Olga  
Timotheou, John & Stephanie  
Tsigounis, Presbyteria, Marika  
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## **THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 STEWARDS**

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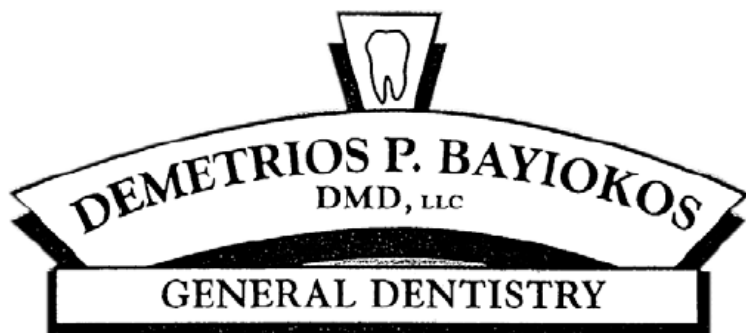
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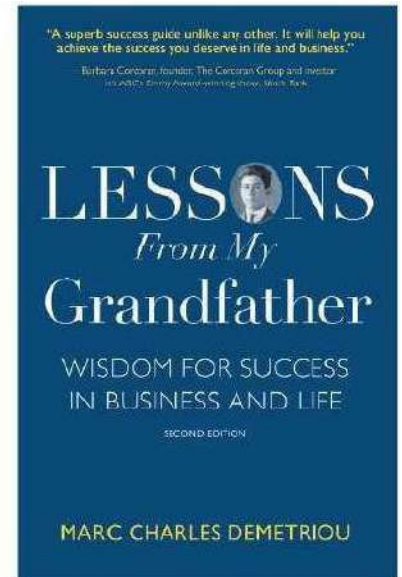
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