

GOCOA NEWS

Parish Newsletter

June/July 2016

IN THE NEWS.....

PASTOR'S MESSAGE.....REV. DEMETRIOS N. CALOGREDES

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI! I pray that you are all well and enjoying all of the Lord's gifts during this most delightful summer season. I would like to inform you about our Church's activities during the next few months. First of all the Great Feast of Pentecost will take place on June 19, 2016. It is also Father's Day. On Saturday, June 18 we will celebrate the Saturday of the Souls with Kolyva and Trisagion Services. After the Divine Liturgy, Trisagion Services will be held at Cedar Hill 12 noon – 1:00pm and at Washington Memorial from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. On Pentecost Sunday, June 19, we will once again have the Service of Kneeling and pray for the Descent of the Holy Spirit.



Our Summer Camp will take place Monday – Friday June 27 – July 1, 2016. Please see camp information below.

Our biggest and finest fundraiser of the year will be our 55th Annual Greek Festival – Thursday – Sunday August 18th – 21st and Friday – Sunday August 26th -28th. Our Parish Council has decided to extend the Festival for a second week, let us all sell our Raffle Tickets and sign up to help during the Festival. Lastly, Church Summer Hours begin Sunday June 26th – September 11th 2016. Orthros begins at 8:00am. The Divine Liturgy at 9:15am. Please attend the Services regularly together with your families.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Από Αιδ. Δημήτριον Ν. Καλογρίδη

Σας χαιρετώ ἐπ' ὀνόματι τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! Ἐυχομαι να εἰστε ὅλοι καλά και απολαμβάνετε ὅλες τίς δωρέες τοῦ Πανάγαθου Θεοῦ κατά αὐτή την πανέμορφη εποχή τοῦ Καλοκαιριοῦ. Θά ήθελα να σας πληροφορήσω διά τα προγράμματα της Εκκλησίας μας κατά τους ἐπόμενους μήνες.

Πρώτον, η Μεγάλη Εορτή της Πεντηκοστής θα εἶναι στις 19 Ἰουνίου 2016, Τυγχάνει ἐφετος να συμπέση μαζί η Εορτή τοῦ Πατέρα. Το Σάββατο, 18 Ἰουνίου εἶναι Ψυχοσάββατο και θα τελεσθῶν Τρισάγια με Κόλλυβα. Μετά τις ακολουθίες θα κάνουμε τρισάγια στά Κοιμητήρια Σίνταρ Χίλλ 12 μεσημέρη – 1:00μ.μ. και Ουασιγκτον Μεμόριαλ απο της 1:30μ.μ. – 2:30μ.μ.

Κατά την Πεντηκοστή 19 Ἰουνίου, θά τελεσθή Ακολουθία της Γονηκλίσιας και θα προσευχηθῶμε δια την ἔλευσιν τοῦ Αἱου Πνεύματος. Εφέτος, οργανώνουμε μια ωραιότατη Κατασκήνωση δια τα παιδιά μας ηλικίας 4 – 12 ἐτών κατά την εβδομάδα 27 Ἰουνίου – 1 Ἰουλίου απο της 9:00π.μ. – 3:00μ.μ., θα ἔχουμε πρωινή προσευχή, παιχνίδια, χορούς, αθλητικά, κτλ. Θα εἶναι ἕνα ευχάριστο και αξέχαστο πρόγραμμα στα πλαίσια της Εκκλησίας μας. Ελάτε να γράψετε τα παιδιά σας.

Το Ετήσιο Ελληνικό Φεστιβάλ θα λάβη χώρα κατά Πέμπτη – Κυριακή, 18 – 21 Αυγούστου και Παρασκευή – Κυριακή, 26 -28 Αυγούστου. Το Εκκλησιαστικό Συμβούλο απεφάσισαν να κάνουμε το Φεστιβάλ δύο συνεχόμενες εβδομάδες εφέτος. Ελάτε ὅλοι μαζί να πουλήσουμε τα λαχεία και να βοηθήσουμε να επιτύχη πάλι το Φεστιβάλ!

Οι Καλοκαιρινές ὥρες Εκκλησίας αρχίζουν 26 Ἰουνίου – 11 Σεπτεμβρίου με τον Ὁρθρο 8:00π.μ. και Θεία Λειτουργία 9:15π.μ. Σας παρακαλώ θερμῶς να εκκλησιάζεστε τακτικῶς με τις οικογένειες σας αὐτό το καλοκαίρη!

ΣΑΣ ΠΕΡΙΜΕΝΩ ΟΛΟΥΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ!

✠ THE ASSUMPTION GO SUMMER CAMP ✠

The vision of Father Jim and Presvytera Terry will come to fruition this summer with the launching of a Greek Orthodox summer camp program at The Assumption Church. The week-long program aims to introduce & reinforce our faith to our younger parishioner's ages 4 to 12 through music, dance, arts and crafts, games, literacy, cooking, outside activities and daily assemblies. The camp staff is eagerly at work processing applications and creating joyous and meaningful events as well as planning a fun-filled finale field day! Enrollment is now open for our inaugural session taking place **Monday, June 27th - Friday, July 1st from 9 am to 3 pm**. Please call the Church office for more information or email Lisa Theofilia DelBorrello at lisadell2@aol.com for an enrollment packet or if you wish to learn about volunteering and/or donating to the camp.

OUR ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEES

Sunday Catechism School- meets for classes every Sunday in the upper level of the Community Center from 10:15 – 11:10 a.m. Children ages 4-13, grades Pre-K - 8th grade learn about the Greek Orthodox faith & how to apply it to their everyday life.

On March 18th Sunday school students & parents enjoyed making Kolyva for the dearly departed & the 3rd Saturday of Lazarus. On April 23rd Saturday of Lazarus Communion Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt the children enjoyed searching for their egg treasures, playing steal the egg, Saturday of Lazarus Trivia, freeze dance with DJ Tony & many other fun games. Thank you to all of the volunteers & donors. It was wonderful listening to our Sunday school students angelic voices chant Christos Anesti during Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday services. Our Graduation/Moving up Ceremony was held on Sunday, June 5th. We are so proud of the young men and women who have graduated from our program. We wish them the best of luck in their future and hope that they someday return to our program as teachers. Sincere gratitude to all of the parents and staff for all of their continued support. Please come and visit our booth at our church's festival in August & look for registration information on our church's website!

GOYA- Our GOYAN boys and girls had a stellar year! They competed with other GOYAN from all of the Greek Orthodox Parishes on Long Island as well as in the Tri-State area. They also competed in this year's New York Archdiocesan Olympics. Congratulations to our GOYAN graduates Leanna Schmidt, Peter Tsakonas and Bill Govits.... we are so proud of you!

Greek School- Congratulations to all, especially to our graduates, the class 2016: George Franks, Kyriaki Franks, George Kuhen and Michael Manolis. We wish them well and good luck in their future endeavors. Good luck to our Regents Class students Eleni Kastamonitis, Alex Kakaris, Stella Rentzeperis and Joanna Voulgarakis who will take the 2016 Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek, scheduled for June 20th. On March 13 we celebrated Greek Independence Day. Our students performed very well their poems, skits, songs and hymns in front of a big audience. We appreciate their dedication and effort as well the support of their teachers and parents. I would like to thank our School Board and PTO Presidents Dimitra Dimeck & Maria Sanders, and its members, Father Jim and PC President Manolis Lilimpakis for their hard work, continuous support and advice. We are looking forward to another successful 2016-2017 school year! - Leonidas Spanos Principal

Golden Age- Today it is the yiayia and papou that make up our Golden Age Group and who still care about family values. The Golden Age Group is a family where we cook, play music, show home videos and tell our stories. We hope that new faces will join and we welcome all seniors to our group. Golden Age meets every other Thursday afternoon in the community center. The last meeting of the year is June 9th so please come!

Philoptochos- The Philoptochos/ PTO Fashion show was a success and everyone had a great time! The Stony Brook University Young Scholars recipient was Alexandra Smith. Philoptochos is getting ready for the August Festival and is planning their Holiday Event for November, date to follow.

Rythmos- Hellenic Greek Dance Troupe for ages 7 and up that meets on Friday nights. The dancers compete and have performed at our church festival. Registration will be in the fall, more information to follow.



THE OLYMPIANS BRING IT HOME.....

Memorial Day Weekend 2016 over 1,000 athletes from Hope/Joy and GOYA representing 26 parishes competed in the District Olympic Games. Our athletes demonstrated sportsmanship, fellowship, faith and Hellenism throughout the 3 day weekend. A most deserved thank you also goes out to our volunteer coaches/advisors who spent their weekend coaching and mentoring our youth. You truly set the example! Thank you to the parents who cheered on our athletes from the bleachers and sidelines! Our Port Jefferson youth did our community proud by bringing home medals in the following Olympic events: goya jr. silver & bonze in girls and boys swimming relays, gold & bronze in softball throw, silver in 7-9 kickball, gold 10-12 kickball, gold boys 10-12 soccer, gold girls 10-12 soccer, goya girls soccer silver, goya girls volleyball gold, boys 9/10 relay bronze, gold & silver in girls 50m, gold in girls 10-12 50m & 100m relays, goya sr, girls bronze medal relay, goya jr. boys silver medal relay, goya girls 50m track bronze and gold. Below are some highlights of the weekend.....





ARCHDIOCESE NEWS.....<http://ny.goarch.org/>

- The 2016 Clergy-Laity Congress & the National Philoptochos Convention Sunday, July 3rd - July 8th, 2016
- Camp Saint Paul.....some weeks still available. <http://www.campsaintpaul.org/>

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to Bill Emmanuel Govits on his high school graduation. Bill will be attending Hofstra University in the fall! May God protect him and guide him as he begins a new chapter in his life! We are so proud of you Bill! Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations to Peter Tsakonas on his high school graduation. Peter will be attending the Honors College at Suffolk Community College!

Congratulations to Leanna Schmidt on her high school graduation. Leanna will be attending Suffolk Community College in the fall!

Kudos to Filomena & Georgia Mauceri for receiving the Gold Level Presidential Service Award at Ward Melville High School, and to Filomena for being inducted into the Italian Honor Society!

Kudos to Alexandra Smith who was inducted into the National Honor Society at St. Anthony's H.S!

Dr. Edmund and Kalliope La Gamma proudly announce the graduation of their daughter

Christina Teresa LaGamma



On May 17, 2016, Christina received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Neuroscience and Behavior from Barnard College of Columbia University. In the upcoming year, she will be working in the neuroscience research laboratory of Dr. Christine Denny at the NY State Psychiatric Institute at NY Presbyterian Hospital. Following her year of research, she plans to attend medical school. We wish Christina and all the graduates much success in their future endeavors!

****If anyone has any wonderful news or accolades they would like to share with our community in the August newsletter, please email PC Corresponding Secretary, Marisa Raptis at marisasmith111@yahoo.com by 8/1/16 ****