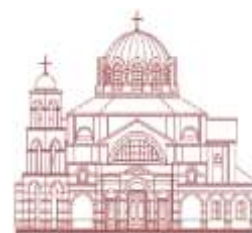




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- 191st - 200th PRIZE - \$150 Bank Check



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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

We welcome your contribution of community news and materials to the Church of the Assumption, Port Jefferson, NY. Appropriate materials include: 1) texts pertaining to worship and the liturgical year; 2) announcements and schedules of Church ministries and organizations; 3) Greek cultural events; 4) poems, stories, games, essays of a spiritual, faith-based or life-enriching nature; 5) personal congratulatory news of parishioners.

Please forward your materials to the Church Office at goc.assumption@gmail.com or to Marisa Raptis at mrcollegeadvising@gmail.com. All new submissions need to be submitted by the posted due date. Anything submitted past the due date will be printed in the following month's newsletter, if still relevant. Last minute changes, if at all possible, are at the discretion of the editor.

July 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|-----|-------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 9 Divine Liturgy Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am Baptism 12:30pm-1:30pm Baptism 2pm-3pm | 10 Men's Basketball 8pm Stewardship Meeting 8pm | 11 Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm | 12 | 13 Badminton 7pm | 14 | 15 Baptism 2pm-3pm |
| 16 Divine Liturgy Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am | 17 Men's Basketball 8pm | 18 | 19 | 20 Badminton 7pm | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Divine Liturgy Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am | 24 Men's Basketball 8pm | 25 | 26 | 27 Badminton 7pm | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Divine Liturgy Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am | 31 Men's Basketball 8pm | | | | | |

August 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|---------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | 1 Paraklesis 6pm | 2 Paraklesis 6pm | 3 Paraklesis 6pm Badminton 7pm | 4 Paraklesis 6pm | 5 |
| 6 Divine Liturgy Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am | 7 Paraklesis 6pm Men's Basketball 8pm | 8 Paraklesis 6pm | 9 Paraklesis 6pm | 10 Paraklesis 6pm Badminton 7pm | 11 Paraklesis 6pm | 12 Wedding 2pm-3pm |
| 13 Divine Liturgy Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am | 14 Vespers 7pm | 15 Kimesis Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am | 16 | 17 Badminton 7pm | 18 | 19 Baptism 1pm-2pm |
| 20 Divine Liturgy Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am | 21 Men's Basketball 8pm | 22 | 23 | 24 Festival 5pm-10pm | 25 Festival 5pm-11pm | 26 Festival 12pm-11pm |
| 27 Divine Liturgy Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am Festival 12pm-10pm Raffle Drawing 8pm | 28 Men's Basketball 8pm | 29 | 30 | 31 Badminton 7pm | | |

The Kimisis of the Theotokos

The Kimisis, also known as the Dormition or the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos, is a significant event in Orthodox Christianity. This feast commemorates the blessed Virgin Mary's departure from this earthly life and her assumption into heavenly glory. The Kimisis holds immense spiritual significance, representing the culmination of Mary's role as the Mother of God and serves as an inspiration for believers worldwide.

The Nature of the Feast:

The Kimisis is considered a great rejoicing, as it signifies the end of Mary's earthly journey and her entrance into the eternal presence of God. According to Orthodox tradition, when Mary's earthly life reached its end, all the apostles - except for Apostle Thomas who was miraculously transported later to witness the event - were gathered around her deathbed. At the moment of her passing, angels appeared and carried her soul to heaven, while her body was taken up by Christ. This event gloriously illustrates the unified nature and divine purpose of body and soul, highlighting the hope for believers' resurrection and eternal life.

Symbolic Significance:

The Kimisis of the Theotokos holds profound symbolic significance for both believers and the Church. Mary's assumption into heaven affirms her unique and intimate relationship with God, as she carried the Lord Jesus Christ in her womb and nurtured Him throughout

His life. It recognizes her role as the Mother of God and her pivotal role in the salvation of humanity.

As followers of Christ, the Kimisis also represents our ultimate destiny and the profound hope of being united with God in eternity. Through her assumption, Mary's example becomes a guiding light, inspiring believers to persevere in their faith and strive for holiness, knowing that death is not an end but a passage to everlasting life.

Celebration of the Feast:

The Feast of the Kimisis is celebrated with great reverence and joy in the Orthodox Church. Liturgical services include solemn hymns, prayers, and the reading of scripture. Many communities hold processions, carrying icons and images of the Theotokos as a visible reminder of her loving intercession and the hope of eternal life. Devout Orthodox Christians reflect on Mary's life of obedience, humility, and faith, seeking inspiration to emulate her virtues in their own spiritual journeys.

Conclusion:

The Kimisis of the Theotokos stands as a significant event in Orthodox Christianity, reminding believers of the blessed Virgin Mary's unique role in God's plan of salvation. Her assumption into heaven serves as both a celebratory feast and an eternal source of hope for Christians worldwide. The Kimisis invites believers to reflect on Mary's example, encouraging them to cultivate humility, obedience, and unwavering faith as they journey towards their own union with God in eternity.

Paraklesis Schedule for August

Tuesday, August 1st - Friday, August 4th - 6:00pm

Monday, August 7th - Friday, August 11th - 6:00pm

Παρακλήσεις του Δεκαπενταύγουστου

Τρίτη, 1 Αυγούστου - Παρασκευή, 4 Αυγούστου - 6:00μ.μ.

Δευτέρα, 7 Αυγούστου - Παρασκευή, 11 Αυγούστου - 6:00μ.μ.



WELCOME BACK!
SUNDAY

Sunday
September 10th

MESSAGE FROM THE FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON - GEORGE VOULGARAKIS

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am thrilled to announce the upcoming Annual Greek Festival, a celebration of our rich, religious and cultural heritage, delicious food, and lively traditions! As the Festival Chairperson, I invite you to join us on Thursday, August 24th – Sunday, August 27th, for an unforgettable experience.

To make this event a huge success, we are in need of dedicated volunteers **like you** who are enthusiastic about preserving our Greek traditions. Volunteers play a crucial role in many aspects of the festival, from setting up and decorating the venue, to assisting with serving food and beverages, and ensuring that the festival runs smoothly throughout the four days. By donating your time and skills, you will not only contribute to the success of our festival, but also become part of a vibrant community dedicated to preserving our faith and culture.

In addition to volunteers, we are also seeking assistance in selling raffle tickets for our annual raffle. The raffle is a significant fundraiser for our Church, providing financial support for our various community initiatives throughout the year. By selling raffle tick-

ets, you will directly contribute to the betterment of our community and help us continue our commitment to promoting our faith and traditions.

If you are interested in volunteering and/or selling raffle tickets, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Festival Committee. We truly believe that together we can make this year's Greek Festival the most memorable one yet. So mark your calendars, spread the word to family and friends, and let's celebrate together!

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our community.

Warm regards,

George Voulgarakis
Festival Chairperson



"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live."

This year we had the very exciting news that one of our junior choir members, Michaela Tufariello, was one of the winners of a PAN-HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP in music. The association offers scholarships and mentorship exclusively to students of Hellenic ethnicity. Award-winning novelists, tv/film writers, producers, members of major industry, science and medicine make up this amazing group. We wish congratulations and safe travels for the whole family who will attend the awards ceremony and gala taking place in Chicago.

Many communities are still suffering the effects of the Covid shut down. We are so fortunate to have a choir that still sings and I am grateful to our members, Dr. Dennis Galanakis, Dr. Demetrius Moutsiakis, Nicholas Ladeas, Nicholas Stamatakis, Sofia Theologitis, Elaine DelGigante, Paraskevi Rontiris, Kiki Govits, and Joanna Rigas, who volunteer their voices to the glory of God.

We are hoping for additional members in the fall, so please **don't hesitate to contact me while we are on hiatus during** the beautification of our parish with new iconography.

Thank you for your kind words and support.

Peggy



ARCHDIOCEASAN DISTRICT CHOIR

After the very exciting experience of singing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the Archbishop and guests at the Biennial Conference in New York City last year, we engaged in our District Conference at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City last November, 2022. Since then we had our Vasilopita meeting with the Archbishop at the St. Paraskevi parish.

Some of our members will be participating in the St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Music Institute in June themed **"Sing to the Lord a New Song: American Orthodox Music:** Registration is still available for some auditing and virtual classes as the in person attendance is sold out for this program from June 20 to 24. Acclaimed choral composers and writers will be striving for their compositions to be accepted in American Orthodox musical tradition. Benedict Sheehan was commissioned by St. Michael's Orthodox Church to write a Liturgy, No. 2 for them, which will be performed by the attendees in Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday June 24. Any religious musical composition can be submitted for feedback from faculty and institute instructors.

A General Meeting of the District Council will be held on June 10th, where, among other business, Peggy Stilianos will be sponsoring to formalize a Grant, honoring the spirit and legacy of Spyro Kalos, of blessed memory, former President of the District and Director of the Choir at St. John The Baptist Church in Blue Point and a formally trained and very accomplished musician. He was a frequent contributor to new music, often arranging other works to achieve true byzantine sound.

The Cathedral Choir, both Adult and Childrens Groups, have been invited to attend to His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to perform in Constantinople this July. They will also be performing, by invitation, in the cities of Rhodes and Nisyros as part of their individual Music Festivals. They have also been invited to perform in Athens, by the Ambassador of the United States to Greece.

We are Looking forward to the Conference this year at the Panagia parish of Island Park which will happen in November 10, 11 and 12, 2023. This conference weekend is open to all members of a choir within the Archdiocesan District.

Submitted, Peggy Stilianos

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
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| \$39.88/Month - Average | \$41.49 Month - Average | \$50/Month - Average |
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HOPE/JOY



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Advisors: We are in need of an advisor

When: Wednesday Nights

Where: Community Center

Some events may include:

- Rec. Night - kickball, basketball, soccer, etc.
- Crafts - tie dyeing, holiday crafts, baking, etc.
- Holiday Parties - Halloween, Friendsgiving, Valentine's Day, Christmas, etc.
- Tradition & Faith - making *prosforo*, tree decorating, Greek dancing, etc.

Thanks to the hard work of our GOYA advisors, Linda Batuyios, Olga Manolis and Maria Gasparis, our community of Port Jefferson had representation at the 43rd Olympic Games. There was a very exciting Fr. Lou sighting on Saturday and we can't thank him enough for all the support. Congratulations to all of our medal winners!

This year, District Chancellor Fr. Elias Villas, along with District Youth Representative, Constantine Pantelias, was with us as we honored Alex Constantinou and Dimi Pamboukis. These two men were the original Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee organized by the Archdiocese in 1978 to bring to life the concept of a youth-centered Olympic games. We thank Archbishop Elpidoforos for assigning Father John from the Archangel Michael parish in Port Washington, for the on-site Divine Liturgy and for a very inspiring commentary on being spiritual athletes for God. The Memorial Service allowed us to give thanks to the Armed Service Veterans and provided a seamless transition, from the giving of spiritual glory to God, to filling the arena with our voices in support of athletic competition in His fellowship.

Our very supportive Town Supervisor, Ed Romaine, organized the entire Town Board to sign a Proclamation declaring May 27, 2023 as the 43rd Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan District Olympics Day in the Town of Brookhaven. Duplicate copies were presented to the entire Committee, including our own community members, Peggy Stilianos and Kimberly Winton, for their vital work which insures that the games go on every year.

In part, the Proclamation reads:

"WHEREAS we believe that by teaching our young men and women the

fundamentals of our Orthodox faith and the rich history of our Hellenic

Heritage through sports competition, we can instill in them the pride

and unity needed for the continuity of Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America."

Officially retired from the Executive Committee are Alex Constantinou, Dimitrios Pamboukis, Irene Papazikos, Stephanie Gurin and Peggy Stilianos.

We wish the new Executive Committee of (our own) Kimberly Winton (Treasurer), Nicoletta Markoulis (Chairman), Mantoula Bloumenthal (Vice Chairman), and Roussa Potiris (Secretary/Registration) many years of success!

Congratulations to this year's St. John Chrysostom Oratorical participants!

In the junior division was Xavier Maslar and Emmanuel Katsamanis.

In the senior division was Elizabeth Cadieux and Jeffrey Smith.

A special thank you to judges, Peggy Stilianos, Amy Vinieris, and Michael Kazakos.

The evening began with a prayer led by Father Lou followed by the speeches from our participants and presentation of certificates.

Well done everyone. Και του χρόνου!



Great job to our GOYANS Elizabeth Cadieux, Emmanuel Katsamanis and Jeffrey Smith who participated in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Presentations held in our church on Mar 1st.

In preparation for Easter our group hosted a Lenten dinner and lecture about "Fasting 101" with Dr. Andonios Prayiannis. The GOYA also helped with Saturday of Lazarus activities and filding Palm Crosses. We also hosted a GOOD FRIDAY Lenten Retreat for all the youth in our community. Thank you to Mr. Mixalis Kazakos, Mr. Chris Varthalamis and Father Lou for assisting with our Retreat!

Some of our spring activities included: bowling, ice skating, handing out flowers to all the moms in church on Mother's Day and participating in the Greek Olympics on Memorial Day weekend at Suffolk Community College in Brentwood. Thank you to our coaches Maria Vasiliou and Spiro Dimeck for preparing and coaching our group!

We are so proud of our GOYANS representing our church, showing great sportsmanship and teamwork while making great memories!

Our End of Year celebration was a fun evening with many of our families in attendance.

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduate Chris Batuyios and wishing him all of GOD's Blessings in college and in his future!
Finally, we would like to THANK our Parish Council and our Community for supporting our events throughout the year, and Father Lou for his spiritual guidance and assistance!

Wishing everyone a great summer and looking forward to welcoming back everyone at REGISTRATION on WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13TH!



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Stony Brook University
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Greetings from the Sunday School of the Assumption!

We began the second half of the year learning about the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Our students proudly processed their Icons around our beautiful church along with the Altar Boys and Fr. Lou. They also learned about the significance of the Feastdays of The Annunciation, the Holy days of Great Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension Thursday, and Pentecost.

On Saturday, April 8th, our Sunday School and Community came together for the Saturday of Lazarus Communion Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt. The children participated in a mini retreat. They learned about Saturday of Lazarus, Holy Week and the Resurrection (Easter). The children enjoyed participating in the trivia game as well as the Egg Hunt, fun games, and piñatas.

This year our students participated in making an Epitaphio (Kouvouklion) and Cross filled with individual homemade tissue paper flowers lovingly constructed with their own hands. The final products were processed around the church during Good Friday evening services.

In May, the children made a Garden Caddy for their **Mother's Day Gift**. We hope that you enjoy planting and making memories with your children.

On Sunday, May 21st, we concluded our school year by celebrating our students at the Annual Graduation and Moving-up Ceremony. Our students received their certificates and gifts. The entire congregation enjoyed and **joined in with our students as they recited the Lord's Prayer** and sang *Christos Anesti* together. It truly was a beautiful day!

We would like to wish our 3rd and 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Maria Gasparis Esq., all the best in her future endeavors. We thank her for her love, commitment, and dedication to our students and school.

We wish our graduates, Emmanuel Batuyios, Nikolas Gasparis, and Xavier Maslar, all the very best. We hope that they return to Sunday School in the future as **Teacher's Helpers**.

A sincere thank you to our Teachers & Teacher Assis-

tants for their hard work and dedication to our children.

Thank you to our parents and friends for all of your support throughout the year and entrusting us with teaching your children their Orthodox Faith.

We wish all of our students a wonderful and relaxing Summer, and we hope to see them all on Sunday, September 10th for Registration and Meet the Teacher Day!

With love,

The Sunday School of the Assumption



SUNDAY SCHOOL



10 REASONS

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- 5. Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
- 6. Praying Teachers:** Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
- 7. Big Reward for a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
- 8. Send the Right Message:** Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
- 9. Adult Bible Fellowship:** While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.
- 10. You'll Be On Time:** Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.

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The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America that has offered 90 years of philanthropy through a multitude of programs that make a difference in the lives of people in the United States and throughout the world. The Society was established in November 1931, by the late Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I, who was then serving as Archbishop of North and South America.

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Since the late 1950's, upon the recommendation of Archbishop Iakovos, Philoptochos has placed an increased emphasis on the implementation of important programs to benefit the Greek Orthodox community, including, but not limited to, institutions of the Church, the philanthropies of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and assistance to Greek and Greek Orthodox families. Involvement in social and moral issues encouraged the establishment of several committees to address topics such as child abuse prevention, domestic violence, homelessness, pornography, drug and alcohol abuse, and aging.

Since 1987, the National Philoptochos office has employed a professional Social Worker, engaged in assisting the Greek Orthodox community in the United States as well as Greek and Cypriot nationals. The Department of Social Services is a very important, vital element of our organization. The mission of the Department is to improve the quality of life of those in need, in a way that maintains the dignity and self-respect of the individuals. Through confidential and professional services, the office provides outreach, education, information, support, intervention, motivation, advocacy, financial assistance, and referral to local and broader resources.

Thanks to our generous community for all those contributions to our Coffee Hour Philoptochos baskets, not to mention the time donated by our volunteers, our Philoptochos chapter has donated and assisted to various organizations. The LI Cares Harry Chapin Food Pantry, One Warm Coat, Tunnels to Towers, the IOCC, the Autism Fund, the Annual Shoe, Toiletries and Diaper Drives, Holy Cross, St. Photios Shrine, Cancer Fund, the OCM, the Sisterhood of St. Basil, Founder's Fund, the Ecumenical Patriarch, the ACP/NSP Benevolent Fund, UNICEF, the OCF, the Hellenic Cultural Fund, the Hellenic College Scholarship Fund, and St. Michael's Home to name some, but not all, of our charitable projects.

As we conclude our year, we are looking forward to our next term with anticipation and excitement. As always, we would like to thank our generous and gracious community for their past and future support for our organization.

May God Bless our beautiful Eastern Orthodox Church, our community, family, friends and our country.

Sincerely,

Janet Trohalaki
Church of the Assumption
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Great Vespers - 7:00pm

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Tuesday, August 15th

Orthros - 9:00am

Divine Liturgy - 10:00am

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Θεία Λειτουργία - 10:00 π.μ.

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The Dome

The Life of Jesus and Mary (Η Ζωή του Χριστού και της Μαριάς)

The final phase of the dome iconography will depict eight (8) scenes from the life of Jesus Christ where the Virgin Mary is present. Additionally, medallions of the twelve apostles will be placed on the dome in the shape of a cross. As a community dedicated to the Panaghia it is absolutely befitting to have these scenes of Christ's life be a part of our magnificent dome.

Donation - \$20,000.00/Each Scene

Donation - \$5,000.00/Each Apostle

All net proceeds of the Phase 3 Iconography Project will support the building fund of the Assumption Church of Port Jefferson, NY



Rear of the church

The Archangels (Οι Άγιοι Αρχάγγελοι)

This addition to phase 3 of our iconography project places six Archangels at the entrance of our temple guarding this Holy space. Also, the Philoxenia of Abraham will be placed above the entrance doors.

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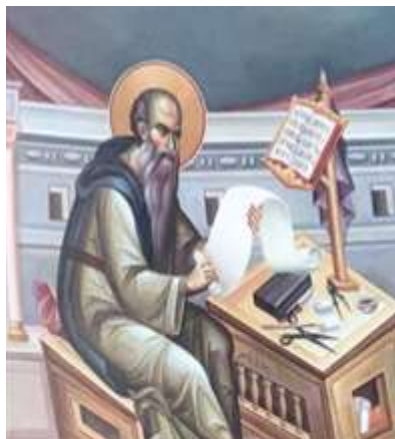
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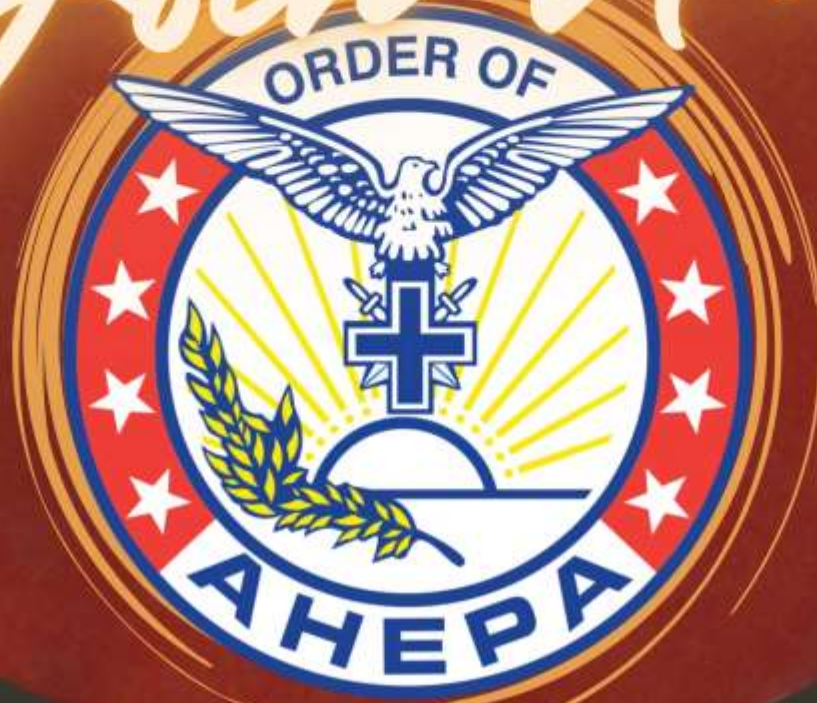
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