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December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 14th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 10am Little Angels 10am Book Store 12pm-1pm Volleyball 1pm	2 Men's Basketball 8pm	3 Paraklesis 5pm Greek School 5pm	4 GOYA 7pm	5 Badminton 7pm	6 St. Nicholas Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am Youth Movie Night 6pm	7
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29 Sunday After Nativity Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am	30 Men's Basketball 8pm	31 New Years Eve Party 8pm				

Skin Care Lecture
With
Dr. Monica Apostol

Save the Date
March 16, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Father Demetrios Calogredes

Anniversary Jubilee

Celebrating 50 Years of his ordination
into the Priesthood

November 22, 2025

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

We welcome your contribution of community news and materials to the Church of the Assumption, Port Jefferson, NY, a Greek Orthodox Church Community. 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.

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath shined the light of knowledge upon the world; for thereby they that worshipped the stars were instructed by a star to worship Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Dayspring from on high. O Lord, glory be to Thee. - Apolytikion of Holy Nativity

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you on the occasion of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means *God with us*)," **Isaiah 7:14.** **The prophet's foretelling of Jesus' birth, which Matthew the Evangelist reminds us about in his Gospel, is a comforting message to us all. Our God, through the Virgin's womb, became one of us so that He could be with us. This is the good news of Christmas, that we are not alone. We are no longer prisoners of this imperfect world, and we are no longer condemned to death. Now, God is with us!**

God is here to guide us and help us during our times of struggle and weakness, to lift us up and give us hope. God is here, with us, when we feel lost and alone. He is our comfort and our strength. God is with us when we rejoice and when we despair.

"O voice divine, beloved and most sweet! For you, O Christ, have promised in truth to be with us unto the close of the age, and we faithful rejoice, having this anchor of hope," Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

During this time of year, when we are caught up in the hustle and bustle of our Christmas preparations, it is important for us to stop for a moment and remember that God is with us. Take a time out and say a prayer. Take a little time off and come to the Church, light a candle, or take part in the many ser-

vices that are offered. Don't worry, the work will be there when you get back. Take a break to be with your God because He is with you. Ask Him for the strength you need to get you through your day. Ask Him for the courage you need to endure whatever it is you are going through. Ask Him for the wisdom you need to guide you through your life. Do not be afraid to stop what you are doing and talk to Him. God is with us!

My prayer for you this Christmas is that you see the necessity and the value of finding time during your day to be with God. Seek Him out every day, and multiple times throughout your day. Remember Him all day. I promise you that you will see that God is with us!



PARAKLESIS
Every Tuesday
5pm



1st Tuesday of every month. 7:00pm
Beginning January 7th

Dear Parishioners,

Being that the Christmas season is upon us, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. During this time, many of us will share the gifts and good fortune with which we have been blessed, especially with those who are more challenged or in need- this is the Christian way.

There are many ways to help. One of the most important ways is by supporting your church community, and there are many ways to show your support. A great way of supporting the church and helping is by being a steward of your church.

All of the ministries of this church are dedicated to helping those who are less fortunate than us. Your dedication to your church through your stewardship helps us continue to do this good work.

Once a year, during the Christmas season, we are asked to give to many different charities. We get into the spirit of giving and lending a helping hand, but with your stewardship pledge, this Christian spirit can last all year.

Keep the spirit of Christmas alive throughout the year by giving your time and talents to your church and our community through your Stewardship Pledge.

I look forward to seeing you all at the New Year's Eve Dance. Merry Christmas to all!

George Kokolakis

Αγαπητοί Ενορίτες,

Καθώς έρχονται οι ημέρες των Χριστουγέννων, σας εύχομαι Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχισμένο το Νέο Έτος. Πολλοί από εμάς θα μοιραστούμε τα δώρα και την καλή τύχη με την οποία έχουμε ευλογηθεί, ειδικά με αυτούς που αντιμετωπίζουν μεγαλύτερη πρόκληση ή έχουν ανάγκη.

Υπάρχουν πολλοί τρόποι για να βοηθήσουμε. Ένας από τους πιο σημαντικούς τρόπους είναι να υποστηρίξουμε την εκκλησιαστική μας κοινότητα και υπάρχουν πολλοί τρόποι για να δείξουμε την υποστήριξή μας. Ένας πολύ καλός τρόπος για να στηρίξουμε την εκκλησία και να βοηθήσουμε φτωχούς είναι να γίνουμε συνδρομητές της εκκλησίας μας.

Όλες αυτές οι αποστολές της εκκλησίας μας είναι αφοσιωμένες στο να βοηθούν αυτούς που είναι λιγότερο τυχεροί από εμάς. Η αφοσίωσή μας στην εκκλησία μας μέσω της συνδρομής μας μας βοηθά να συνεχίσουμε να κάνουμε αυτό το καλό έργο.

Μια φορά το χρόνο, κατά την περίοδο των Χριστουγέννων, καλούμαστε να δώσουμε σε πολλά διαφορετικά φιλανθρωπικά ιδρύματα. Μπαίνουμε στο πνεύμα να δίνουμε ένα χέρι βοήθειας, αλλά με την οικονομική μας δέσμευσή, αυτό το χριστιανικό πνεύμα μπορεί να διαρκέσει όλο το χρόνο.

Διατηρήστε το πνεύμα των Χριστουγέννων ζωντανό καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια του έτους, δίνοντας τον χρόνο σας στην εκκλησία μας και στην κοινότητά μας μέσω της οικονομικής μας υπόσχεσης.

Ελπίζω να βρεθούμε όλοι στο Πρωτοχρονιάτικο Ρεβεγιόν. Καλές γιορτές και Ευτυχισμένος ο Καινούργιος Χρόνος!

Γιώργος Κοκολάκης

**PARISH COUNCIL
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 12:00PM - 3:00PM

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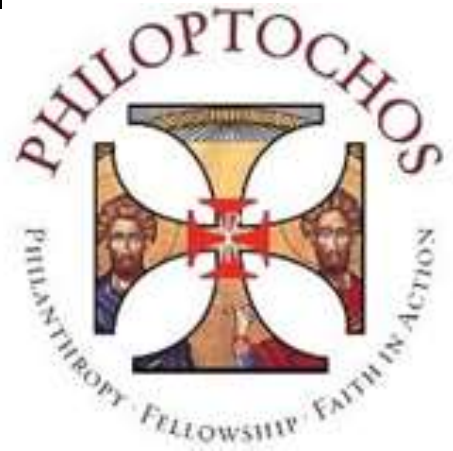
<u>Stewardship Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Stewardship November 2024</u>	<u>2024 Stewardship Goal</u>
226 Stewards	202 Stewards	300 Stewards
\$39.88/Month - Average	\$37.93 Month - Average	\$50/Month - Average
Collected- \$106,962	Pledged- \$91,593	Total Pledged - \$150,000

FROM THE GOCA LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS DESK

The Ladies Philoptochos would like to give a much needed “Thank You” to our community for always supporting our philanthropic endeavors.

We had a very successful ‘ONE WARM COAT DRIVE’ and Sip and Paint Fundraiser, in which all proceeds will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House (Greek Division).

Additionally, in our most recent Turkey Drive, we donated approximately 300 lbs. of Turkey to Long Land Cares (The Harry Chapin Food Bank).



We are hoping to see you at our future planned events in 2025:

Vasilopita Sale (details to follow)

Epiphany Luncheon Sunday, January 12, 2025

Membership Drive with guest speaker on March 16, 2025
with Dr. Monica Apostol.

Loukoumades Sunday is on March 2, 2025

Tsoureki Sale - (details to follow)

Palm Sunday Luncheon- April 13, 2025 - (details to follow)

We are always looking for new faces to join our chapter to promote charitable and humanitarian causes.

With much gratitude,
Ladies Philoptochos Chapter #066

We would like to wish everyone in our community a
Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

You can find us on Instagram: [philoptochos_of_assumption](#)



Christmas Luncheon Invitation

The Ladies Philoptochos is hosting this luncheon for their members and are extending this invitation to the church community.

Saturday December 14, 2024

12:00 - 4:00pm

Savino's Hideaway Restaurant

258 North Country Road

Mount Sinai, New York 11766

Price Per Person: \$55.00 (Price Includes 4 Course Meal)

Please Reserve by December 6, 2024

Limited Seating Available!

Prepayment Only! No Door Admission!

You can prepay by Cash, Check or by our VENMO Account:

@GOCALADIESPHILOPTOCHOS-SOCIETY

We will be having a grab bag (just for the ladies) as well...limit \$20.00

If anyone would be interested in attending our luncheon, please contact us via email:

philoptochospjny@gmail.com

Or contact Cynthia Lilimpakis at 516-578-8337



DAD CHOIR FEDERATION

This year's 39th annual Church Music Conference was held at the Cathedral of Saint George, Hartford Connecticut on the first weekend of November, 2024. Over 50 musicians from 12 different parishes were welcomed by the Rev. Dr. George Zugravu and Petros Hatjopoulos, their Choir director. The Divine Liturgy performed had been composed by Dr. Tikey Zes, who at over 90 years old, was listening to the rehearsals on Zoom and emailing changes to the music and the stylings over the weekend. He was also the Keynote Speaker on Saturday, appearing by Zoom to the great delight of all present.

Workshops were presented to all who participated including a Youth Choir directed by Alyson Spina of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, NYC. We heard from a speech pathologist regarding preservation of our voices, the use of AI and technical programs in the writing and production of music and Dr. Zes offered a historical perspective of his writing and the heritage of Byzantine music and the tones and seasonal significance to the liturgy. Saturday evening became a lively Greek Night in Hartford with bouzouki playing, songs by our own musicians and a 50/50 raffle which funded another scholarship for the District.

Sunday, after a very fulfilling liturgy, Petros Hatjopoulos was presented with the Patriarch Athenagoras I Medallion for exemplary service to the District. Choir Member of the Year, an award made on nominations from her peers, was presented to Dr. Simona Trofimov, who is also from the St George Hartford parish. Her dedication and service to the Choir throughout the year were recognized.

This year, two Demetrios E. Pappas Scholarships were announced with presentations to be made within their parishes by President Costas Tsourakis. Congratulations go to Elaina Noto of Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas parish of Staten Island and Sophia Mederer of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Danbury, Connecticut. These scholarships support the educational pursuits in music of our winners. These efforts are made to keep our Church Music viable through the next generation of Church Musicians.

A luncheon was presented by the very lovely host parish and we concluded with prayers that we may meet again next year.

Peggy Stilianos.

CHOIR CORNER

We are so very happy to be back with you. Please say hello to the new faces that are with us. You will discover that they are returning faces and we feel so fortunate. We are welcoming new voices and hope you will sit with us to see how you feel when you start to sing the Divine Liturgy with us.

We are encouraging any high school students to please join us. There is a need for soprano voices and anyone who can read music.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to myself or Fr. Lou.

We will soon be working on Christmas seasonal music. We invite you to join us.

Peggy Stilianos



R.E.C. MINISTRY

The REC (Religious, Educational, and Cultural) Committee has confirmed two tables at the Village Center in Port Jefferson for this year's Dickens Festival, which is being held on Saturday, December 7th from 9am to 5pm. The Village center has three levels of decorated trees and other displays, a Radio Station broadcasting, and many Characters strolling and singing. Pastries will be presented to the Community on Sunday December 8th.

Please see myself (Choir) Elaine Del Gigante (Bookstore) or Dr. Eric Fishon (Greek School) to volunteer for our various events that support our Community.

Assumption Church



Golden Age Group

Next Meeting - December 12th

12:00pm

GOLDEN AGE GROUP

Welcome Back! Our meetings take place in the Community Center of the Parish.

Unfortunately, our membership has been reduced by two members this year. Anna Grekusi who had been in residence at an assisted facility, and Helen Klissas, who was actively attending until the end of October, both passed in November. Anna Grekusi was very active before being stricken with illness, and Helen Klissas was the Treasurer of the Group for many years, as well as being the cook with Gus Kapasakis and his wife, Christine. The ladies were recognized at the meeting of the group on November 14, 2024 with a Mnimosino luncheon. We thank Peter Englezos for the preparation of the food enjoyed by all who attended. Eternal be their memories.

Our group meets at noon on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month, except for holidays which will be in effect for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. Please note the church bulletin and calendar distributed at meetings.

The Golden Age group is available to all over 65. We cherish the opportunities to meet, converse, and attend to the members who have given so much to ensure that the community of Assumption Parish thrives into the next decades.

Peggy Stilianos, President

Cynthia Lilimpakis, Treasurer



ASSUMPTION Garden Ministry

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Matthew 6:28

Become a part of the Kimisis Garden Ministry.

You will gain a deep appreciation of the beauty in God's creation and the love that comes from Him.

Together we can bring our garden to
its magnificence

To volunteer please contact:
Phone: Elaine DelGigante at 631-384-2097
Email: aghios@icloud.com

Assumption Bookstore

Open Every Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School

Every Sunday upstairs in the Community Center from 10am-11am for more information please e-mail us at GOCASundaySchool@gmail.com



The Sunday School meets every Sunday from 10:am to 11:00am. We then gather together in Church to hear Father speak to the children. After receiving communion, the children are released to their parents for the remainder of the Divine Liturgy.

Our students are taught the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Creed along with the special Saints day and Holy days, and other prayers and hymns.

Through the course of the year we have various crafts for the holidays for the children to take home. We also make icons of their Saints for the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

We realize that in today's world children have outside school activities that they participate in, some of which are on Sunday mornings. Currently we have 14 children registered. We encourage the parents to bring their children as often as they can.

Registration is open all year, and all children ages 4 - 13 are welcome.

Save the Date

Parish Division Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Presentations 7:00pm

Participant Registration Begins January 2025

Grades 7-12



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

41ST ANNUAL ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

NATIONALS HOSTED BY THE METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH
& ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL, PITTSBURGH

2025

TOPICS, TIPS & RESOURCES: THE 1-2-3 PACKAGE | AVAILABLE NOW
goarch.org/oratorical



The Oratorical Festival provides a platform where Greek Orthodox youth from grades 7-12 present speeches discussing the Faith and the Church. Finalists from parish level will continue to district level and then national level.

SAVE THE DATE!
MARCH 1ST 2025



**THE GOCA GREEK SCHOOL PTO
PRESENTS**

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***INVITATIONS AND DETAILS TO
FOLLOW!***



Little Angels

Sunday School Preschool – Children Ages 7 months to 3 years old

430 Sheep Pasture Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777

Tel: 631 473 0894 Fax: 631 928 5131 Email: goc.assumption@gmail.com

Advisors/Teachers: Theofilia Lisa DelBorrello, Jessica Athanasiou, Maria Rodolico

Tuition: \$20 per student per year



***Our little Angels will learn the routine of Sunday School & going to church.**

***Meet New Friends.**

***Read Books, Play Games, Crafts & MORE!**

**Meets during Sunday School from 10AM-11AM
Upstairs in Community Center**

Followed by a Sermonette in Church by the Priest and Holy Communion for Baptized Children



GOYA NEWS

We kicked off our year on 9/11 with a special prayer, bonfire discussion, marshmallow roasting and a campfire song "Father, I Adore you"



Our NEW officers for 2024/2025:

President-Arys Spanos

VP-Dean Doukas

Secretary-Manoli Katsamanis

Treasurer-Alex Manolis

**Advisors-Xander Spanos and
Evan Vroulos**



Thank you...

**We are
Thankful for
YOU!**



- **TO ALL THOSE** that sponsored, supported and assisted with our Panigyri in September and our Loukoumathes Sale in November. With the generosity of so many we were able to raise \$4500 for the purchase and installation of a new scoreboard!
- **TO ALL THOSE** that donated 37 pints of blood to save 111 lives
- **TO ALL THOSE** that donated 30 bags of food to feed families in need for **THANKSGIVING**

NEW MEMBERS are always **WELCOME** (grades 7-12th)

We meet every Wed 7-9pm in the Community Center.

For more information please email: portjeffgoya@gmail.com

COME JOIN US!

ages 18-35

**GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF THE
ASSUMPTION**

YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE

Follow us on instagram:



IF INTERESTED IN JOINING

PLEASE CONTACT:

JOANNAV13@YAHOO.COM

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On December 6th 2024 in the Community Center
at 6pm.

Come Join us for Home Alone, wear your PJs, bring a blanket
and cozy up with a friend. Hot Coco, sugar cookies, and popcorn
will be provided. Please bring your own bottle of water and
more snacks with you to enjoy the movie.

No Cell Phones please

MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL SPEEDY @ 631-681-3757

OR EMAIL AT SPIDI86@AOL.COM

Assumption Church

Annual Christmas Tree
Lighting Celebration

Sunday,
December 8th
at 11:30am
Inside the
Church



Everyone in Church on this day will receive a free Christmas ornament.



Assumption Christmas Card

It is time to sign up and get your family name listed on the Assumption Christmas Card. The Christmas card will be sent out to the entire congregation. This is the best way to give a meaningful Christmas greeting to all of your friends and at the same time help your Church.

The minimum donation is only \$20 per listing.

Please fill out the form below and submit it with your payment to:

Greek Orthodox of The Assumption Church

430 Sheep Pasture Rd.

Port Jefferson, NY 11777

or

leave it at the Church office.

(631) 473-0894

Listing to be printed as:

Please print.

Please return no later than December 13th.



Order of AHEPA District 6 New York 2nd Annual Hellenic History Tournament



Saturday March 15th, 2025 Registration at 10AM, Competition begins at 11AM

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

196-10 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358

Jeopardy-like competition for teams of three students *from* grades 8-12
Questions from the book "*Hellenika: Heritage and History*" by Peter Limber

Win \$4,500 in cash prizes

First and Second place teams invited to compete for \$10,500 at the International Hellenic History

Tournament on **July 24, 2025** at Walt Disney World Coronado Springs Resort.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 2/15/2025

Enter TODAY at AHEPAD6.COM/HHT



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AHEPA Port Jefferson Chapter 319,
we wish all of our sponsors, members, &
charity organizations that we support a

Happy Thanksgiving!

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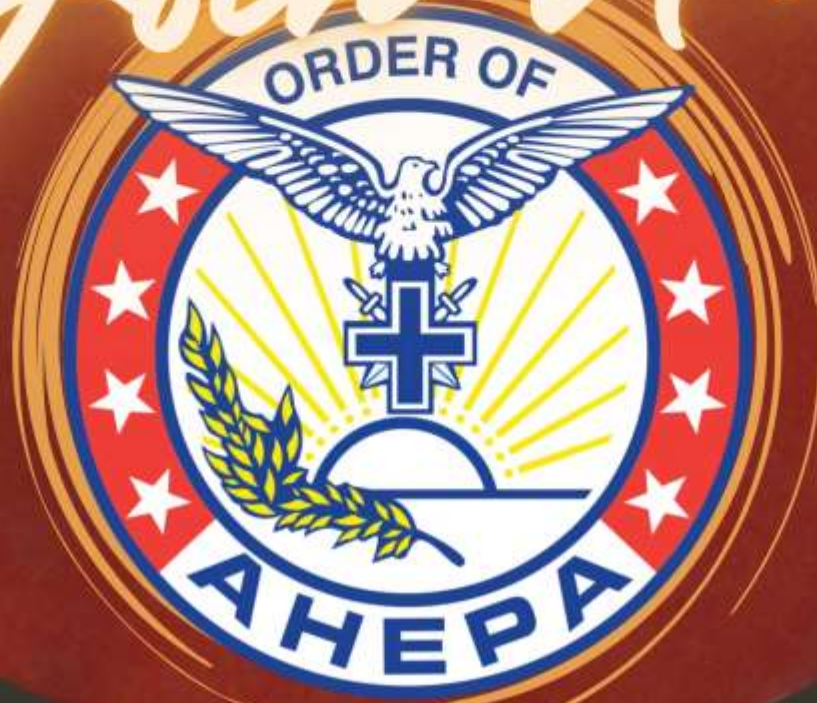
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Charity Organizations: Thank you for what you do, day in and day out, to help those in need! You are the primary motivator that drives us to meet our objectives!

Best Wishes,

George Kallas, *President*, Paul Zaferiou, *Vice President*,
Cristian Apostol, *Secretary*, Michael Kontonicholas, *Treasurer*

Join Us!



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