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Saint Basil the Great, Saint John Chrysostom, Saint Gregory the Theologian

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Saturday	1	CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & COMMEMORATION OF ST. BASIL @8:15AM
Sunday	2	SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY
Wednesday	5	EVE OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST: + Orthros, Great Hours, Great Vespers, & Divine Liturgy Of St. Basil The Great, Great Agiasmos (<i>Fasting Day</i>)
Thursday	6	HOLY THEOPHANY, BAPTISM OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, Orthros, Divine Liturgy & The Great Agiasmos
Friday	7	THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY PROPHET +ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Sunday	9	Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday	16	12th Sunday of Luke
Monday	17	+ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT
Tuesday	18	+ST. ATHANASIOS THE GREAT & CYRIL, PATRIARCHS OF ALEXANDRIA
Thursday	20	+ ST. EUTHYMIOS THE GREAT
Sunday	23	14th Sunday of Luke
Sunday	30	+SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: +BASIL THE GREAT, +GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, & +JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

FEBRUARY

Tuesday	1	ST. TRYPHON OF PHRYGIA / RELICS*
Wednesday	2	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR IN THE TEMPLE
Sunday	6	Sunday of the Canaanite ST. PHOTIOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
Thursday	10	ST. HARALAMBOS THE MARTYR
Sunday	13	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins
Sunday	20	Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Sunday	27	Judgement Day (Meatfare Sunday)

Sundays: Orthros begins @ 8:15AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:30AM

Weekdays: Orthros begins @ 8AM & Divine Liturgy @ 9:00AM

*(We have this saint's Relics at our Saint Andrew Reliquary)**

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Σαββάτο	1	Η ΚΑΤΑ ΣΑΡΚΑ ΠΕΡΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ, ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΥ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΥ ΚΑΙΣΑΡΕΙΑΣ <u>ώρα 8.15πμ</u>
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Τετάρτη	5	ΠΡΟΕΟΡΤΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΦΩΤΩΝ;ΘΕΟΠΕΜΠΤΟΥ & ΘΕΩΝΑ ΤΩΝ ΜΑΡΤΥΡΩΝ (Νηστεία) – Όρθρος, Μέγα Εσπερινό, Θεία Λειτουργία του Αγίου Βασιλείου & Ακολουθία του Αγιασμού
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Κυριακή	9	Απόδοσις τών Αγίων Θεοφανείων
Κυριακή	16	ΙΒ΄ Του Λουκά
Δευτέρα	17	+ ΑΝΤΩΝΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ
Τρίτη	18	+ ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΛΛΟΥ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΩΝ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΙΑΣ
Πέμπτη	20	+ ΕΥΘΥΜΙΟΥ ΟΣΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ
Κυριακή	23	ΙΔ΄ Του Λουκά
Κυριακή	30	ΤΩΝ ΤΡΙΩΝ ΙΕΡΑΡΧΩΝ +ΜΕΓΑ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΣ, +ΓΡΗΓΟΡΙΟΣ Ο ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΣ, + ΙΩΑΝΝΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΟΣΤΟΜΟΣ

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Τετάρτη	2	+ Η ΥΠΑΠΑΝΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ
Κυριακή	6	ΙΖ΄ Ματθαίου (τῆς Χαναναίας) +ΦΩΤΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ, ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΗΣ ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥΠΟΛΕΩΣ
Πέμπτη	10	+ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΟΣ ΊΕΡΟΜΑΡΤΥΣ
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Κυριακή	20	ΙΖ΄ Λουκά (τοῦ Ασώτου)
Κυριακή	27	Κυριακή τῆς Ἀπόκρεω

Την Κυριακή – Όρθρος - ώρα 8.15πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9:30πμ

Τις καθημερινές – Όρθρος - ώρα 8πμ & Θεία Λειτουργία - ώρα 9.00πμ

*(Έχουμε τα Λείψανα του Αγίου στην Λειψανοθήκη της εκκλησία μας)**

ASSEMBLING THE PUZZLE OF LIFE

By Fr John Theodosion

The other day I was watching one of my children work on a 1000-piece puzzle. From where I was sitting, I could not see the picture of what it was supposed to be when it was done. I could only see the jumble of colorful pieces on the table waiting to be placed in order. It occurred to me that if I couldn't see the picture, it would be nearly impossible to put this puzzle together. I guess with time I could have figured it out but without the example it would be much harder and take much more time.



surprises, but I think that life is more like a puzzle which needs to be figured out. All the pieces are there but they need to be assembled into a picture or an image that can be seen rather than a bunch of colorful pieces in a pile on the table.

I have to say that there were many people in my life that I looked up to as examples. There were good examples and not so good examples. Choosing the correct examples throughout my life wasn't always obvious and certainly I made my mistakes by following the wrong examples. However, as I grew and matured, I began to understand that the Church and my Faith help me to see and perceive which examples to learn from and follow.

This illustration reminds me of life. I can recall being younger and struggling to figure things out with relationships, work situations, athletics, and school. I can remember looking to others for their example. Who got it right and who got it wrong. I of course, knew how to get it wrong, but I needed help figuring out how to get it right. I needed an example, a picture to follow so I would know how to get where I wanted to be.

The ability to perceive, see and understand could also be called discernment. The ability to discern is different than judging. With judgement, there is, on the part of the person who is judging, a feeling of superiority which gives them the right to judge. In other words when we judge, we put ourselves in a position of superiority. With discernment, the person who is discerning is seeking to understand and determine

In the movie Forrest Gump, Forrest's Mama says that *"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what your gonna get."* It's true that life is full of

whether a situation, or a particular relationship would be beneficial especially for spiritual growth. The difference between discerning and judging can be very subtle.

As I grew and matured, my exposure to the church, the teachings of the Bible and the example of our Lord helped me greatly. They helped me to see and have a picture of what the puzzle of my life was supposed to look like. They gave me the criteria by which I would be able to properly discern which examples would be beneficial, and which would not. I avoid the temptation to judge and rather seek to use discretion and discernment.

As I get older, some things become clearer and some things seem more difficult to understand and discern, but I when I am at all confused, I pray to God to help me discern and make sense of all I encounter.

Friends, the puzzle of life always needs sorting out and assembling to give order to the jumble of pieces of life in front of us but using the picture or example will give us a vision of what it's supposed to look like. The picture comes from the example of Christ as found in the Bible, from the saints who got it right and from the Church which guides us. In the New Year let us turn to our Lord's example, His saints and His Church for guidance and discernment to assemble the puzzle of our own lives.

SAVE THE DATES:

MARDI GRAS 2022

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH, 2022

BIG GREEK FESTIVAL 2022

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

JUNE 17-18-19

SAINT ANDREW 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH 2022

AT THE MEADOWOOD

AGIASMOS

HOUSE BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

Agiasmos (eye-yahz-MOS, literally, “Sanctification”) is the name for 1) Holy Water, 2) the service by which Holy Water is consecrated, and 3) the Blessing of Homes with Holy Water. It is customary for the parish priest to come bless a home before a family is to move into it or shortly thereafter. Each year, it is also customary for the priest to bless the home with Holy Water on or after the feast of Theophany, which celebrates Christ’s Baptism and is the main occasion on which we consecrate Holy Water in the Orthodox Church.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Fr. John Theodosion will begin the HOUSE BLESSINGS in our community on the **first week in January 2022**. St. Andrew Parishioners will be notified of his pending visit. Please look for a “BLUE POST CARD” indicating date and time.

We will also be announcing in the WEEKLY BULLETIN the TOWNS that Fr. John will be visiting. If you don’t receive “BLUE POST CARD” when your TOWN is listed, please contact the office ASAP and make arrangements for «AGIASMO» in your home.

ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΥΣ

Ο π. Ιωάννης Θεοδόσιου θα ξεκινήσει τις επίσκεψις για αγιασμό στην κοινότητά μας την **1^η εβδομάδα του Ιανουάριου του 2022**. Οι Ενορίτες θα ενημερωθούν για την εκκρεμούσα επίσκεψή του. Θα λάβετε μια ΜΠΛΕ ΚΑΡΤΑ που δείχνει την ημερομηνία και την ώρα.

Επίσης θα ανακοινώσουμε στο ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΙΚΟ ΔΕΛΤΙΟ την πόλη που ο π. Ιωάννης θα επισκεφθεί. Εάν δεν λάβετε " ΜΠΛΕ ΚΑΡΤΑ " όταν η ΠΟΛΗ σας είναι καταχωρημένη, παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με το γραφείο όσο το συντομότερο και κάντε ρυθμίσεις για τον «Αγιασμό» στο σπίτι σας.



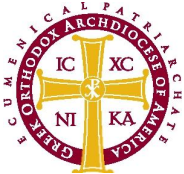
GOYA has had a very busy December. Many fun and exciting activities occurred during the 12th month of 2021, including playoffs for volleyball and basketball. Both seasons for volleyball and basketball were educational and enjoyable. Looking at volleyball, the girls were ranked third and they beat Roseland in the first round. In the semifinals the girls fought long and hard but unfortunately lost to Clifton. The Boy's Junior basketball team additionally fought long and hard and unfortunately lost the first round to Wycoff. The Senior Boys basketball team won the first round against Paramus. But unfortunately lost to Tenafly in overtime. Nevertheless, this season brought all teams closer to God. The GOYAnS respected all their teammates and prayed along with some of their Christian brothers and sisters. This month GOYAnS also helped with a bake sale. They made sweets to generate money for donation. Church members all loved the baked goods and helped with the donation. In total, Goya raised over \$250.



Christmas Pageant 2021



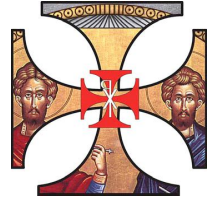
Thank you to Eleni Giannikopoulos for organizing this year's Christmas Pageant and to the children for such a great performance! Both the Religious Education students and Hellenic Afternoon School students took part in making this a memorable Christmas Pageant for all of us. *Καλές γιορτές σε όλους*



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Join us to help our brothers and sisters in Christ, during this season of giving in which God gave Himself as the greatest gift.

As we begin our Membership drive, we ask that you re-new your memberships and ask for new members to join this great organization. We welcome High School students St. Andrew parishioners to join us. The more hands we have, the more we can achieve.

Our 2022 Membership forms are available for you to become a member!!!

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year 2022!

In the Service of the Lord,
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DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEWS



On December 14th the Daughters Of Penelope and the Philoptochos hosted a Christmas Dinner at the Morristown Diner. We were pleased that Father John was in attendance as well as our District Governor Dina Fanikos and District Secretary Kelly Papacristos. Sisters Maria Galvin and Mary Michailidis led us in Christmas carols and games to make for an enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Sister Betty Kelly for taking care of the décor and table decorations. Wishing the entire St. Andrew family, a joyous Christmas season. We look forward to a bright and shiny 2022 filled with peace, love, harmony, and good health.



MARDI GRAS 2022 CELEBRATION

**FEBRUARY 20TH
SUNDAY @ 5:00 PM**

Αποκριάτικο Γλέντι

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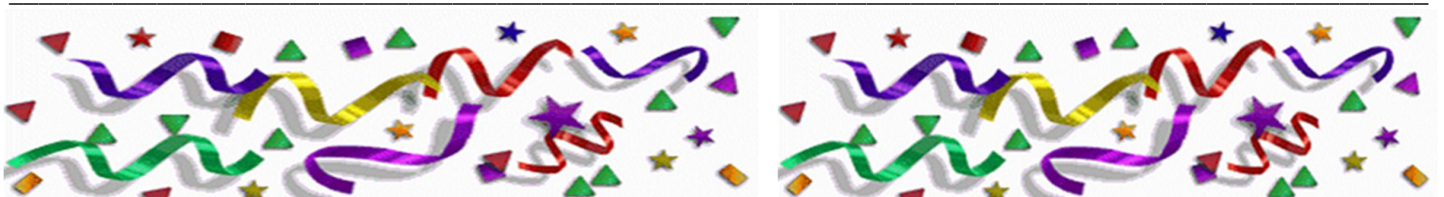
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MORE INFO. CONTACT: MARIA PALLIS- petroum79@yahoo.com

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HELLENIC AFTERNOON SCHOOL

Every year on the 30th of January, our church honors the three Hierarchs: Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John the Chrysostom, commonly named “an earthly trinity.” This day is also called “Greek Letters Day” because they were great scholars and the most educated in their time. The three Hierarchs studied all known sciences and arts, attended the best schools, promoted the Greek language, and tied it to Christianity. We honor them as Christians, Greeks, teachers, and parents.

As Christians, we kept our church in Christ strong and, with wisdom, managed to shed the light of our true faith when in the 4th century, divided the church due to the heretical teachings of Arius. They taught us to worship and glorify the Holy Trinity, the one God in three persons. All three of them wrote many books on our faith. Our Sunday Liturgy was created by John the Chrysostom and the Great Liturgy. The liturgy, known as the “Great Liturgy of Saint Basil,” is performed ten times a year.

The Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox church and Hellenic Afternoon School honor these three saints today. We should look upon them as role models. We ask them to bless us, to have love, wisdom, and philanthropy as they did. All three were philanthropists and originated from wealthy families; they used their fortunes to help people in need, regardless of religion; the homeless, the hungry, the elderly, and the ill found shelter through them.

Two pieces of advice from Saint Gregory the Theologian:

Concerning teaching:

- A) *“Love your students as if they were your own children.”*
- B) *“Either teach with your example or do not teach at all.”*

On parenting:

“Make your children’s souls beautiful with the proper education; everything else will follow.”

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΑΠΟΓΕΥΜΑΤΙΝΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Κάθε χρόνο στις 30 Ιανουαρίου, η εκκλησία μας γιορτάζει και τιμά τους 3 Ιεράρχες, τον Μέγα Βασίλειο, τον Γρηγόριο τον Θεολόγο και τον Ιωάννη τον Χρυσόστομο. Μία επίγεια Τριάδα όπως τους αποκαλούν! Αυτή η ημέρα ονομάζεται και ημέρα των Γραμμάτων, γιατί και οι τρεις τους ήταν μεγάλοι διδάσκαλοι και οι πιο μορφωμένοι από όλους για τα χρόνια εκείνα! Σπούδασαν όλων των ειδών τις επιστήμες και τέχνες της εποχής τους και πήγαν στα καλύτερα σχολεία. Προώθησαν την Ελληνική Γλώσσα και την συνέδεσαν με την Χριστιανική πίστη και με το Χριστιανικό κήρυγμα. Τους τιμούμε σαν Χριστιανοί, σαν Έλληνες, σαν διδάσκαλοι και σαν γονείς.

Ως Χριστιανοί, γιατί αυτοί ήταν που κράτησαν την εκκλησία του Χριστού δυνατή και με την σοφία τους μπόρεσαν να σκορπίσουν το φως της αληθινής πίστεως, όταν τον 4ο αιώνα η εκκλησία ήταν διχασμένη από τις αιρετικές διδασκαλίες του Αρείου. Μας δίδαξαν να λατρεύουμε και να δοξολογούμε την Αγία Τριάδα. Και οι τρεις τους έγραψαν πολλά βιβλία για την πίστη μας. Η Κυριακάτικη θεία λειτουργία γράφτηκε και καθιερώθηκε από τον Ιωάννη τον Χρυσόστομο, η δε θεία λειτουργία που έχει γραφτεί από τον Μέγα Βασίλειο, τελείται 10 φορές το χρόνο.

Αυτούς τους τρεις μεγάλους Αγίους τιμά αυτήν την ημέρα η εκκλησία μας και το Ελληνικό σχολείο. Θα έπρεπε όλοι μας να τους έχουμε σαν παράδειγμα προς μίμηση. Τους ζητάμε ταπεινά να μας φωτίζουν ώστε να έχουμε αγάπη, σοφία και φιλανθρωπία όπως και εκείνοι! Όποιος είχε ανάγκη, ανεξαρτήτως θρησκείας, οι φτωχοί, οι πεινασμένοι, οι γηραιότεροι, οι άρρωστοι, όλοι έβρισκαν θαλπωρή, στέγη και βοήθεια κοντά τους. Προερχόμενοι από πλούσιες οικογένειες, χρησιμοποίησαν όλη τους την περιουσία για να το πετύχουν.

Δύο πολύτιμες συμβουλές από τον Γρηγόριο τον Θεολόγο:

Όσον αφορά την Διδαχή:

- α) *“Αγάπα τους μαθητές σου σαν να είναι δικά σου παιδιά.”*
- β) *“Η δίδαξε με το παράδειγμα σου, ή μην διδάξεις καθόλου.”*

Όσον αφορά την ανατροφή των παιδιών:

“Κάντε όμορφες τις ψυχές των παιδιών σας με την σωστή μόρφωση. Όλα τα άλλα θα ακολουθήσουν.”



On January 30th the Orthodox Church celebrate a beautiful Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs, three scholar-saints from the 4th and early 5th centuries of the Church: St Basil the Great, St Gregory Nazianzus (*aka* the Theologian), and St John Chrysostom.

These three figures together embody a veritable powerhouse of uncompromising virtue, philosophical acumen, and spiritually edifying eloquence. St Basil was the oldest of the three, attending his classical studies in Athens alongside St Gregory and also alongside Julian, the eventual apostate emperor (knowledge without virtue is dangerous)! In a treatise dedicated to the topic, St Basil defended the reading of pagan Greek literature as an important part of education for Christians; it prepares them for reading the Scriptures, familiarizing them with images of virtuous (and vicious) living, as well as with literary genres and conventions. Julian, meanwhile,

realized this, and during his brief reign he forbade Christians from studying or teaching literature.

St Basil also delivered scathing homilies against greed and the hoarding of wealth, and composed rules for monastic life, which filtered into the West *via* St. John Cassian, where they eventually formed the basis for the monastic rule of St Benedict almost two centuries later.

St Basil encouraged the ordination of his friend, St Gregory Nazianzus, who was otherwise quite content to remain aloof from the world in contemplation and study. Heeding St Basil's advice, St Gregory accepted the great responsibility of the episcopacy. He delivered profound orations that brilliantly articulated and defended Trinitarian doctrine. His intelligent mind and complex yet clear philosophical language exemplify the high goal of liberal arts education, but as put to the service and glory of God. He rather begrudgingly accepted nomination as the Archbishop of Constantinople, a

position he occupied only for a few years. His use of the logical principles of classical philosophy in apologetic treatises on behalf of the Christian faith remain some of the most sophisticated fusions of classical Hellenistic learning and Nicene doctrine.

St John Chrysostom was the youngest of the three, and hailed from Antioch. Like St Gregory, St John Chrysostom also became the Archbishop of Constantinople. Like St Basil, St John had a heart for the poor and destitute, and his homilies and commentaries on the Gospels expound upon the joint responsibility of Christians as caretakers and defenders for both right worship (*ortho-doxia*) in the sacraments and teachings of the Church, and also for the poor. St John's Greek moniker, *chrysostomos*, means 'golden-tongued', a phrase indicating his rhetorical eloquence. His homiletic exhortations were so moving, primary sources tell us, that he regularly had to ask his congregation to stop applauding in the midst of them.

Each of these three saints is an exceptional example of the powerful combination of knowledge and faith, learning and virtue, study and prayer. They are thus especially important for our school, which likewise seeks to connect these complementary aspects and activities of the human soul. They endured exile and opposition with humility and steadfastness. Their self-sacrificial lives as teachers and bishops followed in the form of Christ Himself.

Beautifully, their unique strengths and God-given gifts also align neatly with the first three language arts of the classical curriculum, known as the *Trivium*: grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Like grammar in relation to the other language arts, for which it constitutes the basis and starting point, St Basil laid the foundation of faith for his friends, and composed monastic rules for communal spiritual

life – like grammatical primers of prayer and work. He also defended the importance of reading and close interpretation of classical narratives, a practice which serves as a primary activity for linguistic and moral formation in the grammar stage of education.

Like logic in relation to the other language arts, St Gregory occupies a middle position, coming between Sts. Basil and John. St Gregory's philosophical training, attention to the details and contours of argumentation, and brilliant defenses of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity accomplished two great things. First, they delineated the limits of reason, defining its proper boundaries and function in a human life. Secondly, they extended the use of logic onto a higher plane rooted in the experience of prayer and oriented toward the *Logos* Himself, in whose image we are made (*logikos*).

Like rhetoric in relation to the other language arts, St John Chrysostom personified rhetoric's deepest purpose: to convey truth and persuade others – through Aristotle's three rhetorical appeals of *ethos*, *pathos*, *logos* and the grace of the Holy Spirit – of the goodness of God and the way of salvation through Christ. The apostolic *kerygma*, the preaching of the Gospel to the nations (given by Christ in the Great Commission), forms the proper and highest *telos*, or aim, of the discipline of rhetoric. In the context of the late 4th century, with the Greco-Roman world still being Christianized, the eloquent exhortations of St John effectively catechized the fledgling civilization that would come to be known as Christendom.

These three hierarchs together thus form a holy *trivium*, whose prayers assist and encourage all those who are laboring in study, both in actual schools and in the academy of life under the loving instruction of the *Pedagogus*, Christ the Teacher.

[The Three Holy Hierarchs & the Trivium - Christ The Savior Academy \(csawichita.org\)](https://www.csawichita.org)

ΟΙ ΤΡΕΙΣ ΙΕΡΑΡΧΕΣ ΚΑΙ Η ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ

30 Ιανουαρίου

Τον ενδέκατο αιώνα, την εποχή του αυτοκράτορα Αλεξίου Κομνηνού, καθιερώθηκε ο κοινός εορτασμός τριών μεγάλων Πατέρων της Εκκλησίας, του Αγίου Ιωάννου του Χρυσοστόμου, Αρχιεπισκόπου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, του Αγίου Γρηγορίου του Θεολόγου, Αρχιεπισκόπου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, και του Αγίου Βασιλείου του Μεγάλου, Αρχιεπισκόπου Καισαρείας Καππαδοκίας, για να τιμηθεί η υπέρτατη προσφορά τους στην παιδεία, η ακλόνητη και θερμουργός πίστη προς τον Θεό και η απaráμιλλη ποιμαντορική και φιλανθρωπική τους δράση.

Από τότε επικράτησε εθιμοτυπικά η εορτή των Τριών Ιεραρχών να σχετίζεται με την παιδεία και τα ελληνικά γράμματα, έθος που συνεχίστηκε και κατά τη περίοδο της Τουρκοκρατίας, οπότε και πήρε εθνικό χαρακτήρα. Στους Τούρκους εμφανιζόταν ως θρησκευτική εορτή και ημέρα εξέτασης της προόδου των μαθητών, αλλά ουσιαστικά οι παπάδες-δάσκαλοι καλλιεργούσαν στα Ελληνόπουλα τον πόθο για ελευθερία.

Μετά την απελευθέρωση αναγνωρίστηκε επίσημα ως η πιό λαμπρή εορτή των ελληνικών σχολείων και της εκπαίδευσης γενικότερα, πρώτα από το Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών, με απόφαση της Συγκλήτου το σχολικό έτος 1843-44, και αργότερα πια νομοθετικά από την ελληνική πολιτεία.

Στα στενά όρια ενός άρθρου δεν είναι δυνατόν να παρουσιάσουμε με πληρότητα το πολυσχιδές έργο και την τεράστια προσφορά των Τριών Ιεραρχών, γι' αυτό και θα παρουσιάσουμε μόνο μερικά και κυρίως πρακτικά σημεία από τη σχέση τους με την παιδεία και την παιδαγωγία των νέων.

Και οι τρεις μεγάλοι Πατέρες από την παιδική τους ηλικία αγάπησαν ολόψυχα την παιδεία, αναζήτησαν τη γνώση και αφιερώθηκαν με ζήλο στην επιστήμη.



Ο Μέγας Βασίλειος μετά τα εγκύκλια μαθήματα που έλαβε από τον πατέρα του, σπούδασε στις περίφημες σχολές της Καισαρείας και αργότερα έκανε ανώτερες σπουδές στην Κωνσταντινούπολη. Το 351 μ.Χ. μετέβη στην Αθήνα, όπου σπούδασε ρητορική, φιλοσοφία, διαλεκτική, αστρονομία, γεωμετρία και ιατρική.

Στα έργα του αργότερα και κυρίως στην Εξαήμερό του, φανερώνει την αριστοτεχνική χρήση του ελληνικού λόγου και την εκπληκτική γνώση των αρχαίων Ελλήνων φιλοσόφων και των επιστημονικών δεδομένων της εποχής του.

Ο Άγιος Γρηγόριος διδάχθηκε τα εγκύκλια γράμματα μάλλον στη Ναζιανζό και συνέχισε τις σπουδές του στην Καισαρεία, στην Αλεξάνδρεια και στην Αθήνα. Στην Αθήνα υπήρξε συμφοιτητής με τον Μέγα Βασίλειο και σπούδασε με ξεχωριστό ζήλο φιλοσοφία, ρητορική, μουσική, αστρονομία και γεωμετρία. Εντυπωσίασε τόσο πολύ τους καθηγητές του, ώστε, μετά το πέρας των σπουδών του, τον εξανάγκασαν να παραμείνει στην Αθήνα και να διδάξει φιλοσοφία και ρητορική. Αναδείχθηκε απaráμιλλος χειριστής της αττικής διαλέκτου, μεγάλος ποιητής και συγγραφέας και σαηνευτικός ομιλητής.

Ο Άγιος Ιωάννης σπούδασε στην Αντιόχεια κοντά στους φημισμένους φιλοσόφους Ανδραγάθιο και

Λιβάνιο. Αμέσως μετά τις σπουδές του άσκησε το δικηγορικό επάγγελμα και αναδείχθηκε «δεινός εις το λέγειν και πείθειν». Θεωρείται ο μεγαλύτερος ρήτορας όλων των εποχών. Έλαβε το προσωνύμιο «Χρυσόστομος» για την ευγλωττία του και την καλλιπέπια των λόγων του. ^[1]Και οι τρεις, παρ' ότι αφιέρωσαν τα χαρίσματα και τις ικανότητές τους στην διακονία του Ευαγγελίου του Χριστού, δεν απαξίωσαν την κοσμική σοφία. Συνιστούσαν τη σοβαρή σπουδή των επιστημών και μάλιστα τόνιζαν την αξία της ελληνικής σοφίας. Όχι μόνο δεν αντιτάχθηκαν στο αρχαιοελληνικό πνεύμα, αλλά, όπως άλλωστε και όλοι οι εκκλησιαστικοί Πατέρες, προσέλαβαν όλα τα θετικά στοιχεία του Ελληνισμού. Αξιοποίησαν κατά τον καλύτερο τρόπο πολλές απόψεις και θεωρίες της ελληνικής φιλοσοφικής σκέψης, χωρίς βέβαια να αλλοιώσουν την ορθόδοξη χριστιανική αποκαλυπτική αλήθεια. Οι Πατέρες έγραφαν και εδίδασκαν κατά της ειδωλολατρικής πλάνης κι όχι εναντίον της ελληνικής παιδείας.

Ο Άγιος Γρηγόριος ο Θεολόγος εξαίρει την αξία της αρχαίας ελληνικής παιδείας, συμβουλεύοντας τους νέους της εποχής του να διαβάζουν τα πάντα, αλλά να απορρίπτουν όλα τα της ειδωλολατρίας και μάλιστα ορίζει και τον τρόπο αγωγής, τον τρόπο δηλαδή με τον οποίο ο χριστιανός θα έχει την αρχαία γραμματεία ως διδάσκαλο, χρησιμοποιώντας ως παράδειγμα τον αδελφό του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου, τον Καισάριο. Ο Καισάριος επεζήτησε κάθε αρετή και μάθηση και σπούδασε ρητορική, ιατρική, γεωμετρία και αστρονομία, χωρίς όμως να αφήσει τον εαυτό του να επηρεαστεί από την επικίνδυνη πλάνη της αστρολογίας, που οδηγεί στην ειδωλολατρία.

Ο Μέγας Βασίλειος στο περίφημο σύγγραμά του, Προς τους νέους, για την επωφελή μελέτη των ελληνικών κειμένων, συνιστά τη με διάκριση χρήση της ελληνικής φιλοσοφίας, την οποία ονομάζει και «προθάλαμο της χριστιανικής αγωγής», και θεωρεί απαίδευτους όσους δεν έχουν σπουδάσει την κληρονομιά της ελληνικής σκέψης και διανόησης. Στα έργα του μεγάλου Πατρός παρελαύνουν όλοι οι μεγάλοι στοχαστές της αρχαιότητας, ο Πλάτων, ο

Αριστοτέλης, οι Στωικοί, ο Πλούταρχος, ο Πλωτίνος κ.ά.

Οι τρεις Ιεράρχες αναδείχθηκαν και अपαραάμιλλοι παιδαγωγοί. Οι συμβουλές και οι παραινήσεις τους προς τους γονείς, τους νέους και τους δασκάλους παραμένουν επίκαιρες μέχρι και σήμερα.

Ο ιερός Χρυσόστομος τόνιζε ότι η παιδαγωγική είναι ανώτερη από κάθε άλλη τέχνη, γιατί διαπλάθει ψυχές. Παρότρυνε τους παιδαγωγούς παράλληλα με τη μετάδοση των γνώσεων να δείχνουν αγάπη στους μαθητές τους και να σέβονται και να αναγνωρίζουν τις ιδιαιτερότητες του καθενός. Επιμένει στον χαρακτήρα του δασκάλου και συνιστά σε όποιον θέλει να αναλάβει έργο παιδαγωγού να έχει φιλοστοργία, αυταπάρνηση και διάθεση θυσίας και να είναι απάλλαγγμένος από την υπερηφάνεια και την αλαζονεία. Και πάντοτε να επιβεβαιώνει όσα διδάσκει με το προσωπικό του παράδειγμα.

Ο Μέγας Βασίλειος γίνεται ακόμα πίο πρακτικός στις παιδαγωγικές του παραινήσεις. Συνιστά τα σχολεία να κατασκευάζονται σε μέρη ήσυχια και οι δάσκαλοι να προσπαθούν να ελκύσουν την εμπιστοσύνη των μαθητών τους. Κατά την ώρα της διδασκαλίας ο παιδαγωγός πρέπει να είναι σαφής και σύντομος, όχι όμως τόσο ώστε να μην προλάβουν να συγκρατήσουν οι μαθητές αυτά που λέγει. Υποδεικνύει στους παιδαγωγούς να μην ομιλούν συγχρόνως για πολλά θέματα, να επαναλαμβάνουν αυτά που λένουν, να μην προσπαθούν να αποδείξουν τα απλά και αυταπόδεικτα, να χρησιμοποιούν πολλά παραδείγματα και γενικώς να διδάσκουν με τρόπο εποπτικό.

Ο ιερός Πατήρ είναι και πρόδρομος του επαγγελματικού προσανατολισμού. Παρακινεί τους γονείς και παιδαγωγούς στη μόρφωση των παιδιών να λαμβάνουν υπόψη τους την κλίση που έχουν στις διάφορες τέχνες. Με σοβαρότητα να δοκιμάζουν τις ικανότητες των παιδιών και ύστερα να επιλέγουν τον κατάλληλο διδάσκαλο ή τεχνίτη για να μαθητεύσουν. ^[1]Ο Μέγας Βασίλειος, παρ' ότι καταδικάζει την υπέρμετρη και φιλάρεσκη απασχόληση με το σώμα, δεν απαγορεύει τη

σωματική άσκηση. Μάλιστα στην 74η Επιστολή του εκφράζει την έντονη λύπη του, διότι στην πατρίδα του έκλεισαν τα γυμναστήρια και οι νέοι προτιμούν τη μαλθακή ζωή και τις απολαύσεις. Αξίζει επίσης να σημειωθεί ότι ο Βασίλειος μεταξύ των μαθημάτων που συνιστά να διδάσκονται οπωσδήποτε οι νέοι συμπεριλαμβάνει την ιστορία, τη φυσική, τη γεωμετρία, την αριθμητική και την αστρονομία, την οποία διαχωρίζει από την αστρολογία. Μάλιστα στην 135η Επιστολή του, προς τον πρεσβύτερο Διόδωρο, τονίζει ότι το διδακτικό βιβλίο πρέπει να είναι ευχάριστο και συγχρόνως «απλούν και ακατάσκευον... έχον την δύναμιν εν τοις πράγμασι».

Ο ιερός Βασίλειος, όπως και οι άλλοι δύο Ιεράρχες, τονίζει προς τους γονείς την υποχρέωση που έχουν για την ορθή ανατροφή των παιδιών τους. Καλεί τους γονείς να εκτρέφουν τα παιδιά τους σύμφωνα με τα όσα λέγει ο Απόστολος Παύλος «μετά πραότητα και μακροθυμίας, μηδεμίαν πρόφασιν

το όσον επ' αυτοίς διδόναι οργής και λύπης». Και βέβαια να διδάσκουν κι αυτοί με το παράδειγμά τους και να μην ξεχνούν πως αυτοί είναι και οι πρώτοι που θα πρέπει να δώσουν στα παιδιά τους θρησκευτική αγωγή και να εμφυτεύσουν στις εύπλαστες παιδικές ψυχές την ευσέβεια και την αγάπη προς τον Θεό.

Τέλος, και οι τρεις μεγάλοι Ιεράρχες, αν συνοψίσουμε τις παραινέσεις τους σε λίγες φράσεις, συμβουλεύουν τους νέους όλων των εποχών: «Προχωρείτε, παιδιά, προχωρείτε πάντοτε μπροστά και όλο ψηλά. Ποθήστε τη μόρφωση. Δοθείτε με επιμονή και πνεύμα μαθητείας στις σπουδές σας. Λαχταράτε να κάνετε κάτι μεγάλο και ηρωικό; Μάθετε να παραμερίζετε τον εαυτό σας και να τον θέτετε στην υπηρεσία των άλλων. Οραματιζέσθε μια κοινωνία πιο καλή; Δουλέψτε. Οπλισθείτε με δραστηριότητα κι επιμονή και ζήστε την αγάπη του Χριστού δυνατά, φλογερά, μέχρι τέλους».

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PARENTS' CORNER

By Alexandra Protopapas

JANUARY 2022 - SHOULD WE WORRY ABOUT ILLEGAL DRUGS?

Happy New Year, 2022 everyone! I hope you had precious moments with family and friends at Christmas and we are all looking forward to a better year for 2022. We've had to experience many changes in our routines and the pandemic has been an emotional roller coaster for many. One thing we did hear a lot about was "Drug Dependence" especially with the younger generation. How would you know if your child has a dependency on drugs? They were with you most of the day for the past two pandemic years, but now they have a little more freedom. Would you know what to look for? Let's discuss what some of the signs are about "Drug Dependence" so we can be aware. Towards the end of our discussion, for maybe the next article, let's think about "video gaming" and how today many believe it may be the new addiction.

If you suspect anything, confront your child. You can't just ask, "are you taking drugs" because they will deny it. Just keep looking for any behavioral changes. Drug dependence is a need for a drug. Drug dependence can be physical, psychological, or both. The type of drug can be alcohol, narcotics, or barbiturates which cause the strongest dependence and can be an addiction.

In psychological drug dependence individuals believe they need a drug to feel good and relate it to not being able to cope with personal problems. (Many adolescents could not cope with the limited socialization during the pandemic.) Then, psychoactive drugs produce the psychological dependence, but how do we, as parents, recognize the signs?

Here are some signs that many adolescents may have such as changes in behavior that call out for help. Maybe there is a drug dependence that is not easy to recognize.

- Change in appearance
- Major changes in behavior

- Changes in friends
- Sudden mood changes
- Angry, aggressive, or resistant behavior
- Loss of memory and concentration
- Lying, cheating, and stealing
- Reduced energy and ambition
- Loss of interest in favorite activities or hobbies
- Borrowing money
- Trouble with the law
- Drop in performance at school including absences and tardiness
- Becoming angry when discussing drug use

Families that are affected with drug dependence need to get help for their teens instead of "enabling" them. "Enabling" is trying to protect someone from the results of using drugs. In our Greek culture, many times we are enablers. Parents, just be aware, and if it is verified that there is drug abuse, reach out for help. Many do not want others to know that there is a problem in the family. There are so many steps families can follow to get recovery for the abuse and delaying admitting there is a problem is not necessary today.

What are some of the alternatives to keep our youth busy? Encouraging your teen to be a part of extra-curricular activities in school, sports, GOYA, etc., which will keep them active even if they are not receiving help for a drug problem. If they are abusing drugs, they need your encouragement during their recovery, not your lectures. There are toll-free hotlines that can give you more information as well as counselors, school support and private support.

If you suspect there is a problem, do not ignore it. What do you have to lose? Remember that Jesus is always there to give you strength to cope with what will come ahead. If there are no problems, remain aware of what your teen is doing online, in school, and in his or her surrounding environment.

NEW YEAR'S MONTH OF JANUARY 2022.

Prayer on the First Day of the Year

“O Lord our God, Who have placed times and seasons under Your own authority, Who, in your infinite compassion and goodness, have counted us worthy to enter a new year of Your loving kindness, bless it and keep us in peace.”

Also, this month's **Table Prayer Guide** is from **“Prayers for Special Occasions – Theophany”**

“We glorify You, loving Master, Almighty, King from everlasting. Creator and Author of all. We glorify You, only begotten Son of God, born of the Father without a mother, and of a mother without a father. For in the previous feast, we saw You an infant; in the present one we see You complete, perfect, manifested from the perfect God. For today the time for feasting has come and the choir of the saints holds assembly with us, and angels celebrate with men. Today the grace of the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came upon the waters. Today the unwaning sun has dawned, and the world is lit up with the light of the Lord. Today the moon with its brilliant rays shares its light with the earth. Today the luminous stars embellish the universe with their joyous luster. Today the clouds refresh humanity with a rain of justice from above.

On behalf of my husband Mike, and my son Nicholas, we would like to wish you all a Joyous and Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year, 2022!

Feel free to e-mail me with your comments and suggestions for our “Parents’ Corner” at: alexandraproto@gmail.com - Have a good month!

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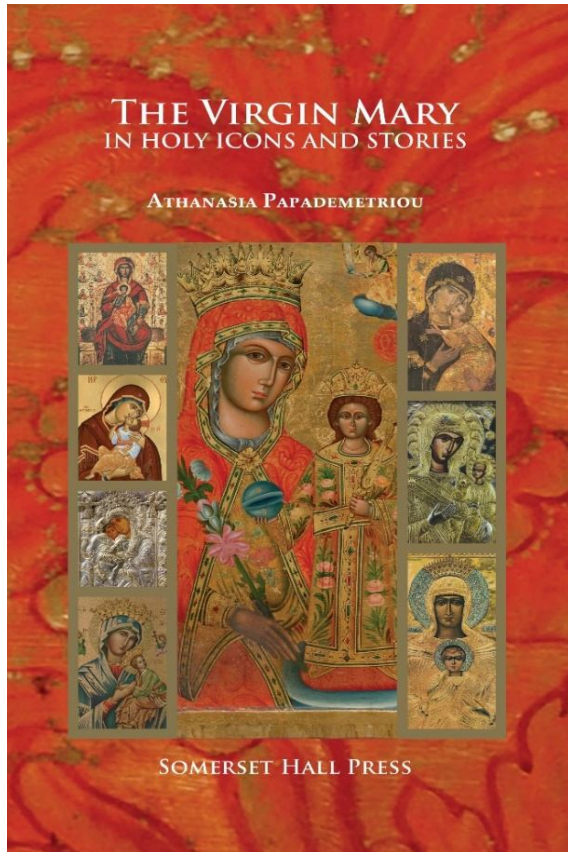
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This unique and gorgeous hardcover book provides a deep understanding of the Virgin Mary and her miracle-working icons through fascinating stories and 80 full-color icons. Based on serious scholarship, it is intended to serve as both a devotional and instructional book.

This book will make a wonderful gift for Christmas, Easter, feast days, baptisms, birthdays, graduations, and other occasions!

Highlights of the Book:

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- Describes the variations of the icons of the Virgin Mary such as the Hodegetria and the Glykophiloussa.
- Presents many well-known miracle-working icons of the Virgin Mary in Greece, Mount Athos, the United States, and around the world.

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A few months ago, I received devastating news that I have a rare form of Leukemia that can only be cured by a stem cell transplant. Unfortunately, at this point, the doctors have not found a match for me and so we are now praying for the generosity of others and reaching out to our fellow community. My mom, Fannie is Cypriot, and my dad John is Greek and Cypriot. So, we are looking for anyone that is of Greek or Cypriot descent, however, on occasion, matches are found between patients and donors of different ethnic groups. Donors are preferred to be between the ages of 18 and 40 as research shows that cells from younger donors lead to more successful transplants.

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JAYELYN MARIE ALVARADO, daughter of Jack Alvarado and Dolores Pittman of Lake Hopatcong, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Sunday October 23rd, 2021 and given the name **MARIA - ΜΑΡΙΑ**. Godparents were Nicholas and Panayiota Delis.

BRYLEIGH MARIE DELIS, daughter of Sam Delis and Jayelyn Alvarado of Lake Hopatcong, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Sunday October 23rd, 2021 and given the name **DEMETRA - ΔΗΜΗΤΡΑ**. Godparents were Chris and Charita Demosthenous.

ELIAS JOSEPPH DELIS, son of Sam Delis and Jayelyn Alvarado of Lake Hopatcong was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Sunday October 23rd, 2021 and given the name **ELIAS - ΗΛΙΑΣ**. Godparents were Nicholas and Panayiota Delis.

ENOCH JEROME MARSHAL, son of DaNeilleo J. Marshall and Nicolle A. Fackina, of Dover, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Sunday November 21st, 2021 and given the name **ENOCH – ΕΝΟΧ**. Godmother was Ennette M. Boyiatgis

CHRISTIAN DANIEL RUSSO, son of Daniel Russo and Marina Strongilos of Franklin, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Sunday November 21st, 2021, and given the name **CHRISTIAN – ΧΡΗΣΤΟΣ**. Godmother was Marina Lemonia Strongilos.

LEON RICHARD CHARLES LANGONE son of Richard Anthony Langone and Marie Gizas of Dover, NJ was Baptized and Chrismated according to the rites of our church on Saturday December 18th 2021 and given the name **LEONIDAS – ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑΣ**. Godmother was Christina Seretis.

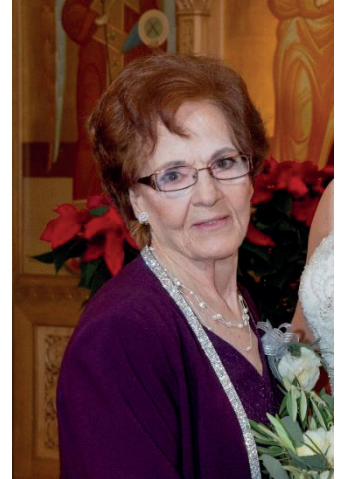
WEDDING – ΓΑΜΟΣ

On Sunday October 31st, 2021 at 1pm **Sam Delis** wed **Jayelyn Alvarado** of Lake Hopatcong NJ. Sponsor was Nicholas Delis, Witness was Panayiota Delis.

On Saturday, November 20th, 2021, at 4pm **William Freidhof** wed **Irene Kavalos** of Bloomfield, NJ. Sponsor was Sofia Ann Hatzis. Witness was Fotini Kavalos.

OBITS & FUNERALS – ΝΕΚΡΟΛΟΓΙΕΣ & ΚΗΔΕΙΕΣ

Ourania "Nitsa" Gribas passed away at the age of 87 on October 27, 2021, at Morristown Medical Center after a courageous 26-year battle with lung disease with her family by her side until the very end. She was a stoic fighter, but her weary lungs could no longer sustain her strong will to live. Through it all she maintained her sense of humor and grace. She was a devout Orthodox Christian whose faith was a compass in every aspect of her life. Nitsa was born on March 30, 1934, in Tyrnavos, Greece and married the late Zisis Gribas in November of 1956. With their three children, Nick, Despina, and Angela, they immigrated to the United States in 1971.



Following the family trade, she was an extremely talented seamstress. She made elegant custom garments for her clients and one-of-a kind clothing for her children. One year, unable to do the traditional dyeing of Easter eggs because she was on bed rest, she creatively dressed the eggs in hand-made outfits. With her endless talent, she tailored ecclesiastical vestments which were works of art that were in high demand and even recognized by the NYC Ballet.

Nitsa led a full life with passion and hard work. She was dedicated to her family and made sacrifices to ensure that they could build a happy and secure life. Despite her language barrier and being in a foreign country during the time of no Internet or GPS, she drove to Pennsylvania and found a reputable eye surgeon for her child. This was 'classic Nitsa' - there were no obstacles which she could not overcome by forging a path forward, an asset she bestowed upon her children and grandchildren.

Nitsa was a woman of many talents. Not only was she an expert seamstress but was also the pastry chef, dishwasher, and invaluable partner at the family restaurant by her husband's side. She was well known for her handmade phyllo pies "pites", which she hand-rolled in record time and her "World's Best" rice pudding which her husband promoted. She made traditional spoon sweets; tended to her vegetable garden; tackled all the landscaping and renovated their home in Samarina single-handedly. She always came up with unique solutions, which were admirably dubbed as "Nitsa-specials" even when it came to restructuring the arms of a couch while standing on a milk crate with a saw in hand. On multiple occasions she tempted fate, like the time she used a rickety ladder, that was missing every other rung, to climb on the roof and sweep the pine needles off, all while having a swollen knee.

Guided by her faith and incredible conviction in all that she did, she aspired to greatness with unwavering perseverance and strength. Her desire to always be current and informed was guided by her unbounded thirst for knowledge and learning. She was a loving daughter, sister, cousin, wife, mother, theia, mother-in-law and yiayia that weaved and held together the fabric of her family. Her love was not loud, not flaunted, unconditional and always present. Her absence will be deeply felt by all those that knew and loved her.

Nitsa was pre-deceased by her loving husband, Zisis Gribas. She is survived by her sister Chrisoula and her devoted children, Nick Gribas and wife, Natalia; Despina Gribas and husband, Aaron Hohenstein; Angela Athineos and husband, Christopher; along with her cherished grandchildren Zisis, Alexander and Ekaterina Gribas and Panayoti and Anna Athineos.

A Funeral Service was held at Saint Andrew for the repose of her soul on Monday November 1st, 2021, at 11am. **Interment** followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester NJ

Elias S. “Luis” Massad 83, passed away peacefully Friday morning, November 12, 2021, at Morristown Medical Center after a long illness.

Elias was born on December 1, 1937, in a predominantly Greek community in Egypt. His family fled Egypt for Greece for a better life, due to the persecution of the Christian community in Egypt at the time. Elias later immigrated to the U.S. after graduating from the University of Cairo, Egypt and continued his studies as a CPA and far beyond. He later met his wife Barbara Christos, who together became members of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Newark and St. Andrews Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph, NJ. Elias was known as a soft-spoken gentleman, and a shrewd intelligent businessman. He served the local Greek community and was known as “The Diner Accountant”, where he would make house calls to people to accommodate them that had no means of travel to get to him. After his wife Barbara became ill, he gave his Accounting Practice to a local Greek accountant that reminded him of himself along with the remainder of his clients that he kept close to him. Luis also became a corporate executive and board member of Henry Brothers Electronics where he was responsible for taking the company public, one of 3 companies he brought to the New York Stock Exchange. He was very generous to his family in Greece buying them land, homes and cars, and was always generous to his friends as well.



He was an avid ping pong player, excellent backgammon player, loved to play poker with his friends, loved James Bond movies, loved billiards, and loved his wife Barbara and dog Muffy along with his best friends Takis and Soutlana Seretis, who cared for him for the past 4 years when he became ill.

Elias’ mother was Irene Voskopoulos whose family was from Constantinople and fled there again due to the persecution of the Christian community there. His father was Dr. Simeon Massad. He was predeceased by both his parents, his wife Barbara in 2007, and his sister Marika in 2017. He is survived by his sister Georgette Petrakis of Switzerland.

Funeral Service was held for the repose of his soul on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 11am at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Randolph, NJ. **Interment** followed at the Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover.



Katherine Ferraro, 92, of Randolph (formerly of Union) passed away on December 4, 2021. A Funeral Service for the repose of her soul was held at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 1447 Sussex Tpke, in Randolph on Thursday, December 9th at 10am. Interment followed at Graceland Memorial Park in Union. Relatives and friends were invited to visit at Bradley-Braviak Funeral Home, 49 Whippany Rd., in Whippany on Wednesday, December 8th from 4pm to 7pm.

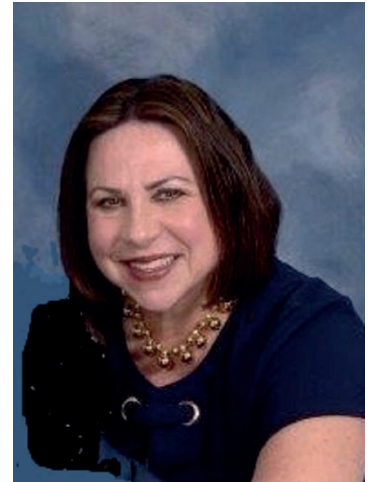
Born and raised in New York City, the daughter of Julia Kallams (formerly Kallamatitsos) (nee Julia Besofsky (formerly Beacovsky) and Speros Kallams (ne Spiridom Kallamatitsos).

Katherine had also lived in Washington, DC and then Union, NJ (for 40 years) before moving to Randolph 10 years ago. In her younger years Katherine was a dance instructor with Arthur Murray in New York City and a Cruise Hostess with Sitmar Cruises where she enjoyed exploring the world. She later worked at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City until her retirement in 2006. In addition to dancing, another one of Katherine’s passion was animals and their well-being rescuing

many cats over the years. She always found a way to donate to many organizations committed to helping God's creatures.

Katherine is predeceased by her sisters Mary Zazanis and Bessie Olivarez. Katherine was the beloved mother of Marc Ferraro and his wife Laura. She is also survived by her nephew John Zazanis and his wife Alexandra.

Christine Ann Hovliaras, 58, passed away Monday November 29, 2021. Christine resided in Morris County. Ms. Hovliaras filled many roles in her life. She, by profession, was a Register Dental Hygienist, achieving many recognition awards, held various positions at Warner Lambert/Pfizer Companies, established Professional Savvy, LLC consulting company, Editor of a magazine, and a Real Estate Agent working as an affiliate with Kienlen Lattmann Sotheby's International Realty.



Christine is survived by her son, Jarod Delozier and her sister Dr. Pamela Hovliaras. She is predeceased by her parents Crist D. and RuthAnn Hovliaras.

Visitation were held at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, Randolph on Monday, December 6, 2021 from 10:30AM – 11:30AM followed by Funeral Service at 11:30AM. Private Family Entombment at Locust Hill Mausoleum, Dover. Arrangements made by Tuttle Funeral Home, Randolph (Tuttlefh.com).



Pauline Seretis (Raptis), 89, passed through the narrow gates into paradise Monday, 12/6/21, at Woodland Nursing Home, Andover, while battling dementia. She joins her late husband, Fotis ("Frank") Seretis, parents, Pericles and Spyridoula Raptis (Theofanis), brothers Gregory and Demetrius Raptis in heaven. Born on March 14, 1932 in Nafpaktos, Greece, she endured tough times as a child that personified her resilient, selfless identity, filled with empathy and compassion for others. She was a long time resident of Dover and Ledgewood, NJ.

She grew up during World War II, displaying the true Greek spirit of "oxi" (no), telling harrowing stories of secretly delivering food through a basement window to her brothers and others, who were imprisoned by Nazi soldiers who occupied her hometown and house itself. She traveled to America by boat with her family and settled in Astoria, NY where she finished high school. After graduation, she worked at a watch band factory where she became the union representative. She loved telling the story of delivering bags of cash union dues to the bosses while wearing her "I Like Ike" button to their dismay. She loved liberty, freedom and her country proudly displaying stars and stripes wherever she could.

She married her husband, Fotis "Frank" Seretis and they owned and operated the popular, historic, Tom's Diner (named after her father-in-law), located in Ledgewood, NJ, from 1958 to 2004 (46 years). She was the 'meat & potatoes' chef in the kitchen, while Frank manned the front grill. Her famous customer favorite dishes included rice pudding, meatloaf, stuffed peppers and 40lb turkeys on special every Friday. Tom's Diner won Runner-Up for Best Diner In NJ in an AOL/City guide poll their last year in operation as well as receiving a Historic Preservation Award from town officials. It was famously featured in Cyndi Lauper's "Time After Time" video as

well as numerous books. The friends she made there in 46 years were like extended family who continued to reach out during her last days.

She loved baseball and was a self proclaimed “Yankee Fanatic”. She was the “Team Mom” to all her son’s Little League baseball teams and always treated the team to hot dogs and hamburgers after the game, win or lose. Her favorite Yankees were Thurman Munson, Bernie Williams and Hideki Matsui. Several years ago she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia and eventually entered a long term care facility.

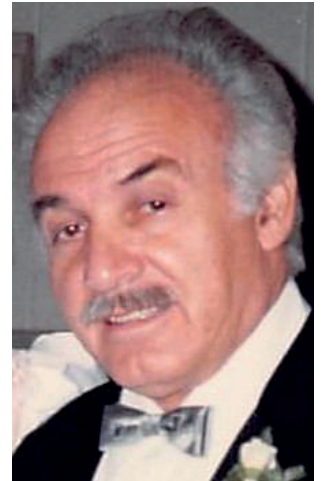
Pauline is survived by her only child and son, Tom Seretis, daughter-in-law Deborah Seretis, two grandchildren, Fotis “Frank” and Alexandria Seretis, all of Succasunna, NJ, sister Harriet Koutsoyianis and brother-in-law, Dr. Michael Koutsoyianis of Flanders, NJ, sister Bessie Abdalas of Forest Hills, NY, along with several nieces and nephews. May she rest in eternal peace.

Visitation were held on Wednesday, **December 15, 2021**, 10:30-11:30 with a **Funeral service** at 11:30 at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church. **Interment** followed at the Locust Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Tuttle Funeral Home.

George Prassinos, a longtime Madison resident, died peacefully on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the age of 89.

George is survived by his two daughters, Anna & Maria Prassinos and a brother, Byron Prassinos. He loved living in Madison for over 60 years and had many dear friends here.

George was born in Kipseli, Athens, Greece on January 23, 1932 to the late Skarlos Prassinos and Anna Antiohis. He was raised in Greece with his brother Byron and served in the Royal Air Force of Greece as a mechanic and flight engineer where he received two diplomas in Air Engines and Hydraulic Systems. He then served for three years as a third engineer of Steamships in the Merchant Marines and received a diploma in engineering.



George emigrated to the United States from Greece and began his education and career in tool and die making. At one point, he also owned and operated the Tin Lizzie Cocktail Lounge in Sayreville, NJ. He then graduated from Lincoln Technical Institute in 1978 with a degree in Refrigeration & Air Conditioning. George worked as a foreman at Ballantine Laboratories in Boonton and also at Strahman Valve Company in East Hanover for many years. He eventually established his own tool and die business out of his home after retiring in Madison. George was a master machinist and had an eye for detail and could fabricate complicated, intricate components from all types of metals and materials.

In his retirement, George kept active in his machine shop with his life’s work, and when not working, he loved the peace and solitude of the sea. He was an avid fisherman and traveled frequently. He mostly enjoyed sharing his knowledge of machines to all who wanted to learn.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend a **visitation** on Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 4:- 8:PM at the Madison Memorial Home, 159 Main Street, Madison. **Funeral Service** for the repose of his soul was on Friday, December 17, 2021 at **10:00AM** at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 1447 Sussex Tpk., Randolph. **Interment** was held privately for the family.

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1/9 PTA, 1/16 DOP, 1/22 GOYA, 1/30 BAKALIKO

1/5 & 1/19 @10AM PILLOW & KNITTING 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY

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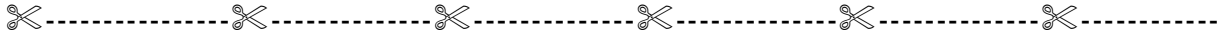
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2/13 PTA, 2/20 DOP, 2/27 GOYA
2/4 @7PM GOYA BRIDGES SANDWICH MAKING
2/6 HOPE JOY MEETING IN 102/103
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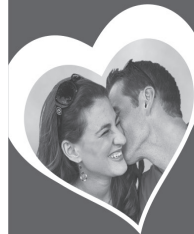
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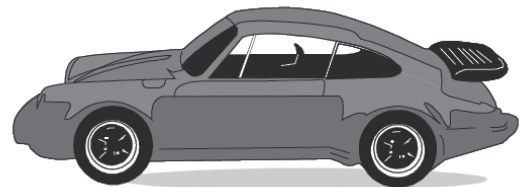
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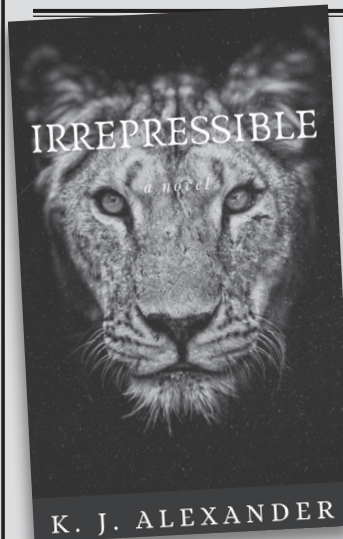


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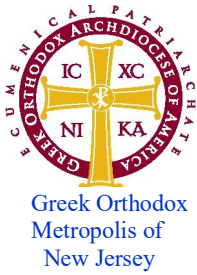
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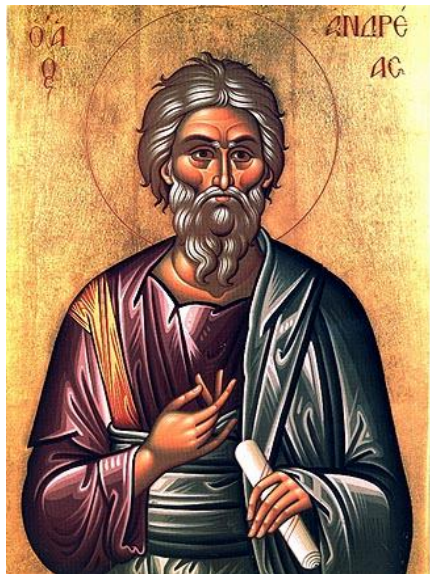
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