

NATIVITY EDITION

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THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE NATIVITY

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. Think about it- our Lord came to us for our salvation without our asking or insistence. We are also called to both give and serve because we are given new life in Him.

The Nativity Season reminds us that as great and as wonderful as God is, He came to us as a vulnerable child who needed both the nourishment of His mother, and the shelter of His cave (the manger). In other words, even God needed help. What does this mean for us? It reminds us that we need help too. Our Lord's coming into the world as a humble and helpless infant shows us that we should never feel shame regardless of who we are. Remember, we call Him Savior because we are all in need of salvation.

As His followers, we offer our time, talent, and treasure in response to the immense love that God has for us. We fall short when we lose sight of the fact that we are all in need of what He freely offers. Regardless of how we miss the mark, the Nativity Season is a blessing because it encourages us to re-direct our lives to Jesus Christ who was born for our salvation.

“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” (Luke 2:15)

The shepherds of the Nativity story show us how we can all offer ourselves as stewards. They were working in the fields when the angels announced the good news to them. They didn’t have time to bring gifts. So, they simply brought themselves (and their sheep).

The most important thing that we can offer God is ourselves. We will always have a choice as to whether or not we will respond to the invitation to be in His presence. God rewards those who show up.

“Opening their treasures...they offered Him gifts” (Matthew 2:11)

The Magi had many blessings in life. We remember them, not just for coming to worship Jesus, but for the gifts that they brought to Him. The Magi also traveled a very long distance to encounter the Lord.

Regardless of what we have, or where we come from, the Magi are another great example of stewardship:

1) WE GIVE FROM THE HEART

They didn’t have to come. They also didn't have to give anything. But to them, their efforts and offerings were a priority. All those who give from the heart are honored and blessed because “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

2) WE GIVE BECAUSE WE CAN

Not everyone's gifts are the same. The Magi even gave for different reasons. Gold represented the Lord's kingship, Frankincense, His divinity, and Myrrh, His sacrifice. Regardless, they gave because they could.

3) WE GIVE WHAT IS NEEDED

Gold, frankincense, and Myrrh were more than symbols of God who had come into the world. After Joseph was warned to flee from King Herod, the gold was used to provide for Jesus and His mother (the Panagia) when they fled to Egypt.

The Nativity assures us that God and the salvation that He offers to us is both real and accessible. It's up to us to offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure that will glorify Him in our hearts, and to everyone who seeks the truth in Jesus Christ.

-Father Jason

-Youth Ministry Angel Tree: Gifts collected from parishioners for the Pines Nursing Home, Dec. 2024



BEAUTIFICATION

MINISTRY

PREPARING KIMISIS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Beautification Ministry has been hard at work this fall and winter, ensuring our church spaces are organized, beautiful, and ready for the holiday season.

Thanks to the efforts of the Beautification Ministry and the dedicated labor of Thanasi, the coffee hour room has been cleaned up and refreshed. The large frames displaying our church's founding donations, which were previously housed in the narthex for many years, have now found a new home in the coffee hour room. This thoughtful display serves as a reminder of the power of stewardship and our church's rich history.

We are also excited to announce the addition of Greek grocery items from the Kimisis Bookstore, now available in the coffee hour room. Parishioners can purchase items like Greek herbs, coffee, and biscuits. To help offset the costs of hosting coffee hour, a donation bin has been added as well.

The narthex, coffee hour room, pews, and iconostasis have been beautifully decorated for the holidays, creating a warm and festive atmosphere for all to enjoy. The handcrafted bows, long-needle pine, and holly arrangements adorning the pews and outdoor entrance pots are particularly special. These stunning pieces were created with care by Donna Pavlos, using greenery from her own garden. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Donna for her countless hours spent assembling and installing each piece with such love and attention to detail.

We also thank Marial, Sophia, and Missy for transforming the narthex with our new Christmas tree and decorations. Underneath the narthex tree are dozens of beautifully wrapped gifts, prepared for the residents of the Pines Nursing Home. This effort was led by our Youth Ministry leaders and reflects the spirit of giving that defines our community.

In addition to seasonal decorations, the Beautification Ministry has also been hard at work organizing and displaying our church's icons. The back wall of the

nave now serves as the designated space for icons of saints, where each icon is attached with velcro for easy removal and veneration. On their specific feast days, these icons will be displayed in the narthex for veneration as we light our candles upon entering. The opposite wall of the nave will showcase icons associated with significant feast days and celebrations, ensuring both accessibility and reverence for their use.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Philoptochos and the essential role its members and others in our community play in the care and beautification of our church. Their dedication was especially evident in August during the Feast Day of Kimisis of the Theotokos, when they lovingly adorned the icon of the Dormition with flowers.

We would also like to thank Julia Takos for her tireless efforts in helping maintain the spaces we use throughout the year. From Greek School and Sunday School to the coffee hour room and church, Julia's hard work ensures these spaces remain clean, organized, and welcoming. All ministries are deeply grateful for her attention to detail and her ability to tidy up after the many activities and events we hold.

The work of the Beautification Ministry is not limited to any specific member. It is our hope and vision that the entire community becomes involved and inspired to assist in creating a space that reflects the beauty of our faith. Together, we can cultivate a peaceful and welcoming environment—one free of distraction—that allows us to focus on prayer and deepen our spiritual experience.

Looking ahead, the Beautification Ministry remains committed to enhancing and organizing our church and the Hellenic Center. We deeply appreciate everyone who contributes their talents, time, and gifts to make our spaces more beautiful, welcoming, and functional.

Thank you to all who play a role—large or small—in this effort. Your dedication helps create a space that reflects the beauty of our faith and community for all to enjoy!

-Michael Pertesis

-Proskomide Lesson, Sun. Oct. 27, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MINISTRY

GROUP 1 AGES 4-7
MRS. POTA BOZYDAJ
ASST. MRS. ALY VANIKIOTIS

GROUP 2 AGES 8-10
MRS. EVANTHIA MOUSTAKAS
ASST. MRS. BARBARA SASSOS

GROUP 3 AGES 11-OLDER
DIRECTOR MRS. KIRIAKI PERTESIS

It is a great honor to be directing this year's Sunday School. We have been blessed to have Evanthia Moustakas, who specializes in child education, return this year as main teacher for the 8 to 10 year olds. With assistance from Barbara Sassos, their class is enjoying learning more about the Orthodox faith and traditions through conversation, crafts and fun activities. Children under the age of 8 are being taught by Pota Bozydaj, a long-time supporter of Sunday School, with the help of Alyse Vanikiotis. Their class is enjoying learning the foundations of the faith - from memorizing the Lord's Prayer and making the sign of the cross to creating crafts, coloring, and participating in other engaging activities.

I am enjoying instructing the older children, ages 11-14. In early October, my mother, Mary Bozas and I had the pleasure of leading a fun Proskoro making class. Seeing the little ones create and knead the God-communing bread with such care, focus, and enthusiasm was a blessing. Afterwards, Father Jason gave the children a special lesson about the Proskomidi, and we were able to offer our prayers along with him for the following Divine Liturgy. I have enjoyed witnessing the growing interest from the children in biblical stories, learning about the lives of the saints, and most importantly, being in communion with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We look forward to sharing in the joy of the Nativity with the parish in our short but sweet Christmas Pageant this December.

In Christ, *-Kiriaki Pertesis*

-Proskoro Baking, Sat. Oct. 19, 2024

BIBLE STUDY

MINISTRY

LEAD INSTRUCTOR
FATHER JASON

ASSIST. INSTRUCTOR
DEMETRIOS SASSOS

COORDINATOR
ANGELA PAVLOS

As a continuation of our Lenten Bible Study, we recently began the Nativity Edition, which has deepened our faith as we prepare to celebrate the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. At the opening session, we were blessed to gather for Vesper services, setting the tone for the study ahead. The sessions have focused on key aspects of our Orthodox faith, including Bible verses, accounts from Jesus' disciples, liturgy, and more. We explored the divine life of Jesus Christ, our Messiah, and the blessed life of His mother, the Theotokos. An eager group of parishioners joined us throughout, enriching the discussions. Father Jason, along with our aspiring Deacon Demetrios Sassos, who also led one of the sessions, guided us through this inspiring journey. We look forward to continuing this program and bringing our community closer to the faith as we prepare for the upcoming 2025 Lenten season.

-Angela Pavlos



-Nativity Bible Study Series, Dec. 2024

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It has been an incredible honor to serve our beloved Kimisis community for over two years. Since 2022, as we navigated the post-COVID landscape, we have worked tirelessly to refine our fundraisers, reimagine our ministries, and enhance the spaces within our cherished church and Hellenic Community Center. I remain deeply grateful to God for His guidance, for the sense of unity and purpose He instills in us, and for the meaningful relationships that have blossomed through this journey.

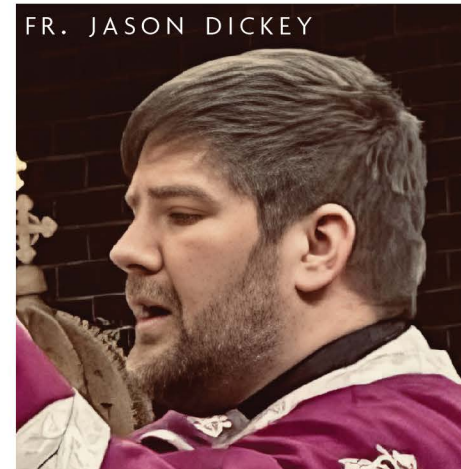
As we move forward into a new chapter, I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to two dedicated members of our Parish Council who are stepping down this year. Jimmy Sassos has been a beacon of commitment and passion, and we are confident that his influence will continue to resonate through the many other roles he fulfills for our parish. Similarly, Paul Zagoreos, with his unwavering dedication, has been an invaluable presence, always ready to lend a helping hand—even without being asked. His family’s devotion to Kimisis is unmatched, and we know we can count on their continued support whenever needed. To both of you: thank you for your years of service, for your

sacrifices, and for your love for this community. As we reflect on our growth and success, it’s clear that the strength of our parish lies in the spirit of stewardship. Our fundraisers—such as the Gyro Bowl, Lenten Fish Fry, and our bi-annual Greek Festivals—have thrived thanks to the meticulous attention and dedication of so many. Yet, as we aim to sustain this growth, we need all the helping hands we can gather. I invite you all to join us in these efforts by volunteering your time and talents. Please take a moment to scan the QR code provided and register in our volunteer registry. Together, we can ensure that these events not only continue to flourish but also build upon the successes of the past.

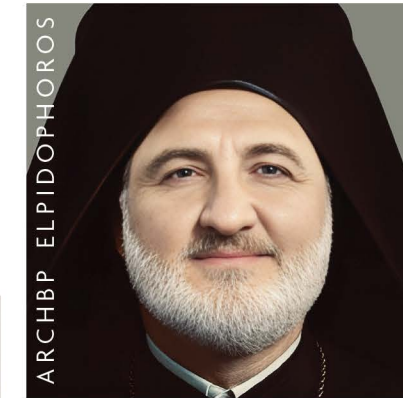
We have been blessed to see many new faces step up to support our parish, and we eagerly await the future contributions of others inspired to serve. Let us embrace this call to stewardship as a testament to our gratitude for the blessings God has given us. By offering our time, talents, and gifts, we honor Him and strengthen our Kimisis family.

Thank you for your continued faith, support, and dedication. May God bless you all and guide us as we work together to build a vibrant future for our parish.

-Michael Pertesis



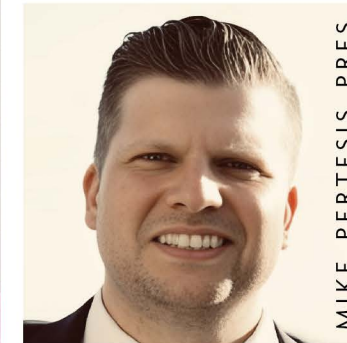
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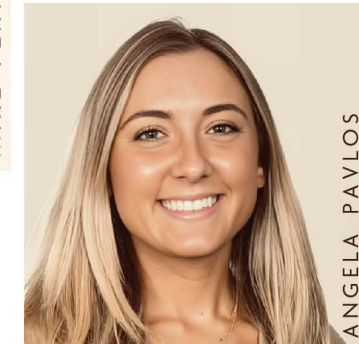
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ANGELA PAVLOS



NICK VANIKIOTIS VP

We are thrilled to welcome Najla Nesheiwat back to the Parish Council in 2025 and look forward to working alongside Alex Doxey. Their dedication and enthusiasm will undoubtedly strengthen our efforts in the year ahead.



ELENI STEFANOPOULOS



MIKE BAKATSIAS SEC



CHRIS ANELOS TREAS



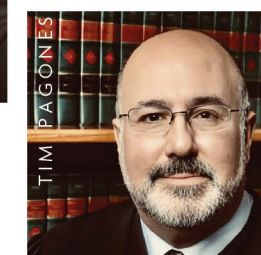
MARIAL DRIVAS



TONY MOUSTAKAS



NAJLA NESHEIWAT



TIM PAGONES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINISTRY

Following recommendations by the Archdiocese suggesting each church now have an Audit Committee, Parish Council President Mike Pertesis and the Parish Council convened an introductory Audit Committee comprised of parishioners Nick Chicorikas and Donna Pavlos.

On November 14, 2024, the Audit Committee met with President Pertesis, Parish Council member Jimmy Sassos, and Kimisis Accountant Pota Bozydaj. In addition to suggestions for making the financials more user friendly to the laity, the Committee reviewed the best practices set forth by the Archdiocese for internal controls related to purchases, cash, bank accounts, payroll, financial reporting, insurance, investments, and other areas.

The Committee will continue to meet as required or at the discretion of the Parish Council. The Parish Council will also seek additional clarity from the Archdiocese to gauge the level of transaction testing deemed appropriate for Kimisis's size and complexity. In the meantime, the Committee feels it would be beneficial for the Parish Council to share the Archdiocese's best practices with each of Kimisis's ministries.

Additional members to this new Committee are needed so please reach out to any PC member, or to Nick or Donna, for more information.

*Nick Chicorikas
& Donna Pavlos*

FISCAL YEAR 2024 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

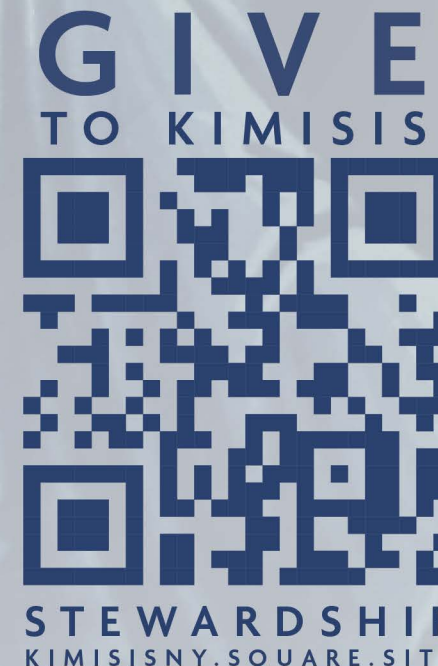
INTERIM BALANCE SHEET AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2024 (CASH BASIS)

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HVCU- OPERATING	\$ 2,279.98
HVCU- BUILDING FUND	\$ 9,285.14
HVCU- FESTIVAL ACCT	\$ 91,002.56
HVCU- BOOKSTORE	\$ 4,062.07
HVCU- CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$ 9,857.08
HVCU- STEWARDSHIP EVENTS	\$ 3,675.45
HVCU- SAVINGS ACCT	\$ 12,948.03
HVCU- SAVINGS - OTHER	\$ 30.11
HVCU- HELLENIC DANCERS OF POK	\$ 3,746.41
HVCU -12 MO CD 400	\$ 111,576.81
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 248,463.64
Total Current Assets	\$ 248,463.64
Fixed Assets	\$ 3,077,000.00
Other Assets	\$ 6,347.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,331,810.64
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,936.84
Equity	
Fund Balance-	\$ 3,307,941.02
Net Income	\$ 21,932.78
Total Equity	\$ 3,329,873.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 3,331,810.64

*Category totals in this interim report are preliminary. Finalized figures will be included in the complete 2024 financial report presented at the General Assembly.

INTERIM INCOME & EXPENSES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2024 (CASH BASIS)

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Stewardship- Fair Share	\$ 100,966.00	Priest	
Stewardship- Other		Priest- Salary	\$ 77,482.40
Special Services	\$ 3,720.00	Priest- Social Security	\$ 11,242.60
Trays	\$ 8,572.00	Priest- Health Ins.	\$ 30,165.00
Candles	\$ 25,941.75	Total Priest	\$ 118,890.00
Contributions Income	\$ 5,260.00	Substitute Priests	\$ 950.00
Total Stewardship- Other	\$ 43,493.75	Secretary Salary	\$ 29,166.67
Hellenic Center Donation	\$ 6,350.00	Church Cleaning & Maint Salary	\$ 8,500.00
Fundraiser Income	\$ 214,801.91	Payroll Taxes	\$ 3,556.92
Dance Group	\$ 320.71	Youth Ministries	\$ (2,198.93)
Book Store Income	\$ 647.78	Archdiocese- clergy benefits	\$ 8,380.00
Restricted/Earmarked	\$ 4,783.90	Archdiocese - Assessment	\$ 37,140.00
Investment Income	\$ 5,108.40	Chanter	\$ 21,400.00
Rebate	\$ 999.87	Improvements & Equipment	\$ 21,221.94
Total Income	\$ 377,472.32	Church Utilities	\$ 22,003.53
		Church Maintenance	\$ 11,939.51
		Sanitation	\$ 1,484.02
		Insurance	\$ 15,867.80
		Office Expense	\$ 1,394.73
		Copier- Lease & Expenses	\$ 4,488.91
		Candle Purchases	\$ 8,942.50
		Liturgical Expenses	\$ 1,540.53
		Bishops Visit	\$ 765.00
		Decorations/ Flowers	\$ 3,407.09
		Fellowship & Other Commun Event	\$ 1,468.83
		Printing and Reproduction	\$ 720.34
		Bank ,Square & Paypal Fees	\$ 1,392.82
		Dues	\$ 542.00
		Seminars & Conferences	\$ 3,941.41
		Fire & Safety- Church & Center	\$ 2,111.25
		Hellenic Center Operations	\$ 42,227.67
		Total Expense	\$ 371,244.54
		Net Ordinary Income	\$ 6,227.78
		Other Income/Expense	
		Other Income	
		Building Fund Income	\$ 15,705.00
		Total Other Income	\$ 15,705.00
		Net Other Income	\$ 15,705.00
		Net Income	\$ 21,932.78



COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF FISCAL YEARS 2022 & 2023

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET (CASH BASIS)

	Dec 31, 23	Dec 31, 22	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
HVCU- OPERATING	\$ 177.94	\$ 2,239.24	\$ (2,061.30)
HVCU- BUILDING FUND	\$ 7,339.15	\$ 5,697.19	\$ 1,641.96
HVCU- FESTIVAL ACCT	\$ 5,985.49	\$ 1,405.02	\$ 4,580.47
HVCU- BOOKSTORE	\$ 4,321.49	\$ 3,549.73	\$ 771.76
HVCU- CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$ 15,353.57	\$ 93.23	\$ 15,260.34
HVCU- STEWARDSHIP EVENTS	\$ 816.59	\$ 1,386.33	\$ (569.74)
HVCU- SAVINGS ACCT	\$ 81,184.21	\$ 202,022.84	\$ (120,838.63)
HVCU- SAVINGS - OTHER	\$ 30.11	\$ 192,981.68	\$ (192,951.57)
HVCU- HELLENIC DANCERS OF POK	\$ 3,425.17	\$ 3,249.31	\$ 175.86
HVCU- 12 MO CD 400	\$ 106,639.36	\$ 25.73	\$ 106,613.63
HVCU- 12 MO CD 401	\$ 233.04	\$ 233.04	\$ 0.00
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 225,506.12	\$ 412,883.34	\$ (187,377.22)
Other Current Assets	\$ 320.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 320.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 225,826.12	\$ 412,883.34	\$ (187,057.22)
Fixed Assets	\$ 3,077,000.00	\$ 3,077,000.00	\$ 0.00
Other Assets	\$ 6,347.00	\$ 6,347.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,309,173.12	\$ 3,496,230.34	\$ (187,057.22)
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,232.10	\$ 545.42	\$ 686.68
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,232.10	\$ 545.42	\$ 686.68
Equity			
Fund Balance-	\$ 3,495,684.91	\$ 3,557,818.07	\$ (62,133.16)
Net Income	\$ (187,743.89)	\$ (62,133.16)	\$ (125,610.73)
Total Equity	\$ 3,307,941.02	\$ 3,495,684.91	\$ (187,743.89)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 3,309,173.12	\$ 3,496,230.33	\$ (187,057.21)

COMPARATIVE INCOME & EXPENSES (CASH BASIS)

	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22	\$ Change
INCOME 2023			
Stewardship- Fair Share	\$ 100,286.00		
Stewardship- Other			
Special Services	\$ 2,325.00		
Trays	\$ 9,841.00		
Candles	\$ 30,744.00		
Contributions Income	\$ 13,003.57		
Total Stewardship- Other	\$ 55,913.57		
Hellenic Center Donation	\$ 13,700.00		
Fundraiser Income	\$ 179,855.43		
Dance Group	\$ 371.00		
Book Store Income	\$ 104.85		
Restricted/Earmarked	\$ 4,373.33		
Investment Income	\$ 4,632.15		
Rebate	\$ 1,988.62		
Total Income	\$ 361,224.95		
INCOME 2022			
Stewardship- Fair Share	\$ 88,709.07		
Stewardship- Other			
Special Services	\$ 4,155.00		
Trays	\$ 8,836.00		
Candles	\$ 26,821.00		
Contributions Income	\$ 20,058.58		
Total Stewardship- Other	\$ 59,870.58		
Hellenic Center Donation	\$ 3,000.00		
Fundraiser Income	\$ 123,291.02		
Dance Group	\$ 3,548.89		
Book Store Income	\$ 347.00		
Restricted/Earmarked	\$ 2,176.76		
Investment Income	\$ 6,498.14		
Rebate	\$ 1,425.31		
Total Income	\$ 288,866.77		
INCOME CHANGE			
Stewardship- Fair Share	\$ 11,576.93		
Stewardship- Other			
Special Services	\$ (1,830.00)		
Trays	\$ 1,005.00		
Candles	\$ 3,923.00		
Contributions Income	\$ (7,055.01)		
Total Stewardship- Other	\$ (3,957.01)		
Hellenic Center Donation	\$ 10,700.00		
Fundraiser Income	\$ 56,564.41		
Dance Group	\$ (3,177.89)		
Book Store Income	\$ (242.15)		
Restricted/Earmarked	\$ 2,196.57		
Investment Income	\$ (1,865.99)		
Rebate	\$ 563.31		
Total Income Change	\$ 72,358.18		
EXPENSES			
Priest			
Priest- Salary	\$ 88,230.00	\$ 81,256.80	\$ 6,973.20
Priest- Social Security	\$ 10,710.00	\$ 10,710.00	\$ 0.00
Priest- Health Ins.	\$ 35,688.00	\$ 37,443.00	\$ (1,755.00)
Total Priest	\$ 134,628.00	\$ 129,409.80	\$ 5,218.20
Substitute Priests	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00
Secretary Salary	\$ 35,000.04	\$ 10,651.86	\$ 24,348.18
Church Cleaning & Maint Salary	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 4,180.21	\$ 1,971.22	\$ 2,208.99
Youth Ministries	\$ 465.90	\$ (383.93)	\$ 849.83
Archdiocese- clergy benefits	\$ 9,816.00	\$ 9,816.00	\$ 0.00
Archdiocese - Assessment	\$ 35,510.40	\$ 33,120.90	\$ 2,389.50
Chanter	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 15,050.00	\$ 5,150.00
Improvements & Equipment (INCLUDES ROOF REPAIRS)	\$ 213,452.00	\$ 23,440.00	\$ 190,012.00
Church Utilities	\$ 37,218.24	\$ 33,325.69	\$ 3,892.55
Church Maintenance	\$ 11,245.87	\$ 11,223.71	\$ 22.16
Sanitation	\$ 1,977.96	\$ 1,653.39	\$ 324.57
Insurance	\$ 18,797.34	\$ 18,450.73	\$ 346.61
Office Expense	\$ 1,736.71	\$ 2,510.95	\$ (774.24)
Copier- Lease & Expenses	\$ 4,916.46	\$ 6,311.87	\$ (1,395.41)
Candle Purchases	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 6,107.50	\$ 3,142.50
Liturgical Expenses	\$ 2,140.30	\$ 1,533.99	\$ 606.31
Bishops Visit	\$ 789.26	\$ 0.00	\$ 789.26
Decorations/ Flowers	\$ 2,067.11	\$ 1,821.01	\$ 246.10
Donations to NFP & Individuals	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
Fellowship & Other Com Event	\$ 4,472.50	\$ 3,553.54	\$ 918.96
Printing and Reproduction	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
Bank ,Square & Paypal Fees	\$ 962.15	\$ 3,749.63	\$ (2,787.48)
Dues	\$ 74.61	\$ 370.00	\$ (295.39)
Seminars & Conferences	\$ 435.00	\$ 2,873.64	\$ (2,438.64)
Water - Church & Center	\$ 0.00	\$ 47.50	\$ (47.50)
Fire & Safety- Church & Center	\$ 5,367.39	\$ 2,807.75	\$ 2,559.64
Hellenic Center Operations	\$ 35,128.99	\$ 24,805.09	\$ 10,323.90
Total Expense	\$ 601,332.44	\$ 355,921.84	\$ 245,410.60
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (240,107.49)	\$ (67,055.07)	\$ (173,052.42)
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Bequest- Contribution	\$ 41,559.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,559.51
Building Fund Income	\$ 15,401.00	\$ 8,403.00	\$ 6,998.00
Building Fund Expenses	\$ (4,596.91)	\$ (3,481.09)	\$ (1,115.82)
Total Other Income	\$ 52,363.60	\$ 4,921.91	\$ 47,441.69
Net Other Income	\$ 52,363.60	\$ 4,921.91	\$ 47,441.69
Net Income	\$ (187,743.89)	\$ (62,133.16)	\$ (125,610.73)



2025 KIMISIS SCHEDULE 2025

STAY INFORMED... SUBSCRIBE TO ANY OF THE CALENDARS BELOW BY SCANNING THE QR CODE AND SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATE THEM INTO YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR. ACCESS THE LATEST SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES AND MINISTRY EVENTS INSTANTLY.



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WEEKLY AND MONTHLY MINISTRIES

- SUNDAY SCHOOL: AFTER COMMUNION 11^{AM}-11:30^{AM}
- GREEK SCHOOL: WEDNESDAYS 4:30^{PM}-6:30^{PM}
- BIBLE STUDY: CHECK KIMISIS MAIN CALENDAR
- YOUTH GREEK DANCE PRACTICE: CHECK GREEK DANCE CALENDAR
- ADULT GREEK DANCE PRACTICE: CHECK MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SCHEDULE
- AHEPA MEETING: 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7^{PM} AT THE HELLENIC CENTER

• VASILOPITA CUTTING AT THE HELLENIC CENTER: HOSTED BY PHILOTOCHOS BENEFITING ST. BASIL'S ACADEMY SUN. JAN 12TH | AFTER LITURGY

• PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR IN THE TEMPLE SUN. FEB. 2ND MATINS @ 9^{AM} | LITURGY @ 10^{AM}

• GYRO BOWL 2025 AT THE HELLENIC CENTER SAT. FEB. 8TH: 11^{AM}-8^{PM} SUN. FEB. 9TH: 12^{PM}-6^{PM}

• LENT BEGINS MON. MARCH 3RD
• PRESANCTIFIED LITURGIES/COMPLINES/AKATHISTS AND BIBLE STUDY DAYS AND TIMES TBD

• GREEK SCHOOL INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM AND HELLENIC CENTER LUNCHEON: HOSTED BY THE GREEK SCHOOL SUN. MARCH 23RD | AFTER LITURGY

• THE ANNUNCIATION TUE. MARCH 25TH LITURGY @ TBD

• NYC GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND LUNCH RECEPTION IN NYC SUN. MARCH 30TH @ TBD
• NO CHURCH TODAY YOUTH MINISTRY TO ORGANIZE A BUS TRANSPORT TO THE NYC GREEK PARADE

• PRINCESS BRUNCH AT THE HELLENIC CENTER: PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE HOSTED BY THE YOUTH MINISTRY BENEFITING THE VASSAR NICU SUN. JAN 26TH: 12^{PM}-3^{PM}

• BOWLING WITH THE YOUTH MINISTRY FEB. | TBD

• APOKRIATIKO GLENDI AT THE HELLENIC CENTER FEATURING LIVE MUSIC BY: IRAKLIS PANTZOS AND HIS ORCHESTRA PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE SAT. MARCH 1ST: 7^{PM}-11^{PM}

• BUILD-A-BEAR FOR THE VASSAR NICU MARCH | TBD

• FISH FRY 2025 AT THE HELLENIC CENTER AND LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT SERIES FRIDAYS: MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH APRIL 4TH, 11TH: 4^{PM}-8^{PM}

• EVENING DIVINE LITURGY IN PLACE OF SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE SAT. MARCH 29TH MATINS @ TBD | LITURGY @ TBD

• CLERGY LAITY BROOKVILLE, NY THURS. APRIL 3RD @ TBD

• PALM SUNDAY AND PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON: CO-HOSTED BY PHILOTOCHOS AT THE HELLENIC CENTER SUN. APRIL 13TH MATINS @ 9^{AM} | LITURGY @ 10^{AM}
• YOUTH MINISTRY TSOUREKIA AND LUMINARIA SALE FUNDRAISERS BEGIN
• GREEK SCHOOL LAMBADES SALE FUNDRAISER BEGINS SUN. EVENING APRIL 13TH @ TBD

2025 KIMISIS SCHEDULE 2025

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• ROYAL HOURS FRI. MORNING APR. 18TH @ 10^{AM}
• KOUVOKLON DECORATING FRI. MORNING APR. 18TH
• GOOD FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES LAMENTATIONS AND PROCESSION OF THE EPITAPHIOS FRI. EVENING APR. 18TH @ 7^{PM}

• EASTER SUNDAY PASCHAL LITURGY SUN. MORNING APR. 20TH LITURGY @ 12^{AM}
• AGAPE VESPERS SUN. MORNING APR. 20TH @ TBD

• AHEPA SUNDAY SUN. MAY 18TH AFTER LITURGY

• SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARDS TUE. JUNE 3RD @ TBD

• FEAST OF THE HOLY ASCENSION FRI. JUNE 6TH LITURGY @ TBD

• JUNE FESTIVAL CHICKEN/VEGGIE/SALAD PREP AND EQUIPMENT/LAYOUT/ TENT PREP FRI. MAY 30TH THROUGH THURS. JUNE 5TH

• AHEPA GOLF OUTING AND HELLENIC CENTER LUNCHEON MON. JULY 21ST

• BAKING FOR SEPT. FESTIVAL AUG. | TBD

• ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR SEPT. 1ST

• SEPTEMBER GREEK FESTIVAL FRI. SEPT. 19TH 11^{AM}-9^{PM} SAT. SEPT. 20TH 11^{AM}-9^{PM} SUN. SEPT. 21ST 12^{PM}-8^{PM}
• GREEK DANCE PERFORMANCES FRI. TBD SAT. TBD
• JUNE GREEK FESTIVAL CLEANUP SUN. SEPT. 21ST 8^{PM}-11^{PM}

• HOLY WEEK BEGINS MON. APR. 14TH
• HOLY MONDAY: BRIDEGROOM MATINS APR. 14TH @ TBD
• HOLY TUESDAY: BRIDEGROOM MATINS APR. 15TH @ TBD
• HOLY WEDNESDAY APR. 16TH @ TBD
• HOLY THURSDAY APR. 16TH @ TBD
• HOLY THURSDAY VESPERAL LITURGY APR. 17TH @ TBD
• 12 GOSPELS APR. 17TH @ TBD

• HOLY SATURDAY MORNING PROTI ANASTASI SAT. MORNING APR. 19TH LITURGY @ TBD
• HOLY SATURDAY EVENING PASCHAL VIGIL SERVICE SAT. EVENING APR. 19TH @ 11:15^{PM}

• BAKING FOR JUNE FESTIVAL MAY | TBD

• SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK BEGINS, NO CLASSES SUN. JUNE 1ST
• AHEPA GRADUATION AWARDS SUN. JUNE 1ST AFTER LITURGY

• LAST DAY OF GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION AND MOVING UP WED. JUNE 4TH @ 4:30^{PM}

• JUNE GREEK FESTIVAL FRI. JUNE 6TH 11^{AM}-9^{PM} SAT. JUNE 7TH 11^{AM}-9^{PM} SUN. JUNE 8TH 12^{PM}-8^{PM}
• GREEK DANCE PERFORMANCES FRI. TBD SAT. TBD
• JUNE GREEK FESTIVAL CLEANUP SUN. JUNE 8TH 8^{PM}-11^{PM}

• PENTECOST SUN. JUNE 8TH MATINS @ 9^{AM} LITURGY @ 10^{AM}

• PHILOTOCHOS SUMMER RECESS AUGUST

• AHEPA SUMMER RECESS AUGUST

• TRANSFIGURATION WED. AUG. 6TH LITURGY @ TBD

• VESPERS THURS. AUG. 14TH @ TBD

• DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS FRI. AUG. 15TH LITURGY @ TBD

• THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS MON. SEPT. 8TH LITURGY @ TBD

• THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS SUN. SEPT. 14TH MATINS @ 9^{AM} LITURGY @ 10^{AM}

• SEPT. FESTIVAL/VEGGIE/SALAD PREP AND EQUIPMENT/LAYOUT/TENT PREP FRI. SEPT. 12TH THROUGH THURS. SEPT. 18TH

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JANUARY 2025

Feast of the Epiphany
Date: Monday, January 6, 2025
Time: Liturgy 10^{AM}

Vasilopita Cutting at the Hellenic Center:
Hosted by Philoptochos
To Benefit St. Basil's Academy
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025
Time: After Liturgy

Princess Brunch at the Hellenic Center to
Benefit the Vassar NICU:
Hosted by the Youth Ministry
Purchase Tickets Online
Date: Sunday, January 26, 2025
Time: 12:00^{PM}-3:00^{PM}

FEBRUARY 2025

Presentation of Our Lord & Savior
at the Temple
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2025
Time: Matins 9^{AM} | Liturgy 10^{AM}

Indoor Gyro Bowl 2025
Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025
Time: 11^{AM}-8^{PM}
Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025
Time: 12^{PM}-6^{PM}

Bowling with the Youth Ministry
Date & Time: TBD

MARCH 2025

Apokriatiko Glendi
at the Hellenic Center
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025
Time: 7^{PM}-11^{PM}

Lent Begins
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025
Presanctified Liturgies/Complines/
Akathists & Bible Studies
Dates & Times: TBD

Build a Bear Youth Ministry Event for the
Vassar NICU
Date & Time: TBD

Fish Fry 2025
and Lenten Movie Night Series
Dates: Fridays: March 7-April 11, 2025
Time: 11^{AM}-8^{PM}

Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025
Time: 12^{PM}-6^{PM}

Greek School Independence Day Program and
Hellenic Center Luncheon: Hosted by the
Greek School
Date: Sunday, March 23, 2025
Time: After Liturgy

The Annunciation
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025
Time: TBD

Saturday evening church service will replace
Sunday service to participate in the NYC
Greek Parade
Date: Saturday, March 29, 2025
Time: TBD

NYC Greek Independence Day Parade: Youth
Ministry to Organize a Bus to the City
and Lunch Reception
Date: Sunday, March 30, 2025
Time: TBD

APRIL 2025

Clergy Laity, Brookville, NY
Date: Thursday, April 3, 2025
Time: TBD

Saturday of Lazarus
Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025
Time: TBD

Palm Folding and Pancake Breakfast
Hosted by the Youth Ministry in the Coffee
Hour Room
Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025
Time: After Liturgy

Palm Sunday and Luncheon at the Hellenic
Center: Co-Hosted by Philoptochos
Greek School Lambades Fundraiser Begins
Youth Ministry Tsourekia & Luminaria
Fundraisers Begin
Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025
Time: Matins 9^{AM} | Liturgy 10^{AM} | Luncheon after Liturgy

Palm Sunday Evening, Bridegroom Matins
Date: Sunday Evening, April 13, 2025
Time: TBD

Holy Monday, Bridegroom Matins
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025
Time: TBD

Holy Tuesday, Bridegroom Matins
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Time: TBD

Holy Wednesday,
Presanctified Liturgy
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Time: TBD
Holy Unction
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Time: TBD

Holy Thursday,
Vesperal Liturgy
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025
Time: TBD
12 Gospels
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025
Time: TBD

Good Friday Royal Hours
Date: Friday Morning, April 18, 2025
Time: TBD

Good Friday Kouvouklion Decorating
Date: Friday Afternoon, April 18, 2025
Time: After Royal Hours

Good Friday Evening Service,
Lamentations and Procession
of the Epitaphios
Date: Friday Evening, April 18, 2025
Time: 7^{PM}

Holy Saturday Evening
Paschal Vigil Service
Date: Saturday Evening, April 19, 2025
Time: 11:15^{PM}

Easter Sunday Paschal Liturgy
Date: Sunday Midnight, April 20, 2025
Time: 12^{AM}

Agape Vespers
Date: Sunday Morning, April 20, 2025
Time: TBD

MAY 2025

Baking for the June Festival
Dates & Times: May, TBD

AHEPA Sunday
Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025
Time: After Liturgy

Festival Chicken/Veggie/Salad Prep
and Equipment/ Layout/Tent Prep
Dates: Friday, May 30-
Thursday, June 5, 2025
Times: TBD

JUNE 2025

Festival Chicken/Veggie/Salad Prep
and Equipment/ Layout/Tent Prep
Dates: Friday, May 30th-
Thursday, June 5, 2025
Times: TBD

Sunday School Break Begins
Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025
AHEPA Graduation Awards
Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025
Time: After Liturgy

Servant Leadership Awards
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Time: TBD

Last Day of Greek School,
Graduation & Moving Up
Ceremony
Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Time: 4:30^{PM}

Feast of the Holy Ascension
Date: Friday, June 6, 2025
Time: TBD

June Greek Festival
Date: Friday, June 6, 2025
Time: 11^{AM}-9^{PM}
Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025
Time: 11^{AM}-9^{PM}

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025
Time: 12^{PM}-8^{PM}
Greek Dance Performances
Dates & Times: TBD

Greek Festival Cleanup
Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025
Time: 8^{PM}-11^{PM}

Pentecost
Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025
Time: Matins 9^{AM} | Liturgy 10^{AM}

JULY 2025

Philoptochos Summer Recess
Date: July & August, 2025

Youth Ministry Outing
Renegades Game and Fireworks
Date: July 3, 2025
Time: TBD

AHEPA Golf Outing
and Hellenic Center Luncheon
Date: Monday, July 21, 2025
Time: TBD

AUGUST 2025

AHEPA Summer Recess
Date: August, 2025

Baking for the September Festival
Dates & Times: August, TBD

Transfiguration
Date: Wednesday, August 6th, 2025
Time: TBD

Vespers
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025
Time: TBD

Dormition of the Theotokos
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025
Time: TBD

SEPTEMBER 2025

Ecclesiastical New Year
Date: Monday, September 1, 2025

The Nativity of the Theotokos
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025
Times: TBD

The Exaltation of the Cross
Date: Sunday, September 14, 2025
Time: Matins 9^{AM} | Liturgy 10^{AM}

Festival Chicken/Veggie/Salad Prep
and Equipment/ Layout/Tent Prep
Dates: Friday, September 12-
Thursday, September 18, 2025

September Greek Festival
Date: Friday, September 19, 2025
Time: 11^{AM}-9^{PM}
Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025
Time: 11^{AM}-9^{PM}
Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025
Time: 12^{PM}-8^{PM}

Greek Dance Performances
Dates & Times: TBD

Greek Festival Cleanup
Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025
Time: 8^{PM}-11^{PM}



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MEANINGFUL IMPACT.
IF YOU'RE READY TO
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TO ADD YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION TO
OUR VOLUNTEER
REGISTRY AND STAY
CONNECTED WITH
OPPORTUNITIES TO
SERVE
TOGETHER,
WE CAN ACHIEVE
GREAT THINGS!

GREEK SCHOOL

MINISTRY

**Greek School
Ministry: Preserving
Our Heritage**

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LEVEL 1: MRS. DESPINA VAFIADES

LEVEL 1+: MRS. BARBARA SASSOS

LEVEL 2: DIRECTOR: MRS. THEODORA KARATHOMAS

LEVEL 2+ & 3: ADVISOR: MRS. HRISOULA PAPADOPOULOS

The Greek School ministry is one of the key pillars of our church and community, dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich traditions of Greek culture and language. The 2024–2025 school year began on September 18th with the Agiasmo, followed

by a warm welcome as students registered and met with their teachers. This year, we are thrilled to have 21 students enrolled across levels K through 3. Classes are held every Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. We are proud to have an outstanding team of native-speaking teachers who bring expertise and enthusiasm to their classrooms.

Our mission is to provide a well-rounded education in the modern Greek language, covering essential skills such as reading, writing, grammar, and conversation. At the same time, we aim to immerse students in the beauty of Greek culture, history, art, and traditions through engaging lessons, lively songs, and creative activities. With the support of parents and a strong partnership between home and school, we ensure our students build a lasting connection to their heritage.

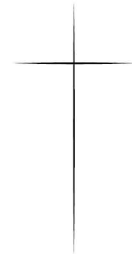
This year has already been filled with exciting events! In October, we celebrated OXI Day, teaching students about the heroic Greek resistance during World War II. The celebration included a reception at the Hellenic Center, featuring delicious food, short films, crafts, and traditional Greek dancing.

As the holiday season approaches, we are busy preparing for our annual Christmas pageant, which will take place on Sunday, December 22nd, following the Divine Liturgy. The event will conclude with a festive reception and lunch at the Hellenic Center. The PTA is also planning additional activities to make this holiday season unforgettable for our students.

As we reflect on our shared accomplishments, we are filled with gratitude for the support of our parishioners and the Greek School families. Together, we are keeping our culture alive for future generations. From all of us at the Greek School, we wish you a joyful and blessed holiday season. *Καλά Χριστούγεννα* and Happy Holidays!

Hrisoula Papadopoulou

GREEK SCHOOL PTA MINISTRY



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festive occasion open to not only our students but also friends, family, and loved ones from the community.

We are incredibly grateful to our local AHEPA 158 chapter of Poughkeepsie, which generously awarded the Greek School a \$1,000 donation. These funds have been designated to modernize our classrooms with much-needed upgrades, including new whiteboards, student cubbies, and essential learning supplies. AHEPA's commitment to supporting Hellenic education, combined with our fundraising efforts, ensures that we can continue providing a high-quality learning experience and compensating our dedicated teachers for their hard work.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing teachers, students, and parents for their dedication and support in keeping our Greek learning traditions alive. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new fundraisers to benefit our school, so we encourage everyone to get involved and share their input.

Lastly, we want to remind parents that the Vice Presidency position on the PTA is still open! If you are interested in helping shape our programs and events, we would love to have you join us in making a difference.

-Demetri Sassos

-Jimmy's Vasilopita Delivery from Agia Skepi, Tue. Dec. 17, 2024

We are excited to share updates from our Greek School PTA! Our teachers and students have been working hard, and we wrapped up several wonderful events this Christmas season.

On Saturday, December 7th, we hosted our Christmas Cookie Party, where children and parents came together to bake traditional Greek Christmas cookies, including Koulourakia, Kourambiedes, and other favorites. These delicious cookies were available for purchase on Sunday, December 8th and December 15th after Divine Liturgy. Any remaining cookies were also sold during our Christmas Pageant and Brunch on Sunday, December 22nd. Last year, proceeds from our cookie sales and Christmas portraits allowed us to give back \$500 to the church. The children proudly presented a check to Father and the community, and this year, we aimed to surpass that donation!

Our Christmas Pageant and Brunch on December 22nd was a joyful celebration. The children performed beautifully, and the event featured a raffle with gift baskets lovingly prepared by PTA members. Άγιος Βασίλης (Santa Claus) also made a special appearance, delighting all the children with treats. It was a



ADULT GREEK DANCE AND SOCIAL CLUB

MINISTRY

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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



SCAN FOR UPDATES

Greetings everyone! We are excited to announce that our Greek Adult Dance lessons are starting again on Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30^{PM}. This is a wonderful opportunity to join in fellowship and fun with our church community while celebrating and sharing our culture! Our instructor, Hrisoula Papadopoulou, will be guiding us through traditional dances from all regions of Greece, along with their history and geography. New adult members of all skill levels are welcomed and encouraged to attend! Whether you're new to Greek dance, or looking to improve your moves, we'd love for you to be part of our group. We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

Time: 5:30^{PM} - 6:45^{PM}

Dates:

12/10/24, 12/17/24

1/14/25, 1/21/25, 1/28/25

2/4/25, 2/11/25, 2/18/25 and 2/25/25

Location: Hellenic Center of Kimisis Church
Poughkeepsie

Please check our Facebook page for cancellations.

-Demetra Kapogiannis

HELLENIC DANCERS OF POUGHKEEPSIE YOUTH GREEK DANCE

MINISTRY

The Kimisis Hellenic Youth Dance Group warmly invites all children ages 3-18 to join us in learning traditional Greek dances. My daughter Sophia and I are deeply grateful to Presbytera Tiffany for giving us the opportunity to continue teaching Greek dance. Having grown up dancing at the festivals here at Kimisis, it is both an honor and a joy to carry on this cherished tradition. We look forward to sharing the beauty of Greek culture and dance with the next generation! Please contact me, Eva Moustakas at (914) 403-5985 to enroll your child and use the QR code to stay connected with the dance schedule.

Opa!

-Evanthia Moustakas



GREEK YOUTH
DANCE GROUP
CALENDAR

Kimisis Youth Ministries: A Year of Fellowship, Faith, and Service

The Kimisis Youth Ministries is off to a fantastic start this ecclesiastical new year, welcoming families to another season of fellowship, faith, and service. With a focus on nurturing the spiritual and social growth of our youth, we have celebrated meaningful milestones and look forward to exciting events in the months ahead. Here's a recap of recent highlights and a preview of what's to come.

A Spooktacular Start: Halloween Trunk or Treat

Our annual Halloween Trunk or Treat was a delightful evening filled with joy and creativity. Families from both Kimisis and the local community transformed the church parking lot with imaginative car decorations, and children enjoyed trick-or-treating in their costumes. The event was a wonderful opportunity to build connections and share the warmth of our parish. A big thank you to everyone who participated and made this celebration such a memorable success!

Giving Back Through Care Bags

This fall, our youth ministry, along with friends of the community, embraced the spirit of philanthropy by creating 205 care bags for the local charity Hope on a Mission. With nearly \$1,000 in donations, we purchased travel-sized essentials and packed them into bags for distribution to the homeless and those in need in the City of Poughkeepsie.

This project reflects the core values of our Orthodox faith—serving others with love and compassion. We are incredibly grateful to the youth, families, and friends who came together to support this initiative, and we look forward to continuing this annual tradition of giving back.

Spreading Christmas Cheer: Caroling Fundraiser

As the Nativity season approaches, the youth ministries eagerly anticipate our beloved Christmas Caroling Fundraiser. On December 22nd, following

Divine Liturgy and the Greek School Christmas Pageant, our young carolers will visit parishioner-owned businesses, spreading joy through song. For over a decade, this cherished tradition has been a significant fundraiser, with generous business owners supporting the ministry while enjoying festive carols sung in their establishments. To have your business participate next year, please contact the church office or a member of the Youth Ministries team.

A Magical Event: Princess Brunch & Build-a-Bear

In January, we will host the second annual Princess Brunch, an enchanting fundraiser that brings the community together. Guests will enjoy a magical dining experience with Disney princesses in a beautifully appointed ballroom at the Hellenic Center. Last year, this event raised nearly \$3,000, which funded our Build-a-Bear Project.

In March (date TBD), youth and families will

gather to create custom bears to donate to the Vassar NICU, providing comfort and support to infants and their families. This project highlights the heart of our ministry—offering love and kindness to those in need.

Family Fun: Kimisis Bowling Night

Mark your calendars for February (date TBD) for our annual Kimisis Bowling Night! This event is a wonderful opportunity for families, friends, and members of the youth ministry to come together for an evening of fun and fellowship. Whether you're a seasoned bowler or just there for the laughs, we hope to see you on the lanes!

Pascha Preparations: Vasilopita Sales, Easter Egg Hunt, and Luminaria

The Youth Ministries will play an important role during Holy Week and Pascha. On Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week, Vasilopitas will be available for sale in the Narthex to everyone, without the need to order ahead.

Summer Fun: Renegades Baseball Game

Looking ahead to summer, the youth ministries will host a fun-filled evening at the Hudson Valley Renegades baseball game on July 3rd. This annual tradition includes fellowship, refreshments, and a spectacular fireworks display. Kids will even have the chance to step onto the field, creating memories to last a lifetime. Be sure to save the date and join us for this exciting event!

Final Thoughts:

Through fellowship, faith, and service, the Kimisis Youth Ministries continues to strengthen the bonds of our community and inspire our youth to live out the teachings of Christ. We invite all families to participate in our events and support the ministry as we grow together in love and purpose. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our success so far, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

May God bless you and your families as we journey through another year of faith and fellowship together.

-Marial Drivas

YOUTH MINISTRY

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-Philoptochos Artoklasia, Sun. Nov. 3, 2024

As the leaves changed this fall, Philoptochos embraced a season of activity and fellowship, beginning with preparations for the Kimisis September 2024 Festival. This year, we were thrilled to welcome many new volunteers who joined our seasoned members in baking together. For nearly half a century, Philoptochos has carried on this cherished tradition, honoring the legacy of our loved ones who came before us. The festival remains a joyful opportunity to share our rich culture and faith with the community we hold dear.

-St. Cosmas & St. Damian, November 1, 2024

October brought continued blessings with the success of our Pocketbook Bingo event. Thanks to the many friends who contributed their time and support, the day was both fun and memorable. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Renee and Vicky for their tireless dedication and hard work in organizing this wonderful event.

On November 3, 2024, we celebrated the feast day of our patron saints, Saints Cosmas and Damianos, with a memorial service in remembrance of our departed members. This solemn occasion also included an artoklasia, offering prayers for blessings and guidance for our current members as we carry forward the Philoptochos mission in their memory and spirit.

In the same month, our Philoptochos chapter conducted a special collection to support our brothers and sisters in the Atlanta Diocese who were affected by recent hurricanes. This initiative was a humbling reminder of the strength of our faith community in coming together to help those in need.

As 2024 draws to a close and we prepare to welcome 2025, we pray for health, happiness, and peace for our families, friends, and community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our annual Vasilopita Luncheon on Sunday, January 12, 2025. Proceeds from this cherished event will benefit the mission, children, and families of St. Basil's Academy. We encourage everyone to join us for this meaningful and festive occasion.

Our Sunshine Committee, led by Gloria Siderias, continues to bring light and comfort to members of our church who are ill or hospitalized. Gloria ensures that everyone feels connected, even if they cannot attend church. If you know of someone in need of support, please contact Philoptochos so that we can reach out to them.

Philoptochos meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month. We encourage women of all ages to join this impactful ministry by reaching out to a member of Philoptochos to learn more about how they can participate and support our efforts.

We look forward to continuing our work and wish blessings upon all who support our mission. Together, we can accomplish great things. May God bless us all!

-Demi Alvarez



-Festival Baking, Sept. 2024



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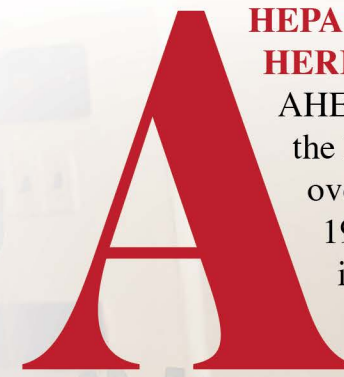
-AHEPA Cigar & Bourbon Tasting, Sat. Oct. 19, 2024



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AHEPA: THE WORLD'S LARGEST GREEK-AMERICAN HERITAGE SERVICE ORGANIZATION



AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) stands as the largest Greek-American heritage service organization in the world, with over 3 million members across 400 chapters worldwide. Founded on July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia, by eight visionary Greek men, AHEPA emerged in response to the personal and economic intimidation, bigotry, and racism that plagued Greek immigrants in the early 20th century, particularly at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan.

AHEPA's mission was, and remains, to promote Hellenic Ideals, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family, and Community Service. Taking the high road of reason, AHEPA emphasized assimilation into American society while preserving its members' proud Hellenic heritage. English was adopted as AHEPA's official language, fostering inclusivity and unity among Greek immigrants. Through its initiatives, AHEPA became a vital source of support and strength for countless Greek-Americans, helping them navigate the challenges of a new land.

AHEPA POUGHKEEPSIE CHAPTER #158: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

The Poughkeepsie Chapter #158 was established in 1927 and has since been a steadfast supporter of both Greek and non-Greek organizations in the local community.

Over the years, the chapter has made significant contributions, including:

- Hosting an annual Golf Outing for 12 years, raising over \$120,000 for our Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church.
- Donations to organizations such as St. Basil Academy, St. Michael's Home, Dutchess County Housing, National Child Safety Council, GOYA, Greek School, Sunday School, Kimisis Youth Ministries, Philoptochos, and Eagle Scout projects.
- Honoring high school graduates annually, recognizing their achievements and encouraging their growth.
- Partnering with Smith Street Hot Dogs during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide free lunches to first responders in Poughkeepsie, NY.

RECENT INITIATIVES AND EVENTS

AHEPA continues to promote community engagement through exciting initiatives:

- Visits to the St. Nicholas Church & National Shrine at the 9/11 Memorial in New York City.
- Hosting three successful Cigar Night and Bourbon Tasting Events, fostering fellowship and raising funds for various causes.
- Establishing the Zeke Mavodones Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to a deserving student.

A LEGACY OF IMPACT

The contributions of AHEPA Poughkeepsie Chapter #158 exemplify the organization's unwavering commitment to its mission. Through its philanthropy and dedication, AHEPA continues to honor its founders' vision by promoting Hellenic ideals while serving the broader community with pride and distinction.

-Stephen Miller

a message from
Angela Pavlos
TO THE MINISTRY OF
VOLUNTEERS

The purest form of service is volunteerism. Serving without expecting anything in return is at the core of our faith as Orthodox Christians. It is through this selfless act that we embody the essence of our beliefs.

In our last Logos edition, I shared how successful our fish fry fundraising events were and I am now even more excited to share that we not only had a successful June festival but a record breaking September festival ALL thanks to the support we saw through our parishioner volunteers.

Even though we have a lot to celebrate, we won't be stopping at two festivals... we still have fundraising to do in order to keep the lights on in our church and afford our expenses. I ask that you continue to help as much as possible, even if you can only give one hour here and there as we always have a variety of jobs to do.

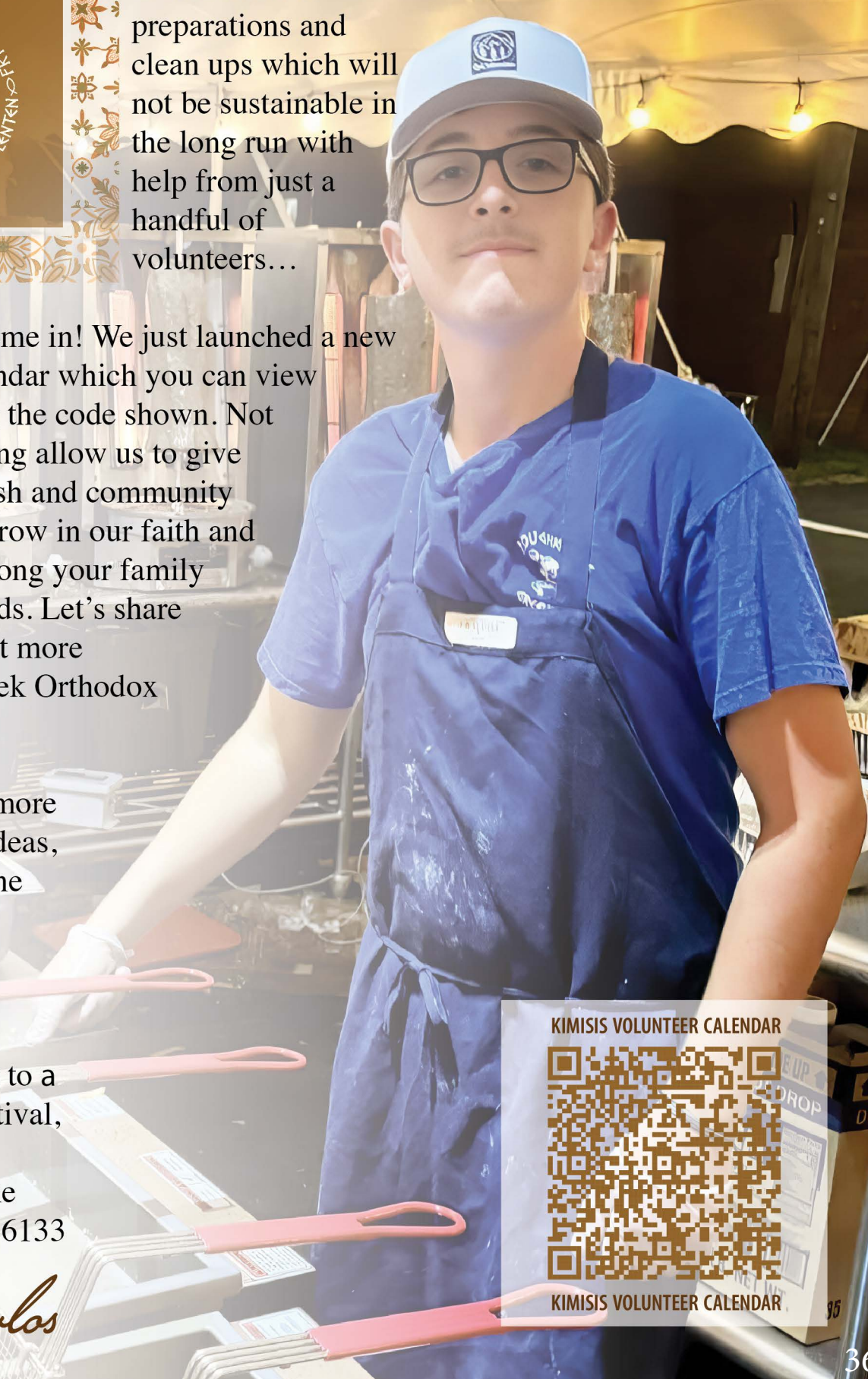


It's important to remember that these events involve preparations and clean ups which will not be sustainable in the long run with help from just a handful of volunteers...

This is where you come in! We just launched a new event/volunteer calendar which you can view and join by scanning the code shown. Not only does volunteering allow us to give selflessly to our parish and community but it enables us to grow in our faith and friendships. Bring along your family members, even friends. Let's share our Greek culture but more importantly, our Greek Orthodox faith.

If you'd like to talk more about volunteering ideas, team up with someone to manage different aspects of our events, learn how we get from an empty parking lot to a fully functioning festival, or play a larger role, please reach out to me personally: 845-891-6133

-Angela Pavlos



ALL HANDS ON DECK
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● GYRO BOWL 2025
AT THE HELLENIC CENTER
SAT. FEB. 8TH: 11^{AM}-8^{PM}
SUN FEB. 9TH: 12^{PM}-6^{PM}

FISH FRY 2025
AT THE HELLENIC CENTER AND
LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT SERIES
FRIDAYS: MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH
APRIL 4TH, 11TH: 4^{PM}-8^{PM}

● JUNE GREEK
FESTIVAL 2025
FRI. JUNE 6TH 11^{AM}-9^{PM}
SAT. JUNE 7TH 11^{AM}-9^{PM}
SUN. JUNE 8TH 12^{PM}-8^{PM}

SEPTEMBER GREEK
FESTIVAL 2025
FRI. SEPT. 19TH 11^{AM}-9^{PM}
SAT. SEPT. 20TH 11^{AM}-9^{PM}
SUN. SEPT. 21ST 12^{PM}-8^{PM}

DETERMINING ACTIVE & NON-ACTIVE STEWARDS

In the Orthodox faith, stewardship is comprised of a combination of financial pledges, attending divine liturgy, receiving sacraments, and volunteerism. As an Orthodox Christian, you must ask yourself: Do you meet these criteria? The decision ultimately lies with the Parish Priest.

SUMMARY OF FEES

The cleaning fee, chanter fee, and honorarium apply to both stewards and non-active stewards of the Kimisis Parish. Facilities fees apply only to non-active stewards.

Additional contributions are always welcome to help Kimisis continue its mission and perform sacraments for the Eastern Orthodox community for years to come.

- Cleaning Fee:** \$150, a maintenance fee to help offset the cost of cleaning the facilities.
- Chanter Fee:** \$250 per chanter, this fee is set by the Psalter. Weddings, baptisms and funerals require at least one chanter.
- Honorarium Payment:** While not required, it is customary to give an honorarium to the priest, typically in an amount greater than the chanter fee. This gesture serves as an expression of gratitude for the services provided.
- Facilities Fee/Stewardship:** Non-active stewards of the Kimisis Parish, and parishioners who have not made a pledge towards stewardship within six months of scheduling a sacrament, are asked to pay a facilities fee for the use of the parish. This fee will be applied towards the individual's or family's annual stewardship pledge for the year of the scheduled sacrament.
*There are no facilities fees for funeral services, even for non-active stewards.

SACRAMENTS, BLESSINGS & SPECIAL SERVICES AT KIMISIS

Please refer to the **Sacraments at Kimisis** pamphlet for detailed information regarding each specific sacrament. Contact the church office to begin planning your sacrament, blessing, or special service. For pastoral emergencies, such as emergency hospitalization, end-of-life care, or the death of a loved one, please call the church office if it is during weekday hours or reach Father Jason directly at 845-579-5234.

WHEN PLANNING, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING...

- There are specific days throughout the year when certain services are not permitted by the Church.
- Clergy, chanters and staff of Kimisis must be taken into consideration when planning any sacrament or service. The offering of alternate dates is by no means a refusal of services but rather an effort to accommodate everyone's availability.
- We remain committed to providing compassionate support and assistance in the most professional manner. However, please understand that it may not always be possible to meet all expectations.
- Exceptions to the facilities fees can be made on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by Father Jason before the sacrament can proceed.
- While not required, it is customary to give an honorarium to the priest for any service performed on behalf of the parishioner. For weddings and baptisms the honorarium is typically greater than the chanter fee. This gesture serves as an expression of gratitude for the services provided.

Baptisms & Chrismation:

Active Stewards Minimum \$400

- \$400 (\$150 Cleaning fee + \$250 Chanter Fee)

Non-Active Stewards Minimum \$750

- \$400 (\$150 Cleaning fee + \$250 Chanter Fee)
- \$350 Facilities Fee applied towards stewardship

Weddings:

Active Stewards Minimum \$400

- \$400 (\$150 Cleaning fee + \$250 Chanter Fee)

Non-Active Stewards Minimum \$1750

- \$400 (\$150 Cleaning fee + \$250 Chanter Fee)
- \$1350 Facilities Fee applied towards your stewardship

Funerals:

- When the death of a loved one occurs, please call the proper medical personnel or emergency services, and then please contact Father Jason.
- A preliminary funeral date and time may be discussed but final arrangements for funeral services must be made with Father Jason in conjunction with the funeral director.
- Most funeral directors will coordinate the cleaning fees, chanter fees, and honorarium payments on behalf of the grieving family. If you prefer to handle these arrangements yourself, the fees are listed below.

Active & Non-Active Stewards Minimum \$400

- \$400 (\$150 Cleaning fee + \$250 Chanter Fee)

Memorials: Coffee Hour Sponsor: Host Beverages, Pastry, Platters etc. or | Min. \$50 Donation

- If you require koliva for your memorial, please notify the Church Office at least two weeks in advance. Families are also welcome to bring their own Koliva. There are no cleaning or chanter fees associated with memorials. **Bowl: \$50 | Medium Tray: \$100 | Large Tray: \$150**
Coffee Hour Sponsor: Host Beverages, Pastry, Platters etc. or | Min. \$50 Donation

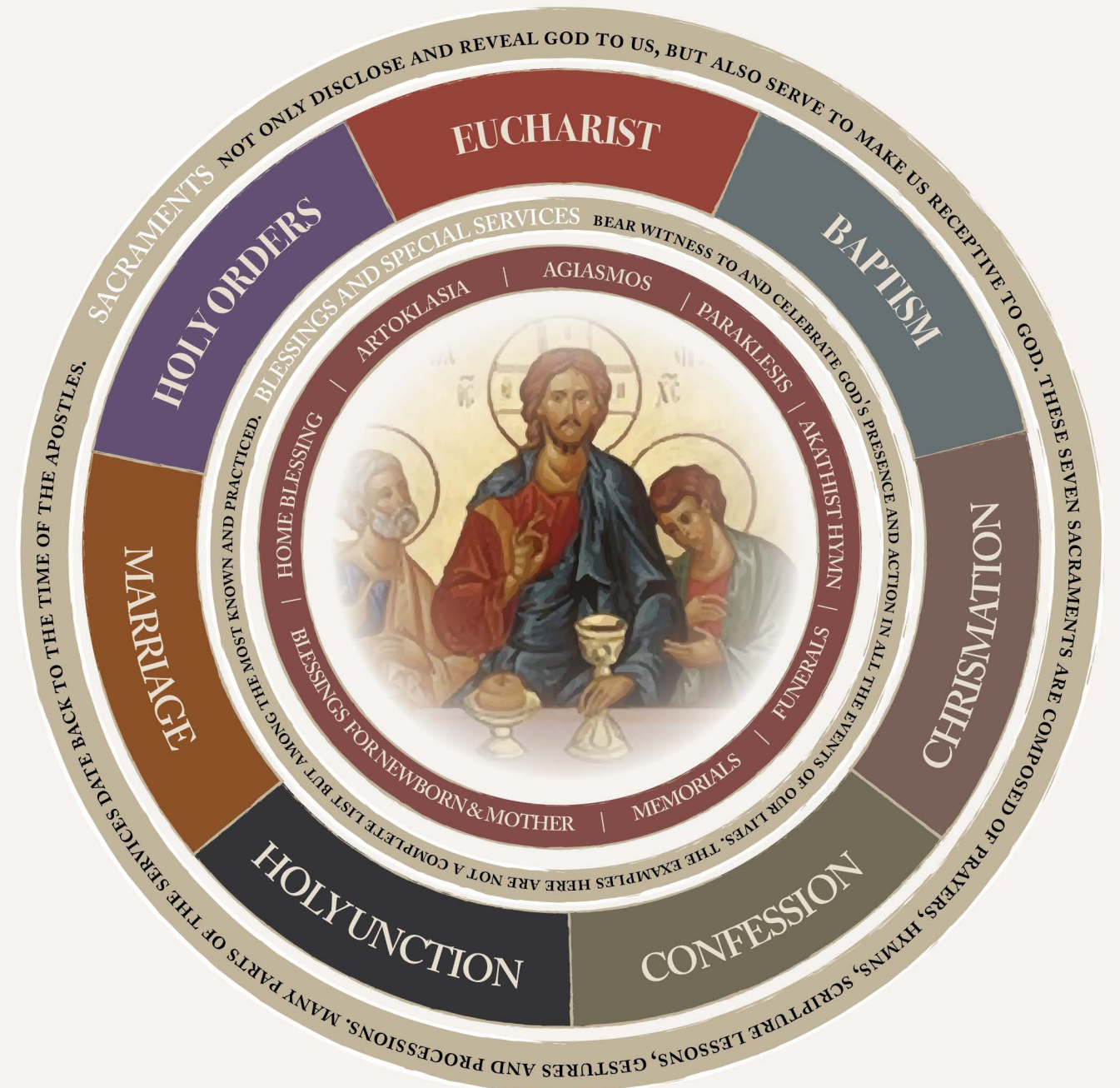
Holy Unction & Blessings:

- For anointing, newborn blessing, 40 day blessing, home blessing and Artoklasia, please refer to the **Sacraments at Kimisis** pamphlet. There are no cleaning or chanter fees associated with these blessings.

Confession:

- Confession is essential for our spiritual wellbeing, beginning with the recognition of our sins and passions and leading to the healing of our souls through guidance from our spiritual father. Sin, a spiritual illness that wounds the soul, can lead to faithlessness, hopelessness, and despair. However, God's love is greater than any sin, and confession is a healing sacrament that offers His mercy and compassion. Many fear judgment, but confession is about receiving forgiveness and changing our lives to please God. For any questions or to schedule your confession, please contact Father Jason during office hours or after Divine Liturgy.

SACRAMENTS BLESSINGS & SPECIAL SERVICES



Sacraments are special experiences in our corporate life as Orthodox Christians when the perception of God's presence and actions is heightened and celebrated. We call these events of the Church Sacraments. Traditionally, the Sacraments have been known as Mysteries in the Orthodox Church. This description emphasizes that in these special events of the Church, God discloses Himself through the prayers and actions of His people.

Blessing and Services are often referred to as Non-sacramental in the sense that they are events of community worship which are not usually counted among the major Sacraments. However, they clearly have a sacramental quality in the sense that they reveal the presence of the Holy Trinity. Many of these Services, such as the Funeral, the Blessing of Water, and the Entrance into Monastic Life, just to name a few, are very significant to the life of the Church.

-Greek Orthodox Church of America

STEWARDSHIP



“Individual stewardship is comprised of three unique and equally important opportunities, all unified by a singular essence: the act of giving thanks to God and committing oneself to Him for the blessings we have received.”

The journey of stewardship commences with baptism and endures throughout one's lifetime. Parishioners who have reached the age of 18 and beyond are encouraged to make pledges towards their individual commitment to the church. Stewardship embodies a profound ethos among us as Orthodox Christians, characterized by a deep sense of responsibility, reverence, and accountability before God. At its core, stewardship serves as a pathway towards fortifying faith and fostering spiritual development.”

Are you an active steward of Kimisis?

As an Orthodox Christian, you must ask yourself: Do you meet these criteria?

The decision ultimately lies with the Priest of the Parish.

-Kimisis Tis Theotokou

Since our founding in 1923, Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church has been a shining beacon, illuminated by the light of our Lord through you, HIS people. Our rich history is marked by labor, sacrifice, and determination from generations past, all of whom were faithful stewards of God. Just as they were, we are called to be good stewards, recognizing that every good thing we have or do comes from the Lord. It is our duty to return His goodness through our actions towards one another, our community, our city and our country.

Our stewardship theme for 2024 is "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant," drawn from the Parable of the Talents. Each of us is blessed with unique gifts, and this parable emphasizes the importance of developing our gifts, multiplying them and offering them back in service to God.

Orthodox Christian stewardship is not merely a financial commitment; it is a way of life rooted in accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. By becoming stewards, we acknowledge that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him, and we commit to using our time, talents, and treasures for the betterment of humanity, in gratitude for Christ's redeeming love. Just as the Holy Trinity embodies unity, the combination of volunteerism, active worship, and financial gifts allow us to fulfill our duties as Orthodox Christians.

Let us continue to embrace our stewardship journey with faith, love, and dedication, knowing that through our collective efforts, we can fulfill our calling as faithful servants of God and enable our church to live on.

Share Your Gifts

Join us in investing in our parish community, a cherished gift. Rooted in spiritual unity, stewardship reminds us that all we have is from God and meant to be shared. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to support the growth of our church, enabling communion with God and each other. Scan the QR code to donate online. For donations over \$5000.00 or inquiries about our projects, ministries, and more, contact the Church Office.



Share Your Time

Join us every Sunday at 9:00 AM for Orthros and at 10:00 AM for Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour held downstairs every Sunday following services. Partake in the Holy Sacrament of Communion during Θεία Λειτουργία, or arrange a visit to receive Communion at home for the infirm. To schedule a confession with Father Jason or a home visit for anointing with Holy Unction, please contact the Church Office. For an up-to-date calendar of scheduled services and events, please visit www.kimisisny.org.

Share Your Talents

Sharing one's talents is a powerful form of stewardship, allowing individuals to contribute their unique skills to benefit their community. Whether offering professional services like legal counsel and accounting, or hands-on assistance with maintenance, landscaping, and construction, every talent can significantly support the church's needs. Volunteers are also essential for staffing fundraisers and ensuring the success of various events throughout the year. Those interested in lending their abilities are encouraged to submit a volunteer form at poughkeepsiegreekfestival.com/#volunteer or contact the Church Office.

PLANNING YOUR SACRAMENTS AT KIMISIS

Please refer to the **Sacraments at Kimisis** pamphlet for more information and details, and speak with Fr. Jason regarding any questions you may have. You may also call the Church Office, or speak with a member of the Parish Council. Additional information may be obtained by visiting our website at kimisisny.org and through materials available in the Narthex. Please note: *Additional facilities fees may apply for certain sacraments and services for people who are not currently active Stewards of Kimisis. These fees will be applied towards the individual's or family's annual stewardship commitment.*

Pastoral Emergencies & End of Life Care

Father Jason can always be contacted in the event of a pastoral emergency at his direct extension at Kimisis at 845-579-5234

If you or a family member are ill or receiving end-of-life care, Father Jason is available to visit and offer the sacred gifts of Holy Communion, to hear confession, or to administer Holy Unction. It is our privilege to serve you or your loved one during this time. Do not hesitate to reach out.

If you have experienced the profound sorrow of having lost a loved one, we, your loving parish, extend our support and deepest sympathies during this difficult time.

While no words can fully alleviate your grief, please know that the God you worship, who gave His only Son to endure suffering, rejection, pain, and death on the cross, did so to assure you that He understands your pain in this hour.

It's important to remember that all arrangements must be finalized between the priest and the funeral home. Our goal is to accommodate the needs of grieving families to the best of our ability. However, it may not always be possible to meet all expectations. Not only must we consider other previously scheduled sacraments, the needs and availability of our clergy, volunteers, and staff (i.e. chanters and cleaning crew) must also be considered. We remain committed to providing compassionate support and assistance in the most professional manner at your time of need.

2023 LIST OF STEWARDS

159 FAMILIES & ORGANIZATIONS

IF YOUR NAME IS MISSING FROM THE LIST OR NEEDS CORRECTION PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

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 Voula Argos
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 Athenian I-84 Diner
 Efthimios & Eleni Bakatsias
 Alexandra & Helen Bettina
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 Stefan & Pota Bozydaj
 Henry Brown
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 Peter & Georgia Chamberas
 Mary Charkalis
 Peter & Theodora Chelak
 Mark Christiana
 Angelika Christy
 Ralph & Helena Clemente
 William & Victoria Cook
 John Danko
 Anthony DelVecchio
 Fr Jason & Theophania Dickey
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 Thomas & Constantia Elias
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 Donna Fitzgibbons
 George Garofalis
 Marita Giannos
 John & Marina Giogakis
 Gombolay
 Demetrios & Shirley Goniatis
 Maria Hallas
 Peter Kalogris
 Dimitra Kalogris
 Argiro Kapogiannis
 Georgia Kapogiannis
 Christina Karathomas
 George & Theodora Karathomas
 Anestis Karpalis
 Eugenia Karydas
 Gus & Stella Kaselis
 Anastasios & Paula Katsetos
 Jeffery Kazolias Gregory
 Christina Kokiasmenos
 Edith Kokkinis
 Alexandra Koliopoulos
 Petros Koliopoulos
 Konstantinos & Jessica Koroxenos
 Celie Kustas
 Olympia Kustas
 Georgia Kustas-Beurket
 Kyriakos & Maddi Kyriacou
 Christos & Anna Kyriakou
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 Kyriakos & Susan Kyriakou
 Ladies Philoptochos Society Proodos
 Chapter
 Constantina Lainis
 Maria Lainis
 Florence Lembesis
 Maria Lewis
 Margeaux Lippman Hoskins
 Little Lamb Daycare-Dimitrios &
 Sophia Pertesis
 The Little Owl Spa- Kiriaki Pertesis &
 Family
 Carolyn Malile
 Constantine & Catherine Manos
 Elias & Anastasia Manos
 George & Katerina Markou
 Peter & Nancy Maroulis
 Constance Mastroeni
 Maria Mattes
 Irene Mehalakes
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 Olga Nicolaeff
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 John & Donna Pavlos
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 Michael & Kiriaki Pertesis
 Barbara Phillips
 Nicholas Polanchik
 Bruce Ray

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 George Roussos
 Megan Roussos
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 Nicole Sassos
 Alexander & Liza Serroukas
 Dino & Amanda Serroukas
 Georgia Serroukas
 Matt Serroukas
 Nick Serroukas
 Peter & Andrea Serroukas
 Angelo & Gloria Siderias
 John & Sonja Siderias
 Nectarios Siderias
 Eleni Simou
 John & Callie Simou
 Charles & Terri Sofokles
 Myrna Peggy Sofokles
 John & Joanna Spyropoulos
 Demetra Stamatakos
 Alexandros & Despina Stathidis
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 Lenyszyn
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 Nicholas Vanikiotis
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 Valerie Vasilas
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SCAN TO GIVE



STEWARDSHIP

Proportional Yearly Giving Guide

Annual Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$20000.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$1000.00	\$1200.00	\$1400.00	\$1600.00	\$1800.00	\$2000.00
\$40000.00	\$800.00	\$1200.00	\$1600.00	\$2000.00	\$2400.00	\$2800.00	\$3200.00	\$3600.00	\$4000.00
\$60000.00	\$1200.00	\$1800.00	\$2400.00	\$3000.00	\$3600.00	\$4200.00	\$4800.00	\$5400.00	\$6000.00
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\$250000.00	\$5000.00	\$7500.00	\$10000.00	\$12500.00	\$15000.00	\$17500.00	\$20000.00	\$22500.00	\$25000.00
\$1000000.00	\$20000.00	\$30000.00	\$40000.00	\$50000.00	\$60000.00	\$70000.00	\$80000.00	\$90000.00	\$100000.00

HELLENIC CENTER CHARITABLE USE OF SPACE CONTRIBUTION

STEWARD RATE

The mandatory contributions listed below are for use of and include...

- Lobby, restrooms, bar room (excluding the physical bar), main hall, full kitchen use (the use of fryer oil, dry goods, paper goods, takeout containers, and any property of the Hellenic Center is strictly prohibited and will result in the forfeiture of your security deposit).
- 10 hour event (ie. 2 hour setup, 5 hour event, 3 hour cleanup), stewards may submit a request for additional hours, if approved, at no additional charge.
- In order to serve alcohol, the caterer for your event must provide it and carry a license to serve as per NYS ABC Law, and proof of liquor liability insurance must be provided.
 - **\$750 Refundable Security Deposit +**
 - Steward Mandatory Contribution Rate 1: **\$1000**
 - Pledged commitments fulfilled and donations amounting to a total of less than \$1200 within a year of booking the planned event
 - Steward Mandatory Contribution Rate 2: **\$500**
 - Pledged commitments fulfilled and donations amounting to a total of \$1200 or more within a year of booking the planned event **OR**
 - 80 hours or more of dedicated volunteerism to Kimisis within a year of booking the planned event **OR**
 - \$600 or more of fulfilled pledge or donations within a year of booking the planned event **AND** 40 hours or more of dedicated volunteerism to Kimisis

NON-STEWARD RATE

The mandatory contributions listed below are for use of and include...

- Lobby and restrooms.
- 10 hour event (ie. 2 hour setup, 5 hour event, 3 hour cleanup)
 - additional hours may be requested for \$200 each additional hour, if approved.
 - \$200/hour is also charged for each hour exceeding the contracted time. This rate is not pro-rated and begins 1 min. after breach of contracted end-of-event.
- In order to serve alcohol, the caterer for your event must provide it and carry a license to serve as per NYS ABC Law and proof of liquor liability insurance must be provided.
 - **\$750 Refundable Security Deposit +**
 - Bar Room; 45 Guests or less (excluding the physical bar): **+\$500**
 - Main Hall: 200 Guests or less: **+\$1500**
 - Full Kitchen Use: **+\$750**
 - Partial Kitchen Use: **+\$300** (staging only, no cooking, no warming)
 - Bar Room + Main Hall Discount rate with full kitchen use (excluding physical bar) **+\$2250**

HELLENIC CENTER

The Hellenic Center has been the social hub and gathering place of Kimisis for over half a century. Since the 1960's, our parish has utilized its grounds, kitchen and hall to host thousands of galas, picnics, luncheons, fundraisers, and youth events for the benefit of our church and community. All donations from the use of the facilities goes to help our church meet its financial obligations and fund our ministries.

At the beginning of COVID-19, with an empty church and time on her hands, Marita Giannos initiated a cleanup effort that led to a renaissance of the space. Thanks to the collective efforts of many, including Nick Vanikiotis, Thanasi Giogakis, and Michael Pertesis, the Hellenic Center has seen increased community interest since 2022. Our re-imagined fundraising efforts within the space have also resulted in significant success.

Consider hosting your next event at the Hellenic Center and contribute to the enduring legacy of our community. Your financial support will ensure the continuation of our mission to teach and spread the Orthodox Christian faith and tradition, along with our charitable and youth-oriented ministries. Your patronage will help keep our hall vibrant for years to come. We look forward to ongoing improvements and modernization of the space as God's blessings allow.

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For a full refund of your security deposit, the Hellenic Center must be returned ready for the next event. Tables and chairs must be returned to their original positions as indicated on the provided diagram. Any additional tables and chairs should be returned to storage. The lobby, bathrooms, entire hall, kitchen, and all utilized spaces need to be swept, mopped, vacuumed, and surfaces disinfected. Proper disposal and removal of food, stored items, decorations, and trash are required. All trash bags should be removed from the facility and placed in the provided dumpster on site. If permission was granted to use on-site equipment, dishware, glassware, etc., all items must be washed, dried, and returned to their designated spaces.

The Hellenic Center is available to both **active-stewards** and **non-stewards** of the community. A mandatory contribution for use of the space is required to offset the maintenance and cost of operating the Center and to allow our church ministry to thrive. Active-stewards of Kimisis (as defined on the **STEWARDSHIP** page) are offered a significant discount compared to non-stewards and non-active stewards. Tiered discount rates are listed in the column to the left. Those fulfilling increased pledges, donations, and volunteer commitments as outlined below are offered an additional discount (*Steward Mandatory Contribution Rate 2*) as a token of our gratitude for helping alleviate our financial burden. These stewards have already helped subsidize the cost of operating our community center through their generous contributions. Here is some additional information regarding our discounted rates...

1. As an incentive to promote use of the Hellenic Center, discounted mandatory contribution rates also apply to the steward's parents, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, godchildren, godparents (this excludes family friends, cousins, aunts and uncles).
2. Parishioners of other churches under the Orthodox jurisdiction are also able to take advantage of the *Steward Mandatory Contribution Rate 1* if they are able to prove they satisfy either stewardship qualification with their home Parish and with a written letter from their Priest.
3. Individuals or couples who have paid a facilities fee to Kimisis for a sacrament are also able to take advantage of either discounted mandatory contribution rate, depending on the amount of the fee paid, as the facilities fee is applied towards their stewardship.

**If you are interested in hosting an event at the
Hellenic Center, submit a
Hellenic Center Use Inquiry form
in person through the Church Office, or online at
poughkeepsiegreekfestival.com/helleniccenterinquiry**



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