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### THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

430 Sheep Pasture Road, Port Jefferson, New York 11777

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### **2022 GREEK FESTIVA**

August 25th, 26th, 27th, & 28th

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4<sup>th</sup> PRIZE



1st PRIZE 2023 MERCEDES BENZ

GLA 250 4Matic

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• 5th PRIZE • With 40HP Outboard Motor



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Live Music

• 6th PRIZE • \$5,000 CASH PRIZE Awarded as Bank Check



• 7th PRIZE • \$3,000 CASH PRIZE Awarded as Bank Check



\$2,000 CASH PRIZE Awarded as Bank Check



• 9th PRIZE • \$1,000 CASH PRIZE Awarded as Bank Check

10th PRIZE - 11th PRIZE - 15" Laptop • 12<sup>th</sup> PRIZE - 2 NY Giants Tickets (Donated by Saranto Calamas)
3th PRIZE - 1 Night Suite Stay at THE STONY BROOK HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

(Donated by Stony Brook Holiday Inn Express)

14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> PRIZE - Apple Watch Series 6

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> PRIZE - Chromebook

• 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE - 10" i-Pad

23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> PRIZE - Nintendo Switch

• 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> PRIZE - Bedgear Tempered Pillow • 31<sup>st</sup> - 40<sup>th</sup> PRIZE - 32" Smart TV

- 50<sup>th</sup> PRIZE - **10" Tablet (Android)** 

51st - 60th PRIZE - Apple Airpods
 61st - 70th PRIZE - Nespresso Mini
 71st - 80th PRIZE - Robotic Vacuum

st - 90th PRIZE - Michael Kors Bag

• 91st - 100th PRIZE - Apple TV

• 101st - 110th PRIZE - Coach Handbag

• 101st - 710" PRIZE - Coach Handbag
• 111th - 120th PRIZE - Bluetooth Speaker
• 121st - 130th PRIZE - Ring Camera
• 131st - 140th PRIZE - Backyard Fire Pit
• 141st - 150th PRIZE - Alexa
• 151st - 160th PRIZE - 24" Smart TV
• 161st - 170th PRIZE - \$125 Gift Card

Carnival Rides, Games



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AHEPA	Nicholas Calogredes
AGAPE Meals for Kids	Irene Michalos

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### Newsletter Information

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

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

"A rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever."

-St. John Chrysostom

### July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 3rd Matthew Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm	4 Adult Basketball 8pm	5 Paraklesis 6pm-7pm	6	7 Badminton 7pm-9pm	8	9
10 4th Matthew Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm	11 Adult Basketball 8pm	12 Paraklesis 6pm-7pm Festival Meeting 7:30pm	13	14 Badminton 7pm-9pm	15	16
17 4th Council Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm	18 Adult Basketball 8pm	19 Paraklesis 6pm-7pm	20	21 Badminton 7pm-9pm	22	23
24 6th Matthew Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm	25 Adult Basketball 8pm	26 Paraklesis 6pm-7pm	27 Eucheleon Service 7pm-8pm	28 Badminton 7pm-9pm	29	30
31 7th Matthew Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm						

### August 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Paraklesis 7pm-8pm Adult Basketball 8pm	2 Paraklesis 7pm-8pm	3 Paraklesis 7pm-8pm	4 Badminton 7pm-9pm Paraklesis 7pm-8pm	5	6 Transfiguration Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm
7 Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm Baptism 1pm-2pm	8 Paraklesis 7pm-8pm Adult Basketball 8pm	9 Paraklesis 7pm-8pm Festival Meeting 8pm	10 Paraklesis 7pm-8pm	11 Badminton 7pm-9pm Paraklesis 7pm-8pm	12 Paraklesis 7pm-8pm	13
14 Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm	15 Kimisis Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm	16	17	18 Badminton 7pm-9pm	19	20 Baptism 10am-11am Wedding 12pm-1pm
21 Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm	22 Adult Basketball 8pm	Festival Meeting 6pm	24	Festival 5pm-10pm	26 Wedding 2pm-3pm Festival 5pm-11pm	Festival 12pm-11pm
28 Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am-12pm Festival 12pm-10pm	29	30	31			

### PASTORAL MESSAGE - Rev. Economos Louis Nicholas, Proestamenos

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

And so it was on the day of Pentecost. After the Holy Spirit came down upon the twelve Apostles, appearing as tongues of fire on the heads of each, and when they spoke to the crowd present, each one hearing them in their own language, all who were there were baptized. It was after their baptisms that St. Luke tells us how each of them became devoted to, "The Apostles' teaching and fellowship." The word devoted is a very strong word. It means that whatever the Apostles were teaching, this would become the most important thing in their life. A person back then would give a certain amount of time, every day, to learn about what the Apostles were teaching. They would make that part of their day solely for learning about Jesus. However, this was only part of their devotion.

The early Church also devoted their time for, "the breaking of bread and the prayers." They devoted time for worship. They gave up time during their day to pray, each and every day. This is what Liturgy is. To devote some time, and to devote a special place to prayer and worship. To focus only on God. To do God's work. Our work, as God's people, is to be with Him always. This is done mainly through prayer and good works.

"...we ought to think of God even more often than we draw our breath; and if the expression is permissible, we ought to do nothing else." St. Gregory Nazianzen (First Theological Oration no. 5) This powerful image of St. Gregory is what total devotion to God is.

Being devoted to God is hard work. It means to wholly commit yourself to Him, to make Him the most important person in your life. To be devoted to God means to let Him guide you and lead you in everything you do in life. When you devote your whole life to God, you come to realize that God is devoted to you. The best way to begin is through prayer. Taking some time out of your day, every day, to spend time with God is important. It reminds us that God is there.

At our Church youth camps, everyday, the campers spend what is called, "Alone With God." Each day the campers stop what they are doing, go off to a private little space, and spend some quiet time being alone. They are told to spend that time talking with God. It can last

anywhere from five minutes to 20 minutes. The children will tell you that this is one of their favorite times of day.

Imagine if, every day, you were able to find a few minutes to spend some quiet time doing nothing but being with God. Instead of "devoting" that entire coffee break to a cup of coffee, take half that time to be only with God. Find a quiet place to be alone and talk to God. Try it for one week and tell me how it felt. I promise you it will feel great. I promise you by the end of the week you will find that it makes you feel better and more energized than the coffee. The more time you spend with God the more time you will want to be with Him. One minute, five minutes, or fifteen minutes a day being with God will be a great comfort to you.

Take the time as well to devote yourself to worship, to the teaching and fellowship of the Apostles. Come and devote yourself to God through the Divine Liturgy. Leave the cares and desires of the world behind and be with others who have the same common devotion as you, and worship together. Be with God together and lift each other up through the prayers and become strengthened through the Cup. Come to Church as often as possible and be where God intended you to be, with Him. Use the Divine Liturgy to inspire and revitalize your spirit so that you can go back into the world confident in the fact that God is always with you, and that you can endure anything with Him. Devote your entire self to God and He will show you the way in all things.

"Worship is the norm of Christian existence. It should be the constant disposition or attitude of the Christian man. Indeed, to worship God means precisely to be aware of His presence, to dwell constantly in this presence. It is through worship that the 'new man' is being formed in the believer, and the baptismal grace of adoption is actualized. The Christian man must be always in the state of worship, whether it is expressed in words or not. In its essence worship is the orientation of man towards God." Protopresbyter Georges Florovsky (1893-1979)

### Message from the Parish Council President - Emmanuel Lilimpakis

Dear friends and fellow parishioners,

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer season!

I would like to start this issue by thanking all of you who attended and participated in all the Holy Services during the Paschal Season. Our Assumption Church needs the essential support of all the parishioners for successful outcomes in our community. It is a wonderful feeling to know that our Assumption family consists of all of you who were here during the Easter services. At the same time, it makes me wonder where are all these parishioners during the rest of the year? Why is our church empty on Sundays but filled above its capacity during the Holy Days of Easter? Let's all make an effort and try to bring a friend to church every Sunday. Let's try to approach all those who come to church once a year and make them feel the need to come to church with their families more often.

I would like at this time to express many thanks to all of you, the friends and parishioners who supported the consecration of our beautiful church. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the consecration so successful. Thank you to all who donated very important gifts to the church, as well those who support-

ed our journal and attended the very successful grand banquet.

I am very pleased to tell you that our AHEPA chapter had an amazing turnout for their first annual car show. There were over 80 cars. It was a great time had by all.

At this time, I would like to inform you of our upcoming August festival. This year we are back to NOR-MAL. I am happy to tell you that we are having our traditional festival. However, because of rising costs, I am asking all of you to please find a way to volunteer whenever you can and please help sell our raffle tickets.

As you read this issue of "LIMANI", I wish to remind everyone that we are all here for the same reason: to support our church and to support one another to grow as a community and a family.

Best wishes to everyone,

Emmanuel Lilimpakis.



### FAITHFUL STEWARDS - JUNE 18, 2022

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Mr. & Mrs. Ioannis & Mary Zoumas

Mr. & Mrs. William & Stamatia Zoumas



### IFYOU PLEDGE NOW

- You can fulfill your pledge over the next 6 months.
- A monthly payment will be easier to manage.
- You can make recurring payments through your online banking.
- You can pledge on the Church website.

### Stewardship as of December 31, 2021

238 Stewards \$36.37/Month - Average Collected - \$103,875

### Stewardship as of June 18, 2022

165 Stewards \$40.45/Month - Average Pledged - \$80,092

### 2022 Stewardship Goal

300 Stewards \$50/Month - Average Total Pledged - \$150,000



### PARAKLESIS FOR AUGUST

Monday, August 1st - 7pm
Tuesday, August 2nd - 7pm
Wednesday, August 3rd - 7pm
Thursday, August 4th - 7pm
Monday, August 8th - 7pm
Tuesday, August 9th - 7pm
Wednesday, August 10th - 7pm
Thursday, August 11th - 7pm
Friday, August 12th - 7pm

### Δεκαπενταύγουστος-Παράκλησης

Δευτέρα, 1 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ
Τρίτη, 2 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ
Τετάρτη, 3 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ
Πέμπτη, 4 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ
Δευτέρα, 8 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ
Τρίτη, 9 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη, 10 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ
Πέμπτη, 11 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ
Παρασκευή, 12 Αυγούστου - 7 μ.μ

### Hail to the graduates



Alex Smith
BS Psychology
Summa Cum Laude
Pforzheimer Honors College
Pace University



Jasmin Govits BA Business Admin. Marketing/Cyber Security SUNY Albany



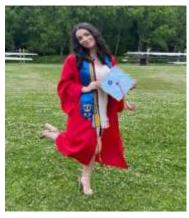
Katerina Kleopoulos, BS in Neuroscience SUNY Binghamton



Alphonse N. Dimeck BS in Biotechnology Cum Laude SUNY Buffalo



Yanni Kleopoulos Neuroscience and Spanish Double Major Wilkes University



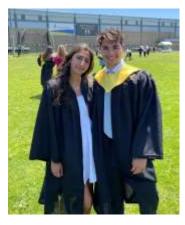
Vasia Tassiopoulos, Graduated from Knox School Attending Barnard College



George & Kyra Franks Graduated Mt. Sinai HS Attending SUNY Stonybrook



Kara Kokolakis Graduated Mt. Sinai HS Attending Marymount Manhattan



Christos Mattas Graduated St. Anthony's High School Attending NYIT



Georgia Mattas Graduated St. Anthony's High School Attending Eastern Connecticut State University

### **Not Pictured**

Sofia Tsakonas Graduated Stony Brook BS in Health Science

Fotios Tsakonas Suffolk County Community College School of Nursing Registered Nurse

### GOYA

Spring was a very busy time for our GOYAns! They participated and made so many memories at the Oratorical Festival, Port Jeff Bowl, Top Golf, Ionian Village On—The-Go Retreat, an InterGOYA trip to Boston, Silver Cross Volleyball Tournament, Mother's Day Coffee Hour, and after a 2-year pause, the Greek Olympics! They also held their first Good Friday Memorial Luminaries Fundraiser supported by so many and their year ended with a Graduation BBO!

Best wishes to our Graduates!

NICHOLAS DIMITRATOS, KYRIAKI and GEORGE FRANKS, MICHAEL MANOLIS, and GEORGIA and CHRISTOS MATTAS.

A huge thank you to our volleyball coaches, Mr. Chris Varthalamis and Miss Maria Vasiliou. Thank you to Mr Gus Xikis for cooking at our events, to Fr. Lou for his spiritual guidance, to the Parish Council, and to ALL OF YOU for your support and generosity!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Wednesday, September 14th-FALL REGISTRATION

Saturday, October 22nd-COMEDY SHOW (with Gus Constantellis and DJ KON PAPADAS)



OUR GOYA GRADUATES

### YAI



YAL Cheering on Port Jeff Olympians at Archdiocesan Youth Olympics



Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients MGOVL (Volleyball): George Franks GOADO: Kiki Franks

### GOADO OLYMPICS

### Congratulations to our Olympians!

JOY: Thomas DelBorrello

<u>GOYA:</u> Panayioti Dimeck, Sophie Divaris, George and Kiki Franks, Niko Gasparis, Alex, Ted and Michael Manolis, Christos and Georgia Mattas, John Prakas, Jeffrey Smith, Evan Vroulos

### Medalists:

GOYA Soccer Silver Medalists:

Panayioti Dimeck, Teddy Manolis, and Christos Mattas (combined with Greenlawn, Bluepoint, and Babylon churches)

GOYA Long Jump Silver Medalist: John Prakas











### Children Ages 6 Months to 4 Years Old

September 2022 Registration

### Advisors/Teachers:

Maria Rodolico, Anastasia Rondo and Nicole Iasilli

### MEETS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSROOM

10:00 am to 11:00 am *Children receive Communion with Sunday School.* 



Coming Soon: September Registration

For 5–12 year-olds!

Date: Wednesdays Time: 6pm-7pm Come join the fun! We can't wait to see you! Call the office to register.



### Learn all the traditional dances!

In the past, our children danced at various church events, Parathosi and at our annual Greek festival wearing traditional Greek costumes!

Call the office & sign up: 631-473-0894!

Dance Teacher: Katerina Lioudakis Advisor Needed!



### Altar Servers



Christos Mattas (Captain)
Panayioti Dimeck
Jeffrey Smith
Emmanuel Katsamanis
George Franks
Chris Batuyios
Constantine Katsamanis
Michael Manolis
Teddy Manolis
Alex Manolis
John Prakas
Thomas DelBorrello
Christopher Boulier

Nicholas Leoni Dean Leoni Christopher Sanders Evan Sanders Dean Doukas Jimmy Rodolico Petro Papamichael Niko Gasparis Christian Apostol Constantine Katsamanis Lucas Rubio James Foy

### GOLDEN AGE GROUP



The Golden Age Group meets twice every month on Thursdays.

There is always a delicious meal, amazing friends, good conversation, singing and a fun time for everyone.

Tell all of your friends.

### Sunday School

This school year brought quite a challenge to our otherwise normal activities. Covid made it impossible to hold our classes on Sundays in the usual manner. Midway through the year we had to change our format and conduct classes via Zoom. We did our best to conduct our classes with those who joined.

After a few months, we were again allowed to conduct our classes in person with certain restrictions. The teachers did a terrific job of presenting their lessons as we bounced back and forth. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our traditional Christmas Program this year. Hopefully we can go back to it this coming holiday season.

We had our traditional Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday of Lazarus. The children had a great time playing games and hunting for eggs. Everyone left with a goodie bag and enjoyed getting together again.

On June 5th we had our Promotion Day. Three young men, Arthur Boutis, Demetri Naimo, and Nicholas Leoni completed our 8 year program. The 7th grade also had its moving up ceremony. Certificates were given to our other students as our program concluded. We are looking forward to going back to our normal routine starting in September.

Registration will take place the Sunday after Labor Day, September 15, 2022. We will also be accepting registration during Greek School registration.

Contact:

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Jean Xikis: exikis@gmail.com







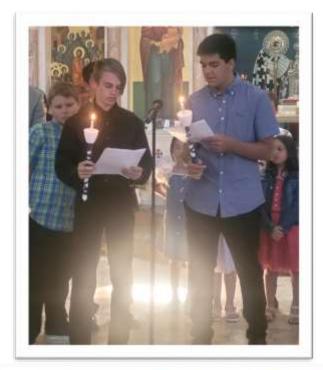
### 10 REASONS to bring your child to Sunday School

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child? Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family:

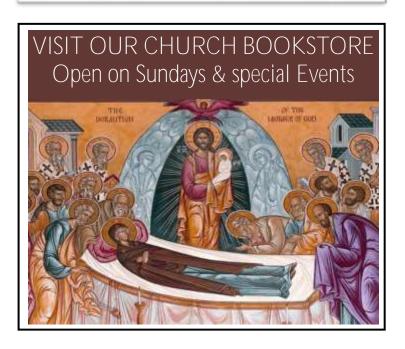
- **1. Age -Targeted Teaching**: Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that is focused toward their developmental abilities?
- **2. Friends:** Your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
- **3. It's Fun**: We may not be Disneyland, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
- **4. Spiritual Mentors**: A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire faith in your child.
- **5. Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
- **6. Praying Teachers**: Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
- **7. Big Reward for a Small Investment**: If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
- **8. Send the Right Message**: Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
- **9.** Adult Bible Fellowship: While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.
- **10. You'll Be On Time**: Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.

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### Iconography Project Phase III



### <u>The Dome</u> <u>The Life of Jesus and Mary (Η Ζωή του Χοίστου και της Μαρίας)</u>

The final phase of the dome iconography will depict several scenes from the life of Jesus Christ where the Virgin Mary is present. As we worship in this space, everything in our beautifully-adorned temple brings all of our senses to Heaven. With this theme, which completes the dome, we will be able to visually participate in the life of Christ and His relationship with His mother.

As a community dedicated to the Panaghia, it is absolutely befitting to have these scenes of Christ's life be a part of our magnificent dome. This final phase of the dome iconography project will stand as a testament to this community's dedication and commitment to a life in Christ, and our love for His mother, the Panaghia.

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

### The Archangels (Η Άγιοι Αρχάγγελοι)

This addition to phase 3 of our iconography project places six Archangels at the entrance of our temple guarding this Holy space. As we worship we can be confident that, through His angels, God is always protecting us. As we exit the Church we are reminded that we are also protected in the world.

Donation for each Archangel is \$7,000.00

#### Philoxenia of Abraham

This icon, which will be placed above the main entrance of the church, reminds us that all people are welcome, and that we have a responsibility as Orthodox Christians to always offer hospitality to friends and strangers alike.

Donation for this Icon - \$12,000.00



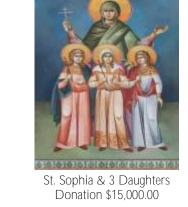


### Family Martyrs (Οικογένειες Μάρτυρες)

On the rear walls of the church, directly above the choir room and bride room, will be depicted several family martyr Saints. These family martyr Saints will be an example to this spiritual family of the dedication, sacrifice, and love we must have for God.



Sts. Nicholas, Rafael, & Irene Donation \$15,000.00





Sts. Nicholas & Alexandra Donation \$15,000.00



St. Eustathios & His Family Donation \$17,000.00



Sts. Julitta & Kyrikos Donation \$10.000.00



Sts. Terentios, Neonilla Donation \$15,000.00

If you would like to donate one of these icons for the beautification of our church, please contact the church office or Fr. Lou.

The iconographer has begun working in his studio in Greece. We plan to have the icons installed in the winter and early spring of 2023.

We look forward to seeing our church adorned with this new iconography.



### Greek School

Another year has come to an end and while everyone is looking forward to a summer break, we also know we will miss seeing our students, their families and our community center come to life on Tuesday nights.

Our school continues to grow and we are delighted to see current families returning and new ones joining us every year. Our main goal here is to foster and instill in our students a love for learning and a desire to continue to explore our beautifully rich language and culture beyond the 6 years of Greek School we currently offer. This year we began a hybrid class for students of older ages who wanted to begin learning the Greek language. We also saw an interest in a nursery class and we successfully filled it to capacity. It is never too early or too late to join us!

With each passing year, we look for ways to improve our students learning experience, whether by enhancing our curriculum with projects or crafts, or by utilizing our celebrations and other special times of the year as opportunities to explore regional customs and traditions. We welcome suggestions, ideas and input and we look forward to another fun and productive year in September!

Additionally, we would like to congratulate our graduates and we wish them the best of luck! A special congratulations, of course, to all the parents who week after week continue to reinforce the importance of Greek School. We know it takes effort and dedication and we applaud you for your commitment!

Last but not least, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, our principal, our PTO members and all the parents for your continued love and support. We wish everyone a wonderful summer!!











### DID YOU KNOW OUR GREEK SCHOOL OFFERS A NURSERY CLASS?

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PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT:

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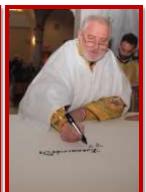
The Greek School of the Assumption is looking for a Teacher for grades 1-4. You must be proficient in Greek.

If you are interested, please contact the Greek School principal for more specific information.

Principal: greekschoolassumption@gmail.com Or contact the Church office: 631-473-0894







































































RELEASE DATE: June 8, 2022

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### Port Jefferson AHEPA Chapter 319 Holds First Annual Car Show



**PORT JEFFERSON, NY** – On Saturday, June 4, 2022, AHEPA Chapter 319 in Port Jefferson, NY, held its 1st Annual Classic Car show. The event was a rousing success with over 100 vehicles in attendance. The weather was fantastic! It was held on the beautiful grounds of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption in Port Jefferson.

The show included classic cars from the past, modified vehicles, monster trucks, and a contingent of Suffolk County Police Department Exhibition vehicles – not to mention the original Batmobile! A \$1,000 prize was given to the best in show winner as judged by independent judges. Also, at the event the brothers of the AHEPA Chapter honored Sheriff Toulon of Suffolk County for his efforts and successes in the service of Suffolk County. Special thanks to AHEPAN Brother Ray Iasilli for being the spark and committee chair, bringing the entire event to fruition. Aside from being a fundraiser to help needs in the Ukraine, additional fundraising was conducted by AHEPAN Brother John Michalos for the AGAPE Charity, a ministry of the Church of the Assumption. This charity is responsible for feeding 150 children on the weekends who would not have any support for their meals otherwise. While the chapter's efforts did indeed raise funds for all these charities, seeing all the AHEPAN brothers pulling together as team for a common cause was heartwarming.

Founded in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, on the principles that undergirded its fight for civil rights and against discrimination, bigotry, and hatred felt at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan, AHEPA is the largest and oldest grassroots association of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes with more than 400 chapters across the United States, Canada, and Europe.

AHEPA's mission is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism.

For more information, please visit www.ahepa.org.



The AHEPA team group shot in the morning during setup.
From left to right: Mike Kontonicolas, George Voulgarakis, Simon Cannavan, George Kallas, Ray Iasilli Sr., Steve Calogredes, Ray Iasilli Jr., Mike Iasilli, Louis Tsunis, Paul Zaferiou, John Damaskos, and Stavros Karakatsanis. *Photo: Michael Iasilli* 



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Serving Area, Grill Area, Pastries, Bar, Loukoumades, Runners, Register, Food Prep, Setup, Cleanup.

### Festival dates

Thursday, August 25th Friday, August 26th Saturday, August 27th Sunday, August 28th

### Hours

5pm - 10pm 5pm - 11pm 12pm - 11pm 12pm - 10pm

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, August 14th
Paraklesis - 5:00pm
Great Vespers - 7:00pm
(Light refreshments to follow)

Monday, August 15th
Orthros - 9:00am
Divine Liturgy - 10:00am
(Light refreshments to follow)

### ПРОГРАММА

Κυριακή, 14η Αυγούστου Παράκλησης - 5:00 μ.μ. Μέγας Εσπερινός - 7:00 μ.μ (Αναψυκτικά μετά)

Δευτέρα, 15η Αυγούστου Όρθρος - 9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία - 10:00 π.μ. (Αναψυκτικά μετά)

#### Dear Parishioners:

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." Mathew 25:35

I am writing to let you know about a new ministry that we are beginning here at our church. The name of the ministry is Agape Meals for Kids.

The concept is simple. For many students here on Long Island, school lunch on Friday is the last meal that they will receive until Monday morning when they return to school. That would be 68 hours of hunger for a child to experience over the weekend every weekend. Agape Meals for Kids will give our parish community an opportunity to come together to address some of that urgent need.

We will be delivering food bags containing 7 meals in non-perishable, kid-friendly, easy-to-open packaging to a participating school district with a particularly high need. These bags will be discreetly distributed by the school staff to those children who have been identified as at risk of weekend hunger and have opted into the ministry program.





Currently we have committed to providing weekend meals to 150 children consistently each week throughout the school year starting on Friday, December 3rd, 2021. We truly believe that this program can be a most rewarding community outreach. We must all become involved by donating food, money to purchase food, sponsoring a child for the school year and by volunteering to pack up the bags and deliver the bags on Friday mornings to the school district we are partnering with.

Let us all come together to show God's love and a glimpse of hope to hungry children and that our church is a place of Faith, Love and Hope.

For information on how to volunteer or contribute, please call Irene Michalos at 631-474-8063 (Home) or 631-245-2569 (Cell).

God Bless You.

Irene Michalos

When purchasing food for Agape Meals for Kids, look for easy to prepare (only add water), easy to heat (microwave or toaster), nonperishable, single-serve food items that are healthy choices, nutritional items that have a long shelf-life, and do not require refrigeration.

\*\*\*Please, no glass\*\*\*

See list of suggestions below:

BREAKFAST	LUNCH & DINNER	SNACKS	
Single-serve cereals Granola bars Instant oatmeal Cereal bars Low-fat milk cartons (individual, non- refrigerated servings) OR dry- powdered milk (individual pack- ets); individual almond milk car- tons Carnation instant breakfast packets	Single-serve tuna Canned chicken Chef Boyardee meals Hormel Compleats meals Easy Mac-n²-Cheese Single-serve pasta Microwaveable rice meals Canned chili Dinty Moore beef-stew Ramen noodles Canned vegetables (corn, string beans, peas, etc.) Canned vegetables (corn, string beans, peanut Butter/SunButter/Plastic squeezable jelly Instant mashed potatoes	Applesauce Fruit cups in 100% juice Non-refrigerated pudding cups Single-serve goldfish crackers Single-serve snack cookies Microwavable popcorn Belvita biscuits 100% juice boxes Individual pretzels Individual cheese & crackers Raisins	



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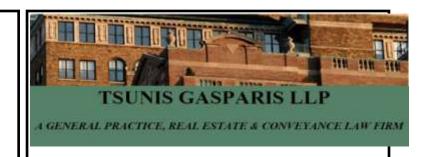
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