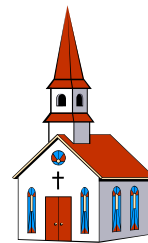


Kimisis Close-Up



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KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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APRIL 2014

Church Services Schedule:

Orthros: 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

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My Beloved Spiritual Children,

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!!



Christ is risen and death has been defeated! Christ is risen and the dead are liberated from Hades! Christ is risen and humanity has been reconciled with the Creator! Salvation came to Earth born in a manger in a cave and was buried in a tomb in a cave. Lips that He had formed reviled Him. Hands that He had fashioned beat Him. His chosen whom He had delivered rejected Him. Yet, through this all He saved us.

The glory of Christ's third-day resurrection is that it is a fulfillment of all that He preached on Earth: mercy, love, sacrifice, and forgiveness. The Paschal flame offers to each of us the light of this basic truth, that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) This is the joy of Pascha! That we were given hope where there was despair, light where there was only darkness, and life where there was death.

In the glory of the Resurrection of Christ, with perseverance and fasting, love and forgiveness, let us all come forward on Great and Holy Pascha as one family of the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Parish of Holmdel, NJ, and receive the light from the unwaning light and glorify Christ, Who is risen from the dead. May our voices resonate throughout the midnight air that Orthodoxy is indeed flourishing and that our Paschal flame burns ever so brilliantly as we proclaim with all of our souls and hearts:

It is the day of Resurrection! Let us be glorious in the splendor of the feast! Let us embrace one another. Let us speak also to those who hate us. In the Resurrection let us forgive all things. And so let us sing: Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling upon death, and to those in the tombs granting life.

Praying that the jubilation of His glorious Resurrection will truly fill your hearts with heavenly bliss and divine peace, and that all of you will have a most blessed Holy and Great Pascha with family and friends, I Remain,

With Love in the Resurrected Christ,
† Archimandrite George Nikas

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Website	Demetri Orfanitopoulos/Helen Antholis	
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dimitris Geaneas, President

Dear Stewards of Kimisis Tis Theotokou,

I hope our Kimisis Close-Up finds you and your families well. In this message, I am delighted to address the following issues:



Infrastructure

The long-awaited move from the current administrative office to the new office in the Community Center has been completed and is operational as of March 3rd. A special Thank You to Lambros Orfanitopoulos for his IT support behind this move. The old office is expected to have been converted to a “Baby Room” (a.k.a. Cry Room) by the time you receive this KCU issue.

The stage curtain in the Community Center has now been installed thanks to the efforts of Costa Phillipou.

Our Youth/G.O.Y.A.

CONGRATULATIONS to our G.O.Y.A for finishing first in the Holy Trinity Westfield Invitational annual event of Sights & Sounds. Competing among 16 Churches and becoming Champions for the second consecutive year is a remarkable feat. Their score of 151 points was the highest ever recorded in the history of S&S. Teamwork, hard work, perseverance, and believing in themselves were the main ingredients to their success.

I would like thank the G.O.Y.A. Advisors Linda Antonakakis, Basil Kotsis, Irene Sourlis, Eleni Angelkos for orchestrating this program, the Coaches for their dedication and counseling, and the Parents for their support and bringing their children to the Church for numerous rehearsals. Last, but not least, a big thank you to the V. Rev. Fr. George for his involvement, and spiritual and motivational guidance (the GOYAns love him).

Kimisis Website

Please visit and enjoy our Church's revamped website at www.kimisis.com. This website is awesome thanks to the joint efforts of Demetri Orfanitopoulos, Helen Antholis, Jim Silverman, Joe Montano and Anthony Favara.

Greek Independence Day Parade

The Greek Independence Day Parade in NYC has been scheduled for **Sunday, March 30th**. This will be the second consecutive year that our Community will be participating after a long absence. As Greek Americans, Greeks or Philhellenes please try to march and celebrate this glorious event. Free transportation will be available to all courtesy of our A.H.E.P.A. Chapter 517. To reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Mary Ellen Cestone at 732 299 0288.

Stewardship

Our Kimisis Tis Theotokou Family has been steadily growing with new Stewards. If you have not yet submitted your Stewardship form, please do so and be part of this Family, the second away from home. Thank you!

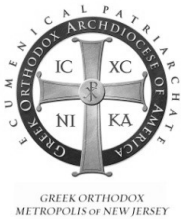
Festival

Preparations for our next Festival, which has been scheduled **for June 5 through June 8, 2014**, have started. This important Church fund raiser can only be successful with your Help. Our next two pre-Festival meetings have been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 1 and April 23 both at 7:30 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please try to attend and volunteer your time and service.

Wishing all of our Kimisis Stewards a Happy & Healthy Easter. **Kali Sarakosti kai Kali Anastasi!**

May our Panayia Bless our Kimisis Tis Theotokou Family.

In Christ, Dimitris



KIMISIS TIS THEOTOKOU GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Holmdel, NJ

Sundays: Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Weekdays: Orthros at 9am followed by the Divine Liturgy

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30pm Festival Mtg and AHEPA Mtg	2 6:00pm PreSanctified Liturgy/Meal	3 11:00am Kali Pareo	4 7:00pm Akathyst Hymn	5
6 Mary of Egypt SPRING PARISH ASSEMBLY	7	8	9 8:00pm Parish Council	10	11 8:00pm EFGOCM Lenten Concert St. Anna, Flemington, NJ	12 9:00am Saturday of Lazarus/Palm Making
13 PALM SUNDAY Philoptochos Fish Luncheon 7:00pm Bridegroom	14 Holy Monday 7:00pm Bridegroom	15 Holy Tuesday 7:00pm Bridegroom	16 HolyWednesday 9:00am PreSanctified Lit. 4:00pm and 7:00pm Holy Unction	17 Holy Thursday 9:00am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil 7:00pm Crucifixion	18 Holy Friday 9:00am Royal Hours/ Decorating of the Kouvouklion 11:00am GOYA Retreat 3:00pm Apokathelosis 7:00pm Epitaphios	19 Holy Saturday 9:00am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil JOY/HOPE Easter Egg Hunt 11:00pm Vigil Service 12:00am Resurrection Liturgy
20 PASCHA EASTER SUNDAY 11:00am Agape Vespers	21	22 7:00pm Great Vespers at St. George, Ocean, NJ	23 8:30am St. George Ocean, NJ (No Services at Kimisis) 7:30 Festival Mtg	24 7:30pm Philoptochos Wine & Cheese	25 9:00am Zoodochos Pyge	26
27 Sunday of Thomas GOYA Mtg	28	29	30	Upcoming Events: May 4 Godparents Sunday 1:30pm Special General Assembly		



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Stewardship Update

by Helen Antholis, Stewardship Chair

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is the devotion of time, talent, and treasure to the Ministries of our beloved Kimisis Tis Theotokou. As we look around us, we see so many who participate in or lead our ministries. Without us as volunteers, the vibrancy, growth, and offerings of our community would not exist. Yet, it had to start somewhere. The foundation for these ministries was established many years ago by our founders; we are most grateful.

What does Stewardship look like?

I would like to acknowledge the years of service by Frieda Mookas.

You may not know that Frieda retired as Church Secretary on March 14. From Kimisis Tis Theotokou's first days in the early 1970s, Frieda and her late husband, John, were among the stewards of Kimisis who wanted to start a Greek Orthodox Church here in the Bayshore area of Monmouth County. Since that time, Frieda has been the person who never once thought of not helping or taking the lead. Quietly, Frieda knew what needed to be done...and did it. Without fanfare or kudos, Frieda served from her heart – in the Choir, at the organ, in the Bayshore American Hellenic Association, in the Ladies Philoptochos Society, at weddings, in the office, in her home...wherever and whenever it was needed. Frieda welcomed everyone with kindness and caring, engaging their talents, and calling on them for assistance – we could never refuse Frieda when she called. She managed the distribution of work (“many hands make light work”) to numerous volunteers over the years who felt the same way that Frieda did about service, faith, and love. Her time, talent, and treasure to Kimisis are immeasurable. She has been a role model of patience and wisdom.

After over 40 years of service, Frieda has retired from her position as Secretary but she will never retire her love and stewardship to Kimisis. This is her home; we are her family.

Please join me in wishing Frieda a blessed retirement. If you would like to send her a card, you may do so by mailing it to her c/o Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church, 20 Hillcrest Road, PO Box 367, Holmdel, NJ 07733-0367.

A Form of Stewardship – The Parish Assembly

The Spring Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, April 6 following the Divine Liturgy. If you have not already done so for 2014, please complete your Stewardship Commitment form and bring it to the Church Office or email it to me at helenantholis@me.com. Also, please plan to participate in the Parish Assembly. Your stewardship and time shape the future of Kimisis Tis Theotokou.



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STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

In gratitude for God's blessings, we pledge for Christ's work
for the *CALENDAR YEAR 2014 (January to December)*

Please check one box or fill in your annual contribution to the Ministries of Kimisis:

- ☐ \$400 suggested minimum for Seniors/Singles
☐ \$720 suggested minimum for Families
☐ \$1200 ☐ \$2500 ☐ \$5000 ☐ Total Annual Stewardship \$ _____
 To be donated: ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually

NOTE: TO USE A CREDIT CARD OR BANKING ACCOUNT FOR ONE-TIME OR
RECURRING DONATIONS, GO TO WWW.KIMISIS.COM, & CLICK ON "GIVE ONLINE"

For stock donations, contact the Parish Council Treasurer or Father George

- ☐ **ONGOING STEWARDS:** Only provide name, amount, & updated information
☐ **NEW** as of _____ / _____ / 2014

Last Name _____ Phone () _____

I would like Weekly Offering Envelopes mailed to me: Yes _____ No _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip +4 _____ - _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

EMAIL _____ EMAIL _____

I prefer to receive the monthly newsletter electronically by EMAIL. Yes _____ No _____

Profession _____ Profession _____

Work/Cell _____ Work/Cell _____

Children (Names/Dates of Birth) _____

WERE YOU MARRIED IN THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please list Date and Church _____

Signature: _____

Email form to helenantholis@me.com or mail to the above address. Thank you! 2-24-14



The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Kimisis

Cordially invites you

To join us for our Annual



Palm Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, April 13, 2014

Immediately following Liturgy

In the Kimisis Community Center

Lenten Luncheon will be served:

Fried fish, skorthalia, beets, beans, potatoes, string beans, Lenten dolmathes, tarama, salad, bread. Pasta will be available for the children. All served with wine and soda, Lenten desserts, fruit and coffee/tea.

Donation:

Adults: \$20.00 Youth: \$10.00 (13-17)

Children under 12 are FREE

For reservations, please call:

Voula Perdikaris (732) 851-4319

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Please complete the information below in the tear off section at the bottom and leave at the church office Attn: Voula Perdikaris - Palm Sunday luncheon.

She will be collecting them on Sundays. Make Checks payable to Kimisis Philoptochos

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Adults: _____ Children: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

New Website Launched 2/12/14 at Kimisis Tis Theotokou

One of Father George's first initiatives for Kimisis was the upgrading of our Church website. Upon meeting with our ten-year volunteer webmaster, Demetri Orfanitopoulos, Father decided that an Internet Ministries Team needed to be formed to tap into the talent at Kimisis to assist Demetri with his responsibility. Father engaged Jim Silverman (as chief web designer), Helen Antholis, Anthony Favara, Joe Montano, and Billy Bucco to work with Demetri. Taking the Team on a virtual tour of Greek Orthodox Church websites across the country, Father George articulated his vision and set forth his new team to fulfill its mission. The Team was to establish a useful, attractive, and interactive website that would reflect the vibrant ministries of Kimisis Tis Theotokou in Holmdel, NJ.

And so, after three months, the Team is pleased to announce our newly-designed website at <http://kimisis.com>.

Using drop-down tabs for Community, Faith, Ministries, News & Events, Stewardship, and Photo Gallery, the viewer has access to an abundance of information. Organization contacts are encouraged to review their pages and inform Demetri of any changes/updates.

NEW FEATURES for Kimisis.com include:

Recent News – Home-page posts with up-to-the-minute announcements and reminders

Upcoming Events – A home-page list of the latest calendar items

Calendar – A new interactive calendar with details on services, events, deadlines, and contact persons, continuously updated

Newsletter Subscription – For those not already receiving email newsletters, sign-up is quick and easy through MailChimp. Submit your email and then, after confirming, update your profile with your first and last name.

Photo Gallery – Albums of photos synched from our Facebook page

Online Event Submissions – Through a form emailed to us, Organization and Event Leaders may submit detailed information for inclusion on the website.

Please visit our new website and submit your comments for improvements and updates to Demetri Orfanitopoulos at demetrio@comcast.net.

A special thank you to the Team: Father George for his vision and direction; Demetri Orfanitopoulos for maintaining the site for the past ten years and being chief editor; Jim Silverman who designed and established the new site; Helen Antholis for editing and maintaining the Stewardship pages and events calendar; Billy Bucco for maintaining the Kimisis Facebook page and Photo Gallery; Joe Montano for his role with MailChimp and our new Newsletters; and Anthony Favara for his IT and networking expertise.

Check it out and let us know what you think! And don't forget to enter your email address to subscribe to our new newsletter, updating your profile with your first and last name.

SAVE THE DATE

AGAPE Ministries of St. George G. O. Church, Ocean, NJ

Spiritual Growth Ministry presents: "Priests at the Roundtable"

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 7:30 pm

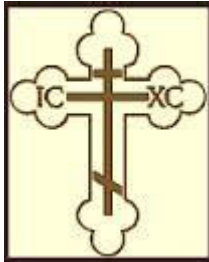
Very Rev. Archimandrite
George Nikas, Kimisis Tis
Theotokou, Holmdel

Rev. Fr. Paul Pappas,
St. Barbara, Toms River

Host, Rev. Fr. Andrew
Eugenis, St. George, Ocean

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

By Nikie Sourlis, Joyce Magriples, Nausica Orthodoxou, Anna Zamora



Our children shone in the procession of icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. They celebrated with Father George Nikas and the entire congregation on this important day. We thank all the parents for bringing in icons for the children to participate.

We hope to see you all in church during holy week to show the children the importance of each day and the significance it holds in our religion. Thank you for bringing your children to Sunday School, we are honored to help teach them our religion and we wish you and your families a wonderful Easter.

Xristos Anesti to you all.



SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, May 4th

Godparent's Sunday

The day we get to give back to the community and teach the children the importance of honoring their godparents. We hope you can join us for this special experience along with the teachers and directors of Sunday School for an extended coffee hour.

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 6, 2014 – Gertrude Hawk Chocolates will be ready for pick up.

Note: There is no Sunday School after this date due to Easter, so please make the effort to come and pick up your orders.

April 12, 2014 - Saturday of Lazarus – A Didactic Liturgy Service/ Communion Breakfast -Attend Church and help make palm crosses

April 13, 2014 - Palm Sunday No Classes - Family Worship

April 20, 2014- Great and Holy Pascha - No Classes - Family Worship
May 4, 2014 – Godparent's Sunday **SAVE THE DATE**

May 11, 2014 - Mother's Day - No Classes - Family Worship

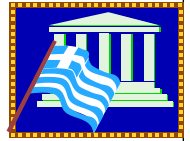
May 18, 2014 - Teacher Recognition Day - Last day of Sunday School

May 25, 2014 - No Classes - Family Worship - Memorial

Day June 1, 2014 - Graduation Day!

GREEK SCHOOL NEWS

Director: Katina Hutin PTO President & Editor : Katherine Gilbride

**Greek Independence Day :**

On Sunday, March 23rd, the Greek School celebrated Greek Independence Day and the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary after The Divine Liturgy. Our Gym was beautifully decorated in blue and white. National pride was strong, as our children proudly marched in the Gym waving Greek Flags, while the audience sang the Greek National Anthem. Some children wore ethnic costumes while others wore blue & white. Decorated pins were placed on all the children. Our children recited poems, sang songs and performed a few skits in memory of this day. Teachers, parents, extended family members and friends were so proud of all the children.

Let's extend a special thank you to our director, Katina Hutin, and to our teachers, Eugenia Manekas, Alexandra Velmahos and Anna Zamora. They worked diligently to prepare and teach our children the importance of this day.

Our expanded Lenten Coffee Hour consisted of a wide variety of delicious items. Thank you to the PTO, they generously donated food items and volunteered their time and services to make this event a special celebration.

The Services for the first 4 Friday Evenings of Lent (Beginning Friday, March 7th):

During the 1st four Salutations, a few of our students read prayers in Greek, in praise of our Holy Mother Mary (Theotokos) and our Lord. We enjoyed these spiritual evenings with Fr. George, the students and the community.

The Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser:

Our Fundraiser consisting of Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars, began mid-March. A variety of flavors are available.

The Greek Independence Parade in New York City on Sunday, March 30th:

The Greek School marched in the parade this year. We thank the Parish Council for providing a bus and Mrs. Mary Ellen Cestone, who assisted them on this task.

*Upcoming Events:***Saturday of Lazarus on April 12th - Making Palms:**

On the Saturday of Lazarus, we invite those who wish to help make palms for Palm Sunday. Liturgy begins at 10:00 A.M. and after we proceed to the small coffee room. It's a great way to start Holy Week and see people of all ages from the community participate.

Easter Items for Sale on Palm Sunday, April 13th:

Katina Hutin will have the annual sale of **Tsourekia** (Greek Easter Bread), decorated **Lambades** (candles), **red dye** (for Easter Eggs) and an assortment of **food trays** to help prepare our households for the Easter celebration. **Contact Katina Hutin to place your order.**

Information and upcoming events are available through our email system. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Gilbride at ksgilbride1@yahoo.com.

Holmdel Troop 531 Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

By Nausica Orthodoxou

As promised we celebrated our **Blue and Gold Dinner** on March 2nd. This day is set aside to recognize the achievements of the troop. Gathering together as one big family to eat a meal, share some laughs, and enjoy the great cakes baked by the Father and Son teams of the cubs and webelos. I can tell you no one was disappointed with our theme this year being **FAMILY**, all the families came with their talents to entertain everyone.

We can't thank Mr. Peters and Mr. Marinos enough for all the shopping and cooking they did for that day. A great meal, good singing and always a great time especially when each family took to the stage and entertained all of us. Big thanks to Mr. Englis who orchestrates our Blue & Gold each year and also everyone who came to help set up, served and cleaned up. We appreciate all your help cause we couldn't have done it without everyone pitching in.

To all our leaders and parents that helped that day and each week making our scouts experience a rewarding one, thank you.

Xristos
Anesti and
Happy
Easter.





by Julie Simon & Cheryl Bontales

Introduction

Kimisis Tis Theotokou Girl Scout Troop 337 thanks all who purchased candy, nuts and cookies from our Girl Scouts during our booth sales. Purchasing these products help Girls with marketing and financial skills while helping the program that helps Girls grow strong.

Girl Scouts hosted MCSPCA

We were very lucky to have representative from the MCSPCA discuss pet care with our scouts. They learned much about acquiring, raising, caring and protecting animals.

The scouts participated in an interactive discussion with members of the MCSPCA and their furry little companions as well, which delighted our very enthusiastic audience. The girls each earned their level pet care badge and received a certificate from the MCSPCA. The scouts presented the speakers with pet care items and the pets were given doggy treats for being so wonderful to our scouting audience.



Girl Scouts sponsor Food bank

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Food bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Kindly remember to place your nonperishable items in the red containers in the foyer of the community center. We will continue to provide food items throughout the year.

Collecting Board Games

Ambassador Girl Scout Cassandra Sannino is collecting board games such as Checkers, Boggle, Backgammon, for a Kimisis "gaming" closet. Kindly bring your old board games to the old kitchen in a bag with your name on it so she can thank you.

Thanks

We wish to thank Mrs. Frieda Mookas for arranging Girl Scout meeting rooms and events for the past 18 years. Fr. George and Mrs. Salomi-Charalambou-Horvath for their assistance with our religious recognition awards, and all the parents who have helped with all our projects.

Information

If you would like to become a Girl Scout or Adult Volunteer, contact Cheryl at gsusaholm@aol.com. (732-796-1006) Our Leaders are; Evangelia Dounis and Angie Belitsis – Brownies/Daisy's, Julie Simon and Katherine Gilbride - Juniors, Mary Ellen Cestone - Cadettes, Cheryl Bontales – Senior/Ambassador Girl Scouts. Please join us and have fun, learn new skills and develop lifelong friendships.

G.O.Y.A. News by Linda Antonakakis, Advisor

The GOYA Advisors and Father George would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our GOYAns on their first place win at the annual Sights and Sounds competition which took place on March 1st. Our GOYAns have worked ambitiously over the last several weeks preparing for this event. We are so very proud of their accomplishments and would also like to congratulate them on the friendship, spirituality and good sportsmanship that they showed during the competition. Many thanks also to our dedicated parents, dance instructors and various sound coaches. Your endless love and commitment to our GOYA is greatly appreciated and we look forward to sharing in many more memorable events with everyone. Below is a listing of our winners.

SIGHT WINNERS

First Place

Black and White Photography-Cassie Sannino
 Collage-Kathleen Allen
 Junior Essay-Christina Antonakakis
 Junior Short Story- Delia Noone
 Original Design On Ready Made Clothing- Eleanna Makris
 Pencil-Melina Magriples
 Stained Glass-Sтивен Simon
 Senior Poetry-Alexandra Stantzis
 Tempera-Mia Sourlis

Second Place

Collage-Christian Simon
 Computer Enhanced Photography-Christina Antonakakis
 Hand Molded Ceramics-Gina Sannino
 Junior Short Story-Christina Antonakakis
 Oils-Melina Magriples
 Stained Glass-Michael Emmanuel Simon
 Tempera-Teddy J. Sourlis

Third Place

Collage-Fran Nizza
 Jewelry Original Design-Eleni Sourlis
 Scratchboard-Delia Noone
 Senior Essay-Angela Kousouris
 Sewing-Alexia Garidas

Honorable Mention

Black and White Photography-Elias Kotsis
 Jewelry Original Design-Alexia Garidas
 Scratchboard-Christina Antonakakis
 Senior Essay-Joseph Antonakakis
 Senior Poetry-Eleanna Makris
 Senior Short Story-Irene Garidas

SOUNDS WINNERS

First Place

English Play Group
 English Singing Group
 Instrument Group
 Dramatic Pairs-Lana and Carla Kandalaf
 Junior English Monologue-Kathleen Allen
 Senior English Monologue-Elias Kotsis
 Senior Instrument Solo-Michael Emmanuel Simon
 Senior Singing Solo- Zoe Pantelas

Second Place

Junior Instrument Solo-Christian Simon
 Junior Singing Solo-Mia Sourlis
 Senior Greek Monologue-Eleanna Makris

Third Place

Senior Instrument Solo-Lana Kandalaf

Fourth Place

Dramatic Pairs-Elias Kotsis and Greg Marinos

Fifth Place

Junior Instrument Solo-Noni Theocharides

Special Awards

Best Actor in a Play-Elias Kotsis
 Best Supporting Actor in a Play-Gregory Marinos
 Best Supporting Actor in a Play-Michael Emmanuel Simon

By Gregory Marinos, Corresponding Secretary

In the beginning of March, the GOYA participated in the annual Sights and Sounds at Holy Trinity in Westfield. Very nervous and anxious to perform our sounds, the GOYAns rose to the challenge and presented next to perfect performances. At the end of the day, the GOYA was victorious and came home with another first place trophy. Every GOYAn exemplified amazing skills and talents. All should be extremely proud!

KALI PAREA

by Agatha Papadoulis

Hello and a blessed Lenten Season to all.

Kali Parea had a wonderful, tasty Lenten luncheon at our Mar. 3rd meeting. Thanks to Marie Kazanis & Anthoula Arnaoutaglou for arranging all our luncheons and to all the ladies for bringing their special dishes for us to enjoy.



We would also like to thank Father Nikas for taking the time from his busy schedule to attend our meetings and offer us spiritual guidance and a few good suggestions too. Thanks Father.

As you hopefully know by now; Kali Parea will be planning two trips for this year. Before Connie Mellas “retired” as our president she arranged two trips for us. Connie presented all the information to us at this meeting. Thank you Connie. Our first trip is to the Manasquan Reservoir on May 13. We still have some space left. The cost is between \$4/\$7 dollars. The more people who join the trip the less the cost. And our second trip is to St. Nektarios Monastery in Roscoe, NY on Sept. 20th. The cost of this trip will be \$35.00. We are taking reservations now for both trips. Please contact us if you would like to join us or if you have any questions.

We would love for you to attend.

A thank you to all the members who paid their dues for 2014. (\$15.00/yr.)

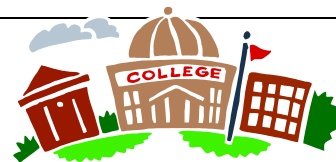
The Ladies Philoptochos Society is having it's much anticipated yearly fashion show on May 8th. If any KP members (family/friends) would like to sit with us please let Philoptochos know when you make your reservation that you would like to be at one of our tables. Looking forward to a fun night.

Kali Parea meets the first Thursday of each month from Sept. through May, at 11am in the all purpose room. Please stop by & visit with us.

Thanks, Agatha, Helen & Fran

Kimisis College Connection

by Joanna Kotsis



As we prepare ourselves with prayer and fasting for our upcoming Pascha, it is a joy to see our 'Spring Breakers' returning to the flock. As colleges and universities have different weeks of spring break, we begin to see 'our' college students during March and April in church, in the neighborhood and for some of us at home. What a joy to see their smiling faces and to hear their stories about how their studies and lives are progressing.

Andrew Paladino, a fourth year student at Drexel University in Philadelphia, is pursuing a Bachelors of Science in Architectural Engineering as well as a Masters of Science in Civil Engineering - both of which are focused on a structural discipline. Last September Andrew went on a three week intensive study abroad tour in Barcelona, Spain, where he learned about different types of architecture and interior design in the historic city. Over spring break, Andrew will travel with other engineering students to Connecticut to build a house through Habitat for Humanity. This April Andrew will begin his third and final co-op at AECOM, assisting in the design of several bridges throughout the tri-state area.

Michelle Parlamis, senior at Scranton University, Pennsylvania, will be traveling to Ireland to spend her spring break with Sofia Kotsis, junior at James Madison University, Virginia, who is studying at American University Dublin this semester. The two will be absorbing all that the people and culture in Ireland have to offer while experiencing an authentic St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Any news you would like to share about a college student or graduate, we'd love to let all our Kimisis families know.

Stay connected and please contact...

Mrs. Joanna Kotsis daskalisa@aol.com; Mrs. Cheryl Bontales bontsc@aol.com; Mrs. Salomi Charalambou Horvath msac2@comcast.net; or Father George Nikas at gnikas@mail.com

If you would like to learn more about the field of study of our college students or correspond with them, please let us know.

Any student wishing to join the college connection should contact any member of our committee of there ladies; Cheryl Bontales bontsc@aol.com, Salomi Charalambous-Horvath msac2@comcast.net, or Joanna Kotsis daskalisa@aol.com



Kimisis Graduates: *Where are they now?*

We're very proud of our young adults who have benefited from growing up in the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Church Community. This is a way of sharing with our parishioners, news about what some of these fine young men and women are doing with their lives. We hope you enjoy reading this with pride and admiration and welcome future news, important accomplishments and stories about our Kimisis graduates.



Our daughter, Megan Pauline Marinos, graduated from George Washington University Summa Cum Laude and George Mason Law School. She studied International Relations in Vienna Austria and traveled to many countries in Europe during her junior year at G.W.U. While growing up in our beloved Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church community, Megan was guided spiritually by Father George Dounelis and Father Jim Chakalos. She was a member of the Kimisis G.O.Y.A. and participated in many of their events including the Olympics and Sights and Sounds. Megan was schooled in the art of the Greek Folk dance and culture by Presbytera Ellie and Father Jim Chakalos. She was a member of the Kimisis youth dancers as well as the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey. During her years in Girl Scout Troop 337, Megan earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award attainable for Girl Scouts. She also earned the Chi-Rho and Alpha Omega Religious Recognition Awards for Eastern Orthodox Scouts. We'd like to thank Mrs. Cheryl Bontales for guiding our daughter during her scouting years. The knowledge and training Megan received in scouting has served her well. Megan is currently serving our nation as a Lieutenant J.G. in the J.A.G. Corp of the United States Navy. She requested and was granted assignment to the Yokosuka Navy Base Japan. Her duty is to provide legal support and service to the Naval Forces Japan, U.S. 7th Fleet and other operating forces assigned in the Western Pacific. Megan said her Papou Anthony's WWII Navy service stories were some of the reasons she applied for and was accepted to the J.A.G. Corp of the U.S. Navy.



Megan Marinos

We want to thank everyone at our beloved Kimisis Tis Theotokou who has helped our daughter achieve her goals. We would also ask that when you come in contact with a veteran or an individual currently serving in our armed forces please remember to thank them for their commitment and sacrifice to our great country. There is no better!

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April 6th, after Divine Liturgy.

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Festival Dates: June 5 through June 8

June 5 (Thursday) from 6 pm to 10 pm

June 6 (Friday) from 4 pm to 11 pm

June 7 (Saturday) from 1 pm to 11 pm

June 8 (Sunday) from 12 noon to 8 pm

Festival Set-Up: June 4 (Wednesday) from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Festival Knock-Down: June 8 (Sunday) from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Festival Clean-Up: June 9 (Monday) from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Pre-Festival Meetings

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May 6 (Tuesday) from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in Church Multi-Purpose Room

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The nationally famous **Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey (HDNJ)** present its **Annual Taverna Night Dinner Dance Saturday, May 10, 2014**, at the **Cultural Community Center of Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church, 20 Hillcrest Road in Holmdel, NJ**. Beginning at **7:30 pm**, attendees will enjoy a full Greek dinner buffet, Greek and popular music, and a special two-part performance by the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey. All proceeds from the event will support HDNJ in preserving the folk dance customs of Greece, and perpetuating Greek heritage in America. Funding from the event will also support the dance troupe's 2014 touring schedule. **Advance reservations** for this event can be made by contacting **Cheryl Bontales, 732.796.1006; bontsc@aol.com**. **Tickets range from \$20 - \$35 dollars**. This event is funded in part by the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey, Inc., and New Jersey State Council on the Arts - Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Part 1 features the ancient dances of Asia Minor (present-day Turkey) which was settled by the Hellenes 2500 years ago. Traditional folk dances of Pontos, Cappadocia and Smyrna will be highlighted such as, Agios Basilatikos, Kandilia, Letsi-Letsina, Varavara, Mahiera and Koutalia. As this region of Greece no longer exists, this performance is even more important as it brings a piece of this little known culture to New Jersey. "The majority of the Greeks of Asia Minor were brutally expelled from this area from 1914 - 1923. As 2014 is the 100th Anniversary of this poignant event in Greek history, we (HDNJ) were compelled to honor the culture, strength and spirit of these people," said Spiro Petroustos, Artistic Director.

Part two is a "pikilia" or assortment of folk dances from throughout the Greek world, including Karpathos, Rhodes, Crete, Macedonia, Thrace, the Ionian Islands and Cyprus to name a few. Many of the dances featured in the performance cannot be seen outside of the region in which they originated. "Through our research, we endeavor to create culturally accurate presentations of the regional folkdances of Greece. This has been part of HDNJ's mission since our founders established the troupe in 1972," said Soteria Kostas, Artistic Director. "As they are no longer with us, we strive with each performance to nurture the gift that they have passed on to us."

Proceeds from HDNJ's *Annual Taverna Night* will support this all-volunteer 501 (c) 3 nonprofit with general operating expenses. By purchasing a ticket audience members directly assist HDNJ in its mission of preserving Greek culture through presentations of the traditional folk dances of Greece.

Founded in 1972, by Fr. Jim and Eleni Chakalos, the Hellenic Dancers of NJ has researched, presented and preserved over 300 folk dances, songs, and traditions from mainland Greece, its islands, Cyprus, and Asia Minor, and passed them on to two generations of Greek Americans. The troupe has been commended numerous times throughout its 42-year history, for its dedication to its mission, as well as the enthusiasm and excitement of its performances. The dance troupe is currently comprised of first, second, third and fourth generation Greek Americans, ranging in age from 16 – 45, and representing the many Greek communities of New Jersey.

This outstanding troupe is nationally recognized for its presentation of Greek traditions and has performed at a number of local and national events including: Dukakis Presidential Rally, Inaugural Festivities for former President Ronald Reagan, Statue of Liberty Weekend Grand Finale, 20/20 ABC Television Program, Queens College of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies Benefit, O. Elytis Chair of Modern Greek Studies at Rutgers University Benefit, Union County College Folk Arts Festival, the NJ State Ethnic and Diversity Festival, for Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew upon his first official visit to New Jersey, and Greek Heritage Day with the Metrostars. Members of the troupe participated in the Closing Ceremonies of the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece and at the 2006 Centennial Epiphany celebrations in Tarpon Springs, FL.

For more information about the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey, please contact **Arete Bouhlas, Publicity Coordinator, 732.236.2108; info@hellenicdancersofnj.org**, or visit www.hellenicdancersofnj.org or www.facebook.com/Hellenicdancersofnj



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Kimisis Art Enrichment Program and its Objectives by Susan Englis

The importance of art in a child's development is recognized by policy makers at the federal and state levels and by administrators and teachers at the school level. Unfortunately with budget decreases, art is one of the first things to get cut out of the school curriculum.

An individual's introduction to art at an early age, particularly before they reach their teen years, is a contributing factor to developing an interest in art and ultimately benefitting from what art has to offer.

Art has a profound impact on young people and our goal is to offer an environment where students can build on art lessons learned, learn new art forms that may not be available at their schools and deepen their connection to the art world. Art enriches and gives meaning to people's lives, helps them to feel part of society, and celebrates cultural diversity.



Students learn about Greek Pottery Design

In addition to the intrinsic benefits that art offers, art has the ability to influence and shape a child's development on a number of levels—academically, socially & emotionally. Involvement in art allows children to express themselves—tapping into their inventiveness and creativity—and is a fun outlet that helps positively stimulate and motivate students.

Art has the remarkable ability to positively affect a child in his or her entirety—influencing his or her developmental, behavioral, social and intellectual capacities.

The role that our KAP afterschool program plays in offering a broad exposure to the variety of existing art forms can help excite children about school, engage them in academic subjects, improve their focus and spark their creativity. The absence of art from a student's life is a lost opportunity to inspire change and individual growth.

It is our pleasure and honor to be able to instruct your children in the classic method of drawing and painting. We hope to integrate a fun-filled approach to learning creative arts. There is an artist in all of us just waiting to bloom!

Susan J. Englis – contact sjeng@optonline.net

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Kimisis Health Ministry By Cheryl Bontales, RN

Hearth disease is the **No. 1 killer of women** in the United States, claiming more lives than all forms of cancer combined. For more than 10 years, the American Heart Association has sponsored National Wear Red Day® to raise awareness in the fight against heart disease in women. On February 9, The Ladies Philoptochos Society pinned all parishioners with a red ribbon as they entered the narthex of the church. On February 16th, members of the Kimisis Health ministry provided free blood pressure screening during fellowship hour. Parishioners were given their blood pressure reading, some dark chocolate candy, a red ribbon to wear throughout February and a pamphlet with some good advice to live "heart healthy". For more information go to www.goredforwomen.org



If you would like to join the Kimisis health ministry, contact Cheryl Bontales at [732-796-1006](tel:732-796-1006)

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