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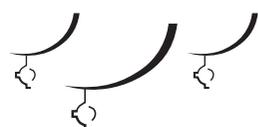
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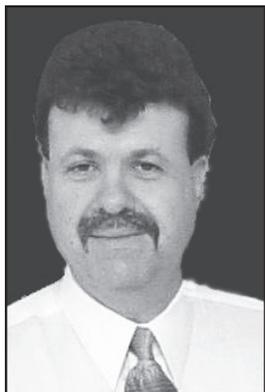
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**A Message From The Editor**



Hello Again Everybody,

At the time of this writing, I want to wish the 12th Graders a successful future. In the center pages, please read about our graduates and their plans. Also congratulations to the Greek School graduates and the Preschool graduates.

May 31st was Father Michael's last day at Holy Trinity. He was with us for ten years. I enjoyed working with him and wish him well at his new parish

It is our honor to welcome Father Angelo and Father Theodore to Holy Trinity. I am very happy to see a big response and greater attendance at church. There will be more information about the new priests in the next issue.

On March 22nd we dedicated the new Xenophon Nixon Library to store our Archives. In there, you will find old pictures, past issues of The Voice, history on how Holy Trinity began, etc. I want to give a big thank you to Gloria Kontoulas and Christine Copsis for the design and decoration of the new Library. I am the Chairman and Gloria is the Co-Chairman of the Archives. You can contact either

Gloria or me if you have old pictures of our church or Greek community here in Charlotte. Our phone numbers are listed in the Greek phone book. The Archives room is open to every member of Holy Trinity.

The Yiasou Greek Festival is very near. We will cover the Festival in the September/October issue.

Once again, we want to wish our High School and College Graduates a successful future.

Until next time,

Be Safe,

Angelo Pete Politis



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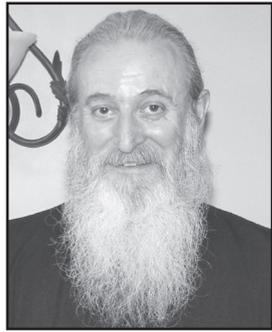


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## Remarks From Father Michael



by **Father Michael Varvarelis**  
Dean of the Cathedral

### Last Message from Fr. Michael

Today, May 31st, 2015, Sunday of Pentecost is my last Sunday as your official Priest at this blessed Holy Trinity Community in Charlotte, NC.

The reason for my transfer to Pennsylvania has to do with the tragedy and difficulty that happened to my family by losing my son-in-law. I accepted this assignment to be able and help my children and grandchildren in Pennsylvania.

However, it is hard and very difficult to separate myself from you because I came to love you and I love Holy Trinity Parish. You also have indicated to me during these last two months that, while you understand that I need to go, you wish for me to stay, because you came to love, respect and trust me as your Priest. Thank you. Quite a privilege and honor!! These past few weeks are overwhelming from your thoughtfulness and love.

I had the privilege to get to know you and you allowed me and trusted me with your joys, sorrows and pain. I found the door of your hearts open to me. Thank you!! I feel close to you as you feel close to me, as well. You became my people and I became your Priest; one more person in your families and lives. Thank you!! I felt and feel part of this respected and historic community. My Presvytera, myself and my family feel at home here. Thank you!!

Allow me to underline how blessed I feel to have served Holy Trinity Parish, which is a very strong Community of members that are committed to Holy Trinity; and thus Holy Trinity has an unshaken and very bright future! Our youth love to be close with the Church and are proud to be part of Holy Trinity. They trust the programs, the activities, the projects and the life at Holy Trinity; that is, Sunday School, Greek School, Choir, Preschool, Athletics, Dance Program, GOYA, JOY, and HOPE. The Church with the Office Staff, Principals, Teachers, Parents willing to provide, be engaged and assist, paint the most beautiful and attractive environment to participate, learn and enjoy themselves in a very blessed environment and life.

The Young Adults and Adults with love, zeal and commitment serve in the Parish Council, in Committees and Ministries in Programs and activities. How wonderful to see this happening. I hope and pray that no one is missing from serving on one, two or more Ministries, Programs and Projects in the life of Holy Trinity. In this way, you not only belong but you contribute to build and make Holy Trinity a strong family. Family is precisely how I experienced my ten-year life at Holy Trinity. Thank you!! I experienced your love, your commitment, your understanding, your trust. I thank you!!

If I may, I would like to thank you for being behind and supportive of the Renovations. The Cathedral needs your attention and your help to improve. This means that we all need to sacrifice, to be supportive and offer to the house of the Lord some financial help from the Lord's blessings. We all have to be part of this project and thank God for providing the opportunity and, in this way, to allow the Lord to bless you and your family for caring about His House. I would like to hear that this project will be done, debt free. Do not allow the Church to get a loan to pay. We all will contribute instead.

In closing, how can I close, really? I have not even started yet. So many memories, good memories connected with real persons, real events, real happenings and real life. How can you describe all these? I apologize. I don't like to talk on specific persons and their help and sacrifices for the Cathedral, for needy families, for their fellow members of the Community.

They are so many and numerous, too many to count and so caring for everyone. Thank you!!

I wish to thank you in helping me to get to know you, in helping me witness your commitment to this Community and ultimately to Christ, in helping me to serve you. Thank you!! I love you. I will miss you.

I also wish to ask for your forgiveness if I caused some people disappointment and pain through my weakness. Humbly I ask for your forgiveness. Thank you.

I know and I have experienced how beautiful, hospitable, very generous, kind, thoughtful and amazing persons that you all are. Good faithful of the Lord. I will never forget you! Moreover, I will pray for you. And, if I may, I wish to ask you to please keep Presvytera, myself and my family in your prayers. I need that.

I hope to see you outside at the Panygeri and be able to say "goodbye" personally to all.

Thank you for making my Priestly ministry meaningful and rewarding. I love you. May the Almighty God protect, guide and bless you; bless your families, bless our Holy Trinity Parish. Bless Charlotte. Thank you. May we see each other again in Charlotte and later on in Paradise. Amen.

At this time I would also like to thank His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios for assigning me to the Cathedral and for His guidance and trust. I would like to thank Fr. Tommy and Presvytera Yannoula for their love and support.

As you all know Fr. Gregory is the Interim Proistamenos for the month of June/July. I would like to say what a privilege to receive his help as he was serving in the community for the last, at minimum, three years. Thank you, Fr. Gregory for your love and quite very uplifting, meaningful and inspiring service you have provided us. Fr. Gregory will be at Holy Trinity full time for the months of June and July. The new Proistamenos will start July 1st and the assistant Priest, Fr. Theodore will begin sometime in August.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Michael Varvarelis

### Τελευταίο μήνυμα από τον Πάτερ- Μιχαήλ

Σήμερα, 31η Μαΐου 2015, Κυριακή της Πεντηκοστής είναι η τελευταία μου Κυριακή και τελευταία ημέρα σαν ο Ιερέας σας σε αυτή την ευλογημένη Ενορία της Αγίας Τριάδος στο Charlotte, NC.

Ο λόγος για τη μετακίνησή μου στην Πενσυλβάνια έχει να κάνει με την τραγωδία και τη δυσκολία που συνέβη στην οικογένειά μου, όταν χάσαμε από αυτή τη ζωή τον γαμπρό μου. Αποδέχθηκα αυτόν τον διορισμό ώστε να είμαι σε θέση να βοηθήσω τα παιδιά και τα εγγόνια μου στην Πενσυλβάνια.

Ομως είναι σκληρό και πολύ δύσκολο για τον εαυτό μου να αποχωρισθώ από εσάς, γιατί σας αγαπώ και αγαπώ την Ενορία της Αγίας Τριάδος. Επίσης, εσείς έχετε δείξει σε μένα κατά τη διάρκεια αυτών των δύο τελευταίων μηνών ότι, ενώ μπορείτε και καταλάβετε ότι πρέπει να φύγω, όμως θέλετε να μείνω, γιατί με αγαπάτε, με σέβεσθε, και με εμπιστεύεσθε σαν Ιερέα σας. Σας ευχαριστώ. Αυτό είναι για μένα προνόμιο

και τιμή!! Αυτές οι τελευταίες εβδομάδες είναι γεμάτες με την υπέροχη φανέρωση της αγάπης σας.

Είχα το προνόμιο να σας γνωρίσω και εσείς μου επιτρέψατε και μου εμπιστευθήκατε με τις χαρές σας, τις λύπες και τον πόνο σας. Βρήκα την πόρτα της καρδιάς σας να είναι ανοικτή σε μένα. Ευχαριστώ!! Νιώθω πολύ κοντά σας όπως και εσείς αισθάνεστε κοντά μου. Γίνετε δικοί μου άνθρωποι και εγώ έγινα ο Ιερέας σας, ένα ακόμη άτομο της οικογένειας και της ζωής σας. Ευχαριστώ!! Ένωσα και αισθάνομαι μέρος αυτής της σεβαστής και ιστορικής Κοινότητας. Η πρεσβυτέρα μου, εγώ και η οικογένειά μου αισθανόμαστε σαν στο σπίτι μας, εδώ. Ευχαριστώ!!

Επιτρέψτε μου να υπογραμμίσω πόσο ευλογημένα νιώθω που υπηρέτησα την Ενορία της Αγίας Τριάδας η οποία είναι μια πολύ ισχυρή Κοινότητα με μέλη αφοσιωμένα στην Αγία Τριάδα. Συνεπώς, η Αγία Τριάδα, έχει ένα ακλόνητο και πολύ λαμπρό μέλλον! Εδώ υπάρχει αγάπη για τη νεολαία μας

να είναι κοντά με την Εκκλησία και που αισθάνεται περήφανα που είναι μέρος της Αγίας Τριάδος. Εμπιστεύονται τα προγράμματα το Ελληνικό Σχολείο, την Χορωδία, το Σχολείο Προσχολικής ηλικίας, τα Σπόρτς, το Πρόγραμμα Παροδοσιακού Χορού, την Γκόγια, το Χόπι και Τζόυ. Η Εκκλησία με το προσωπικό της στα Γραφεία, τους διευθυντές των Σχολείων, τους εκπαιδευτικούς, τους γονείς που είναι πρόθυμοι να συμμετέχουν, και να βοηθούν, χρωματίζουν το πιο όμορφο και ελκυστικό περιβάλλον για όλους να χαίρονται σ' αυτή την πολύ ευλογημένη Ενορία.

Οι νέοι και οι ενήλικες με αγάπη, ζήλο και αφοσίωση υπηρετούν στο Ενοριακό Συμβούλιο, σε Επιτροπές και Διακονίες, σε προγράμματα και δραστηριότητες. Πόσο υπέροχο είναι αυτό να το βλέπεις να συμβαίνει. Ελπίζω και προσεύχομαι ότι κανείς να μη χάσει και να διακονεί σε μία, δύο ή περισσότερες Διακονίες, Προγράμματα και Εργα που αποτελούν τη ζωή της Αγίας Τριάδος. Με αυτόν τον τρόπο όχι

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## The President's Message



by **John Tsumas**  
Parish Council  
President

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to take the time today to update everyone on a variety of changes and improvements that are being made to our Sunday School schedule and a minor change to our Sunday Liturgy schedule.

I would like, first, to thank the leadership of our Sunday School for the hard work they have been putting in this summer in preparation for the coming school year. We are very blessed to have a Sunday School team that is striving to make the experience as enriching as possible for our children. Changes to our Sunday School program have been discussed for a few years but change has been slow. The reality is that the way we all grew up in Sunday School, going for two hours every Sunday, is outdated and very, very few Orthodox Churches continue to do it. The reasons behind it not being the best way are multiple.

First, two hours is simply too long for Sunday School. Our children don't spend that much time in class in their daily schools, and that is for good reason. The educational system understands that people's attention span, on a single subject, won't last for two hours. That is why you almost never see regular school

classes that are longer than 50 minutes or so. This will also benefit our Sunday School teachers, who have a tough time filling a two-hour period with relevant material.

The second reason for this change is that we are behind the times, so to speak, when compared to the rest of the Greek Orthodox Sunday School programs. Churches began going away from the two-hour Sunday School in the 80s. Fast-forward to today, and almost no Orthodox Churches are doing the two-hour school. The transition was a slow one, as many Churches were hesitant to change, but as the benefits of a shorter Sunday School began to show, many Churches made the shift.

The third, and in my opinion the most important reason for the change, is that our children don't grow up going to Church, instead they grow up going to a Church class. Families should be able to go to Church together every week, and not have to spend that time apart from each other. That is the old way, before Sunday Schools existed. This time together, in Church, is very important for the spiritual growth of our youth. Who better to set the right example for your children than you, the parent?

So, what will the Sunday School schedule look like with these changes? We are moving up the Sunday Liturgy schedule by 30 minutes each week. The main Liturgy will now begin at 9:30am instead of 10:00am. Going forward, all youth are to go to Church with their families each week. The youth will remain with their families in Church until Communion is given. After receiving Communion around 10:30am, the youth and teachers will exit the Church and report to their Sunday School classrooms. Sunday School will last around 45 minutes and will end at 11:30am. The Liturgy will finish around 11:00am,

giving a 30-minute period before Sunday School ends. This period will provide parents the time for fellowship and coffee hour, before picking up their kids at 11:30am. We ask that if you send your children to Sunday School after communion, please don't try to pull them out of class early before the Liturgy is over. This will cause too much disruption to the teaching time.

Thank you for your understanding on these improvements to our Sunday School program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Father Angelo, Father Theodore or myself directly.

God Bless,

John Tsumas

President

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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μόνο ανήκει κανείς, αλλά ταυτόχρονα συμβάλει στο κτίσιμο και τη δημιουργία για να είναι η Αγία Τριάδα πάντοτε μια ισχυρή οικογένεια. Οικογένεια, είναι όπως ακριβώς εγώ το εβίωσα αυτά τα δέκα χρόνια της ζωής μου στη Αγία Τριάδα. Ευχαριστώ !! Βίωσα την αγάπη σας, την αφοσίωσή σας, την κατανόησή σας, την εμπιστοσύνη σας. Σας ευχαριστώ !!

Αν μου επιτρέπετε, θα ήθελα να σας ευχαριστήσω για την βοήθειά σας και ην υποστήριξή σας για τις ανακαινίσεις. Ο Καθεδρικός Ναός χρειάζεται την προσοχή σας και τη βοήθειά σας για την αναβάθμισή του. Αυτό σημαίνει ότι όλοι μας πρέπει να θυσιάσουμε, να στηρίζουμε και να προσφέρουμε στον Οίκο του Κυρίου κάποια οικονομική βοήθεια από τις ευλογίες που ο Κύριος μας έχει δώσει. Όλοι μας πρέπει να γίνουμε μέρος αυτού του έργου και ευχαριστούμε τον Θεό για την παροχή αυτής της ευκαιρίας. Με αυτόν τον τρόπο επιτρέπει ο Κύριος για να βοηθήσουμε και έτσι να ευλογεί και εσάς και την οικογένειά σας που φροντίζετε για το σπίτι Του. Θα ήθελα να ακούσω ότι το έργο αυτό θα γίνει δίχως χρέος. Να μην επιτρέψετε στην Εκκλησία να πάρει δάνειο για να πληρώσει γι' αυτό το έργο. Όλοι μας να συνεισφέρουμε.

Κλείνοντας, αλλά πώς μπορώ να κλείσω, πραγματικά; Δεν έχω καν ξεκινήσει ακόμη. Τόσες πολλές αναμνήσεις, καλές αναμνήσεις που συνδέονται με πραγματικά πρόσωπα, με πραγματικά γεγονότα, με πραγματική ζωή. Πώς μπορείς να περιγράψεις όλα αυτά; Ζητώ συγγνώμη. Δεν μπορώ να αναφερθώ σε συγκεκριμένα πρόσωπα και τη βοήθειά τους και τις θυσίες τους για τον Καθεδρικό Ναό, για άπορες οικογένειες, για τους αδελφούς τους,

της Κοινότητας. Είναι τόσοι πολλοί και πολλές, είναι πάρα πολλά για να μετρήσω για την φροντίδα σας για όλους. Ευχαριστώ !!

Θα ήθελα να σας ευχαριστήσω για την συμβολή σας να μου επιτρέψετε να ωιωθώ κοντά σας, για την βοήθειά σας να γίνω γνώστης της δέσμευσής σας σ' αυτή την Κοινότητα και τελικά στον Χριστό, στην προσπάθεια να σας διακονήσω. Σας ευχαριστώ. Σας αγαπώ. Θα μου λείψετε.

Θέλω να σας ζητήσω να με συγχωρέσετε γιατί θα έχω στενοχωρέσει κάποιους με τις αδυναμίες μου. Θα σας έχω δημιουργήσει απογοήτευση και πόνο. Ταπεινά σας παρακαλώ να με συγχωρέσετε. Σας ευχαριστώ πολύ.

Γνωρίζω και έχω βιώσει πόσο όμορφοι, φιλόξενοι, πολύ γενναιοδωροι, ευγενικοί, και καταπληκτικοί είστε όλοι. Καλοί πιστοί του Κυρίου. Δε θα σας ξεχάσω ποτέ! Επί πλέον θα προσεύχομαι για σας. Και αν μου επιτρέπετε θα ήθελα να σας παρακαλέσω να έχετε την Πρεσβυτέρα μου, εμένα και την οικογένειά μου στις προσευχές σας. Αυτό το έχω ανάγκη.

Ελπίζω να σας δω έξω στο Πανηγύρι και να πώ «αντίο» προσωπικά σε όλους.

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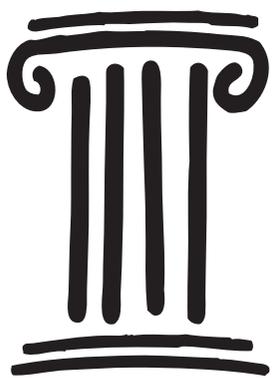
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## ΠΕΝΘΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ

**Gayle Smith Karagias** KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Gayle Smith Karagias, 51, passed away on May 27, 2015. She was born in Mecklenburg County on June 24, 1963, to Roy Lee Smith and the late Brenda Kay Bumgardner Smith. Gayle was a wonderful woman! A devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother that will be missed by many! She had a heart of gold and a smile that could light up any room. She had a radiant personality and a love for life like no other. She spent the last 17 years married to the love of her life, Mr. Theodore Karagias. They shared a home in Tennessee and a deep love for hunting, fishing, attending church and spending quality time with family, friends and their two dogs Trevor and Maibree. She was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Knoxville, Tenn. and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte. Gayle truly was a blessing to each and every person that she met and will be missed greatly! Survivors include her loving husband Theodore "Teddy" Karagias; sons, Timothy Ellis Stewart, William Dean and Evan Karagias; daughters, Starr Paysour, Joyce Dean and Jennifer Karagias; brother, Terry Lee Smith; sisters, Teresa Kay Smith-Auten and Suzanne Cherie Smith-Navey; grandchildren, Maddox Cayle Stewart, Luke Karagias, Courtney Karagias, Zachary Karagias, Matthew Karagias, Chase Parker and Macy Parker. The family received friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at Withers and Whisenant Funeral Home. Funeral Mass of Christian burial was 2 p.m. Monday, June 1, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church with Father Michael Varvarelis. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Charlotte. Pallbearers were Timothy Stewart, Evan Karagias, Jake Stewart, Luke

Karagias, Jarrod Tenny and William Dean. Condolences may be made to [www.withersandwhisenantfuneral.com](http://www.withersandwhisenantfuneral.com). Withers and Whisenant Funeral Home and Cremation is serving the family.

**Virginia Pleasants Kokenes "Jenny"** CHARLOTTE - Virginia "Jenny" Pleasants Kokenes, 70, of Charlotte, NC, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at Levine & Dickson Hospice House at Southminster. She was born February 9, 1945 in Clearwater Beach, FL, daughter of the late Graydon Oliver Pleasants and Virginia Shaffner Pleasants. Jenny was raised in Winston-Salem, NC where she attended the Summit School and graduated from Salem Academy and Salem College. Jenny is survived by husband Dean Kokenes of 28 years Charlotte, NC; daughter Adair Sheahan, husband Dan, granddaughters Reilly and Bridget Denver, CO; daughter Winston Rice Aspen, CO; brother Graydon Pleasants, wife Margaret Scales, niece Virginia, nephew Graydon Winston-Salem, NC; step-son Stephen Kokenes, wife Leigh, grandchildren Corrine and Stuart Raleigh, NC; step-daughter Kristen Xerras, husband Greg and granddaughters Alex, Olivia and Mia Charlotte, NC. Jenny lived and loved wholeheartedly. She was passionate about the art of fine horsemanship from an early age. Jenny remained an avid and devoted equestrian and got deep personal fulfillment from it throughout her life. She raised her daughters, Adair and Winston, with an appreciation of her love of horses and her independent spirit. Jenny expressed and shared her creativity, generosity and compassion through her love of baking, gardening and travel. Her favorite destination was always the beach. Jenny and Dean found great enjoyment and satisfaction exploring many far flung places of interest. These travels were enriched by family visits, time spent with children and grandchildren, as well as making new friends and visiting old friends. Their quest for adventure led them to Aspen/

Snowmass Colorado for 15 winters where they worked and enjoyed living the full Rocky Mountain experience. Last summer, Jenny fulfilled her lifelong dream of riding in a "real deal" cattle drive in Wyoming with girlfriends. Jenny would want us all to remember to be kind, have fun and live life to the fullest. If you would like to make an expression of your love in Jenny's honor, you may do so by making donations to either Misty Meadows Mitey Riders, 455 Providence Road South, Weddington, NC 28173, [www.miteyriders.org](http://www.miteyriders.org) or Levine & Dickson Hospice House at Southminster, 8919 Park Road, Suite 1000, Charlotte, NC 28210 [www.hpcpr.org](http://www.hpcpr.org). A celebration of Jenny's life will be held at a later date.

**Mariyoula Leris "Mary"** CHARLOTTE - Mrs. Mariyoula "Mary" Maroulis Leris, age 101, of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away on Monday, May 11, 2015. She was born on February 14, 1914 in Chrysou, Evrytania in Greece. She was the youngest daughter of John Maroulis and Martha Moutselos Maroulis. Mrs. Leris is preceded in death by her husband, Gerasimos "Tom" Leris who died on March 22, 1995. She is also preceded in death by her four brothers and one sister. She came to the United States in 1951 and worked in the family restaurant in Kinston, North Carolina. She married Gerasimos and joined him

in running their restaurant, The Williams Restaurant, in New Bern, North Carolina from 1955 to 1981. After retiring, they moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral and the Ladies Philoptochos Society. She enjoyed spending time gardening, cooking, attending church and spending time with family, friends and her Godchildren. She was generous and donated to several charitable organizations. She is survived by several cousins, nephews, nieces, great-nieces, great-nephews in the United States, and in Greece. The Fortos Family would like to thank the staff of Brookdale Cotswold Senior Living Facility and Community Home Care and Hospice of Indian Trail for all their care and support. The Trisagion was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 11:30am at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 600 East Boulevard, Charlotte with funeral services immediately following. The burial followed at the Evergreen Cemetery. Memorials may be made in memory of Mrs. Leris to the Renovation Fund of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 600 East Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28203. Arrangements are in care of Hankins and Whittington Funeral Service, Charlotte, NC. Please share online condolences at [www.hankinsandwhittington.com](http://www.hankinsandwhittington.com).

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**Daughters of Penelope By Eleni Livas Bingham**

The Daughters of Penelope's 2015-2016 officers have been selected: President: Diane Ramsay; Vice-President: Dot Delano; Recording Secretary: Irene Politis; Corresponding Secretary: Mary Alexis; and Treasurer: Dianne Leventis.

Activities are underway to plan the organization's 20<sup>th</sup> annual Queen of Hearts High Tea and Fashion Show which will be held at Carmel Country Club on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Fashions will be provided by TALBOTS of Charlotte.

Many tables have already been sold for next year's event. For those interested in purchasing a table of ten (10) @ \$400 please contact Dianne Leventis at [daleventis@bellsouth.net](mailto:daleventis@bellsouth.net).

Following is the schedule for the upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday, September 15: Shun Lee Palace in Cotswold. The meeting will begin at 6:30.
- Tuesday, October 20: Zoe's Kitchen at SouthPark. Meeting begins at 6:30.
- Sunday, November 8: Daughters Founders Day will be celebrated after the second Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Refreshments will be provided at the coffee hour in the social hall.

- Wednesday, December 2: Christmas Tea at Ballantyne Resort at 3 pm.
- Tuesday, January 19: Preparations for the High Tea, Holy Trinity Cathedral, 6:30. Pizza will be served.
- Tuesday, February 9: Final preparations for the High Tea Program at Holy Trinity Social hall. Coffee and donuts will be available.
- Tuesday, March 15: Presentation of check to the Levine Cancer Institute. At the Institute at 3 pm.
- Tuesday, April 19: TBD
- Tuesday, May 17: TBD

The Daughters has re-printed its Holiday Classics Greek Desserts Cookbook and has it available at any of its upcoming meetings or by contacting Pat Economides at [patricia99@bellsouth.net](mailto:patricia99@bellsouth.net). Price is \$5.00. These make wonderful hostess or birthday gifts or stocking stuffers.

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**Cathedral Foundation By George A. Watson, III**

Out of interest, I was recently reading up a little on the history of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Foundation of Charlotte, North Carolina (the Cathedral Foundation).

Our Cathedral Foundation was established in 1973, with funds from the estate of the late Konstantine Mantzouranis, who died April 24, 1961, leaving a testamentary trust. That trust provided that the principal could not be expended, but that the interest could be distributed to Holy Trinity Cathedral of Charlotte, North Carolina. During the period of time between his death and the formal establishment of the Foundation, the moneys and investments were held in the Trust Department of North Carolina National Bank. On February 5, 1973, the trust indenture for the Foundation was executed, with the following individuals having been elected as the initial Trustees by the Community and signing the Trust indenture:

- Nick D. Kaperonis
- George Diamanduros
- Jimmie Pourlos
- George J. Miller
- Steve M. Karres
- Peter J. Couchell
- Philip J. Forlidas

The Reverend Phaethon Constantinides and Mr. James T. Cavalaris signed as witnesses to the original Trust indenture. The Foundation has been approved as a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service and is listed on its "Cumulative List of Organizations" (<http://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>, search EIN 23-7376106).

Since those early days, the Foundation has continued its charitable mission of making donations for "financial assistance", to "other worthy charitable institutions", to the care of the "indigent, sick, aged, and helpless", for "burial expenses for destitute members of the Church", and for the "advancement of education".

More specifically, through all these years, the Foundation has been an angel for the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. In fact, according to an article

written by the late Xenophon F. Nixon, "[b]etween the years 1963 and 1973 .... the Foundation was pumping into the general treasury of the Community a sizeable amount of money annually from its earned interest income for the financial needs and administrative expenses of the Church." Mr. Nixon went on to cite specific contributions the Foundation made since 1973 (and up until the date of his article, November 19, 1980):

January 23, 1974 – \$4,500.00

April 1, 1976 – \$6,000.00

August 31, 1976 – Began paying the interest on a Church loan of \$40,000.00 for renovations to the Church's lower level, said interest totaling some \$5,292.61

September 22, 1977 – \$10,000.00 to pay off part of the 40,000.00 loan

April 26, 1978 – \$6,000.00 for the Church's roof repairs

March 28, 1979 – \$4,000.00 for the Hellenic Center's roof repairs

August 10, 1980 – \$4,000.00 60-day, no-interest loan to the Cathedral's treasury

Mr. Nixon summarized by saying that "one will find that over the years and up to the present time [November 19, 1980], there was over \$60,000.00 given by the Foundation to the Cathedral Church for its financial obligations and various projects."

Since 1980, the Foundation has made donations for the benefit of the Church too numerous to itemize. Most recently, the Foundation paid its pledge of \$20,000.00 to the Church for the courtyard renovation project.

We are very fortunate to have a Foundation which benefits our community. As one who has been a member of various communities around the United States, Charlotte's community is the only one I have found with such a Foundation. The Foundation's financial assets now total approximately \$1.5 million and should be there for us for many years to come! Please consider making a gift or legacy to the Foundation by contacting any of the current Trustees.

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**Service:**

As believers we like to fulfill our commitment to serve others within and outside our Community. We do this by sharing our time, talent and treasures for the ministry and the glory of the Lord.

## Sunday School By Dena Hondros

### Sunday School Spring Service Projects

Spring was a busy time for our Sunday School department. All of the classes participated in the Spring service project by assembling more than fifty blankets and hope kits. The donations were boxed up and sent to Saints Helen and Constantine Orthodox Church in Kenya, East Africa.

During Holy Week, the fourth and fifth grade girls were the myrrh bearers during the Good Friday Lamentations Service. In addition, Sunday School students helped make crosses for the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.

### Sunday School Senior Trip to Saint Photios

On Thursday, April 16, eight seniors embarked on an unforgettable trip to Saint Photios Shrine in St. Augustine, Florida. The seniors were accompanied by Holy Trinity's new assistant priest Father Theodore Ehmer and chaperones: Effie Fotopoulos, Mena Metaxatos, Effie Rodriguez, John Couchell, and Aphroula Couchell.

Saint Photios Shrine is a hidden gem that sits right in the center of historic St. Augustine's main streets. It is a shrine dedicated to the first Greek immigrants

who came to America in 1768. The shrine exhibits the life of the first Greek settlers and the St. Photios Chapel is the first Greek Orthodox church built in America. The chapel is known for its Byzantine depictions of Christian apostles and saints. While at the chapel, the seniors had spiritual discussions with Father Ehmer and visited and worshipped at the St. Photios Shrine. They also learned about the Orthodox Christian Mission Center and explored the old town of St. Augustine.

On Friday evening, the seniors had dinner with His Grace Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthos at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hillier, their gracious hosts. The seniors and chaperones also attended Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral in St. Augustine where they met and spent time with His Grace and Reverend George Ioannou, the presiding parish priest.

There is no doubt that this trip was a highlight for these young men and women during their senior year at Holy Trinity Sunday School. We wish them continued growth in all of their personal and spiritual endeavors.

Dena Hondros



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# 2015 High School Graduates



**Nicholas John Couchell**

**Providence High School**

National Honor Society, German Honor Society, Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA)

Ran Cross Country and Track all 4 years, Captain senior year

Attended AHEPA Academy, Free Enterprise Leadership Camp at Wingate University, Broyhill Leadership Conference Camp at Queens University

Served as Senate Page for North Carolina Senator Robert Rucho

Received Young Ambassadors award from Carolinas Medical Center for children's book project.

Volunteered at Crisis Assistance Ministry, Joy Prom, Ronald McDonald House.

Participated in GOYA activities as officer, played church basketball and soccer, served as altar boy, and danced at HDF.

Internship at Carolinas Medical Center and cashier at Showmars.

Will attend the University of South Carolina on the Woodrow Scholarship majoring in Public Health and Exercise Science.

**Zachary Demopoulos (Zack)**

**Souh Mecklenburg High School**

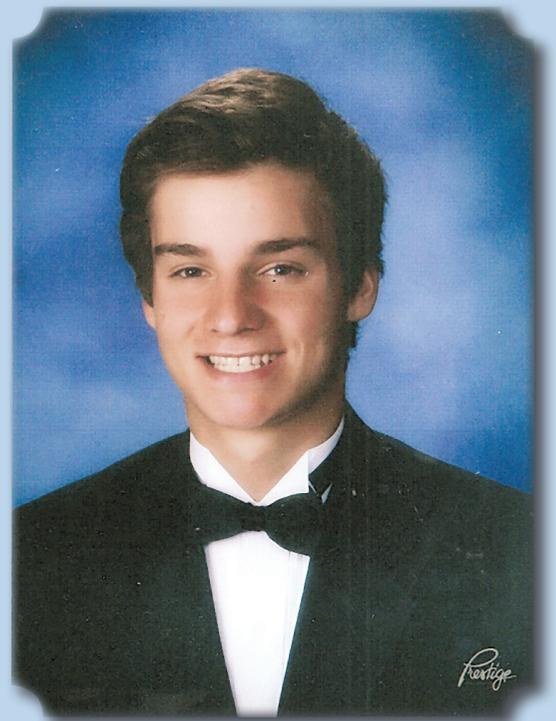
Played multiple high school sports, wide receiver football 3yrs. Sticky finger award for catching. Golf 2yrs represented south meck at regionals. Track 1 yr, and Basketball 1 yr. Chosen to be a stunt double in football scenes for Nat Wolf in the movie Ashby. Also an extra in scenes and had a speaking line.

Member of National Honor Society, and Comapassion in Action club.

Coach for girls powder puff flag football games 2 yrs.

Participated in Joy Prom service project 2 yrs, Alter Boy for many years, Danced and worked festival, Participated in HDF dance competition 2 yrs, Class representative for Goya 2 yrs. Worked at family restaurant, Zacks for many years.

Will go to UNCC and or eventually NC State to major in Mechanical Engineering



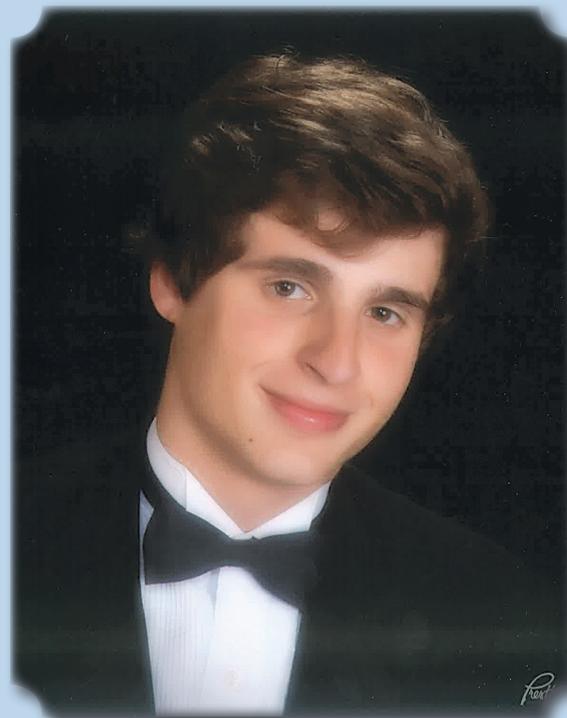
**Peter Drossopoulos**

**Myers Park High School**

International Baccalaureate diploma student

National Honor Society

Will be attending university of North Carolina at chapel hill honors college



**Angelika Nicole Ballas**

**Myers Park High School**

Angelika graduates from Myers Park High School. She was a Member of both the Junior and Senior Honor Societies. She received Honors, Awards and Recognition for Underclassmen. She was active and participated in Holy Trinity Youth programs, GOYA, Sports, HDF, Festivals and Oratorical Festivals. Angelika's future plans are to attend the University of South Carolina in Columbia and to Major in Business and Interior and Structural Design.



**Alexander Chase Dorton**

**Myers Park HS: 2013-2015**

**TL Hanna HS (Anderson, SC): 2011-2012**

Distinguished career Showmars 10/14 - 5/15

Enjoys weight lifting, basketball, golf

Hobbies: fly-fishing

East Carolina University - undecided major



# Congratulations to our 20



**Katerina Exarhos**

**Marvin Ridge High School**

Achievements: Katerina is the daughter of Vasili and Vicki Exarhos.

While attending Marvin Ridge High School, Katerina was a four-year A/B

Honor Roll student, and member of the National Honor Society, a member

of the Interact Club,(9th-10th grade) and a member of the French Honor

Society her Junior and Senior year. Her athletic involvement includes

IFBL/church basketball since the 5th grade. Katerina's Church activities

include: graduating first

in her class from Greek School, active GOYA

member and class representative in the 9th-10th grade, volunteering at the Yiasou Greek Festival, dancer in both the Greek Festival and Hellenic Dance Festivals, St. John Chrysostom Oratorical participant and finalist 7th - 12th grades. Katerina's activities outside of school include working, and spending time with friends and family.

College/Future Plans: Katerina will be attending UNCC, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.



**Despina Kaitlyn Giotis**

**South Mecklenburg High School**

Despina Kaitlyn Giotis, the daughter of Mike and Lisa Giotis, is graduating from South Meck High School on June 14, 2015, as an AP Scholar. She is the treasurer of Compassion in Action and has been an active member for two years. She is Co-Founder of Project Unify and has been an active member for four years. She is a member of the Senior High School Council and an SMTV news anchor and mentor. Despina has received the silver and bronze

Presidential Service Award for community service. She has participated in the Hellenic Dance Festival, St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival and been an active member of GOYA. Despina has danced and competed with Miss Donna's School of Dance for 15 years in tap, ballet, pointe, jazz, hip hop and lyrical. Despina will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall where she will pursue a degree in Nursing. This summer, she will work, spend time with family and friends and travel to Haiti.

**Paul Christopher Lowder**

**South Mecklenburg High School**

Paul is the son of Craig and Irene (Kontoulas) Lowder. While attending South Mecklenburg High School, his Academic Achievements were as follows:

Four-year A/B Honor Roll Student  
BETA Club

National Honor Society  
National Math and Science Honor Society

Junior Marshall (Top 30 in Junior Class)

Compassion in Action Service Club

His Church and Personal Achievements were as follows:

GOYA

HDF (four years)

Danced and volunteered at the Greek Festival

Church Basketball League

AHEPA Academy (Summer of 2014)

Marching Band (four years)

Indoor Percussion (four years)

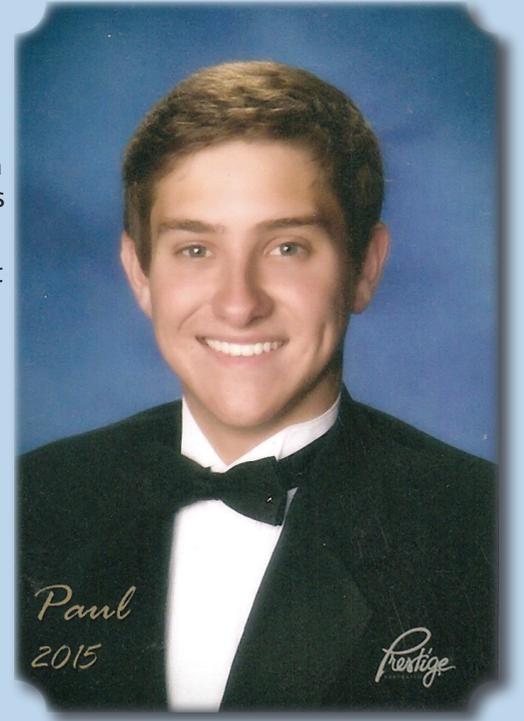
Volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House

Escort at the Joy Prom (two years)

Volunteered at the Second Harvest Food Bank

Peer Tutor for the past two years

Paul will be attending the University of South Carolina as a Capstone Scholar in the fall of 2015. He is a recipient of the Cooper Scholarship and will be majoring in Math.

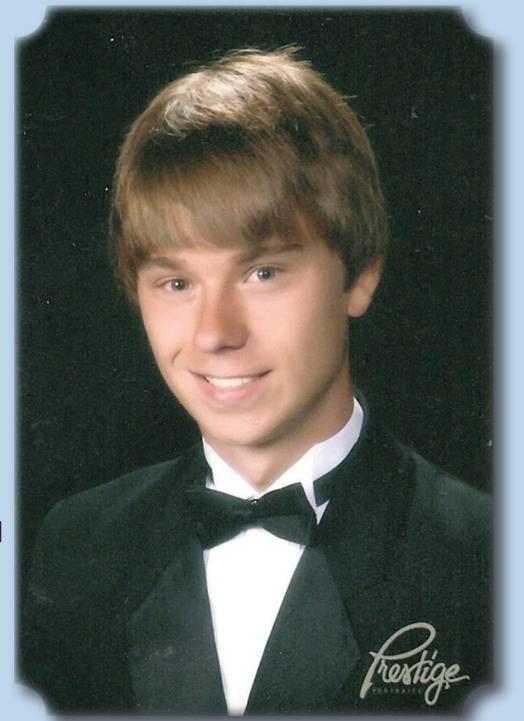


**Nicholas Petros Kakavitsas**

**North Mecklenburg High School**

He graduated with honors from North Mecklenburg High. He was recognized to participate in the National Honors Society. He volunteered at the Yiasou Greek Festival and was also a dancer. Throughout high school, Nick volunteered at an Alzheimer's facility where his grandmother was a resident. He also volunteered at a local elementary school tutoring students. Nick has been the leader and participated in many community service projects. Nick is editor of the North Mecklenburg Yearbook.

Nicholas will be entering the Engineering Program at NC State in the fall. He hopes to double major in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering.



# 15 High School Graduates !!



**Margarita Margiotis**  
Ardrey Kell High School

Margarita Margiotis is the daughter of Jimmy and Maria Margiotis and is a senior at Ardrey Kell High School. Margarita was an active member of Operation Smile Club and Bright Knights Club, where she tutored two little girls. She was inducted into National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She was a recipient for the Knight in Action program for completing 100 hours of community service. Margarita ran cross-country throughout her freshman, sophomore

and junior years. In addition to the school activities, Margarita is also very engaged within the church activities, such as dancing in the Greek Festival since kindergarten and competing in HDF several years. She has loved playing basketball since 3rd grade with her church friends and participated in tournaments in Richmond, Norfolk and at Winter Youth Rally. This year her team brought back the championship trophy from Winter Youth Rally and put Charlotte's title back on top. Margarita also participated in the oratorical for six years and has been a finalist for three years.

Margarita will be attending CPCC and plans on becoming a Dental Hygienist.



**Konstantinos "Konner" Mantekas**  
Ardrey Kell High School

Konner is the son of Steve and Janine Mantekas.

While attending Ardrey Kell High School, Konner was a four year A/B Honor Roll Student and was inducted into the National Honor Society as a Junior.

As a graduating Senior he was recognized as a North Carolina Scholar and a Presidential Scholar. He was an active member in DECA Marketing Club, Spanish Club and Mu Theta Math Honor Society.

Konner's Church activities include: volunteering at The Ronald McDonald House, Second Harvest Food Bank, Samaritans Purse, Vacation Bible School, The Annual Greek Festival, helping coach Middle School Basketball and played High School Basketball and Soccer. Konner is currently the Vice President of Goya.

Konner has also worked at his parents' restaurant, Captain Steve's Seafood, several days a week for many years.

College/Future Plans: Konner will be attending the University of South Carolina, as a Capstone Scholar, in the fall of 2015 and plans to major in International Business.



**Stefania K. Palamaris**  
Providence High School

Stefani is in the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), FFA Club (Future Farmers of America), the Key Club and the Mosaic Club. Her athletic involvement included Holy Trinity Girls' Basketball team, which she helped bring home the Championship Trophy from Winter Youth Rally in Atlanta. She also played on the Holy Trinity co-ed soccer team for two seasons. She has danced in the Yiasou Greek Festival since kindergarten and participated in

the Hellenic Dance Festival for the past four years, each year bringing home a medal. She also instructs the rising 1<sup>st</sup> grade dance group for the Yiasou Festival. Stefani has been a participant in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. She is certified in CPR and is a certified Lifeguard, which she greatly enjoys. Stefani is a volunteer at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Stefani has been accepted into Queens University planning to major in Biology.



**Margarita Aphrodite Pistiolis**  
Providence High School

During Margarita's four years of High School she was involved in, Spanish club, Key club, FBLA, Honor society, High school Soccer and club soccer teams, Dental internship with Sautter Dentistry, Physical therapy internship with Presbyterian Hospital Matthews- Program of Charlotte Mecklenburg schools. She also did volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, Loaves & Fishes, Second Harvest Food Bank, Soup Kitchen of Charlotte, and Ronald

McDonald House, and for Hawkfest at Elizabeth Lane Elementary School and McKee Road Elementary School's Jamborees. Active Church member, GOYA (6th-12th), Yiasou Greek Festival volunteer, Festival dancer (k-12th), Hellenic Dance Festival (competition 9th-12th) GOYA, WYR(9th-12th) and Holy Trinity's Basketball team in the IFBL. Margarita was accepted to Wingate, Queens and East Carolina University. Margarita enjoys playing sports like soccer, basketball, and volleyball. She also enjoys the swimming, the beach, Jet skiing, baby sitting and being with her family.

Margarita will attend CPCC and UNC-Charlotte, with plans to attend the Dental Hygienists program.

# 2015 High School Graduates

## Aleksandros Soutzos

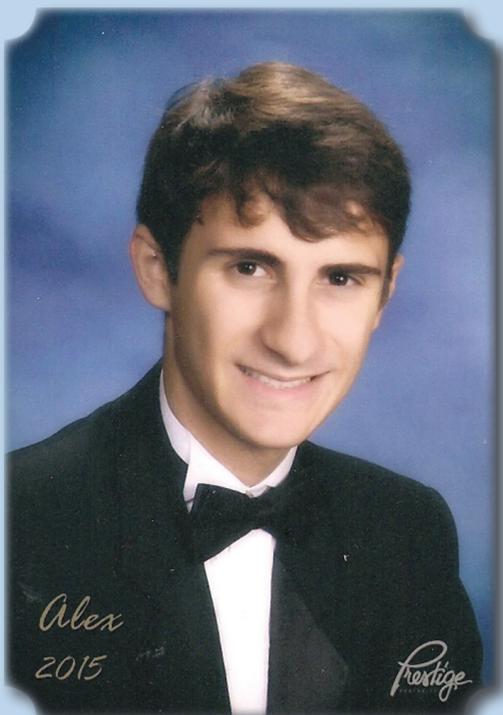
### Providence High School

At Providence High School, Alex participated in several extracurricular activities. He was a member of different clubs.

#### Achievements:

Science Olympiad (9-12)  
 Officer senior year  
 Mu Alpha Theta (10-12)  
 Competition Chair senior year  
 TSA (Technology Student Association) (10-12)  
 National Honors Society (12)  
 National Technical Honors Society (12)  
 Science National Honors Society (12)  
 AP Scholar with Distinction  
 Platinum Award on Work Keys test

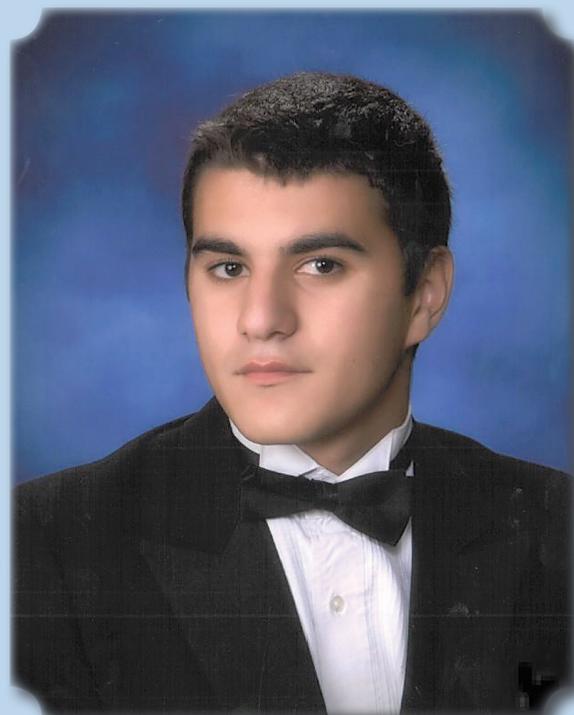
Graduated Greek School  
 Greek dancing for 12 years  
 HDF (9-12)  
 Sports:  
 Track and Field senior year  
 College plans: North Carolina State University – aerospace/chemical engineering



## Demetri Kaloudis

### Myers Park High School

Demetri Kaloudis, son of Petros and Kiki Kaloudis, graduated from Myers Park. Demetri was a three year varsity starting soccer player for Myers Park. He also plays basketball for the church, participates in HDF and his favorite activity, dancing for the Greek Festival. In the fall Demetri will attend CPCC.



## Johan Hendrikus van Ettehoven

### Providence High School

#### Achievements:

--played competitive soccer for eight years at Charlotte Soccer Academy  
 --Nathan Keeling Award of Excellence for strong leadership qualities, outstanding athletic abilities, high academic achievement and display of exemplary sportsmanship  
 --1st degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do  
 --graduated Greek School at Holy Trinity  
 --danced in the Yiasou Festival every year  
 --one year of Hellenic Dance Festival  
 --one year on Jr. Varsity Soccer Team and three years on Varsity Soccer Team at Providence High School  
 --German Club at Providence High School  
 Plans to attend East Carolina University and study Business Administration and Hotel Hospitality Management with a minor in German.



## Christos Vlahos

### Myers Park High School

At Myers Park High School, Chris participated and played football all four years during his high school career. Chris participated in church activities such as GOYA, danced and volunteered at the Yiasou Greek Festival, HDF and Altar boy. He has played soccer and basketball for our church leagues. He has also been the assistance coach for our boy's youth basketball team for the past two years.

Chris plans to attend East Carolina University and major in Finance.



## Sheldon Anastazia Stewart

### South Mecklenburg High School

2005 World Karate Champion  
 Jr. Varsity Cheerleader  
 Varsity Cheerleader  
 Hellenic Dancer – 12 years  
 Powderpuff Football player  
 Key Club  
 Homecoming Court  
 Plans to travel to Europe over the summer  
 Attend C PCC for two years to take basic courses and then transfer to UNCW and major in Pharmacy.



**Preschool By Preschool Staff**



**Whooh's in the News at the Preschool?**

It is hard to believe how quickly this year has gone by and that summer is here. May is always a very busy month at the preschool as we wrap up the school year. In addition to the spring themes, the last month of preschool is also a time for reviewing everything the children had learned throughout the year so that they are ready to move on to the next grade level. The children were eager and enthusiastic as they accomplished each new challenge. It was such a joy to watch them learn and grow throughout the year. We are proud of each one of our preschoolers and all that they have accomplished this year. During the month of May, we celebrated Mother's Day with our annual "Muffins for Moms". On May 12th and 13th, we invited our preschool Moms and Grandmothers to come to the classrooms and share a special morning snack with their children and grandchildren. Happy Mother's Day to all of the moms and grandmothers in our preschool and church



**Graduates Line Up**

family. The children also worked very hard practicing for the Graduation and End of Year Celebration program that was held on Friday, May 29th. This was a special day to honor all of our preschool students and a time to celebrate the graduation of our four year class. As always, the children did an excellent job entertaining us with a medley of songs.

The end of each school year is bittersweet as preschool comes to an end. We will miss all of our children over the summer but look forward to seeing our returning and new students when preschool starts back

in September. To our rising kindergartners, we wish them many blessings as they begin this new journey towards Kindergarten and beyond. We were grateful to have shared in the early stages of their education. Our preschool program strives to provide each child with a solid foundation for them to build upon as they transition from Preschool to Elementary School. We are proud to know that our rising kindergartners are well prepared to move on to "big school". We hope they will come back to visit the preschool and anxiously await to hear all about their new schools and the Kindergarten experience...we will miss them!

As June arrives and preschool is out for the summer, it is time for the teachers to pack up their classrooms, put away all the fun and educational materials and to begin preparing for the coming year. We are very grateful and fortunate to have a group of caring and dedicated



**Graduates with Fr. Michael**

teachers in our preschool program. We appreciate their hard work, the countless hours they spend preparing for their classes, and for all they do for our children and the school. A Big Thank You to...Angelina Korinis, Anna Koufaliotis, Athina Politis, Mahi Politis and Stasy Skarlatos. Throughout the summer, the staff will be preparing for the 2015 -2016 school year.

At HTGOP, we are truly blessed to have such wonderful parents in our preschool family. We appreciate all they have done for the school and for supporting all of our programs, activities and fundraisers. The parents are a huge part of what makes our school so successful. On behalf of the staff, we want to thank the children and their parents for the many thoughtful things they have done for us throughout the year. Most of all, we are grateful to our parents for allowing us to share in the academic, social and spiritual development of their children. The children and their families will always

have a special place in our hearts. There are many other people we also need to thank. Thank you to Fr. Michael, the Parish Council and the entire Holy Trinity community for their constant support of the preschool program and all of our fundraising projects. We could not have done it without you. This year's graduation program was especially hard because we had to also say good-bye to Fr. Michael and Presvytera Maria. They were always there and available for our children, our



**Graduating Class 2015**

preschool programs and our staff. We wish them well in their new community and look forward to seeing them when they visit Charlotte. You are forever in our hearts and we will miss you!

If you would like information regarding the preschool or if you would like to register your child, please contact the preschool office or the co-directors. Spaces are limited. Thank you again to our parents for sharing your children with us, good luck to our rising kindergartners



**Graduation Program**

and we look forward to seeing our returning and new preschool families in the fall. May God continue to bless our preschool children, their families and the Holy Trinity community. Have a good summer... Kalo Kalokeri!

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Σύμφωνα με τόν Απόστολο Παύλο , αδελφοί μου, ο πραγματικός Χριστιανός ζει μέσα στόν κόσμο , αλλά δέν ζει τά του κόσμου . Πιό απλά για νά ξέρουμε τό τί λέμε . Ο όπως πρέπει Χριστιανός απέχει πολύ από τήν αμαρτία και τήν αμαρτωλή ζωή τού κόσμου όπου ζεί , γιαυτό , για όλους εμάς , είναι ένας παράξενος , καθώς και η ζωή του είναι παράξενη . Ενα δέ από τά παράξενά του είναι τό ότι **χ α ί ρ ε τ α ι** όταν έχει μεγάλη θλίψη . Χαίρεται στή θλίψη του και στόν πόνο του γιατί :

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μορφώσουν τόν άνθρωπο , για τή σωτηρία του .

B) Μέ τίς θλίψεις ο Χριστιανός σκέπτεται ότι γίνεται κοινωνός τών παθημάτων τού Χριστού . Σκέπτεται ότι δέν είναι αυτός μόνον πού πονάει και υποφέρει , αλλά πρίν απ' αυτόν επόνεσε , και σέ μεγάλο μάλιστα βαθμό , Εκείνος ο Εσταυρωμένος Ιησούς Χριστός . Ποιός ανθρώπινος πόνος μπορεί νά συγκριθεί μέ τό πόνο τού Εσταυρωμένου ; Κοιτάζοντας τόν Εσταυρωμένο παρηγοριόμασθε στίς στιγμές τού πόνου . Καί η σκέψη μας , ότι συμμετέχουμε στό Πάθος τού Χριστού , μάς ενισχύει και μάς δυναμώνει τήν ώρα τής θλίψεως και τού πόνου . και

3) Μέ τίς θλίψεις του , ο κάθε Χριστιανός σκέπτεται ότι , οι θλίψεις του αυτές είναι τής πρόσκαιρης αυτής ζωής . Καί άν μέ υπομονή τίς βαστάει , τού ετοιμάζεται η ανεκλάλητη χαρά τής αιωνίας ζωής κοντά στό Θεό του .

Ο θεός Παύλος ενισχύει τούς Χριστιανούς λέγοντας ότι : \* Διά πολλών θλίψεων δεί ημάς εισελθείν εϊς τήν Βασιλείαν τού Θεού \* (Πράξ. 14.22) Μετά τίς θλίψεις έρχεται η χαρά . Μετά τήν τρυκμία έρχεται η γαλήνη . Μετά τή θύελλα και τήν καταιγίδα έρχεται η ξαστεριά και η λιακάδα , κ.λ.π. Ετσι ακριβώς εξηγείται τό ότι οι μάρτυρες τού Χριστού , οι Χριστιανοί, αντιμετωπίζουν τούς πόνους και τά βασανιστήρια μέ μεγάλη χαρά στήν καρδιά τους . Τό μυστικό όμως τής χαράς , τήν ώρα τού πόνου, βρίσκεται στή μυστική δύναμη πού χαρίζει ο Θεός στήν κάθε ψυχή πού υποφέρει και πιστεύει σ' Αυτόν . Αυτό τό μυστικό βρίσκεται στή δύναμη τού Θεού και πού σ' Αυτόν ανήκει κάθε δόξα , τιμή και προσκύνηση και λατρεία , και τώρα και πάντοτε . Αμήν .

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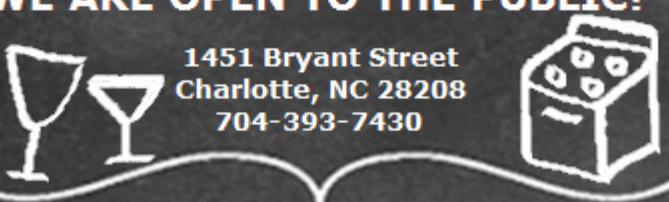


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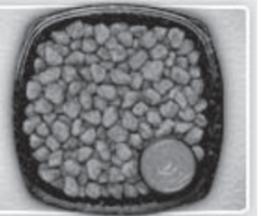
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*Recently Engaged:*

Congratulations to Johnny Pappas and Romelea Bobotsiars who were recently engaged. Johnny is the son of Jimmy and Maria Pappas of Charlotte, NC and Romelea is the daughter of Stavros and Georgia Bobotsiars of Winston Salem, NC. Plans for a 2016 wedding are under way!

*Recently Married:*

Dennis Kastriches and Elizabeth Noel Clark were married on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Dennis is the son of Mr. James and Mrs. Angie Kastriches and Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. Robin Clark and Mrs. Nancy McDaniel. The reception was held at the Fr. "C" Hall. After honeymooning in Hawaii, the happy couple will be residing in Charlotte.



**Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kastriches**

Peter Conduragis and Tara Stashick were married on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Peter is the son of George and Karen Conduragis and Gail and Michael Teti and Tara is the daughter of Robert and Gail Stashick. The reception was held at The Magnolia Room at Laurel Creek, Rock Hill, SC. The newlyweds honeymooned in Coco Plum Cay, Belize and will be residing in Charlotte.



**Mr. & Mrs. Peter Conduragis**

Konstantinos Loukas Koutsokalis and Olympia Evangelia Mastrokolias were married on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at St. George Cathedral in Greenville, SC. Kosta is the son of Vasiliki and the late Loukas Koutsokalis and Olympia is the daughter of Ourania and the late Johnny

Mastrokolias. The reception was held at the Theodore Hellenic Center. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Amalfi Coast, Italy and Greece & will be residing in Charlotte.



**Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Koutsokalis**

Helen Katsanos and Kirk Brian Donohue were married on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at St. George Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Helen is the daughter of Maria Katsanos and Kirk is the son of Patricia Herring. A beautiful reception was held at the Big Moose Lodge for four days with family and friends in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Koumbaroi were Angelo and Agatha Kaltsounis. The newlyweds went on a Norwegian Caribbean Cruise and will be residing in Charlotte.



**Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Donohue**

Antonios Dimitriou Tsiamis and Caitlin Elizabeth Jordan were married on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Charlotte, NC.

Stephanie Lauren Elia and Patrick Trevor Adams were married on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Charlotte, NC.

Nicholas M. Pappas and Kondilo Voukidis were married on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at St. George Cathedral in Greenville, SC.

John Richard Jackson II and Athanasia Tsiaras were married on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Charlotte, NC.

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## The Warriors of Greece By Chris Pangalos



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In the first major conflict between East and West, the Greco-Persian War of the 5th century B.C. pitted tiny Greece against the most powerful empire the ancient world had ever known, mighty Persia. The Persian Empire consisted of millions of different people of varied ethnicities from hundreds of conquered nations throughout the Mediterranean, Africa, Asia and the Middle East while Greece was just a small, loose collection of independent city-states with the same language, religion and belief system. The Warriors of Greece, though always tremendously outnumbered, fought the invading Persians heroically on both land and sea at famous places like Marathon, Thermopylae, Salamis and Plataea and, against all odds, won.

The Warriors of Greece crushed the massive invading armies from the East and drove the defeated enemy from their homeland thus beginning the "Golden Age of Greece" when concepts like math, science, medicine, music, theater, art, poetry, government, sports, architecture, language and so on, flourished freely. This was the foundation laid by the Greeks upon which all of Western Civilization would be built and yet this phenomenal time in history almost didn't happen. Had it not been for the

sacrifices and courageous fighting skills of The Warriors of Greece, Persia would have conquered Greece subjugating her citizens to slavery and snuffing out ideas like democracy in its cradle. The Olympics would not exist either. The world owes much to the martial prowess of the Greeks.

To learn more about this and the Greek's military contribution to the world please visit The Warriors of Greece Room downstairs and check out their website at: [www.TheWarriorsofGreece.com](http://www.TheWarriorsofGreece.com). The room features thousands of dollars worth of museum-quality artifacts and replicas, battle scene dioramas, statues, armor, weapons, pictures, movies and so much more. Come see Spartan Hoplite Warriors dressed in their trademark blood-red cloaks and tunics, wearing real bronze armor and bearing authentic iron weapons.

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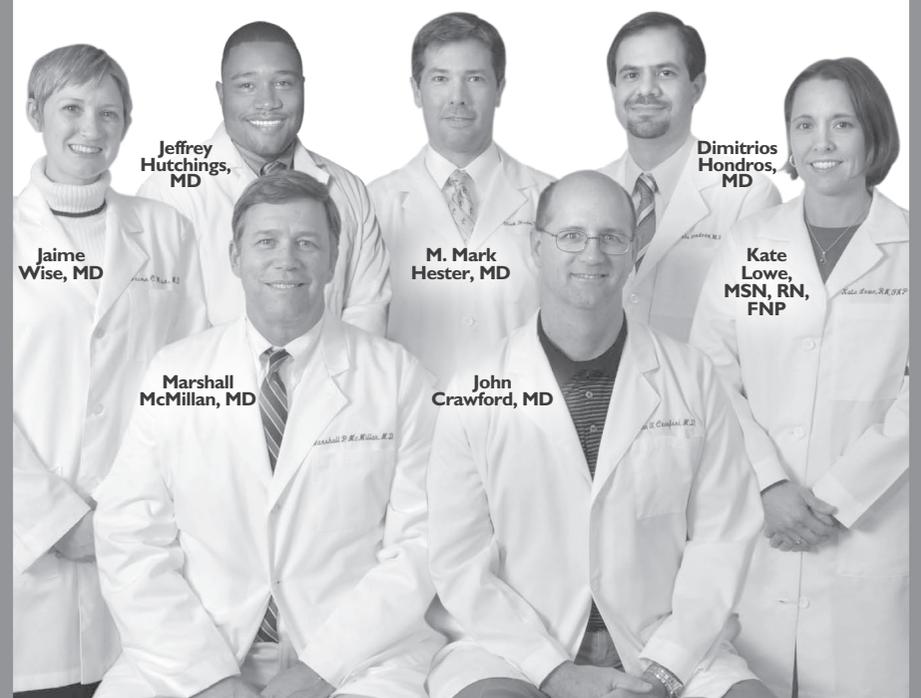
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**Philoptochos** By Tula Kourakos

Springtime is a busy time for the Philoptochos ladies as preparations for the upcoming Yiasou Festival are

them for their spiritual guidance and service to the Philoptochos ladies. They will be missed.



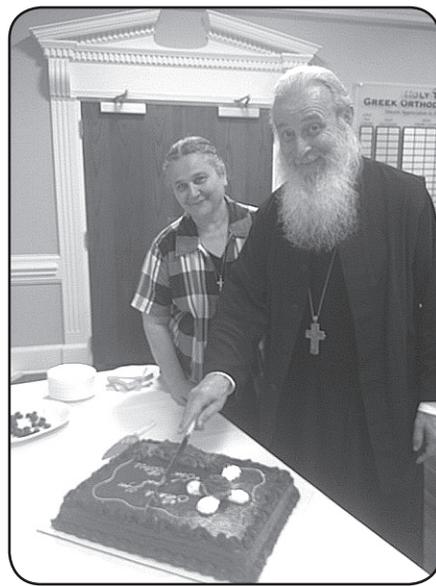
Diane Ramsey and Cathy Poulimenos from the Philoptochos Board attended the Clergy Laity Conference in Columbia SC on June 24th-June 27th.

begun. Hundreds of pans of Galactobouriko were prepared, 1000's of Dolmades along with pans of

Our annual end of year picnic was held on June 6th. Thank you to the Karapanos and Giannikas families



Irene Politis and Laura Nixon attended due to their positions on the Metropolis Board and Lucy Pappadakes attended representing the Choir. A couple of new



Karithopita. Thank you to all from the community who came to help, allowing us to complete in record time!

for providing the delicious meal from BBQ King. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended.

During the annual Panegyri and Farewell to Father



missions, Zoe for Life and Philoptochos College Outreach were presented.

Philoptochos Board Elections were held during the May General Meeting.

Baking for the festival will continue in August to prepare baklava, koulourakia, and diples. Packing all our baked goods will take place on Monday, September 7th. We are looking for everyone's help.

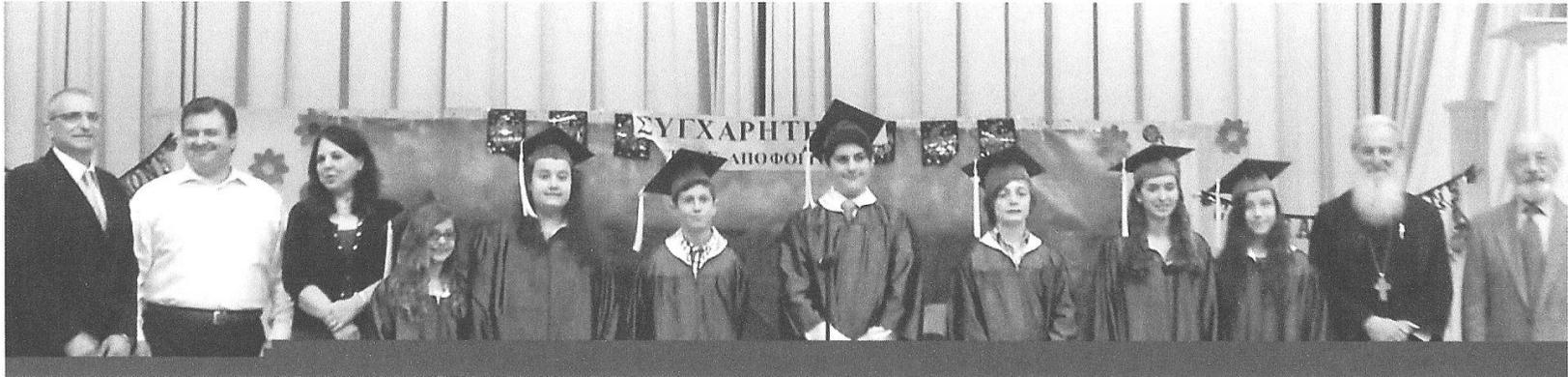
The mission of our Philoptochos is "To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach, to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions". All ladies 18 years and older are invited to come and join us.

Michael and Presvytera, we presented them with a watercolor painting of Holy Trinity Cathedral thanking

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## ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ ΣΤΟΥΣ ΑΠΟΦΟΙΤΟΥΣ 2015 – CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 GRADUATES



Οι απόφοιτοι του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Αγίας Τριάδος της Σάρλοτ. Από αριστερά: Ο δάσκαλός τους κ. Παντελής Ψώρας, ο πρόεδρος της κοινότητας κ. Ιωάννης Τσούμας, η πρόεδρος του Συλλόγου Γονέων και Δασκάλων κ. Κική Καρύγιαννη, οι μαθήτριες Ελισάβετ Γαλλή, Παναγιώτα Μηνακάκη, οι μαθητές Δημήτριος Μπίκας, Αναστάσιος Νταλλάς, Αθανάσιος Νικόπουλος, οι μαθήτριες Φωτεινή Παππά, Σοφία Πίτμαν, ο π. Μιχαήλ Βαρβαρέλης και ο δντής του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Ελευθέριος Περούλας.

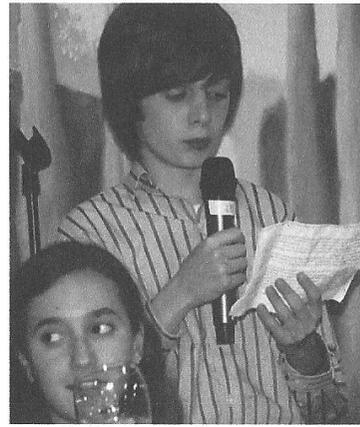
Κοσμοσυροή από γονείς, συγγενείς και φίλους στη λαμπρή γιορτή αποφοίτησης του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Αγίας Τριάδος στη Σαρλότ της Β. Καρολίνας. Το σχολείο λειτουργεί ανελλιπώς από το έτος 1939 και είναι σήμερα ένα από τα καλύτερα οργανωμένα απογευματινά σχολεία της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής.

Έχει επίσης αναγνωρισθεί από το Ελληνικό Υπουργείο Παιδείας ως Εξεταστικό Κέντρο Ελληνομάθειας για τη Βόρεια και Νότια Καρολίνα και Γεωργία. Στις εξετάσεις που διοργανώνει κάθε χρόνο το Κέντρο Ελληνικής Γλώσσας του Υπουργείου Παιδείας (ΚΕΓ) στη Σαρλότ έχουν λάβει μέρος μέχρι σήμερα για την απόκτηση του Πιστοποιητικού Ελληνομάθειας 239 υποψήφιοι.



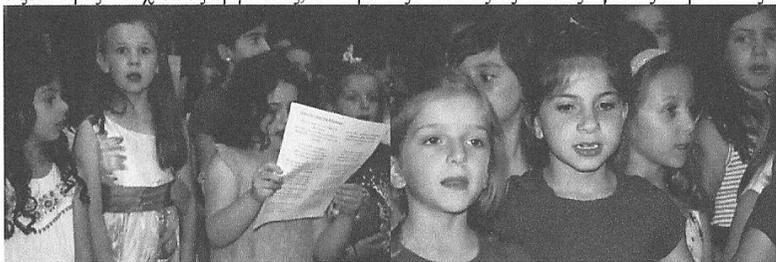
Οι δυο κορυφαίες απόφοιτοι: Σοφία Πίτμαν και Παναγιώτα Μηνακάκη

Το σχολείο έχει 95 μαθητές, από Νηπιαγωγείο μέχρι Έκτη Τάξη, και προσφέρει σε ετήσια βάση και μαθήματα ελληνικών σε δεκάδες ενήλικες.



Οι δεύτεροι κατά σειρά αριστείας: Αθανάσιος Νικόπουλος και Φωτεινή Παππά.

Όλοι οι φετινοί απόφοιτοι έφυγαν από το σχολείο με πολλές και αξέχαστες αναμνήσεις, υπερηφάνεια αλλά και τιμητικές διακρίσεις, επαίνους και χρηματικά βραβεία από την Ιερά Αρχιεπισκοπή Αμερικής (Των Τριών Ιεραρχών), ΑΧΕΠΙΑ, την κοινότητα, το Σύλλογο Γονέων και Δασκάλων και από θερμούς υποστηρικτές του σχολείου για άριστη σχολική επίδοση, για αξιόλογες πτυχιακές εργασίες, αθλητικές επιτεύξεις και εξαιρετες παρουσίες.



Πάνω από 100 υπερήφανοι γονείς και προσκεκλημένοι των αποφοίτων παρακάθησαν, αμέσως μετά την εκδήλωση, σε επίσημο δείπνο κατά τη διάρκεια του οποίου οι απόφοιτοι είχαν την ευκαιρία να μιλήσουν για τις εμπειρίες και τις γνώσεις που απέκτησαν τα 7 χρόνια ελληνικών σπουδών στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο.

Ιδιαίτερη σημασία είχαν οι διακρίσεις και τα χρηματικά βραβεία που δόθηκαν και στους επτά απόφοιτους για τις εξαιρετικές τους εργασίες που υπέβαλαν στη διεύθυνση του σχολείου ως προϋπόθεση αποφοίτησής τους με θέμα «Η Γενέτειρα των Προγόνων μου».



Τον έπαινο χωρίς καμία απουσία από τους απόφοιτους έλαβαν οι άριστες μαθήτριες Σοφία Πίτμαν και Παναγιώτα Μηνακάκη

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## ===ΕΓΚΑΡΔΙΕΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΕΣ===

**Οι Μαθητές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου  
η Διεύθυνση και οι Εκπαιδευτικοί**  
εκφράζουμε τις θερμότερες ευχαριστίες μας ως ελάχιστο δείγμα  
αναγνώρισης και ευγνωμοσύνης,  
**στους Λυκούργο Μηνακάκη και Τριαντάφυλλη Καπερόνη**  
για το αξιόλογο χρηματικό ποσό που πρόσφεραν στους κορυφαίους  
απόφοιτους του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου  
**στο τοπικό Τμήμα της ΑΧΕΠΑ**  
για τα Βραβεία Αριστείας και τα αντίστοιχα χρηματικά  
ποσά που πρόσφερε στις κορυφαίες αριστούχους απόφοιτους  
**στον Ευάγγελο Πολίτη**  
για τη δημιουργία και παρουσίαση των αποφοίτων σε DVD και την προσφορά  
των DVD σε όλους τους απόφοιτους, τον π. Μιχαήλ και τον δ/ντή του σχολείου.  
**στους Ιωάννη Γεωργόπουλο και Ευάγγελο Τάτση**  
για την αμέριστη υποστήριξη των εκδηλώσεων του Ελληνικού Σχολείου  
**στο Σύλλογο Γονέων και Διδασκάλων**  
για τα χρηματικά βραβεία που πρόσφερε στους μαθητές με τις  
καλύτερες πτυχιακές εργασίες  
Είθε οι θεάρεστες αυτές πράξεις τους να αποτελέσουν παράδειγμα  
προς μίμηση και για άλλους για να συνεχίσει το σχολείο μας  
με επιτυχία το αξιόλογο εκπαιδευτικό έργο που επιτελεί.

## Μαθητές, εκπαιδευτικοί και γονείς γιορτάζουν στο Ελληνικό μας Πάρκο την Πρωτομαγιά 2015



Μεγάλη επιτυχία είχαν οι αγώνες δρόμου, σκυταλοδρομίας, αεροδρομίας  
και άλλων παιχνιδιών που οργάνωσαν η διεύθυνση και οι εκπαιδευτικοί του  
Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου. Χίλια ευχαριστώ στις άοκνες κυρίες του Συλλόγου  
που πρόσφεραν τα φανητά, και τα λουλούδια για τα παραδοσιακά στεφάνια.



## ---Ανοιχτή Επιστολή---

*Αγαπητοί Γονείς,*

Ευχόμαστε να είστε όλοι καλά και να περνάτε ένα όμορφο καλοκαίρι.  
Την Τρίτη 16 Σεπτεμβρίου αρχίζουν και πάλι τα μαθήματα στο Ελληνικό μας  
Σχολείο. Με την επιστολή μας αυτή θέλουμε να σας απευθύνουμε έκκληση να κάνετε  
φέτος κάθε δυνατή προσπάθεια να ενθαρρύνετε και να παρακινήσετε τα παιδιά σας να  
εγγραφούν στο σχολείο μας για να μάθουν την πλουσιότερη γλώσσα του κόσμου, τη  
μητέρα πολλών γλωσσών, τη γλώσσα των Ευαγγελίων και των προγόνων μας, τη γλώσσα  
την Ελληνική. Και όχι μόνον! Να μηθούν στις αξεπέραστες αξίες της ελληνορθόδοξης  
πίστεώς μας, του ελληνικού μας πολιτισμού και της ένδοξης ιστορίας μας, να μάθουν  
ελληνικούς χορούς και τραγούδια, να γιορτάζουν όλα μαζί τις μεγάλες εθνικές και  
ελληνορθόδοξες γιορτές μας και να αισθάνονται ιδιαίτερα υπερήφανα που είναι ελληνικής  
καταγωγής.

Πολλές έρευνες και μελέτες έχουν δείξει ότι η εκμάθηση μιας ξένης γλώσσας και  
ιδιαίτερα της ελληνικής δημιουργεί στα παιδιά ένα ιδιαίτερα ανταγωνιστικό πλεονέκτημα  
στις πανεπιστημιακές τους σπουδές και μια πολύτιμη εργασιακή επιδεξιότητα στην  
επαγγελματική τους καριέρα. Η εκμάθηση μιας ξένης γλώσσας είναι ένα δια βίου δώρο και  
βοηθάει τους νέους μας διότι:

- **Επιτυγχάνουν υψηλότερες βαθμολογίες στα επίσημα σχολικά τους διαγωνίσματα**
- **Αναπτύσσει τις ικανότητες της κριτικής τους σκέψης**
- **Βελτιώνει την κατανόηση και διευρύνει το λεξιλόγιό τους**
- **Ενισχύει την ικανότητά τους στην αγγλική γλώσσα**
- **Ενδυναμώνει την ικανότητά τους στη λύση προβλημάτων**
- **Ενισχύει τη δημιουργικότητα και βοηθάει τη σκέψη τους να φθάσει σε υψηλό επίπεδο**
- **Αυξάνει την αυτοπεποίθηση και αυτοεκτίμησή τους σε μεγάλο βαθμό**
- **Κατανοούν καλύτερα τη μητρική τους γλώσσα και πολιτισμό**
- **Κατανοούν ευκολότερα άλλους ανθρώπους, τη γλώσσα και τον πολιτισμό τους**
- **Δημιουργεί ευκαιρίες στην ακαδημαϊκή και επαγγελματική τους καριέρα.**

Η αγγλική γλώσσα μπορεί να χαρακτηριστεί ως μια ελληνική διάλεκτος. Το 35%  
περίπου των αγγλικών λέξεων προέρχονται από την ελληνική γλώσσα και το 90% περίπου  
στην ιατρική. Μπορούμε να μιλάμε την αγγλική γλώσσα χρησιμοποιώντας ελληνικές  
λέξεις όπως στις παραγράφους της επιστολής στην αγγλική γλώσσα που ακολουθεί.

Δώστε στα παιδιά σας την ευκαιρία και την ευχαρίστηση να είναι μαζί με τα άλλα  
ελληνοαμερικανόπουλα της ελληνικής μας κοινότητας, να προσεύχονται και να παίζουν  
μαζί, να τραγουδούν ελληνικά τραγούδια και να χορεύουν παραδοσιακούς χορούς, να  
φέλνουν ύμνους στο Θεό μας, να αισθάνονται την αγάπη της εκκλησίας μας και να  
διδάσκονται τα αξεπέραστα ελληνοχριστιανικά μας ιδεώδη.

Έχει δοθεί παράταση εγγραφών μέχρι τις 12 Σεπτεμβρίου. Μη διστάζετε να  
προσφέρετε στα παιδιά σας μια εκπαίδευση που θα είναι για όλη τους τη ζωή ένα πολύτιμο  
δώρο.

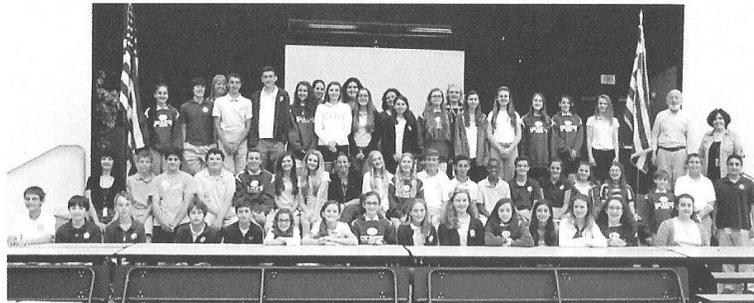
Τα μαθήματα θα γίνονται δυο φορές την εβδομάδα (Τρίτη & Πέμπτη – Κανονικό  
Πρόγραμμα) ή μια φορά την εβδομάδα (Τρίτη – Πρόγραμμα με έμφαση στον προφορικό  
λόγο) από τις 4.45-6.45 μμ.

Τα «Ελληνικά για Ενήλικες» θα ξεκινήσουν την πρώτη εβδομάδα του Οκτωβρίου  
και τα Προχωρημένα Ελληνικά για τις επίσημες Εξετάσεις Ελληνομάθειας τη δεύτερη  
εβδομάδα του Ιανουαρίου 2015.

Ευχόμαστε σε όλα μας τα παιδιά να έχουν μια χαρούμενη και παραγωγική σχολική  
χρονιά.

Με εκτίμηση και αγάπη,  
*Πατήρ Άγγελος Αρτεμιάς* *Ελευθέριος Περούλας*  
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## ΘΕΡΜΟΤΑΤΑ ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ ΣΤΟΥΣ 47 ΜΑΘΗΤΕΣ ΠΟΥ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΕΙΧΑΝ ΣΤΙΣ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΕΙΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΟΜΑΘΕΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΪΟΥ 2015



Ο Διευθυντής του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Αγίας Τριάδος και υπεύθυνος του  
Εξεταστικού Κέντρου Ελληνομάθειας Αγίας Τριάδος, Ελευθ. Περούλας, εκφράζει, εκ  
μέρους όλων των εκπαιδευτικών του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Αγίας Τριάδος και της  
Ακαδημίας Σωκράτη, εγκάρδια συγχαρητήρια στους μαθητές του Ελληνικού Σχολείου  
Αγίας Τριάδος και της Ακαδημίας Σωκράτη που έλαβαν μέρος στις επίσημες εξετάσεις  
ελληνομάθειας του Κέντρου Ελληνικής Γλώσσας του Ελληνικού Υπουργείου  
Παιδείας και Θρησκευμάτων.

Ευχόμαστε κάθε επιτυχία στις ακαδημαϊκές τους σπουδές, επαγγελματική  
επιτυχία και κοινωνική καταξίωση. Η διεξαγωγή των εξετάσεων έγινε στις 20 και 21  
Μαΐου 2015 στους εκπαιδευτικούς χώρους της Ακαδημίας Σωκράτη σύμφωνα με τους  
κανονισμούς του Κέντρου Ελληνικής Γλώσσας. Τα αποτελέσματα θα ανακοινωθούν στα  
τέλη Ιουλίου.

Τα Πιστοποιητικά Ελληνομάθειας στους επιτυγχόντες θα απονεμηθούν, όπως  
κάθε χρόνο, κατά τη διάρκεια της μεγάλης διπλής τρανής γιορτής των Τριών Ιεραρχών  
και των Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων, η οποία θα πραγματοποιηθεί στο τέλος Ιανουαρίου 2016.

*Ελάτε όλοι να γιορτάσουμε μαζί και να τιμήσουμε τους επιτυγχόντες. Τους αξίζει!*



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