

“WITH AGAPI WE WRITE” NEWSLETTER

AUGUST- SEPT. 2025

**St. Paraskevi Philoptochos Society
St. George, Clifton, NJ**

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits and enjoying the summer season. Can you believe we are already approaching August? Time certainly flies.

First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for once again entrusting me with the role of president. A special thank you goes to Harriet for her continued guidance in helping us uphold the mission of Philoptochos.

I eagerly anticipate our ongoing collaboration as we work to introduce new and exciting events for everyone to enjoy. Our monthly Trusted Chef events will continue with talented individuals such as Peter Kofitsas and Chef Sophia Manatakis.

This is just a brief preview of what lies ahead. Additionally, please remember our BINGO event, "April Showers Bring May Flowers," which will once again be a highlight of April 30, 2026!



*Thank you all ,
With Sisterly Agapi!
Denise*



FIRST MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: DENISE CECCHINI

VICE PRESIDENT: ELAINE MANOLIADIS

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SOCIAL SERVICES: LOLA KATSANOS

ADVISOR: HARRIET PANAGAKIS

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END OF THE YEAR GATHERING

Our End-of-Year Party was held on Thursday, June 12, at Lumis Restaurant in Fairfield. The evening was truly delightful, featuring exquisite cuisine and the cherished company of our dear sisters. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer ahead! We expressed our gratitude to our outgoing president, Harriet, for her dedicated service and guidance. Thank you, and God bless!



ST. PARASKEVI FEAST DAY

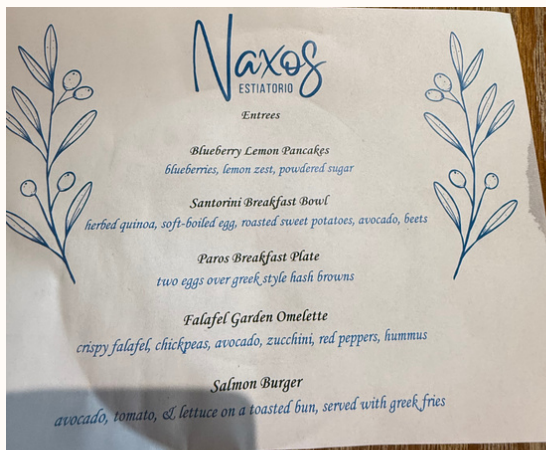
July 26, 2025

Today marked a beautiful occasion dedicated to commemorating the life and martyrdom of St. Paraskevi within the Orthodox Christian tradition. St. Paraskevi is venerated as the patron saint of eye health and overall well-being. Notably, during her torture in the latter part of the second century, she miraculously healed the local ruler of his blindness—ironically, the very ruler who had ordered her suffering.

We extend our gratitude to our godmother, Kalliope Houlis, for honoring us with the name of such a remarkable saint.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Divine Liturgy and also for a wonderful Brunch at Naxos Estiatorio!!







Calendar of Events & Feast Days 2025-2026
Saint Paraskevi Philoptochos Society
of St. George Greek Orthodox Church
Clifton - Chapter #1030



Date	Event	Comments
Saturday, July 26, 2025	St. Paraskevi Feastday celebration	Liturgy, Artoclasia & brunch/luncheon tbd
July/August 2025	Collection of "Back to School" Supplies	July 13-Sept. 21
Friday, August 15, 2026	Dormition of the Theotokos	
Sunday, September 14, 2025	Family Fun Day & Agape Gift Shop opening	Sept. 14
Sunday, September 28, 2025	Holy Cross Celebration	Ocean Grove
October through December 2025	Coat Drive begins	
Sunday, October 5, 2025	Breast Cancer Awareness Month	Kick-off for "Go Pink"
Monday, October 6, 2025	"Meet & Greet" - 1 st Philoptochos Meeting of the year	Lower Church Hall
Sunday, October 19, 2025	Thanksgiving Turkey drive begins	To benefit Eva's Kitchen
Saturday, October 25, 2025	Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk	MetLife, East Rutherford
Sunday, October 26, 2025	National Philoptochos Day	Host Coffee hour
Sunday, November 2, 2025	Sts. Cosmos & Damianos/ Start of Vasilopita	Patron Saints of National
Monday, November 3, 2025	Monthly Meeting	Lower Church Hall
Saturday, November 8, 2025	St. Nectarios Vesper Service	Artoclasia/host coffee
Sunday, November 9, 2025	St. Nectarios Feast Day/St. Michaels	Liturgy
Sunday, November 9, 2025	Collection for Veteran's /Display	Upper Church Hall
Sundays, Nov. 16th to Dec. 7th, 2025	Community Christmas Card	
Sunday, November 23, 2025	Last Day for Turkey Drive	
Thursday, December 4, 2025	Christmas Celebration	Details to be confirmed
Sunday, December 14, 2025	Final Orders for Vasilopita breads	
Sunday, December 21, 2025	Distribute Vasilopita breads	
Monday, January 5, 2026	Monthly Meeting	Lower Church Hall
Sunday, January 11, 2026	Community Cutting of Vasilopita	Host Coffee Hour
Sunday, February 1, 2026	Kick-off "Go-Red" Month	Provide give-aways
Monday, February 2, 2026	Monthly Meeting - Valentine theme	Lower Church Hall
Monday, February 23, 2026	First day of Lent	
Monday, March 2, 2026	Monthly Meeting	Lower Church Hall
Sunday, March 8, 2026	Tsoureki Orders begin	
Sunday, March 15, 2026	Memorial Service & Lenten Luncheon (Fasolatha)	
Friday, March 27, 2026	Fifth Akathist Hymn Service Loukoumades & Coffee	Lower hall reception following service
Palm Sunday, April 5, 2026	Distribution of Tsoureki breads	
Good Friday, April 10, 2026	Decorating Kouvouloukion & Luncheon	
Sunday, April 12, 2026	Pascha & Agape Services	
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	St. George Vespers	Host coffee hour
Thursday, April 23, 2026	St. George Feast Day	
Thursday, April 30, 2026	"April Showers - Bring May Flowers" Pocketbook Fundraiser Event	Upper Church Hall
Monday, May 4, 2026	Monthly Meeting - Cinco de Mayo theme	Lower Church Hall
Sunday, May 10, 2026	Mother's Day	
May 29, 30 & 31, 2026	Church Festival	
June 2026	Year - End Dinner	To be announced
Sunday, July 26, 2026	St. Paraskevi Feast Day	
Saturday, August 15, 2026	Dormition of the Theotokos	

THE BAKLAVA BOOK CLUB

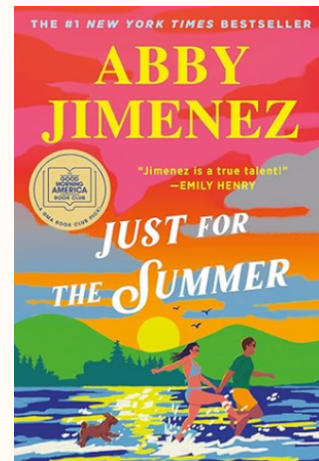
The JULY/AUGUST reads are
“The Magnificent Lives of
Marjorie Post” by Allison Pataki
and “Just For The Summer” by
Abby Jimenez.



Marjorie's journey began with gluing cereal boxes in her father's barn, leading her to become the heiress of C. W. Post's Cereal Company, which evolved into General Foods.

Unwilling to remain in traditional roles, she became the wealthiest woman in the U.S. before thirty, driven by her advocacy and adventurous spirit.

However, her life, filled with grandeur and challenges, included four tumultuous marriages to men with dark secrets. Author Allison Pataki presents an intimate portrait of Marjorie, depicting her journey of self-discovery and historical impact.



Abby Jimenez's "Just for the Summer," Emma and Justin, both believing they're cursed to make their partners find true love after a breakup, decide to date each other to break the curse. However, their plan gets complicated when they start developing real feelings amidst family issues and personal traumas. The story explores themes of trauma, healing, and the challenges of finding enduring love while dealing with past hurts.

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 26th
At 6:30pm**

**Location: Vesta Wood-Fired Restaurant
East Rutherford, NJ**

Contact: Tina Anastos at 845-494-8974





HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

for the month of AUGUST & SEPTEMBER are extended to our members !!

August

7- Helen Kraft
10- Alice Eliades
12- Peter Salierno
21- Gianna Pilalis
22- Annette Halkias
24- Irene Vasilopoulos
25- Tina Malindretos
31- Anna Sakellakis

September

2- Eileen Duvlaris	15- Helen Foukas
4- Lola Katsanos	16- Sophia Constandinou
5- Maria Sgourdos	18- Christina Drakas
8- Patty Manis	18- Marigo Sfaelos
13- Yiota Stilianessis	18- Tina Sakellakis
14- JoAnn Koutouzakis	24- Kristi Intorre
15- Mary Gaggis	25- Terri Drakas latrou

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to
Effie Kambourakis on the engagement
of her son Elias to Staci
while on vacation in Mykonos !
H Ora Kali!!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to
Lucy Tsimpedes
on the birth of her first grandchild,
It's A Boy!! Santino Nicholas!!
Na sas Zisi!!!



GET WELL WISHES

Wishing a prompt recovery to
Mike, the husband of Effie
Kambourakis, following his
recent surgery.



IN MEMORIUM

Our heartfelt condolences go out to
the family of Anthe Mastrantonis as
they mourn her loss.

May her memory live on forever!

40 DAY BLESSING

On Sunday, July 27, Maria and Elias Logothetis brought their daughter, Mariella, to church for her 40-day blessing. It is heartwarming to recognize that this precious gift is the fourth generation in the Foukas family lineage, following in the footsteps of her great-grandmother Helen, her grandmother Barbara Matthews and her mother, Maria. This lineage underscores why we strive tirelessly to ensure the flourishing of our beloved St. George; it is for moments like these that we dedicate our efforts.

May God bless Mariella and her family .

Να σας ζήσει!!

Congratulations to our beloved sisters Barbara Matthews and Mary Logothetis!!
She is absolutely precious!!

Congratulations also to Barbara on the engagement
of her son Peter... Η ώρα καλή !! Καλά στέφανα!!
Wishing Peter and his future wife a lifetime of happiness!!



Baby Girl

Congratulations



Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

818 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ 07013

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RUMMAGE



INDOOR SALE

RAIN/SHINE

Cash or

Credit Cards

Accepted

Preview & Purchase Sale

Thursday Evening Sept 4th, 2025

\$5.00 Admission per person

Open from 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Friday, Sept 5th, 2025

10:00am - 4:00pm

Free Admission

Saturday, Sept 6th, 2025

"Fill a Bag Sale" for \$10.00 per bag

10:00am - 3:00pm

(BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED)

Sunday, Sept 7th, 2025

12:00pm - 3:00pm

All Items FREE, Free-will donations appreciated

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church

Sale Open
Sept 4th,
5th, 6th
& 7th,
2025

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RUMMAGE

GET
RID OF
YOUR
STUFF

SALE

**DON'T DUMP IT
DONATE IT**

We accept the following:

Clean , working order Sellable items, Crystal, China/Porcelain, Antiques, Pots & Pans, Household items, Kitchen Utensils, Flatware, Glassware, Collectibles/Figurines, Clocks, Books, Photo Albums, Frames, Art, Mirrors, Craft items, Fabric, Planters, Gardening & Hand Tools, Holiday Theme Items/Decorations, Toys, Puzzles, Games (no missing pieces), Video Games, DVDs/Cds, Vinyl Records, Small Electric Appliances, Office Supplies, Pet Supplies, Sports Equipment, Lamps, Linens, Curtains, Pillows, Jewelry, Scarves, Purses, Wallets, Belts, Coats, Shoes (must be clean) Clothing (only clean, non-damaged items) Luggage, Backpacks, Perfumes/Cologne (even partially used)

Please make sure items are clean & in working order. No broken or chipped items.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

NO STROLLERS, INFANT/TODDLER CAR SEATS, CRIBS, PACK & PLAYS

(These items may have been recalled and we are not authorized to resell)

NO RUGS, NO FURNITURE, NOTHING TOO LARGE OR OVERSIZED THAT

CANNOT FIT INTO A CAR, NO FOOD PRODUCTS

Collections start Sunday August 24th until Wednesday Sept 3rd, 2025

please drop off donations in the gym daily 10:00 - 6:00

DO NOT leave outside or the lower hallway.

Any questions on donations, please contact Kathy Hiras (201) 674-8273 kmhiras@msn.com or

Elaine Manoliadis (973) 865-9452

818 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ 07013

THE AGAPI GIFT SHOP



We warmly invite you to the Grand Opening of our Gift Shop!
Join us for this special ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will be
blessed by Father Peter. A light reception will follow.

Sunday, September 14, 2025





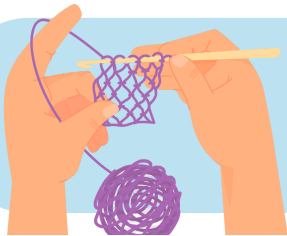
NEEDED



We are in search of someone who can come and provide a demonstration for our ladies.



Knitting



Crocheting



Painting



Pickleball/Zumba



or any other art or craft
you believe may capture our
interest!



Please contact Joanna Tsimpedes if you can assist
on any of the above activities * 973-477-2927



OPERATION CLASSROOM

ADD A FLAG WITH YOUR NAME TO OUR SCHOOL HOUSE!!

Once again, we will begin collecting/purchasing basic school supplies to support Christian School, an underprivileged school, in Paterson for children who are less fortunate.

Student Supplies needed for the School Year 2025

Backpacks	Glue Sticks #2 Pencils	Notebooks
Black/Red/Blue Pens	Erasers Multicolored	Beginner Pencils
Electric Pencil Sharpeners 3	Construction Paper	Loose Leaf Paper
Ring Binders	Highlighters	Crayons
Colored Markers	Protractors	Scissors
Rulers	Index Cards	Calculators
Scientific Calculators	Clear Masking Tape	Scotch Tape
Masking Tape	White Board Markers	Manila Folders
Multicolored Folders	Basic Math Flashcards	White Board Cleaner
White Board erasers	Sanitizing Wipes	Basic Reading Flashcards
Hand Sanitizers	Staples	Jump Ropes
Staplers		Staple Removers

Purchase any supplies listed above or make a monetary donation. For further information please contact Phyllis at pmagiros@verizon.net or call 201-602-0632.

A box will be placed in the Atrium to leave your donations. Please attach a note with your family name on your package so that we can add a flag to the schoolhouse. Anonymous donations are also gratefully accepted.

Thank you for your continued support!!
The Ladies of St. Paraskevi Philoptochos



Final Collection date:

Sunday, September 21, 2025

THE TRUSTED CHEF



Our beloved Trusted Chef Segment is back, starring none other than Peter Kofitsas! Whether he's whipping up a culinary masterpiece or dishing out motivational magic, we're not entirely sure... but with Peter, it's always a thrilling ride!

**Save the evening of
Thursday, September 25th
6:30pm in the downstairs Hall....**



MAKE A DIFFERENCE! HELP US FEED THE LESS FORTUNATE

Our St. Paraskevi Philoptochos has been making sandwiches on a monthly basis to feed the area's less fortunate. The cost of making approximately 225 sandwiches is \$150. Many parishioners have expressed interest in donating funds to offset costs of the supplies (bread, ham & cheese).

Your donation can defray the cost and insure that we will be able to continue this project every month. If you would like to make a donation in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. Thank you in advance for your support and for making a difference!

***We thank the Daughters of Penelope Kronos #188
for making a donation for September sandwiches
in memory of Lucinda Kallimanis
May her memory be eternal!!***

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
Downstairs Kitchen**

NAME: _____

DONATION AMOUNT: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

KINDLY RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO HELGA

OR CONTACT HER AT: HELGAD28@YAHOO.COM OR 973-980-6880

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. PARASKEVI PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

2025 PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP

***We are 105 and still adding !!
Let us keep the momentum going!!***

Father Peter Souritzidis - Spiritual Father

Maria Alexiades
Heleena Anastos
Tina Anastos
Angeliki Antoniou
Alexandra Argiris
Voula Argitis
Stephanie Panagakis-
Ashley
Panagiota Baltgian
Suzanne Bauer
Anthoula Bozios
Eva Denise Cecchini
Linda Chelius
Alexa Ciccone
Gordan Condos
Sophia Constandinou
Evanthia Corrado
Maria D'Accampo
Mary Dakos
Fran Danill
Helga Diamandopoulos
Kathleen Donohue
Patricia Donohue
Angela Drakas
Christina Drakas
Olga Drimones
Eileen Duvlaris
Alice Eliades
Maria Filippidis
Kassandra Fotiadis
Christina Foukas
Helen Foukas
Mary Gagis
Paraskevi Golematis
Klodiana Gerollari
Antoinette Halkias
Margarita Hailos
Mary Ann Hariton

Helen Haritos+
Andrea Hatzigianakis
Kathy Hiras
Konstantina Holevas
Kristen Intorre
Terri Iatrou
Effie Kambourakis
Alexandra Kaousis
Maria Karras
Lola Katsanos
Stella Kavalos
Shirley Kemp
Alexandra Kleiner
Christina Kleiner
Eleni Klimentos
Nora Kokozos
Faye Kosmidis
Ioanna Koukounas
Mary Koularmanis
JoAnn Koutouzakis
Helen Kraft
Tina Lambridis
Joyce Logothetis
Mary Logothetis
Phyllis Magiros
Matina Malindretos
Patricia Manis
Elaine Manoliadis
Lisa Maria Marcopulos
Nicholas Marcopulos
Michele Mariano
Lily Marcanovic
Maria Mastrogiannis
Barbara Matthews
Christina Panagakis
Harriet Panagakis
Konstantina Papadakos
Stacey Panaretos-
Halkias

Faye Pappas
Barbara Pepe
Dionysia Peppes
Maria Petrenas
Militsa Phillips
Gianna Pilalis
Chrys Pilarinos
Diana Pitsikoulis
Anna Protopapas
Kalliroy Protosaltis
Tina Sakellakis
Peter Salierno
Marigo Sfaelos
Dorian Shizas
Maria Sgourdos
Carla Silva-Papasavas
Constantina Simotas
Presvytera Gigi Souritzidis
Tina Stames
Anna Stamos
Panayiota Stilianessis
Katherine Stratos
Helen Therianos
Efthimia Triantafyllou
Catina Tsiamtsiouris
Lucy Tsimpedes
Joanna Tsimpedes
Irene Vasilopoulos
Kalliope Vergis
Maria Xanthos



ST. PARASKEVI PHILOPTOCHOS

of St. George G. O. Church , Clifton, NJ

Invites you to Walk against Breast Cancer

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18
10:00 AM**



**MEADOWLANDS
STADIUM
E. RUTHERFORD, NJ**

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SUPPORT OUR TEAM

THE AGAPE SOCIETY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

AT THE MEADOWLANDS

*IN MEMORY OF THE LOVED ONES WE HAVE LOST
IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE SURVIVED
AND IN THE HOPE THAT A CURE IS NOT FAR AWAY*

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$2,000
BY DONATING EITHER BY CHECK PAYABLE
TO ST. PARASKEVI PHILOPTOCHOS OR
MAIN.ACSEVENTS.ORG/GOTO/THEAGAPESOCIETY**



CONTACT: HARRIET - 973-432-1009 HTRIPLT58@GMAIL.COM



HOPEFUL HEARTS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

"ministering to those who are grieving"

Meets via Zoom **every Tuesday evening from**
7:00-8:15 pm

Facilitator: William Pakos Mammas, Licensed Grief Counselor

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Peter Souritzidis

*We welcome all Christians in the
Metropolis of New Jersey, as well as
across the country, to join us!*

Meetings will resume on
Tuesday, September 23rd at 7pm

If you would like to be part of the group, please contact
Konstantina Papadakos
at papadakosk@yahoo.com or 973-767-8340

*"thank you for helping me during this most difficult
time. You have all become a family to me"- Nora*

Kokozos

