



About the Festival

Introduced in 1983, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. The Oratorical Festival Program begins at the parish level and is divided into three divisions:

- Elementary Division (local festival only) for students in grades 4–6
- Junior Division for students in grades 7–9
- Senior Division for student in grades 10–12

The top speakers in the Junior and Senior Divisions advance to the district level. Two finalists in each

district division represent the district at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival. The top speaker in each metropolis division is then selected to participate in the Archdiocese Finals, which is hosted by a different metropolis each year.

All eighteen finalists at the Archdiocese Finals participate in a weekend of activities, the highlight of which is the delivery of their speeches on Saturday morning. The Oratorical Festival Scholarship Fund provides college scholarships to the top speakers. In 2015, the top three speakers of each division received college scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000. This year, each Honorable Mention speaker was awarded \$500.

National Festival

The 36th National Oratorical Festival will be hosted by the Direct Archdiocesan District and the Parish of Archangel Michael in Port Washington, NY on June 7-9, 2019.

The Chrysostom Scholarship for Hellenic College

In the 2018 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, each Senior and Junior division first, second, and third place finalist in each category (Oratory, Poetry, and Essay) at the parish, district, metropolis, and national levels of competition is eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College. This scholarship has been amended to provide awards ranging from \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year. Please download the terms and conditions to view the award structure.

PARISH INFORMATION!!!

Our parish Chairperson is Alexa Vafiades and she can be reached at alexa.vafiades@gmail.com

The date of our Parish Oratorical Festival is March 31 following the Divine Services

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