

ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL GRADUATION JUNE 5, 2022



...Jesus said, "Let the Children Come to Me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19: 14

10TH GRADE GRADUATES

Julius Ammendola Vasiliki Diamond Katerina Dakos Christos Shizas Sophia Dessipris

"GRADUATE SCHOOL" SENIORS – 12TH GRADE

Emmanuel Ammendola Androulla Papatherapontos Alexandros Mammas Ireneaus Diakos Marika Hiras Theoharis Manoliadis Maria Hantzaras Thalia Koukourdelis

We remain indebted and thankful for our dedicated teaching staff who generously donate their time towards the religious education of our youth. New members are always welcome to join our team. No teaching experience needed. Please email us at: <u>ChurchSchool@StGeorgeClifton.org</u> if you are interested or, would simply like more information.

Church School Teachers and Assistants 2021-2022

Little Angels:	Andreas Dimitratos and Tricia Donohue
Pre K:	Kathy Fitzpatrick and Anna Kourkoulakos
Kindergarten:	Gina Pramagioulis and Penny Antoniou
1 st Grade:	Konstantina Papadakos and Stephanie Panagakis
2 nd Grade:	Christothea Pandazis and Christina Kyriazis
3 rd /4 th Grade:	Kathy Donohue and Effie Koleros
5 th /6 th Grade:	Kostas Kalloudis and Maria Pandazis
7 th /8 th Grade:	Sandy Antoniou
9 th /10 th Grade:	Tina Anastos and John Pilavas
11 th /12 th Grade:	Manny Tzavlakis and John Malindretos

School Administration/Special

Advisor:	Barbara Pepe
Co-Directors:	Darla Matsakis and Anna Kourkoulakos
Jr Choir:	Diana Pitsikoulis
Oratorical Festival:	Morfia Sokolic
Snack Coordinators:	Nikki Astipalitis and Darla Matsakis
Special Projects/Substitutes:	Diana Pitsikoulis, and Suzann Bauer

2022 CHURCH SCHOOL GRADUATION GALLERY

10TH GRADE REFLECTIONS



SOPHIA DESSIPRIS

My parents have always tried to take me as much as they can to Church School on Sundays. I have gone ever since I was very little. It has taught me a lot about my religion and it helps my faith grow stronger every day. I really appreciate that they sent me there so I can continue to understand the Greek Orthodox Christian faith more and more. I am thankful for all the teachers that I've had throughout the years for volunteering their time to teach me, and I appreciate all the priests that have been so kind and helpful to me.

12TH GRADE THOUGHTS



MARIA HANTZARAS

My fondest church school memories are from my last three years of classes. Speaking about real topics and events going on and relating them back to the Bible have sparked such interesting and informative lessons and discussions that made me yearn to understand more.

I will be attending Northeastern University for the next four years and will be studying biology.



ANDROULLA PAPATHERAPONTOS

From ninth grade to now, Sunday School has always been a place for students including myself to express their feelings and thoughts on the subject given without judgment. I've never been a shy student and always speak my mind every Sunday. Even as a freshman, first year being in the "older kid" classroom, I remember going on about my opinions on the death penalty. I engaged other students on the topic and this class turned into a full-on debate. From then on, that was my favorite subject to talk about. Regardless of beliefs, there is no judgment or criticism which is what makes Sunday School such a safe space.

I will be attending Seton Hall University in the fall and will miss coming into class every Sunday morning.

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You are all special and will always have a home at St. George. Let your journeys unfold as you move on to the next chapter in your life; trust in what's to come, and always remember your foundation – who you are, your beliefs, your worth, and that you are capable of so much more than you know!

May God continue to guard, guide and protect you, today, tomorrow and always.

