

Saint Andrew Hellenic Afternoon School Celebrates “Meet the Author” Event

The Saint Andrew Hellenic Afternoon School was delighted to welcome Greek-American actor and author George Psomas for a special **“Meet the Author” Read-Aloud Event** featuring his award-winning children’s book, *Manoli the Greek Mouse*, on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

Our students enjoyed listening to the story, learning about the author, and participating in an engaging literary experience that celebrated storytelling, imagination, and the importance of kindness. The event also provided a wonderful opportunity to connect literature with Greek language and culture, encouraging students to explore new vocabulary and express their ideas.

We are grateful to George Psomas for sharing his time, talent, and inspiring story with our school community. Events like these enrich our students' learning experiences and help foster a lifelong love of reading while strengthening their connection to their Greek heritage.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this special event a memorable experience for our students and families!



SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH





Meet the author

Author Read-Aloud & Book Sale Event

Manoli the Greek Mouse

by George Psomas

Thursday, October 15th



On Thursday, October 15th at 5:30pm, we will be hosting a “Meet the Author” event with **George Psomas**, a Greek-American Broadway actor and author of the award winning children’s book, **Manoli the Greek Mouse**. George will be reading his book aloud, and you will be able to buy signed copies. This book won the 76th annual Christopher Award in the “Books for Young People” category, so it is definitely a book you will want to share with the children in your life.



Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church Social Hall



About this book:

Manoli Portikas, a young Greek Mouse, lives in a small village with his family. As the youngest of five, he feels like he does not have a talent like his older siblings.

“What if I don’t find something that sets me apart? I’ve tried swimming and tumbling. I’m no good at it.”

“Now listen to me,” whispered Manoli in his ear. “You were born to be special, there’s a reason you’re here.”

Join Manoli as he journeys through his village in Greece and searches for what makes him special. A story of self-discovery, Manoli the Greek Mouse illustrates the power of dreams.

About the Author:

George Psomas is a professional actor, singer, and voiceover artist from New York City. He has appeared on Broadway in *Fiddler on the Roof* and *South Pacific* at the Broadway National Tour of *My Fair Lady*, and in its world-premier plays and musicals, including Ken Ludwig’s *The Gads of Comedy* and *Enroll and Fiddle*, earning an award for Best Supporting Actor from the New York Musical Theatre Festival. He is also the winner of several sets of Broadway hits he made his Carnegie Hall debut singing “Somebody” from *West Side Story* to honor Academy Award winner and fellow Greek-American, George Chakiris. George’s grandparents immigrated to America from the island of Leros and the village of Dika, Lerosia, in Greece. Proud of his Greek heritage, he has played at active role in the Greek-American community his entire life. George looks forward to sharing his voice in a new way with his first children’s book, *Manoli the Greek Mouse*.

www.ManoliTheGreekMouse.com
Instagram: @ManoliTheGreekMouse

Testimonial from Academy Award-Winner, George Chakiris:

“Manoli the Greek Mouse is a wonderful children’s picture book. It is creative, full of charm, and really quite beautiful with a very inspirational and meaningful message. The illustrations are just perfect. Of course, children will love it, but I think it will touch everyone’s heart. The power of kindness in itself is powerful. We all appreciate kindness when it comes our way.”
I know, I know. This book reminds us of that fact.”
—George Chakiris, Academy Award winner (*On the Street Story*)

WINNER of the 76th annual Christopher Award:

Manoli the Greek Mouse has won the prestigious Christopher Award in the “Books for Young People” category for the 76th Annual Christopher Awards. First announced in 1949, the Christopher Awards celebrate the best children’s books and films. The award is named after Christopher Columbus, a young explorer who became a symbol of courage and discovery. The award is presented to the author, illustrator, or publisher of the best children’s book or film of the year.

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