



Dearest parishioners and fellow registered Greek School families,

As your Director of the Greek School and on behalf of our Greek School ministry at Annunciation Elkins Park, Greek Orthodox Church, I am happy to introduce to you our fresh new and talented teachers who have joined our team!

We look forward to having these compassionate and eager intellectual individuals to teach with us and we welcome them to our church community with open arms!



Constantina Pappas, PreK

My name is Constantina, I am from Philadelphia, PA. I grew up in Upper Darby with my immigrant Greek parents, before moving to Broomall. My family is originally from Peloponnese, more specifically Pyrgos. I am married to my wonderful husband of five years, Lefteri, who recently immigrated to Philadelphia from Thessaloniki. I grew up going to Saint Demetrios two days a week for Greek school, as well as church every Sunday with my parents. I am a very family/friend oriented person who enjoys spending time with loved ones. I love to cook, bake, read, catch up on shows, and travel to Greece in the summer to visit family. In the future, I hope to have children of my own and raise them in the Greek culture and faith, as my parents did with me. I've also helped support physical, emotional and social needs of families as a nanny., and have prioritized strong connections with children. Developing supportive relationships with your children and you, the parents, is of utmost importance to me. I look forward to meeting all your little ones and helping them build a foundation of a new language!



Maria Houvardas, Level 1

My name is Maria Houvardas. I was born in Philadelphia Pa and raised in Katerini Greece. I have an Early Childhood Education Degree and am currently working at SPIN, full time with the Preschool age group. I have a true passion for working with our youngest learners! Helping each child progress in all areas of their development is a challenge that I am honored to accept it daily. I strive to create a positive and fun environment, for our learners. In addition to this, I teach Greek language and culture to young age groups at Evangelismos of Theotokos Greek School of Bustleton, where I am a member of and St George in Philadelphia. I have been in the field of education for the past 30 years and have taught English and

Greek as a second language to students in Greece and students in the USA. I love the Greek culture and traditions and I am passionate about passing it on to Greek- American children, as well. Personally, I have been married for 29 glorious years and have three fantastic sons, who are Thano, Michael and Alexandro. Watching them grow has been my life's greatest joy! I also enjoy traveling back home in the summer, planting flowers and spending time with friends and family.



Merope Pavlou, Level 2

Greetings Annunciation / Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church and Greek School.

My name is Meropi Pavlou and I am thrilled to be starting my first year here as a 2nd Grade Greek school teacher.

I was born and raised in the United States and am fluent in the Greek language.

My parents emigrated from Greece and spoke to me and my siblings in Greek only, hence, making Greek my first language.

I am a graduate of Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY campus where I received my bachelor's degree in Media Arts, Communications.

Throughout my years of work, I utilized the Greek language and enjoyed helping Greek people in general. I worked in the Greek Television station Antenna TV as a sales account executive, production assistant, a translator for text, voice overs and other responsibilities. I was a sales and service associate at Chase Bank and assistant branch manager at Marathon Bank where the location was in a very Greek populated neighborhood and helped many native, Greek speaking people with their needs.

I took a break from the workforce for a while and was a stay at home mom.

During this time, I dedicated my days to my home and family, focused on teaching

my children's academics, social and emotional skills. My love for children and teaching comes naturally. Growing up, I cared for my siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews and family friends.

I returned to the workforce two years ago and became an early childhood teacher, where I worked with preschool students. There, I taught academics and focused on guiding children socially and emotionally as well.

I love to spend time with my two children, husband and dog. I enjoy cappuccinos and paninis at cafes and taverns as well as baking and cooking traditional Greek and American foods and desserts at home.

I look forward to meeting all the students and working closely with them to achieve their goals with bright smiles, fun and great energy!