



Saint Basil Academy Newsletter, Spring 2022

Christos Anesti!



Christ has risen! We hope that this newsletter finds you well and enjoying a beautiful Paschal season. It has been a very special time here on campus. Our children began the season of Lent with a wonderful Kathara Deftera event hosted by our friends from AHEPA Chapter 455. It was a joyful day of worship, sharing a wonderful meal, and making and flying kites.



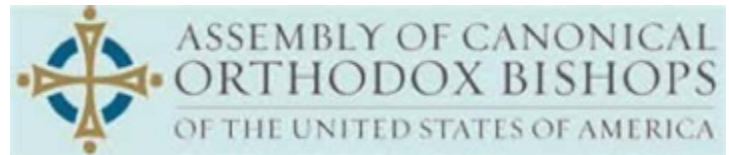
On Good Friday, the girls of Saint Basil Academy dressed in traditional white and followed the Epitaphio, leading our parish congregation in a beautiful procession. Then, on the day of the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all together as a Saint Basil Academy family.

The coming days and months will hold many exciting things here at Saint Basil Academy. In facilitating shelter and love for our children, it is our responsibility to serve and support the congregation of priests, laity and youth in our Orthodox community. If our Orthodox congregation and community thrives, so will our children. Next Thursday, May 19, we will be hosting an on-campus training developed by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops Task Force on Mental Health. It is called *Peace of Mind: Training in Mental Health First Aid™* and *Orthodox Bridging*. The training is

designed to provide clergy and ministry leaders with tools for enhancing Orthodox Christian pastoral care through a basic understanding of mental illness and mental health. There is still space in this free event for clergy and lunch will be provided. To join, please register:

<https://forms.gle/WXxrmaoKzArhFY6U8>

and for more information, please contact ministries@assemblyofbishops.org



On June 5, the children will travel to Manhattan to march in the Greek Independence Day Parade wearing full Greek traditional dress. We hope to see many of you there!

Please also **save the date for our Saint Basil Academy Graduation** happening on campus on **Saturday, June 18 at 11:00 AM**. The ceremony will be followed by a panagiri-style picnic hosted by our dear friends and supporters at Pan Gregorian Enterprises. It will be a joyful celebration, and we would love for you to be there. For more information or to RSVP, please email l.biniaris@sbagoa.org.

We are also thrilled to announce that Saint Basil Academy will be participating in the 56th Biennial Clergy-Laity Conference celebrating 100 years of the Archdiocese. The theme of this year's conference is **Legacy, Renewal Unity**. We are excited and honored to be part of this momentous event from July 3-July 7th at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square.

We have so much to be thankful for, and one of our greatest gifts is you, our friends and supporters. I am overjoyed that once again we are able to be together in person. See you soon!

