

2023 NATIONAL FINALS

METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY & ST GEORGE, CLIFTON, NJ



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA



The National St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Clifton NJ June 9 - 11, 2023

The National St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival brings together 18 Orthodox youth, from across the 9 Metropolises of the United States, to present speeches discussing their Greek Orthodox faith and the impact of the Church in their lives. Of special note is that Presvytera Margaret Orfanakos, of blessed memory, was the national chairperson for this wonderful program for over 30 years.

This year, we are honored that the community of St. George has been chosen to host the 39th annual National Oratorical Festival on Saturday, June 10th.

Participants will arrive on Friday, June 9th, and the Oratorical Festival will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Festival officially concludes on Sunday, June 11th with the Divine Liturgy where His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros will preside.

Following the Divine Liturgy, the entire community is invited to a luncheon in The Fr. John & Presvytera Margaret Orfanakos Fellowship Hall.

This is a major endeavor for our community, and we need your help to make this event a memorable experience for all who attend, especially for the youth who have worked so hard to get to this national level. ***Please consider volunteering your time and talent for any or all three days of the Festival weekend.*** Contact me for ways you can help – your service would be a wonderful testament to the dedicated efforts made by both Fr. John and Presvytera Margaret, of blessed memory, to make The St. John Oratorical Festival the nationally recognized program it has become.

Of course, this major endeavor does not come without a cost. If you would like to contribute to defray some of the expenses, please send your donation, payable to St. George with a note that it is for the National Oratorical Festival. All Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors will be listed in the awards program.

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Thank you for considering giving of your time, talent and treasure – together we can showcase the hospitality and love that is St. George.

In His Service,

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