



Saint Athanasios

Greek Orthodox Church

Greek School Curriculum

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Mission

Saint Athanasios Greek School's mission is to teach the Greek language so that the students can fluently converse and function in a Greek speaking environment. Our curriculum and instruction will also be consistent with the Greek culture, history and heritage, all of which reinforce Orthodox Christian values and will prepare our students, the next generation, to be active members of our church family.

Our program is divided into 3 levels for all ages.

- Level 1 – Beginner
- Level 2 – Intermediate
- Level 3 – Advanced

Objectives for Level 1- Beginner

- Recognize all the letters of the Greek alphabet and their sounds.
- Be able to write the upper and lower case letters of the Greek alphabet
- Learn colors and shapes
- Learn the numbers 1 to 20
- Learn common objects
- Be able to speak in short sentences
- Recite the Lord's Prayer
- Hymns that relate to our church and the feast days throughout the year

Objectives for Level 2- Intermediate

- Be able to recognize and read vowel blends and their sounds
- Learn the numbers 20 to 100
- Be able to write sentences of 3 to 4 words.
- Increase vocabulary base by reading and speaking
- Learn how to use the correct article in agreement with noun's gender.
- Be able to engage in simple conversation regarding themselves, the weather, common themes, holidays, everyday expressions
- Recite the Lord's Prayer
- Hymns that relate to our church and the feast days throughout the year

Objectives for Level 3 – Advanced

- Be able to recognize and read more words to continue to increase vocabulary base.
- Writing more complex sentences
- Count by 10's
- Be able to conjugate verbs through speaking and repetition
- Be able to engage in conversation that is ongoing by asking questions and answering questions, through proper use of grammar.
- Learn to recite the Creed in Greek
- Hymns that relate to our church and the feast days throughout the year

Greek School Curriculum Outline

Trimester 1

September Feast Days: Sept. 8th, Nativity of Theotokos, Sept. 14th, Exaltation of Holy Cross

October: Oct. 28th, OXI Day – (Οχι Στην Πεινα – Food Drive)

November: November 21st, Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

Trimester 2

December Feast Days: December 25th, Nativity of Christ. *Christmas Program in conjunction with Sunday School Nativity pageant on December 19th.*

January Feast Days: January 6th, Theophany

February Feast Days: February 2nd, Presentation of the Our Lord to the Temple, February 21st, Triodion Begins

Trimester 3

March: March 14th, Lent Begins, March 20th, Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 25th, Annunciation. Cultural Day Celebration, date TBD

April: April 23rd, Saturday of Lazarus, April 24th, Palm Sunday

May: May 1st, EASTER

Field trip to Hellenic Museum (date TBD).

Luncheon in Greek town (date TBD).

The Curriculum Content is based on the book series, Ta Ellinika Mou, from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Level 1

Unit 1 – Greetings

Unit 2 – All About Me

Unit 3 – My Environment and Me

Unit 4 – My Family and Me

Unit 5 – My 5 senses

Unit 6 – Colors

Unit 7 – Opposites

Unit 8 – Time

Unit 9 – The Seasons

Unit 10 - Professions

Level 2

Unit 1 - Πως σε λενε; / What is your name?

Unit 2 - Τι ειναι αυτο; / What is this?

Unit 3 - Που μενεις; / Where do you live?

Unit 4 - Τι καρο κανει σημερα; / What is the weather like today?

Unit 5 – Οικογενεια / Family

Unit 6 - Ποσων χρονων εισαι; / How old are you?

Unit 7 - Στο σχολειο / At school

Unit 8 - Τι Κανεις καθε μερα; / What do you do everyday?

Unit 9 – Το σπιτι μου / My house

Unit 10 – Το σωμα μου / My body

Level 3

Unit 1 - Ανοιγει το σχολειο / School opens

Unit 2 - Στο εστιατοριο / The Restaurant

Unit 3 - Διακοπεσ στην Ανδρο / Holidays in Andros (At the beach)

Unit 4 – Η Μελινα ειναι αρρωστη / Melina is ill

Unit 5 - Φρουτα και λακανικα / Fruits and vegetables

Unit 6 - Στην εξοχη / In the country

At Levels 2 & 3

Students will engage in dialogue that will help them communicate at home, in a restaurant or even a trip to Greece. The more vocabulary and grammar the students learn and retain, the more interactive the dialogue will be.

At all levels an audio component will be available to students to practice vocabulary, grammar and conversation of their current classroom lesson. The audio will be part of the week's homework assignment and will be available via a password protected part of our Church's website. Daily repetition of the new vocabulary, grammar and conversation is a key component to developing fluency of the Greek language. Students will also have traditional homework to practice reading and writing.