



The formation of St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church community, Vineland NJ was of the uppermost hopes and dreams of many Greek Orthodox families who settled in Cumberland County New Jersey more than 70 years ago. The establishment of the community's Greek school PTO dates back to 1973 and exists to the present day. In the early years, the Greek school was held in many different locations in the area through 1976, when the church was built. On January 22, 1977, The Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Anthony celebrated its Name Day and officially opened its doors at its current location, 430 West Wheat Road in Vineland, NJ for its dedication. The Church was named "St. Anthony" in honor of Mrs. Katina Andreadis' late son, Anthony Argiropoulos. Mrs. Andreadis blessed the church with an offering of land.

Since its inception, the St. Anthony's Greek School PTO has proudly supported many religious and cultural celebrations and activities to promote Hellenism and Orthodox tradition, as well as funded the educational materials and necessary learning tools to ensure that their students receive the best possible Greek education. Through hard work and determination, the PTO has become quasi-independent and self-funded in its operations and function. The PTO raises monies annually through its very popular Christmas and Easter bake sales.

Throughout the ecclesiastical year, the St. Anthony's Greek School students inspire the church community with programs to celebrate our many religious holidays and even offer a special Mother's Day tribute to the mothers of our community.

In honor of the rich heritage and enduring spirit of the Greek nation, there are multiple National Greek holidays and celebrations throughout the year in which our students participate including: OXI Day, Greek Independence Day and the rising of the Greek and American flag at City hall in Vineland attended by the mayor and other local government dignitaries. along. The Greek School and supporting members proudly march at the annual Greek Independence Day parade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and participate in the Three Hierarchs & Greek Letters ceremony of the Delaware Valley. With great pride and enthusiasm, the highlight of our cultural and traditional activities culminate yearly with a graduation ceremony to recognize student achievement and dance performances at the fabulous St. Anthony's Greek festival showcasing the unique dances of Greece.

Sincerely,  
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Greek School Teacher & Director  
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