

Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church
Youth Ministry & School Registration Form 2019

Family Information

Child's Baptismal Name: _____ Feast Day: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____ Greek School Grade (*when applicable*): _____

Parent(s)' Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone#: _____ Cell#: _____

E-mail: _____ Alternate E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone#: _____ Cell#: _____ E-mail: _____

Medications: _____ Allergies: _____

Physician's Information: _____ Phone#: _____

Release Statement: *Church personnel has my consent to act in an emergency in securing the necessary aid and transportation for the preservation of my child's health.*

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

By checking this box, I consent to having my child(ren) photographed/ video for church publications and school events.

Youth & School Activities

Please use the guidelines on the back of this form to sign-up for the various activities for our Saint Spyridon youth. Some of these activities may also require a fee and further paperwork.

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| Sunday School <input type="checkbox"/> | Greek School <input type="checkbox"/> | Athletics <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>(\$40/student)</i> | <i>(Tuition Form Required)</i> | <i>(Reg. Fees TBA)</i> |
| Altar Boys <input type="checkbox"/> | Handmaidens <input type="checkbox"/> | HOPE <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jr. GOYA/GOYA <input type="checkbox"/> | Cherubs <input type="checkbox"/> | Jr. Choir <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Iconography <input type="checkbox"/> | FLOGA Dance <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| <i>(\$100/student)</i> | <i>(\$100/dancer—MHDF registration included)</i> | |

All Saint Spyridon families that are signed up for youth ministry are required to be stewards of Saint Spyridon and members of the Parent Teacher Association.

To be completed by office personnel

Stewardship #: _____ Date: _____ Code of Conduct forms

Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church
Code of Conduct for the Safety of Children and Youth

For Children, Youth and Parents

Please Read and initial each item to signify your agreement to comply with this Code of Conduct.

For Children and Youth:

- I will act with honesty, kindness, and only the best possible behavior at all times.
- I will help create a welcoming, safe and loving atmosphere free from harshness, intimidation or harassment.
- I will treat all Children and Youth with respect at all times.
- I will treat all Children and Youth fairly regardless of race, sex, age or religion.
- I will do my best to prevent Abuse to Children and Youth involved in programs at St. Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church.
- I will not physically, sexually or emotionally Abuse or Neglect a Child or Youth.
- I will act according to the Policies for the Safety of Children and Youth (the "Policy") developed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America ("GOARCH") in cooperation with Praesidium, Inc. I have discussed these policies with my parents.
- If I do not act appropriately or violate the Policies, I understand that I may face negative consequences, including possibly being sent home from St. Spyridon Youth Ministry Programs or Events.
- If I see any inappropriate or suspicious behaviors or possible policy violators with Children or Youth, I will immediately tell a Youth Worker.

For Parents:

- I have reviewed the Policies and discussed them with my Child or Youth.
- I understand the behavior expected of my Child or Youth as well as the potential consequences of misbehavior or violations of the Policies, including potentially being sent home from St. Spyridon Youth Ministry Programs or Events.

Youth Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Minor's Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

SAINT SPYRIDON YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the regular school year (September thru May). Grade levels are from Pre-School through 12th grade and registration is held in August and September. We ask all parents to enroll their children in Sunday School and have them attend on a regular basis so that they may come close to the Church and learn more about our beautiful Orthodox faith. **Registration Fee for Sunday School is \$40/student payable to Saint Spyridon.**

Greek School Plutarchos

The Afternoon Greek School is held twice a week on Mondays and Fridays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and recognized by the Education Department of Greece and the FEK 49/T.B./6-2-1991. Grade levels are Pre-School through 6th Grade followed by the Ellinomathia seminars. The curriculum encompasses the Greek language, Reading, Writing, Speaking, History, Religion, Ecclesiastical Hymns, Geography of Greece, Greek Ethnic Hymns and Greek Dance. **Tuition Agreement Form Required.**

Athletics

All youth (boys and girls) between the ages of 5-17 are invited to join the Athletics Program of our parish. We are in need for coaches for the basketball season and for Jr. Olympics. For more information or to volunteer as a coach for one of the teams, please contact our athletic director, Mr. John Farsatis through the Church Office.

Cherubs

Under the wing of the Archangels Academy, Cherubs is a toddler-caregiver program that welcomes our young children from 6 months to 4 years old, along with caregivers. The group meets every Wednesday, 10:30a.m.—12noon. The program runs September through May and it is offered free of charge to all area Orthodox families.

HOPE

HOPE is a youth program for children 3 to 6 years old, where they learn about the lives of the saints and do a small craft. The program runs on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m.. Dates will be announced.

GOYA

Boys and girls in 6th-12th (Jr. GOYA) are welcome to join. Various athletic, social and religious activities are held as well as other programs. Meetings are weekly and the first meeting and elections of officers will take place on **Wednesday, September 11th at 8:00 p.m.**

Altar Boys

Boys in 1st grade through High School are called to serve as Altar Boys. Along with their Altar duties, regular meetings and other programs are held. If you wish for your child to participate please contact Fr. Tilemahos.

Handmaidens

Girls ages 7-17 are called to serve as Handmaidens. Meetings are geared toward service projects that teach young girls to offer their time and talents to the church and to the community at large. Meeting schedule will be announced.

Junior Choir

All Sunday School students ages 7 and older are invited to join the Junior choir. The children sing ecclesiastical hymns during the Divine Liturgy once a month, and with the regular choir throughout the year. Practice and Liturgy schedule will be announced.

FLOGA Dance Troupe

The Greek dance groups at St. Spyridon have been part of the church community for many years. Teaching Greek dance to the youth of the church is a way to keep our customs and traditions alive and ensures that these special lessons will be passed down to future generation. Greek dance is also a positive approach to get the youth together, meet other people with similar interests and to build meaningful friendships. In 2017, Saint Spyridon formed a new Greek Dance Troupe called FLOGA. It is for young dancers 7th-12th grades, and the instructor is Mr. Angelo Angelos. With the help of the parish and some generous donors, the performers acquired their costumes from Greece. This year, all our dancers will have the chance to participate in the Midwest Hellenic Dance Festival on October 11th-12th. The registration for the MHDF is included in the tuition. **Practices are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting on October 2nd. Annual Registration Fee: \$100.**

Iconography Seminar

Our Iconography seminar will once again welcome new and old students to learn how to make icons. Mr. Panagiotis Michalopoulos, a professional iconographer, is donating his time to teach both children and adults the art of iconography. The Registration Fee for this class is \$100 for stewards of Saint Spyridon. **Classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday, September 18th, at 6:00 p.m.**

Bible Study

Religious Education is a lifelong undertaking for every Orthodox Christian. At Saint Spyridon, Religious Education classes have focused in the past on a variety of topics including the Divine Liturgy, the Creed, the Miracles and Parables of the Four Gospels, and much more. Our theme this year will be the Book of Acts which describes the early history of our Church and in which we discover the roots of our liturgical and spiritual life. **Classes begin on September 18th. Wednesday Classes at 7:00 p.m.**