

SAINT ANNA PARISH PROFILE

HISTORY

Formed in 2002, with about a dozen or so families, St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church (formerly the Greek Orthodox Parish of Hunterdon County) is among the newest additions to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey which consists of 56 parishes throughout the Mid-Atlantic United States and is part of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Since 2006, through a gesture of kindness and Christian fellowship, **we have been holding weekly services at The Allerton United Methodist Church, 104 Allerton Road, in Annandale, New Jersey** while we raise money to build our own house of worship. **Orthros begins at 8 am / Divine Liturgy begins at 9 am.** A fellowship/coffee hour follows weekly services.

Some of our recent milestones:

June, 2009- The Raritan Township approved our two-phase site plan for construction of a Church and Community Center complex at 85 Voorhees Corner Road in Raritan Township.

October, 2009- We purchased 12-acres of property at 85 Voorhees Corner Road. This was facilitated by a donation by our parish's grand benefactor.

January, 2010- His Eminence, Metropolitan EVANGELOS of New Jersey chose the name St. Anna for our Church in honor of the deceased wife of the parish's grand benefactor and assigned our permanent charter.

OUR STEWARDS

St. Anna is a vibrant and dynamic community bringing together those who share spiritual and cultural bonds and the common goal of building a Greek Orthodox Church in Hunterdon County to serve as a place of prayer, fellowship, and renewal for generations to come. Our diverse family of stewards includes all age groups, many inter-faith couples and young families committed to adhering to the doctrines of Orthodoxy and teaching the faith to their children. **We welcome all who wish to join us!**

PROGRAMS & ORGANIZATIONS

St. Anna offers a full-range of spiritual, educational and cultural programs including:

- **Religious Education** for grades pre-school through high school. Weekly classes are held in the meeting rooms at the Allerton United Methodist Church during Liturgy.
- **Greek Language School** for grades pre-school through high school. Weekly classes are held at a local elementary school and are taught by experienced Greek Language instructors.
- **Greek Folk Dance Troupes**, (one for junior level and one for senior, competitive level) are taught by highly qualified dance instructors. Weekly practice times, dates, and locations are determined by each group.
- **Greek Orthodox Youth Association or GOYA** for children grades 7-12 which includes participation in a variety of NJ State Youth Programs such as the District Oratorical Festival, Sights and Sounds, Olympics and youth volleyball and basketball.
- **Junior Orthodox Youth or JOY** for children grades 3-6 which has recently been formed. Plans are underway to offer a variety of programs.
- **St. Magdalene Ladies Philoptochos** whose members work to support not only the needs of the parish and those in the local area, but also many national charities with various philanthropic events throughout the year.
- **Parent-Teachers Organization** whose volunteers work together to provide programs and resources to support educational efforts.

ANNUAL EVENTS

St. Anna has been fortunate to be able to host an annual food and cultural festival, and dinner dances at Razberry's Banquet Center on Route 12 in Frenchtown. Our annual **OPA! Big, Fat Greek Festival**, attracts over 5000 people each year and has helped us bring a Taste of Greece to Hunterdon County. **For more information on our parish and its many programs and events, please visit our website at www.StAnnaGOC.org.**

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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