

INTRODUCING OUR GREEK SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sassa Tselengidis – Pre – K & Kindergarten Teacher. Sassa has been teaching at the Annunciation Cathedral Greek School for two years. She holds a B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Eventually she aspires to get her graduate degree in elementary education. Sassa has been a G.O.Y.A. advisor at the Saint Nectarios church of Roslindale for two years and is now starting a J.O.Y. program there as well. She is also a G.O.Y.A. advisor for Saint Catherine’s church in Braintree. She has been a camp counselor for the Metropolis of Boston Camp for five years and a Sunday school teacher for four years. She graduated Saint Nectarios Greek School with honors and along with her passion for children she hopes to instill in them her love for the Greek language.

Maria Kamberidis – 1st Grade Teacher. Born in Athens, Greece. She has been teaching the Greek Language and culture for over 23 years at Saint Nectarios and Saint John the Baptist Greek Schools. Ms. Kamberidis completed several courses and seminars at Northeastern University with the focus on Language and Literacy.

Zoi Manga Nteve – 2nd Grade Teacher. Born in Patras, Greece. Zoi is a Chemist. She graduated from the 7th General High School in Patras and entered the School of Chemistry in the University of Patras in 2001. After the completion of her studies, Zoi worked at a Chemical Institute for 14 months. Recently she received her M.S.degree in Chemistry. Zoi also has been employed as a baby sitter for several months.

Dr. Maria Kakava – 3rd Grade Teacher

An educator and translator, Maria Kakavas received her undergraduate degree in History and Archaeology from the University of Athens Greece and her doctorate in Interdisciplinary Studies from Boston University. She teaches Classical studies and women’s studies at Boston College. In addition to Greek and English, she is fluent in French, German and Italian, and has a working knowledge of Spanish.

Panagiota Economopoulos – 4th Grade Teacher. Born in Logastra Sparta, Laconias. She came to the United States after high school on a scholarship, to pursue a 3 year program in Elementary Education at St. Basil’s Academy (Carrison, New York). After completing one year, the Academy was transferred to Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology, Brookline, MA, where she continued studies towards a Bachelors of Arts in Education for two more years. She has attended seminars and workshops sponsored by the Archdiocese of America and the Metropolis of Boston, on skills/tools for teaching Greek as a second language. She was recently chosen as one of twenty Greek teachers throughout the U.S. to attend a two week program at the Cyprus University, on Greek language and culture. Ms. Economopoulou has more than 31 years of teaching experience. She taught at the Annunciation Cathedral

Greek schools (9 yrs.), St. Catherine's, Quincy (10 yrs.) and St. Nectarios, Roslindale (25 yrs.) Currently, she continues to teach at St. Nectarios and the Annunciation Cathedral Greek Schools.

Asemenia Angelidou, -4th&5th Grade Teacher

Asimena Angelidou was born and raised in Athens, Greece. She is a graduate of the University of Athens, Greece with a Medical Degree and came to the United States to pursue medical residency training in Pediatrics. In 2009, she received a graduate scholarship from the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) to carry out basic research on the immunologic background of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston towards a doctoral degree. She is fluent in Greek (native), English and German and also speaks some Spanish. She has a remarkable ability to communicate with young children and create a happy, caring and stimulating learning environment. In her classroom, she emphasizes creating awareness and instilling an appreciation of the Greek culture and traditions.

Stamatis Sfikas – 1st&5th Grade Teacher

I am a first generation Greek American born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. The Greek language has always been of great importance to my family and therefore was instilled in me from the time of my birth. I grew up attending Church at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago where I was an active member of all the Youth Programs along with the Solon Greek School, which I graduated at the Lyceum level from in 2005 having completed 12 years of instruction in the Greek language. I received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois in Chicago in 2005 and am currently enrolled at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology studying to receive my Masters of Divinity Degree. I hope one day to be a Greek Orthodox priest and serve the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. My estimated date of graduation from Holy Cross is May of 2012. I enjoy reading, writing, teaching the Greek language and learning more about our Orthodox Faith. I look forward to working closely with you and your children as we keep the roots of our Greek language and heritage alive through their education at the Annunciation Cathedral Greek School.

Karolina Makriniotis -6th Grade Teacher

Karolina Makriniotis was born in Athens, Greece. She is currently a third year student enrolled in the Elementary Education Department at Hellenic College. She holds the proficiency diploma in English.