

A Special Message from Dr. Anastasios Koularmanis, Director of Education, in Commemoration of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters Day



In a matter of days, our churches will resonate with the joyous celebration of the Three Hierarchs, marking a significant day in our cultural and religious calendar. As we approach this occasion, let us ponder a crucial question: who will carry forward the profound work left behind by these revered Saints?

The answer, dear friends, lies within us. As Greek Americans, we bear the responsibility of preserving our rich language and history for the generations that follow. We are the custodians of a heritage that binds us to a legacy of wisdom, faith, and cultural vibrancy.

The Greek language transcends its role as a mere means of communication; it is a treasure chest that unfolds the narrative of our culture, history, and philosophical ideas. It forms a bridge to the great scholars, poets, and philosophers whose influence shaped Western civilization. By nurturing the flame of the Greek language, we safeguard a fragment of our identity—an unbreakable link to a past that fortifies our present and future.

Much like a carefully crafted doll, our language serves as a thread, weaving colors and variety into the fabric of our existence. We cherish it as a distinctive emblem of our roots, setting us apart within the broader American community. Through imparting the Greek language to our children, we actively contribute to the diverse cultural tapestry of our society.

The preservation of our Greek language instills a sense of pride within us. It fosters connections among our children and the larger Greek-American community, extending beyond the confines of our immediate families. The language becomes a shared cultural foundation, uniting us and fortifying the bonds that sustain our relationships. To revel in these enriching experiences, we must engage wholeheartedly in the education of our children—speaking Greek at home,

participating in church activities, and ensuring their attendance at the invaluable Greek school.

As we gather to celebrate Greek Letters Day on January 30, let us not merely pay homage to the memory of the Three Hierarchs but also pledge to uphold their teachings. Let us recognize the profound significance of the Greek language, find joy in its vibrant cultural expressions, and reaffirm our commitment to the ongoing learning, knowledge, and continuity of our beloved culture. In doing so, we embrace our heritage and ensure that its flame continues to burn brightly for generations to come.

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